



Today's Sermons
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We Extend A
 Warm &
 Cordial
 Welcome
 To All Our
 Visitors!

Home Sweet Home
 Omega Watson Wagner

**Home is where the heart is,
 We head that way each day
 After hustle and bustle of highways
 To arrive safely, we softly pray.**

**At times when home seems tiresome
 We feel we must get away,
 But we hang onto that door key,
 No matter come what may.**

**Oh, it's great to go on vacation,
 From place to place to roam,
 When we grow tired of roaming
 That key screams "Home Sweet Home."**

**We look forward to a Promised Land,
 When life's highways we no longer roam.
 To hear the Heavenly Father say,
 "My child, come in you're home."**



Practical Suggestions on Prayer

Batsell Barrett Baxter

Pray Immediately Upon Rising

In what better way can we begin the day than by thanking God for His protection and care during the night and by asking His guidance and help during the coming day. Pray Before Every Meal God has provided for our every need in such a bountiful manner. Surely, the least we can do is express our gratitude as we sit down to enjoy each meal! When we eat in restaurants, a few moments of silent prayer may serve for the audible prayer which we pray around our tables at home.

Pray at Set Times

The ancient Jews, and others, found it helpful to reserve certain periods of the day for prayer. We may find it helpful, too. Those regular times serve as reminders and help to keep the busy, on-rushing world from crowding out our periods of communion with God.

Pray With the Whole Family

There is something particularly wonderful about a prayer in which both children and parents have a part.

Pray When You Feel Discouraged

Most of us need little encouragement to pray when we feel discouraged or when we face some special problem. At such times, prayer comes unsought. It is a great comfort to know God listens to our prayers in times of crisis (I Pet. 5:7). One of the greatest privileges of the Christian is the privilege of leaning upon the Lord in times of difficulty.

Pray at Odd Times

Pray whenever you feel the desire. The real Christian will often find cause to pray while driving his car, while working at his desk, while waiting for a friend, or while doing a host of other things. When the desire comes, pray. The prayer need not be long -perhaps only a sentence or two. It does not need to be spoken aloud, for God can hear "silent" prayers, too.

Pray When You Are Happy

It is easy to pray in times of crisis, and equally easy to forget to pray when the affairs of life are going well. Most Christians need to thank God for their happy, prosperous lives far more than they do.

"...men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

THE NEED TO ANSWER ERROR

Tom Wacaster

Every child of God has the sacred obligation to "be ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15). We are to "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). Our Lord told us to "beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves" (Matt. 7:15). Our responsibility is no less than those Christians of the first century who were told, "believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). The past twenty years have seen an ever increasing defection of once-faithful, stalwart soldiers of the cross. Men who once stood in the gap and wielded the sword of the Spirit with skill and effectiveness have gone over to the enemy.

A once faithful brother wrote: "It is not possible to overemphasize the damage done by perverse preceptors. They not only cause division (a thing God hates), but the ultimate outcome of their treachery, whether that treachery be witting or unwitting, is eternal loss to all who are led astray by their influence."

With regard to our Lord's admonition, "beware" is a forceful word. It is a warning. It says to us, "Look out, danger, peril, jeopardy, risk, hazard." It screams at us, "Pay attention. Be on guard." We are locked in a battle with error. Truth will prevail, of that we are certain. But we must do our part to uphold that truth, moving neither to the left nor to the right. There is always the danger that a little compromise will eventually lead to wholesale apostasy. Hence the need to answer false doctrines forcefully, faithfully and forthrightly. Time is of the essence; souls are at stake; the cause of Christ must not suffer!

Unfortunately, the ranks of those who will address the issues continue to diminish. But if we are to pass the torch to the next generation, we dare not waver in our sacred duty to uphold the truth at all costs. The late F. B. Srygley was right on target: "Fighting for the Truth is almost a lost art. Men who are enjoying the benefits of the Gospel unmixed with human error, are enjoying these benefits because our fathers fought for the Truth. Every inch of ground from that mysterious way of being saved, which was better felt than told, to the plain conditions of pardon as taught in the New Testament, was fought out for us by our fathers. If someone before us had not fought for the Truth, most of us might yet be in the fog of denominational teaching. This is not the time to temporize or make friends with error. (F. B. Srygley (Madisonville, KY: In Word and Doctrine, Oct-Dec, 1992), page 19; originally appeared in the Gospel Advocate, 1928).

False teachers have been tolerated, ignored, and in some instances embraced by unfaithful elders, preachers and members. Far too little has been done in answer to the false teachers presently assailing the walls of Zion. We only pray that it is not too late to take our stand and defend the truth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jan 31 – Evening Song Service
- Feb 7 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Class
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell
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