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'And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.'

Mark 13:37

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***‘All who call on God in true faith,
earnestly from the heart, will certainly
be heard, and will receive what
they have asked and desired.’***

Martin Luther

***‘Faith. It does not make things easy,
it makes them possible.’***

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Dear Friends,

Greetings in the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Since our last Newsletter, we have yet another Prime Minister – our 7th in the last 10 years. A Roman Catholic – and former altar boy – Andy Burnham has described the defining pillars of his life as Everton Football Club, the Labour Party and the Catholic Church. The 1829 Emancipation Act granted Roman Catholics the right to sit in Parliament and hold major Government Offices, but Section 18 of that Act stops a Roman Catholic Prime Minister from advising the King on appointments or promotions within the Church of England.

The Monarch – King Charles III – unlike the Prime Minister, is legally required by the 1689 Bill of Rights and 1701 Act of Settlement to be in communion with the Church of England and cannot be a Roman Catholic. However, the Sovereign Grant Report, the Annual Review of the Royal Family's finances, previously described King Charles III as Head of the Church of England and Defender of the Faith, but this year's edition, outlining the official duties of the Monarch, states - *'His Majesty is Supreme Governor of the Church of England and protects the space for faith within the multi-faith nation.'* Really! We heard nothing of this at his Coronation in 2023! During the ceremony at Westminster Abbey, the Archbishop of Canterbury asked him – *"Will you to the utmost of your power maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law? Will you maintain and preserve inviolably the Settlement of the Church of England and the doctrine, worship, discipline and government thereof, as by law established in England."* Charles replied – *"All this I promise to do. The things which I have here promised I will perform and keep. So help me God."*

It doesn't need me to tell you that Charles III has violated his Coronation Oath, but we can rejoice today that in spite of the Andy Burnhams and Charles IIIs of this world, God is still on the throne. Psalm 97:1 tells us – *"The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice."* Hardly a day passes, when I don't remind myself that God is still on the throne. There is no doubt in Heaven that the Lord reigneth. Every angel and every saint worships and acknowledges His reign and all obey His commandments in adoration and with joy. Though the wicked rebel against God on this earth, He still reigns! Governments come and go, dynasties fall, but the Lord still reigns over all the earth. Repeat it every day, believer – God is still on the throne. He reigns – let earth rejoice!

As we stand for Christ in this present evil world, we are encouraged to put on the whole armour of God. Ephesians 6:11 – *"that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."* Ephesians 6:13 – *"that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."* Ephesians 6:15 – *"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth."* We are called both to stand for God and to take the Gospel to others.

Yours in His service,

Ian Henderson

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(Chairman)



THE MADNESS THAT HAS OVERTAKEN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Rev. Ivan Foster (Retired)

‘Whom the gods destroy, they first make mad.’

These are the words of a ‘proverb,’ which is of classical Greek origin, but which, I believe, first appears in English in exactly the above form in the Rev. William Anderson Scott’s book *‘Daniel, a Model for Young Men’* (1854) and is there attributed to a ‘heathen proverb.’

An early precedent of the proverb appears in verses of Sophocles’ play *‘Antigone’*. In that play is found a phrase which may be translated – ‘Evil appears as good in the minds of those whom God leads to destruction.’ While these sentiments have appeared in Greek literature, that is not its primary source of the observation expressed by this proverb! No! It comes from the Bible. The inspired Word of God, the only source of true knowledge, informed men much more succinctly, a long time before the period of renowned Grecian literature (800BC – 400AD), of the truth observed by Greek scholars.

- “When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom” (Proverbs 11:2).
- “Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18).
- “A man’s pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit” (Proverbs 29:23).

Such truths as these came from the pen of Solomon - some 200 years before the emergence of the era of classical Greek literature.

The word ‘pride’ carries the meaning of an arrogance that is self-deceiving. It is best illustrated in the folly of Nebuchadnezzar, who,

despite being warned by Daniel of what awaited him due to his pride, nevertheless forgot the words of the prophet and one year later gave way to the self-exaltation that sprang from his depraved heart.

The King spoke and said - *"Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the Kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?"*

While the word was in the King's mouth, there fell a voice from Heaven, saying - "O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The Kingdom is departed from thee.... until thou know that the most High ruleth in the Kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will."

The Lord Jesus gives us a wonderful explanation of what it was that overtook the proud Babylonian King. *"And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted"* (Matthew 23:12).

The Westminster Confession of Faith states: Chapter V – 'Of Providence'

1. God, the Creator of all things, doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and Holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own Will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

That truth, stated concisely here, has been observed by men since the fall of man! It would not have been understood as clearly as we, with our Bibles to guide and inform us, may comprehend it. However, a discerning eye could see that a Divine hand moved amongst the nations of men and pride and wickedness invariably came to a dreadful fall.

The terrible truth that is staring us in the face here in the United Kingdom is that our nation is being steered to just such a fall by the 'madness' that governs and dominates the thinking of our national leaders, those

occupying the seats of power both in ‘church and State.’

There has been an arrogant abandoning of the truth of God and an embracing of notions, views and policies that have sprung from the mire of man’s depraved nature.

Ecclesiastically - for example - the Church of England has installed a new Archbishop of Canterbury – Dame Sarah Mullally. She has usurped a position in the Church of England that the Lord declares is strictly reserved for men. *“A Bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach”* (1 Tim. 3:2). The word ‘husband’ indicates the gender of the one who occupies the office of a Bishop.



Sadly, the nation’s churches, by and large, have gone down this same road of apostasy and infected the moral thinking of every element of the country. Politically – the same rebellious malaise is manifested in Government. So plain, so conspicuously obvious is the madness that resides in offices of Government, that I need not illustrate the everyday occurrences of it.

The reason for all this, of course, is unknown to the ‘thinkers’ of this age. That is because the source of all wisdom has been abandoned and that at the behest of the Bible-hating charlatans who have invaded the pulpits of the land. It has been an ‘invasion’ masterminded and resourced by the Devil and his host. *”For such are false Apostles, deceitful*

workers, transforming themselves into the Apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" (2 Cor. 11:13-15).

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Tim. 4:1-2).

"This second Epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the Apostles of the Lord and Saviour: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts" (2 Peter 3:1-3).

The madness that is everywhere evident is but that resulting from men leaving the path of truth and righteousness set forth in God's Word.

Solomon penned these words under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. *"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 16:25).*

That is the path our national leaders have directed the nation to take. To follow such a path illustrates their madness. When the 'way of death' is considered the 'right' way, then how mad and foolhardy are those that travel down that road?

Although we banish God out of our little spot of time, He will meet us
when we enter His eternity.

The Sower 1883

ENOCH WALKING WITH GOD

Thomas Boston (1676 – 1732)

“And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him”
(Genesis 5:24)

It is too evident that the generation we live in is in a declining condition, that professors are few, but real Christians fewer by far. Religion with many is turned to be the object of their ridicule and, among those that own it, to merely dry and sapless notions for the most part. Few now are added to the church or brought over out of the Devil's camp. True godliness languishes and serious experimental religion wears out. Therefore, I would press religion and the life and power of it on those that would save themselves from this untoward generation.



Here shines the brightest star in the patriarchal age, which having given light to the lower world for a time, was afterwards translated into a higher sphere and passed out of the world in as unusual a manner as he lived in it. For as men live in the world, so ordinarily they go out of it.

There is a long account here, where nothing is marked but names and numbers, mens' living and dying, till we come to Enoch, whose singular

piety is recorded. **Observe:** The life of man is for the most part a vain thing, of which, by the sleeping of some and the slumbering of others, nothing remains remarkable, but that they lived and died; but close walking with God serves another and better purpose than to cause one just to fill up room in the world for a while.

From the short history of these antediluvian [before the flood] patriarchs, we may learn one lesson that will serve us all our days, viz. that we must die, how long soever we live. It is reported of one, that by hearing this chapter read in the church, he got such an impression of his own death that he turned religious, that he might die well.

But from the history of Enoch we may learn two lessons:

1. How to live well in this world.
2. The happiness that abides those in another world, who so live here, even eternal happiness of soul and body with the Lord.

In the words there is remarked a real preaching that was given to the old world by Enoch, a life-preaching, for his conversation preached to them what religion was and what was their great duty, viz. walking with God; a removal preaching (we cannot say his death preached, for he did not die, but his passage out of this world preached), that there is another and a better life with God in another world, both for soul and body. And this is no doubt marked to show us the mercy bestowed on that generation, that the Godly in it might be encouraged and the wicked left without excuse, while such a bright star shone so fair in that dark age. For it is observable, that his walking with God is twice told, once, verse 22 and here again in the text, in conjunction with his happy removal, giving us a compendious body of Divinity, written for the use of that age especially (not excluding others) in this man's life and translation out of the world. So that God left not Himself without a witness in that degenerate age. They not only heard but saw in him the power of godliness and the

reward of it too.

Observe: Men will not only have the best instructions and warnings they get from the Word, but those they get from the examples of Holy men, to answer for in the day of accounts. There are silent preachers, who yet speak home, as Noah, who *“being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world”* (Heb. 11:7); and the men of Nineveh, and the Queen of the South, of whom our Lord says - *“The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. The Queen of the South shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here”* (Matt. 12:41,42). Examples of a Holy life, if they do not lead spectators to Heaven, will drive them more deeply into destruction.

Though it is charitably thought that all the patriarchs were good men, yet surely the age wherein Enoch lived was a very degenerate and profane age. Methuselah his son died the same year the deluge came on. He lived 969 years. Enoch walked with God 300 years. So from his translation there were 669 to the deluge. Of that they got one hundred and twenty years' warning of the deluge, so that there were but 549 years. There were none of those here mentioned but they lived more than 700 years and God's Spirit had been long striving with the generation before the last 120 years. So that we may well reckon that many of those who lived in Enoch's days were of those God's Spirit had so long striven with and that were swept away by the deluge – and consequently that it was a very degenerate and profane age he lived in, wherein men had come the length to talk and act boldly against the God that made them, as appears from Jude 14,15: *“Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to*

execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Observe: Be the times never so bad, it is men's own fault they are bad too. Eminent holiness and intimate communion with God may be attained in the worst of times. While that generation was running to ruin, Enoch walked with God. The reasons are:

1. Because however men grow worse and worse, Heaven is still as good and bountiful as ever. *"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear"* (Is. 59:1,2). God's door still stands open, though the generation conspire to trouble it very little for supply. Our Lord will never shut His door upon His people because they are few, but it shall stand open as long as there is one that hath business in His house. *"O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the Spirit of the Lord straitened? Are these His doings? Do not My words do good to him that walketh uprightly?"* (Mic. 2:7).

2. Because those that mind for Heaven must row against the stream always, and if they do not, they will be called down the stream in the best of times, for, says our Lord, *"From the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force"* (Matt. 11:12). If people will ply the throne of grace and resolutely set themselves against the epidemical disease of their day, they may keep lively in the midst of a dead crew, though with much difficulty, as our Lord observes - *"Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments"* (Rev. 3:4).

3. The badness of the times affords matter to excite God's people the more to their duty and close walking with God. The profaneness

and formality of those they live among, and the dishonour done to God thereby, should be like oil to the flame of their holy love and zeal, as it was to David: *"It is time for Thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void Thy law. Therefore I love Thy commandments above gold: yea, above fine gold"* (Ps. 119:126,127). The prospect of what must needs be the issue of such apostasy of a generation may also quicken them, even as one is the more concerned to see to his own safety, that the rest of the family are pulling down the house about their own ears, as was the case with Noah, who, among a very wicked and abandoned people had this character: *"Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God"* (Gen. 6:9).

4. Lastly. Because as the Lord shows Himself most concerned for the welfare of those who are most concerned for His honour, so the worse the times are, they that cleave to Him closely may expect to fare the better, as Noah also did, when the Lord said to him - *"Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before Me in this generation"* (Gen. 7:1). Moses never had a more glorious manifestation of God than at the time when the Israelites had fallen into the idolatry of the golden calf and God was about to destroy the whole nation, as you will find by comparing Exodus 32:10 and chapters 33 and 34.

Use 1. Learn that those who keep not up communion with God in the life and power of religion in evil times are in God's account joined and embarked with the generation of His wrath, and be who they will, they will smart with the rest for it, though they put not forth their hands to the notorious abominations of the times they live in. Hence is that threatening - *"It shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will He do evil"* (Zeph. 1:12). It is a heavy word that sets formal hypocrites and profane wretches on one and the same bottom: *"As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the*

workers of iniquity” (Ps. 125:5).

Use 2. Bad example with its influence will not excuse people before the Lord. While it is no comfort to go to Hell with company, there can be no safety in following a multitude to do evil. What! Will men think that because the conspiracy against God and holiness is strong, therefore they may join in it; that because serious godliness is going over the brae [hill], therefore they may give it a push? But woe will be to them that give an unhallowed touch to God’s wain [cart] when it is at the halting.

Use 3. To be complaining of the evil of the times, sighing and going backward in religion, is a fruitless, unavailing complaint, neither pleasing to God, nor profitable to one’s self. For at no time does religion consist in talking, but in walking with God - and that is but to condemn ourselves out of our own mouths.

Use 4. Lastly. Let us be exhorted to study the power and reality of religion in these dregs of time. Let us draw the nearer to God, that we see so many going far from Him. And as we would not bring the wrath of God on ourselves, let us neither join with the profane generation, nor continue on our lees with a formal, dead-hearted generation, strangers to the power of godliness.

“The way to Heaven is narrow, and there are but few travellers in it.

God’s children must not expect a smooth path, for a religion that brings no cross will not lead to a crown. If we are sincere followers of Christ, we must expect trials, crosses and afflictions.”

W. Tiptaft

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

Psalm 46:10

The dispensations of Divine providence are often very perplexing; our God has His way in the sea, and His path in the deep waters, and His footsteps are not known. Reason is confounded, and faith is staggered; but He hushes our fears, silences our cries and bids us “*be still.*” We must lie before Him, as the lamb at the shepherd’s feet, as the child in the parent’s arms. He will not harm us Himself, nor will He let other do so. We must learn that He is God, infinitely wise, invariably good, always a Sovereign. He doeth according to His will in Heaven, on earth, in the sea, and all deep places. None can stay His hand or dispute His right to accomplish His will. Let us therefore keep silence before Him. He is our God and we are His people; His mercy is everlasting – and His truth endures throughout all generations.

Let us not murmur, for He is gracious; let us not complain, for He is a Father unto us; let us not fear, for He is faithful: but let us wait upon Him, submitting in all things to His will and surrendering ourselves into His hands with ‘Here am I, do with me as seemeth Thee good.’

*When I can trust my all with God,
In trial’s fearful hour;
Bow, all resigned beneath His rod,
And bless His sparing power;
A joy springs up amidst distress,
A fountain in the wilderness.*

Pastor James Smith, from the *Daily Remembrancer*

WHY IT'S CHRISTIAN TO OPPOSE MASS IMMIGRATION

Rev. Peter Simpson

*Previously published on the **TCW Defending Freedom** website*

I am grateful to our Editor at TCW for highlighting the ongoing crisis of immigration into the UK, which remains at alarmingly high levels. We continue to be faced with the complete and irreversible transformation of our national character and identity.

As a Christian pastor, it has much disturbed me over the years how the churches have failed to provide vital Biblical insight into this matter. They have generally emulated the doctrines of atheistic cultural Marxism in arguing that large-scale influxes into Britain can only be positive and enhancing. How vital is the need, therefore, for some Bible-based input.

Unapologetically adhering to, and seeking to retain, one's distinctive national identity is not remotely 'un-Christian.' For example, after his conversion to Christ, the Apostle Paul never lost his profound sense of identity with his own people. He remained a Jew through and through. Declared: *"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart...for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the*



flesh” (Rom. 9:1-3).

So Paul poured out his heart to God in concern for his own countrymen. How Britain today needs Christians with a similar Spirit-given burden for their nation and people.

The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, wrote – ‘We feel ourselves a strong...kind of natural affection for our country, which we apprehend Christianity was never designed either to root out or to impair.’ In other words, the Christian faith was never designed to destroy national identity.

John Knox famously prayed – ‘Lord, give me Scotland or I die.’ He was being Biblical. He had a profound concern that his own people might be delivered from spiritual darkness and in this he was emulating, for example, the prophet Jeremiah in his special burden for the people of Judah.

One of the ways in which the teachings of Scripture have been misapplied in the churches to condone large-scale migration are the references relating to Israel and ‘strangers’ or foreigners. In these it is clearly taught that the strangers must be treated well. For example, we read in Jeremiah – *“Do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place”* (Jer. 22:3).

The point of injunctions like these is that the strangers are seen as vulnerable individuals, often being listed alongside the fatherless and widows. Indeed, in no fewer than 18 Old Testament verses the stranger, the fatherless and the widow are referred to in the same breath. Any nation in any age will always find small numbers of foreign people in its midst – and such should be afforded courtesy, respect and equal treatment under the law.

To argue from these ‘stranger’ passages, however, that it is immoral so

much as to question the arrival of whole communities of incomers, comprising tens and hundreds of thousands, is a conclusion without any contextual warrant.

Furthermore, one cannot claim from Scripture that a nation's existence being primarily defined by the particular people historically inhabiting it, is intrinsically sinful. If it were so, then the Lord would not have used the distinctive people group which constituted the descendants of Abraham to form the nation of Israel as an aspect of His purposes of redemption for the world.

It is also not legitimate to use 'Gentile -inclusive' texts such as Galatians 3:28 to justify the obliteration of national identity. When the Apostle Paul says – "*In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek,*" he is stating that men of every nation may be partakers of the covenant of grace and belong to Christ's spiritual Kingdom, not that nationhood upon earth should be abolished.

There is absolutely no suggestion by Paul in the New Testament that nations should never have existed in the first place, or that with the coming of Christ they have become defunct, or that they are ethically dubious when compared with an open borders/one world togetherness arrangement. This has to be emphasised, because the power of secular, liberal, 'progressive' thinking has greatly influenced the mindset of the churches, whereby it is imagined that there is



something ‘un-Christian’ about distinctive nationhood and patriotism, as opposed to the intermingling of diverse people.

In Numbers 20 and 21, we read of the Israelites travelling from the wilderness to the Promised Land. They needed to pass through the territory belonging to the Edomites and the Amorites, so they asked the Kings of these two nations for permission to travel through their lands. Moses, led by the Holy Spirit, told the Kings that his people would not stray from the main highway, nor touch any crops, because they did not belong to Israel. Moses even offered to pay for any water that Israel’s cattle consumed in transit. He thus carefully observed the Edomites’ boundaries as being ordained of God and worthy of all respect.

For example, when speaking to the King of Edom, Moses, led by the Holy Spirit, uses the expressions “*thy country*” and “*thy borders*” (Numbers 20:17). He assures the King that the Israelites will behave with a particular deference until such time as they “*have passed his borders.*”

Applying this principle to our own day, we learn that to control a nation’s borders – and to respect the borders of other nations – is righteous behaviour in the sight of God. This means that illegal entry into this country, such as is happening virtually every day via the English Channel, is sinful and contrary to God’s purposes. It demonstrates a lack of respect for the borders which God has ordained – and Christians should not even begin to condone such premeditated law-breaking.

To conclude, we see the God-ordained nature of nationhood clearly stated in Deuteronomy 32:8 – and this has relevance to both legal and illegal immigration – “*The most High divided to the nations their inheritance...He separated the sons of Adam; He set the bounds of the people.*”

NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS



Ask your MP to reject the return of assisted suicide

Christian Concern, 17 June, 2026 (www.christianconcern.com)

Labour MP Lauren Edwards wants to bring back assisted suicide to Parliament. She plans to bring back the exact Bill that Kim Leadbeater pushed through the House of Commons last year, without any attempts to fix any of the Bill's glaring problems.

Lauren Edwards thinks it's perfect as it is and is asking politicians to rubber stamp it. That means ignoring the concerns raised by the Royal College of Psychiatrists, the Royal College of Physicians, the British Geriatrics Society, MIND, BEAT and Disability Rights UK. Bringing back the exact same Bill could enable Edwards to use the Parliament Act to bypass the House of Lords, in order to pass it into law.

We need to stop this deadly Bill.

CW Comment: *Christian Concern and other Christian organisations are asking as many people as possible to write to or speak to their MP and tell them to resist this Bill - but even more importantly - to pray and plead with the Lord for the Bill to be overturned. The Bible tells us that "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).*



Parliament recognises 'landmark of national significance'

Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer website, 29 July, 2026,
(www.eternalwall.org.uk)

There was cross-party support for 'Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer' [a monument being constructed in Coleshill near Birmingham] in the heart of Westminster as Parliamentarians gathered to celebrate the vision behind the monument and an Early Day Motion recognised its national significance.

Hosted by Lord Walney in the House of Lords, the reception brought together supporters, MPs, Peers and guests for an event presented by former BBC broadcaster and Eternal Wall trustee, Gemma Hunt.

Lord Rook spoke of the significance of prayer in Parliament and founder Richard Gamble told the vision behind Eternal Wall and how one million bricks will each reveal a miracle that Jesus has done. Construction updates were given and team members gave further insight into Eternal Wall's incredible story.

The event followed an Early Day Motion tabled in Parliament which recognised Eternal Wall as a 'visible and enduring demonstration of the power of Christian prayer and a testament to hope, faith and perseverance.'

The Motion, tabled by MP Carla Lockhart, was backed by six MPs from three parties. It welcomed the project's 'significant progress' and described Eternal Wall as a 'landmark of national significance.'

The motion text is as follows:

That this House welcomes the significant progress made towards the establishment of the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer in the Midlands of the United Kingdom; notes the vision to create a landmark of

national significance comprising one million bricks, each representing an answered prayer; recognises the generosity and commitment of the many donors and supporters who have contributed to the project to date, whose gifts demonstrate both faith and public spirit; expresses the hope that, when built, the monument will stand as a visible and enduring demonstration of the power of Christian prayer and a testament to hope, faith and perseverance; further notes the positive social and economic impact the development is expected to bring to the Midlands and beyond; and places on record its sincere thanks and appreciation for the leadership and dedication shown by the Founder, Richard Gamble, the Chief Executive, Dr. Ian Bullock and the Chair of Trustees, Major General Richard Roderick Davis, whose commitment has been instrumental in bringing this inspiring project to the fore.



New study shows marriage boosts family stability

Christian Institute website 25 June, 2026. (www.christian.org.uk)

New research shows that marriage is the ‘gold standard’ and reduces relationship breakdown among first-time parents.

A study from the University of Bristol by Dr. Harry Benson of the Marriage Foundation explored how the times of marriage – before, during, or after pregnancy – impacts separation rates among first-time parents. He found that marriage reduces the likelihood of separation among all societal groups, with those who marry before pregnancy benefiting the most.

Dr. Benson rejected claims from earlier studies that the observed increase in family stability is to be attributed to financial security and better education.



The academic found that, by the time their child turned 14, the probability of separation for couples who never marry stood at 45 per cent compared to 26 per cent for those who marry before conception.

Dr. Benson said: ‘This groundbreaking study categorically demonstrates the benefits of marrying and blows apart decades of Government policy that has consistently downgraded marriage to just

another form of relationship like cohabitating.

It also serves as a rebuke to those politicians who have sneered at the institution and have, through their actions, actively discouraged marriage among the poorest couples with punitive welfare policies and a lack of courage to promote marriage for fear of being seen as old-fashioned or judgmental.'

The report argues: 'If marriage itself contributes to stability, then policies that are neutral on marriage are not neutral in effect.

Reducing social and fiscal barriers to marriage could therefore play a meaningful role in strengthening family stability and reducing the long-run social and economic costs of family.

Commenting on the study, Coalition for Marriage said: 'It is not merely that stable people marry, but that marrying itself makes couples more stable.

The public promise, made for life, does exactly what marriage has always claimed to do: it binds.'



***“For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on
Him shall not be ashamed”***

(Romans 10:11)

J. C. Philpot

A child of God may be often deeply exercised whether he has any faith at all; for when he reads what faith has done and can do – and sees and feels how little it has done for him, he is seized with doubts and fears whether he has ever been blessed with the faith of God’s elect. This makes him often say - ‘Oh, do I indeed possess one grain of saving faith?’

But he does possess it: nay, it is his very faith which makes him so anxiously ask himself the question, as well as see and feel the nature and amount of his unbelief. It is the very light of God shining into his soul that shows him his sins, their nature and number; convinces him of their guilt and enormity; lays the burden of them upon his conscience and discovers to him the workings of an unbelieving heart; but besides this, if he had no faith at all he could not hear the voice of God speaking in the Gospel, nor receive it as a message of mercy; so that he has faith, though he has not its witnessing evidence, or its abounding comfort.

This faith will save his soul - for ‘the gifts and calling of God are without repentance:’ that is, God never repents of any gift that He bestows or of any calling which He has granted. If, then, he has ever blessed you with faith, however small that faith may be in itself or in your own view of it, He will never take it away out of your heart, but rather fan the smoking flax until it burst forth

into a flame. He will never forsake the work of His own hands, for He which "hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

If ever, then, if but once in your life, you have felt the Gospel to be the power of God unto salvation; if you have ever had one view of Christ by living faith; if but once only, under the influence of His blessed Spirit on your heart, you have laid hold of Him and felt even for a few minutes that He was yours, your soul is as safe as though it were continually bathing in the river which maketh glad the city of God, continually drinking of the honey and milk of the Gospel and walking all the day long in the full light of His most gracious countenance.

Not that a man should be satisfied with living at a poor, cold, dying rate; I mean not that, but merely to lay it down as a part of God's truth that as regards salvation, it is not the amount but the reality of faith that saves the soul.

Jesus will love us no better in Heaven than He loves us now. Merit in us, personal excellence, has nothing to do with His love. This will be no stronger towards us when invested with the spiritual body in glory, than it is at present, amid our infirmities and imperfect sanctification. The spring and strength of His affection is entirely apart from us – and independent of anything like goodness in ourselves. His love cannot know increase or diminution.

James Durham

BE NOT DECEIVED

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked,"
His purposes can ne'er be blocked;
The reaping time will surely be
When we the fruit of all shall see.

"Be not deceived," God's Word is sure,
It will for evermore endure;
What now we sow, we then shall reap,
For God will to His purpose keep.

"Be not deceived," what men now sow
Will to an harvest surely grow;
With sorrow some will surely weep
When they the fruit thereof shall reap.

"Be not deceived," the Lord will do
All He hath said; His Word is true!
If now we sow for earthly gain,
Then all our labour is in vain.

"Be not deceived," God hears; He sees
If we ourselves now love to please,
For every thought to Him is known,
Who will true labour bless and own.

"Be not deceived," if by God's power
We to the Spirit sow each hour,
We shall receive from Him, "Well done,"
When we our earthly race have run.

"Be not deceived," nor yet cast down,
God will your labour surely crown;
If by His grace you sow the seed,
Unto His glory it shall lead.

"Be not deceived," but faithful be,
Then fruit in glory we shall see,
May all be done unto the Lord,
Then we shall reap a sure reward.

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