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"And what I say unto you

I say unto all, Watch"

Mark 13:37

NEWSLETTER

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To all Christian Watch Members

Dear Friends,

Another month has passed and, on behalf of the Committee of Christian Watch, I again greet you in the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, a Name which is above every Name. As I pen this letter with a somewhat heavy heart because of the continuing decline in our nation and a further turning away from God's precious Word, we can nevertheless rejoice with the Psalmist when he says "*Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies, and that seek Him with the whole heart.*" Psalm 119 verses 1-2.

Firstly, may I thank you for your prayers for our Chairman, David Crowter, and our National Co-ordinator, Michael Hobbis. David is recovering at home after a successful hip operation but is in need of much rest and recuperation. Michael is much stronger now but still gets tired towards the end of the day. Another appointment with his surgeon will take place in a few weeks. Please continue to remember both these men – and their wives – in your prayers.

In this past month, H.M. The Queen has put her signature to the Same-Sex Marriage Bill which has been going through the various Committee stages in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. This now means that two men can 'marry' or two women can 'marry' and the first 'marriage' is expected to take place in the summer of 2014. 'Husbands' in future could be women and 'wives' could be men as the terminology in the English language will be adapted to suit the new legislation. The Prime Minister, David Cameron, wrote recently in an article in the London Evening Standard how proud he was to have made same-sex marriage happen – and I quote:-

"I am proud that we have made same-sex marriage happen....making marriage available to everyone says so much about the society that we are and the society that we want to live in....I am pleased that we have had the courage to change.

But we cannot be complacent....as the sun shines on our country, the LGBT community now know that the unique bond of marriage is available to them. One of the most fundamental rights of all is the right to have close, confiding, lasting, intimate relationships. Without them, no place, no money, no property, no ambition – nothing – amounts to any value. It seems to me a fundamental human right to be able to choose the person with whom you wish to spend your life and with whom you wish to have a real bond."

We need to remind ourselves of God's Word – in Genesis 2 v 24 – "*Therefore shall a **MAN** leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his **WIFE**: and they shall be one flesh.*"

If you wish to write to the Prime Minister to express your concern, or to tell him that you will no longer be voting for the Conservative Party, then he can be contacted at 10 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA.

As we are in the so-called 'marching' season for the Gay Pride Movement, please support the United Protestant Council (of which we are a member) as they witness with text banners and open-air preaching at any parades near you. The next witness is to be held in Liverpool on Saturday, 3rd August, 2013 – meeting at the Victoria Monument in the City centre - at 12 noon.

We include a solemn Scriptural warning entitled **Sodomite Society Invites the Wrath of Almighty God** by Dr. Alan Clifford and also a report from a group of legal experts in Scotland warning of possible lawsuits – and conflicts with the funding of charitable organisations – in Scotland for those who publicly object to sodomite marriage. **Could Traditional Marriage Advocates Be Prosecuted in Scotland?** is a question being put by the Faculty of Advocates – a non-Christian group set up to train lawyers.

As this same subject has dominated the news over these past months, we have included an e-mailed letter from David Skinner – **The Writing on the Wall** – describing the involvement of homosexual activists in France and Germany over the past century and the development of Stonewall – the leading homosexual rights group. If you choose to watch some of the video links advertised, they are disturbing indeed.

But all is not lost. Our God is still on the throne and is Sovereign over all and an article entitled **Spiritual Liberty** by James Bourne based on Psalm 126 verse 1 is of great blessing. Let us encourage ourselves in God's Word and keep on serving Him and say with the Psalmist – *“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.”*

Remember, we are not of the world. We are simply passing through to a better place and it is important that we obey the command of God concerning separation. An article by A.W. Pink on **Religious Persecution** warns us to beware the praise of men more than that of God and keep faithful to the Lord. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad – even in persecution.

Various **News Items** are also included for your interest and we pray the Lord's blessing upon you as you continue to take your stand for Him. *“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.”*

In closing, may I extend my sincere thanks to all those of you who have supported us with your donations in this past month – for which we give God all the glory.

May God bless you as you continue to witness for Him in these dark days.

Every blessing,

Ian Henderson

Ian Henderson,
(Vice-Chairman)

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THE WRITING ON THE WALL

An e-mailed letter by Mr. David Skinner (1 July 2013)

Dear Friends,

Please be warned and watch this truly shocking video. Is France once more coming under the boot of an occupying enemy?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CZmSyOsLwg&feature=youtu.be>

Who would have imagined that we would see such truly shocking scenes of oppression from a modern, 21st century country such as France?

Why is it that the BBC has never shown us this? The BBC has long since blocked real news broadcasts, such as the one above and replaced them with propoganda and mind-numbing distractions. We therefore rely on each other to feed us all with any information that will alert us to what is really happening in our nation. Indeed, one such supporter highlighted the clip above.

How soon will Britain, indeed the rest of the “free” Western World, experience the same brutality from our own police forces that, along with the Home Office, the MI5, the judiciary and the Government have all come under the thrall of the gaystapo and Stonewall. How soon before the gay rainbow flag flies over Buckingham Palace? [1, 2, 3]

History has a habit of repeating itself with increasing frequency. First, homosexuals were used by the Bolsheviks during the Russian Revolution to destroy marriage, the family and the state-run Church, followed by anarchy, enabling Stalin to step in and establish “normality” in the mid to late 1920s.

Germany also in the 1920's descended into the same homosexual decadence with the Weimar Republic. And note how the brutal homosexual Ernst Rohm was the power behind the emerging Nazi party who formed the Storm Troopers or Brown Shirts, who eventually became the SS, until he, too, had served his purpose and was disposed of by Hitler [4, 5, 6, 7]. First chaos and anarchy, creating a power vacuum, are then followed by the tyrant stepping in to bring about “normality.”

Marxism and Fascism are two sides of the same Hegelian coin.

Exaggeration?

Obviously there are those who would accuse me of being an alarmist; but as Lord Monson said, during the debate on the 3rd March, 2008 in the House of Lords, recounting a previous debate fifty years ago, during the late 1960s when the Wolfenden Report resulted in a relaxation of the homosexual laws, there was a voice of disquiet then:

“Yes, the Wolfenden proposals are all very well, but they are the thin end of the wedge. The pendulum is bound to swing too far in the other direction. Mark my words, before many years are out, they—the more militant homosexuals and not, of course, the ordinary discreet sort—will demand not merely toleration for their sexual activities—no problem about that—but positive respect, even admiration, for them.” *‘To which I (Lord Monson) replied, “Oh, come on. Nonsense. You’re being alarmist”. ‘With hindsight, I have to say that I was wrong and they were right.’*

In 1967, the Earl of Arran, one of those who helped to pass the decriminalisation of homosexuality, also gave a prescient warning:

“Homosexuals must continue to remember that while there may be nothing bad in being a homosexual, there is certainly nothing good. Lest the opponents of the Bill think that a new freedom, a new privileged class, has been created, let me remind them that no amount of legislation will prevent homosexuals from being the subject of dislike and derision, or, at best, of pity. We shall always, I fear, resent the odd man out. That is their burden for all time, and they must shoulder it like men—for men they are.”

New Marxism

As Marcuse of the Frankfurt school said in the 1950s, it would be a combination of feminists, militant blacks and homosexuals who would bring about the Marxist revolution in the West.

And what do we find? Our own Prime Minister, David Cameron, is a disciple of Saul Alinsky, the Marxist guru of Barack Obama [8]. Indeed all three political parties - Conservative, Labour and Liberals - are now in bed with “useful idiots” (technical term) like the Anglican Bishop Nick Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury, and the homosexual Muslim peer, Lord Waheed Ali, whose civil partner Charlie Parsons owns Gaydar [9, 10].

Listen to the former KGB spy, Bezemov, explain the process, with a video made in the 1980s [11].

Winston Churchill said that “An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile - hoping it will eat him last.” But this war cannot be fought conventionally. It can only be fought on our knees. The month of July is going to be crucial as we cry out to God, singly, in small groups and whole churches. If Britain goes, the rest of the free world will fall like dominoes.

Britain under Stonewall domination.

[1] <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/nick-clegg/9380396/Clegg-hoists-gay-pride-rainbow-flag-over-Whitehall.html>

[2] [http://www.stonewall.org.uk/at work/stonewall top 100 employers/default.asp](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/at%20work/stonewall_top_100_employers/default.asp)

[3] http://www.stonewall.org.uk/media/current_releases/6681.asp

Ernst Rohm and gay Nazis

[4] http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=blaHIItUB_E8

[5] <http://www.politicalwrinkles.com/conspiracy-theories/13015-hitler-used-gay-soldiers-because-they-had-no-limits.html>

[6] http://www.huffingtonpost.com/johann-hari/the-strange-strange-story_b_136697.html

WARNING DISTURBING IMAGES OF BERLIN FOLSOM LEATHER FAIR. And pray before viewing them.

[7] <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVd-ytb13Kc>

Saul Alinsky and David Cameron

[8] <http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/geraldwarner/100032381/david-camerons-big-society-is-a-grotesque-fantasy-inspired-by-leftist-subversive-saul-alinsky/>

Unholy alliance between Anglicans and gay Muslim

[9] http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2333167/The-Rt-Rev-Nicholas-Holtam-People-oppose-gay-marriage-like-Christians-used-Bible-support-apartheid-slavery-says-senior-bishop.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490

[10] http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/question_time/9414147.stm

Bezmenov

[11] <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlpODYhnPEo>

Please watch, pray and share with your church and networks!

SODOMITE SOCIETY INVITES THE WRATH OF ALMIGHTY GOD

A solemn message from Dr. Alan C. Clifford

In pursuing so-called 'same-sex' marriage, the UK, and now the USA, along with the decadent Western world in general, are only a short step from disaster...

If it becomes law, the wrath of Almighty God is unavoidable...

Since true marriage, family cohesion and the welfare of children are under attack as never before, our hitherto Christian-based civilisation is on the path to extinction...

A greater threat than Islam is our own moral implosion...

We must repent or be ruined...

How does 'gay' sexual perversion become popular? The Prophet Ezekiel told us long ago when he explained why God punished the Jews with exile in Babylon in 597 BC. After centuries of growing religious and moral decline, they had become worse than the wicked Sodomites:

"As I live," saith the Lord GOD, "Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters. Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, **pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.** And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good" (*Ezekiel 16: 48-50*).

The great Genevan Protestant Reformer, John Calvin (1509-64), commented:

While Moses explains the most filthy crime which reigned in Sodom (see Genesis 19), we must nevertheless remember what Ezekiel teaches, that the men of Sodom did not fall at once into such terrible wickedness; but that, in the beginning, luxury from the fulness of bread prevailed, and that, afterwards, pride and cruelty followed. At length, when they were given up to [immorality], they were also driven headlong into brutal lusts. Therefore, if we dread this extreme of inordinate passion, let us cultivate temperance and frugality; and let us always fear, lest [an over-abundance] of food should impel us to luxury; lest our minds should be infected

with pride on account of our wealth, and lest delicacies should tempt us to give the reins to our lusts.

So how can we restore the proper norms of correctly-defined marriage and valid sexuality? Only by heeding this practical wisdom and rejecting today's 'PC' do-as-you-please pluralism. In short, we must return to 'Bible basics'!

Ultimately, our only hope is the saving and sanctifying grace of God in Jesus Christ...

A brief sermon extract from a famous Welsh preacher sets out our only hope...

The truth he speaks is eternal...

TURN TO CHRIST OR BE TURNED INTO HELL

I come to you, a neighbour of yours, and a friend well known; for I have seen the deluge of the wrath of God coming upon the world, and I am here to warn you in time. A boy on the streets of Sodom ran wildly for his father's house, saying, 'The shower of fire is come, for a spark fell at my side, until my clothes nearly caught fire. Is there any way of escape?'

Though the warning came to Sodom, it was too late. But I have come here on behalf of my God to apprise you of it in time. I have seen the shower of brimstone, a live spark of it fell upon my guilty conscience, until I became almost all aflame. But I know to-day of a place of refuge, and there is time for you to flee there too.

O Lord my God, may this people flee to Thee! Let us flee to Calvary—'And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land' [*Isa. 32: 2*].

John Jones, Talsarn (1796-1857)

Dr. Alan C. Clifford (Norwich Reformed Church)

COULD TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE ADVOCATES BE PROSECUTED IN SCOTLAND?

LifeSiteNews – 2 July 2013

Despite all Government insistence to the contrary, those who publicly object to gay "marriage" in Scotland could be facing lawsuits or even prosecutions, a group of legal experts has warned.

The Faculty of Advocates has cautioned the Scottish Government that their plans to re-define marriage will result in serious threats to freedom of expression.

Combined with the 2010 Equality Act, the draft law will create "conflict" between those who in conscience disagree with the concept of same-sex "Marriage" and "public authorities," who will be "required to promote same-sex marriage," the Faculty said in their submission on the Bill's public consultation.

Freedom of speech to object to re-defining marriage would be offered only to religious Ministers under the Bill, but the Faculty of Advocates have pointed out that this is a right that belongs to all citizens.

Citing the case of Lillian Ladele, who recently lost her last appeal to the European Court of Human Rights, they said civil marriage registrars “are likely to be required to conduct same- sex marriages.”

There are many others who may claim that there is a conflict between their right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion under Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights and what will be expected of them as a result of the present Bill.

“They will include persons such as chaplains working in the public sector, teachers and foster parents, all of whom would be subject to the imperative of public sector equality duties.”

The Faculty of Advocates is not a Christian or partisan group, but an independent body of legal advocates authorised to plead in any cause before any of the courts of Scotland and to help train lawyers. The Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill proposes to create “same-sex marriage” and religious civil partnership ceremonies.

The Faculty declined to comment on the concept of homosexual “marriage” itself, saying the “policy underpinning the proposed Bill is not a matter upon which the Faculty of Advocates expresses any view, as policy is a matter for the Scottish Parliament.”

They only commented on the legal “practicability” of the proposal, adding that the Government had apparently failed to consider such fundamental legal issues in its Equality Impact Assessment.

They noted that in allowing for ‘religious’ civil partnership ceremonies, “as for same-sex marriages, if there are ‘opt-in’ provisions, that religious and belief bodies will find themselves compelled to carry out registration ceremonies, or fall foul of discrimination provisions within the European Convention on Human Rights.”

Other effects could include conflicts with funding charitable organisations run by religious groups:

“Could a local authority be able to rent out premises to a religious group that held beliefs in conflict with equality duties? Could local authorities continue to use church premises for their functions? Would it continue to be possible to afford charitable status to bodies that did not uphold the new equality duties that will be recognised in terms of the Bill?”

The submission also warned that given the influence of Westminster and the European Union, the Scottish Government’s guidelines on the Bill could be changed, which could mean possible future prosecutions for those who refuse to participate in or endorse “gay marriage.”

“There can be no guarantee that the provisions designed to implement this policy will not in the future be held to be discriminatory and to contravene Article 13 of the European Convention of Human Rights,” it states.

Janys Scott, QC told the Government they could not provide a “cast-iron guarantee” of protection.

“Marriage has not to date required a definition, because there has been a historical consensus about its meaning. The form of marriage to which the Bill refers differs from that historical consensus,” Scott said.

“The Bill contemplates a much more complex society than has historically been the case. The choice of status will be single, cohabitating, in civil partnership, or married.”

While the Government has said the Bill respects the “rights of religious bodies and celebrants” to refuse to participate, as with most other “gay marriage” Bills, there is no protection offered “to persons in other occupations who may face a conflict between their beliefs and the changed nature of marriage implicit in the Bill.”

A.W. PINK ON RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

“Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord.”

(2 Corinthians 6:17)

And what will follow when this Divine command is obeyed? Why, then we shall prove the truth of those words of Christ: “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you (John 15:19). WHICH “world” is specifically in view here? Let the previous verse answer: “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.”

WHAT “world” hated Christ and hounded Him to death? The RELIGIOUS world, those who pretended to be most zealous for God’s glory. So it is now. Let the Christian turn his back upon a Christ-dishonouring Christendom, and his fiercest foes and most relentless and unscrupulous enemies will be those who claim to be Christians themselves!

“Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you...for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad” (Matthew 5:11,12).

Ah, my brother, it is a healthy sign, a sure mark that you are profiting from the Word, when the religious world hates you. But if, on the other hand, you still have a “good standing” in the “churches” or “assemblies”, there is grave reason to fear that you love the praise of men more than that of God!

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing” (2 Cor. 6: 17).

O my Christian reader, seek grace to obtain the uncompromising spirit of Moses. When urged to worship God in “Egypt” (i.e. the white-washed “churches” of the world), say it is impossible, for “what communion hath light with darkness?” When pressed to leave your children in a worldly Sunday School, to be instructed by those who have not the fear of God upon them, refuse. When invited to at least retain your membership in the Holy Spirit-deserted “churches” and contribute of your means to their upkeep, decline to do so.

That going forth to meet the Lord is to be understood as expressing both external and internal action. Externally, it signifies separation from the world, especially its pleasures, for Christ will not be met with while we waste our time engaging in them. “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers....come out from among them” (2 Cor. 6:14-17) must be heeded if we would “meet the Bridegroom.” More particularly, their going forth denoted a turning of their backs upon the apostate ECCLESIASTICAL SYSTEM: Christ had informed His disciples that He had abandoned a Judaism which had rejected Him (Matthew 23:37,38), so if they would meet with Him, they too must “go forth unto Him without the camp” (Hebrews 13:13). THE SAME IS TRUE NOW.

DID YOU KNOW?

For the first time in 300 years, legislation will now allow British monarchs to marry Roman Catholics.

However, the sections of the 1701 Act of Settlement that insist on the Sovereign being a member of the Church of England will remain in place.

The Act also ends the rule of male primogeniture and permit female first-borns to have the right of succession over any young brothers.

NEWS ITEMS

1. From: UN Watch

“List of Shame”: World’s Worst Abusers Running for 2014-16 UN Human Rights Council Seats

GENEVA, July 9 - As a United Nations meeting is right now hearing live campaign pitches from the UK, France and other democracies vying for seats on the world body's Human Rights Council, the Geneva-based non-Governmental human rights group UN Watch revealed its **"List of Shame"** - naming some of the world's worst abusers who are also running in the Nov. 2013 election - and expected to win seats: **Algeria, Chad, China, Cuba, Russia, Saudi Arabia** and **Vietnam**. Though unconfirmed, reportedly **Iran** and **Syria** may also be running.

"This is a recipe for disaster," said UN Watch Executive Director Hillel Neuer. "By electing massive abusers of human rights to the very body charged with protecting them, the UN is about to add more rotten ingredients into the soup. We should not be surprised by the results."

The council currently includes Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Mauritania, Venezuela and many other countries with dismal human rights records.

Recent UNHRC sessions have adopted Cuban-sponsored resolutions antithetical to human rights, attacked Israel in one-sided condemnations and turned a blind eye to abuses by the countries listed above. Despite some U.S.-led successes, the 47-nation Council has not said a word or convened any urgent meetings to address the massive abuses recently perpetrated by Turkey and Egypt, or by terrorists in Nigeria and Iraq. As a rule, China, Cuba, Russia, Zimbabwe and their friends always get a free pass.

UN Watch is already working with dissidents and NGOs from China, Cuba and Russia to oppose those candidacies. UN Watch successfully led international coalitions of MPs and NGOs to block past bids by Syria and Sudan. However, most abusers win election. "Politics, not principles, are too often what rules in UN elections," said Neuer.

"Candidates like Algeria, China, Cuba, Russia and Saudi Arabia have one thing in common: they systematically violate the human rights of their own citizens," said Neuer, "and they have consistently voted the wrong way on UN initiatives to protect the human rights of others. Chad has child soldiers -- how can it be a candidate?"

"It's not only that these Governments are unqualified; they are the ones who should be in the dock of the accused, not sitting on high as prosecutor and judge."

"It is an insult to their victims -- and a defeat for the global cause of human rights -- when the UN allows gross abusers to act as champions and global judges of human rights," said Neuer.

"When the U.N.'s highest human rights body becomes a case of the foxes guarding the henhouse, the world's victims suffer."

2. From: Robert Oulds, The Bruge Group

According to a recent survey by Survation on 3 July, on behalf of The Bruge Group, 71% would prefer the UK to leave the EU and join EFTA. A majority of voters across the political spectrum would prefer the UK to be a member of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) as opposed to the EU. Of those expressing a preference in the survey, a clear 71% said that Britain would be better off as a member of the trade group EFTA, as opposed to 29% who thought that Britain should remain a member of the EU.

3. The Mystery Deepens and the Silence is Deafening – Ashley Mote

It is now over three months since the police raid on my home, following publication of my memoirs based on five years in the European Parliament – *A Mote in Brussels' Eye*. Despite several letters to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire I still do not know :

- Why the raid took place at all
- On what grounds the police were granted a search warrant
- By whom, and at what court the warrant was signed
- Why it referred to “the offences” without explanation, clarification or the use of the qualifying word “alleged”
- Who or what organisation persuaded the police to act
- Why they did not talk to me first, assuming there was anything to talk about
- Why they have kept my mobile phone for so long
- Why they have retained a few papers since early March, none of which can be of any relevance to anyone else, having returned the rest almost immediately
- Why they have refused to answer any questions or explain themselves
- Why their silence has been deafening.

What is this really all about?

Over the last decade or so I have devoted the bulk of my professional time and energies, to say nothing of the public money available to me via the EP, researching and exposing the EU's institutionalised fraud and systemic corruption.

Not only have I recorded much of the detail in my memoirs, but I have also taken several boxes of carefully documented and thoroughly researched evidence to the Serious Fraud Office (all of which was ignored and dismissed with contempt), to Scotland Yard (ditto), to a Committee of the House of Lords (whose Europhile Chairman chose to turn a blind eye) and numerous MPs on both sides of the House of Commons (who were never able to gather enough support for effective action). I have also briefed, and provided much detail to several UK - and some foreign - journalists (not one of whom could persuade their respective Editors to run a story).

Now I find myself apparently being investigated by the very same people and Institutions against whom I blew the whistle, aided and abetted by the British police who chose to ignore the evidence presented to them years ago. It was bad enough that the police failed to provide support, thanks and investigative vigour when I first approached them. But it is even more intolerable, many years later, for those same British police to have scandalously undertaken the dirty work of the iniquitous bureaucracy in Brussels who are now so obviously desperate to trace my informants within their own ranks. (Abbreviated)

4. “What About Sophie, Mr. Cameron?”

Alan Craig and the Anglican Mainstream team produced a poster aimed at drawing attention to the fact that creating “gay marriages” was designed to do nothing less than cut the link between children and any natural parents and thus end up making children the property of the state. The poster simply said “What About Sophie, Mr. Cameron?” But no billboard company dared to put it up. Alan Craig therefore hired a truck to have it taken around Westminster on 14th and 15th July, but subsequently it was attacked and the advertising company, Adtrailers Ltd., were forced to take it off the streets. Adtrailer Ltd. informed Alan Craig, Campaign Director for ‘GayMarriageNo Thanks’, that they were “unable to send out the advertising truck today following yesterday's campaign day. Unfortunately the driver out yesterday received threats, the truck was vandalised and there have been several offensive complaints received.” A company representative also informed Mr. Craig that people had made personal threats by e- mail and over the ‘phone which were “horrific”, “violent stuff” and “the worst I have known”.

SPIRITUAL LIBERTY

By James Bourne

“When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.” (Psalm 126:1)

This “when” is the word we must first look at; it implies something we have to expect and wait for; when will this good thing be done for us, this turning of our captivity? Now many think this “turning” means getting clean out, as they say, so as to never get bound again; but it need not denote only anything so fully as that. For any little softening of the heart leading us to the Lord, and to wait for Him when we begin to discern that the distress and misery we feel and which works such death in our souls is the Lord’s discovery to us of the evil of our hearts, and causing us to fall down under it in self-abasement and abhorrence before Him; this is such a measure of the turning of our captivity which those who feel it would not part with for all the world. Do not call these things little; you will before long perceive that they are exceedingly great, and that they will have no end. The kindling of the love of God in your heart, and faith and hope in Him, may be dampened, but will never die.

“Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing” (verse 2) when the Lord turned again our captivity – spiritual laughter and spiritual singing. “Then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them” (verse 2). This is what is sometimes said of God’s people by the world. Afterwards, the Church says it among themselves: The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south” (verse 3, 4). Our captivity comes from the cold cutting rebukes of the law, signified by the north; and these streams from the south are the softening, melting showers of the Holy Spirit.

“They that sow in tears shall reap in joy” (verse 5). What is sowing in tears? It is not laughing with the world about nothing, but mourning to God under a sense of Godly sorrow and repentance. It is described in Jeremiah, “Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.” And how shall they come? “With weeping.” This is sowing in tears, is it not? “I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters,” different waters naturally suit the different comforts God will apply to the various cases of His people. “For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn” (Jer. 31:8,9). Ephraim is each individual person of this people. The firstborn in a great family is always more honoured and set by, but here all God’s children are called the firstborn. Some of you have a good inheritance, but you must look to it that you lose not the privileges that belong to you; do not let them lie buried in a napkin or hid under a bushel.

“He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him” (verse 6). These sheaves are the ripe fruit brought to perfection. There is first the tender bud, then the blossom, then the ripe fruit. These budding hopes upon your spirit shall be brought to perfection. God will not leave His work half done. What He begins He will finish. The Apostle says, “Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6). And when all this is done then you will be “like them that dream.” David says, “I will extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy Name for ever and ever.” Now he could not do this if he did not feel he had cause. He tells the cause afterwards, “Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised” (Ps. 145:1,3). He is great but we are little. All greatness belongs to Him, and all littleness to us. The Psalmist says the same thing again, “Great is our Lord, and of great power: His understanding is infinite” (Ps. 147:5). He knows everything and understands the end from the beginning. We know nothing and can do nothing, but what He gives us power to know and do.

Afterwards David speaks of the works of the Lord, and what He will do for His people. "He lifteth up the meek." Who are the meek? Those whose spirits are brought down under His mighty hand, and with their mouths in the dust to say, "I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against Him" (Micah 7:9). "He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not; He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light" (Job 33:27, 28). Thus "He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill; that He may set him with princes, even with the princes of His people" (Ps. 113:7,8). But He casteth the wicked down to the ground. But, say you, I am not wicked. Stay awhile. There are but two parties in the world: those whose hearts are brought down in self-abasement before God under a deep sense of their painful lost condition, and those who know nothing of this work. If you know nothing of it, you are the wicked whom He will cast down. My friends, this is a work little known in the professing world; few there are who "rend their hearts and not their garments" (Joel 2:13): none but those whom the Spirit of God has made sensible of the sin of their nature and their actual transgressions. The Psalmist says, "Who covereth the Heaven with clouds." Now these clouds denote many gloomy desponding thoughts which arise in the hearts of those sensible sinners, a feeling of their great misery and wretchedness; and these are the clouds which are to "prepare the rain for the earth who maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains" as the following words speak (Ps. 147:8). This is the Lord's way. We shall not have the fruits of love and joy spring forth in our hearts. This is a sense of peace and reconciliation with God, without a discovery of our sinfulness.

It says, "He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man:" that is, the fleshly confidence we have of our own does not please Him. He brings all that down and only "taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy" (Ps. 147:10, 11). These give Him all the glory of their salvation, feeling their abject need in themselves, and utter sinfulness. Such glorify Him by receiving out of His fullness those riches which He has treasured up – as Joseph did – with the corn of Egypt; in this he was a type of Christ in whom are hid "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." "One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts... They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness, and shall sing of Thy righteousness" (Ps. 145:4, 7).

My friends, I often think if you got more of the savour of this blessed work in your hearts, you would praise the Lord more. Now lay this to heart. For if I am set here by God to be a Minister, my word will come against you another day if you do not profit. Do not say, he means me, but say, "God means me" and so you will find it serious.

"The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all; and His tender mercies are over all His works" (Ps. 145:8,9). Moses, too, makes this long-suffering mercy and goodness of the Lord his plea for asking for the pardon of the rebellious people. And it is particularly to be noticed what the Lord says, "I have pardoned... but as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord" (Num. 14:20, 21). This means that though He pardons, He will show that He will not be mocked; He will show the evil and bitterness of sin. "He will take vengeance of our inventions" (Ps. 99:8). He means that we should greatly stand in awe here, and fear and reverence His Holy Name. How was Hezekiah made to feel this bitterness of sin, and to stand in awe of God, before he felt the pardon of his sin? "Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back" (Isa. 38:17). How we see that the Lord hath His way in the whirlwind and in the storm; yet is He "slow to anger." The whirlwind is when the wind blows from all quarters at once and produces a bewildering storm in our hearts, and clouds of despondency and gloom overwhelm us. If these are sanctified to us, then these clouds are the "dust of His feet." How often I have seen the dust of carriage coming and heard the sound long before I saw the carriage itself. This is it, then. These gloomy feelings, if there is spiritual mourning over sin in them, bespeak His approach. I am sure that when the heart begins to sigh and to groan before God - as it was with Job - (though perhaps you are hardly aware it is after the Lord you sigh), "Oh that I knew where I might find Him" (Job 23:3) - then that is the dust of His feet, and He will be found of you. It is said, "The mountains quake at Him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at His presence,

yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before His indignation? And who can abide in the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by Him” (Nahum 1:5, 6). That is, our rocky hearts. There may be terrible work to accomplish this, but “the Lord is ...a stronghold in the day of trouble” (Nahum 1:7) and He is strong enough to sustain us under trouble, for the day of trouble may be long and very tedious, and to our feelings as if it would never end. But the Lord is a stronghold through all, keep to that; and He knoweth them that trust in Him. Do not listen to that “wicked Counsellor” which imagineth evil against the Lord” (Nahum 1:11). He will whisper unbelieving thoughts in your heart against the Lord. Lay this to heart and pray for grace to resist all the evil and to overcome as David did. He says, “By thee have I run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall” (Ps. 18:29). What is the troop that David means here? It is unbelief, pride, enmity, and all the multitude of evils together; these make this wall of separation he speaks of between God and him. But when God girds him with strength for the war, he can leap over this high wall.

The only way we can prevail is by confession and the prayer of faith. “Lord, I cannot pray,” says one, “I have no light, no understanding. Lord, have mercy upon me.” In this confession of weakness, we shall find God girding us with strength, for His strength is made perfect in weakness. May the Lord in mercy instruct our souls in the knowledge of salvation, and lead us in His ways that we may go “from strength to strength” and in the end be made more than conquerors through Christ. Then with David shall we be able to sing a song of praise unto Him: “I will extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever” (Ps. 145:1, 2). Amen.

Open Air Witness in Portsmouth

Saturday, 29th June 2013

An Open Air Witness was held on a lovely warm sunny day in Portsmouth City Centre, when I teamed up with Jim, Malcolm and Rick who came from the local Grace Baptist Church. As soon as I put up the **Christian Watch** table, two young men began to speak to Rick about a tract on evolution. Rick spoke with them for quite a while about their need of Jesus, but they were not so pleased when Jim began preaching and telling people that they needed to repent.

Jim and Malcolm took it in turns to preach, and there were a lot of people sitting nearby listening. Malcolm was able to talk to a man selling balloons, dressed in bright colours, who was of French origin.

We met a Jewish man who was keen to share his views about the End Times and spoke to a young lady whose brother had died and she was questioning why God allows people to suffer. Jim and Malcolm had a good conversation with a man from a Middle Eastern background, whilst Rick conversed for some time with a man from a Charity Organisation.

I met a man called Sparky in a mobility scooter and spoke to him about the Lord Jesus Christ and asked him if he had a Bible. He was quite willing to take one. I was also able to give him a CD about Heaven and Hell, compiled by Pastor John Saunders, which he promised to listen to.

We had opposition with people passing by shouting out "Rubbish", but we also met Christians who commended and encouraged us in our work.

A few foreign tracts were distributed, as well as some AV children's colouring/puzzle books. This was a good Open Air witness, and we pray that God will bring forth fruit following the faithful preaching of His Word to those who passed by.

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11).

Steve Black (Horsham Local Contact Group Leader)

EVENTS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th July - Portsmouth Open Air Meeting to be held in **Portsmouth Town Centre** (Commercial Road) on Saturday, 27th July at 11 a.m., GW.

17th August - Horsham Public Meeting to be held at Horsham Girl Guide Headquarters, Denne Road, **Horsham**, R12 1JF to commence, GW, at 7 p.m.

Speaker: **Rev. Patrick Baker** Subject: *"Confidence in the Word of God"* 2 Peter 1:19

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