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The Anchor of the Soul

There is a quality which must reside in the soul of man in order for a life to be worth living. That quality is not mere contentment, satisfaction, amusement or the like. For the soul to be alive, animated and joyous, the necessary quality is . . . hope.

Hope means that today can be better than yesterday. Hope announces that the concerns of this present time will be succeeded by greater joy and profound rejoicing. Hope causes us to conclude with confidence that there is a glory which lies ahead by comparison to which the best of the days of this present life are prosaic things. Hope causes us to look both ahead and upward. It gives us a reason to face the new morning with bright anticipation and the future with earnest expectation. So important is this quality within life that the Bible goes so far as to say "*We are saved by hope*" (Rom. 8:24).

Quite obviously, therefore, in this commodity called hope we have the very thing that lends the quality of joy to the life of man. The

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converse is also true that when hope expires, when it is abandoned by the needy heart, life itself seems to expire with it. Hopes that are dashed upon the rocks of what seems to be reality leave but the shattered remains, the broken pieces of yesterday's delights which now have been overwhelmed by today's despair.

We live in a time of eroding hope and advancing despair. As never before the world confesses its concern for the future with a more ominous note, larger expressions of fear than it has voiced before. There is a feeling now abroad that the party is almost over and it is time to pay the piper. The spirit of incipient hopelessness moves across the landscape of these days. For many people, nostalgia is reality because today's problems appear to be insoluble by any known present formula.

Despair, however, is a great sin. It is in fact a greater sin than any of the sins that may have led to it. This because despair is a form of atheism, announcing that there is no God who is sufficient to deliver us from the trap, the cage in which humanity has imprisoned itself.

For the Christian, of course, things are different! We may rejoice in that no such hopelessness is ever to beset the Christian. We note that the Bible says, "*Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That...we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters into that inside the veil*" (Heb. 6:17-19).

Whatever therefore may be his

circumstances, the Christian delights at all times in the fact that he possesses a sure and steadfast anchor of all of his hopes. Because of this, the Christian rejoices with joy unspeakable and lives every day of his life possessed of that hope that is a daily encouragement and cause for rejoicing.

How sad that our world has foolishly attempted to anchor its hopes in other things than the Word of God, the reality of heaven and the personal presence of Jesus Christ.

For instance, our generation has certainly placed its hopes in a stable financial structure in this land of ours. That stable financial structure is now shown to be a most rickety, unstable thing indeed. In all of our pseudo solutions, we refuse to admit the fact that our financial problems have come as a result of the indulgence, the covetousness and the shameful excess that lives within the heart of man. Its solution therefore is not more money or clever financial schemes. The only proper course which can be taken to build a firmer foundation under the nation is to extract these attitudes from the hearts of men. This of course will not be done because it calls for an activity nothing short of changing human nature. Therefore, hopes based upon money and its availability will end in despair. Economic determinism is neither a true nor a Christian philosophy.

Others, especially now, anchor their hopes in the unending promises of human leaders. Indeed, the air has been filled with the political assurance for the

future whereby politicians say, "We will take care of everything. Depend upon us and we'll work it out." Some have even said, "It will cost you nothing, but we will only charge those whose incomes are above \$200,000 a year." Quite obviously, even from the content of these words, the promises of human leaders are security only for fools and for sychophants. How perceptive, therefore, is the Scripture which says, *"However we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought"* (I Cor. 2:6).

Again and again the Bible compares the power of human political leaders with the power of God. The power of the first is zero and the power of God is everything. Nebuchadnezzar said, *"And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and He does according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay His hand, or say to Him, What doest thou?"* (Dan. 4:35). Nebuchadnezzar made this perceptive statement after he was allowed by God to return from rejection and insanity which was caused by his pride.

It is the wise king who will say with the young King Solomon, *"Lord God of Israel, there is no God like You, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keeps covenant and mercy with Your servants that walk before You with all their heart"* (I Kings 8:23). There are very few leaders in our time who pray that prayer. One looks almost in vain across the entire world for such godly leadership.

There are many other objects of misplaced confidence which are moving in our society. These false anchors for our hopes include:

- the promises of our friends,
- our own personal health,
- our confidence in national survival.

These false anchors for our hopes in which people place so much confidence are but wispy nostrums which appear solid for a time but are soon gone with the wind.

To join the world in placing one's hope in these things is to move along the road to despair.

The Christian has, by contrast, an anchor for his soul which will never be a failure or a disappointment. As the Bible says in a thousand ways, "Our hope is in the Lord." Concerning all other things the Bible says, *"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower thereof falls away: But the word of the Lord endures forever"* (I Pet. 1:24,25). Hope that is placed in the Lord is not the same as an empty dream. Rather, it is based on solid truth which the Bible tells us concerning our God who is the object of our non-misplaced confidence. That solid truth includes the fact that . . .

He is eternal. He will therefore always be, forever and ever. There never will be a time in which God disappears and we are on our own once again. We relate to the One who into the ages of the ages will be our eternal Lord.

He is for us. As a consequence, the Bible asks the unanswerable question, *"Who can be against us?"* Nothing that God is for will ever fail and nothing that He is against will ever succeed.

He loves us. Yes, He loves us with a love from which we will never be separated (Rom. 8:35). Our God

loves us with an everlasting love that will be unabated by anything in time or anything in eternity.

His promises will never fail. In fact, the Bible calls them *"exceeding great and precious promises"* (II Pet. 1:4). God is not a politician running for office who promises but cannot perform. The fulfillment of the promises of God is as sure as the stars in the heavens and more sure than the sun which shines upon us.

Let us finally remember that the hope that is set before us will be vindicated forever in the day when we stand in the presence of Christ in His glory. The circumstances of our fleeting lives in this world may change a thousand times. **The promise that we shall be with Him in glory has never changed from the day it was made.** This is because that promise is based on the fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He died on Calvary's cross in order to make us His sons. To all of His sons, a sure future is promised and secure. Indeed, to His sons He offers the opportunity of reigning with Him in glory.

Despite every alternation of the things of time, let us never doubt that our hopes are anchored forever in the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. The soul of the Christian therefore should stand stately and unperturbed even in times like these. We are the object of His loving care in time and for all of eternity.

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A YOUNG MIND IS AN IMPORTANT THING!

THE TIDE OF OUR TIMES

FURTHER EXPANSION FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION?

Ten more nations await possible entry into the European Union. What was once a group of ten nations has already blossomed to fifteen. If all 10 candidates are successfully admitted, that will raise the number of E.U. members to 25, producing what would be the undisputed leader in the world's economy. At present, the European Union is merely a loose connection of nations rather than a political entity, but that could be changing in the near future.

So whether the United Nations continues as it is today, or not, it does appear that a European superstate is on the way. And that means that the world is much further along than it was just a few years ago, on the road to the fulfillment of Bible Prophecy.

EVEN AS WE WRITE, the looming monster of terrible war emerges as a possibility in the Middle East. In the meantime, we Christians will be praying that the will of God be done. Iraq is the location of ancient Babylon and Saddam Hussein has already declared himself as the new Nebuchadnezzar. This has dreadful implications for the world and especially for the land of Israel. Therefore, we must *"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love you" (Ps. 122:6)*. Pray also for the dangerous developments which we see everywhere. Nothing short of divine intervention can prevent a holocaust. I promise that we will lift up the prophetic Word in times like these.

LATEST JEWISH FIGURES

"The latest issue of *Jewish Currents* has revealed the most current

figures on Jewish population across the world. The United States remains at the top with 5,700,000, followed by Israel with 5.3 million. In third place is France with 520,000, followed by Canada with 364,000, and England with 275,000."

The Jewish Post
and Opinion

IS IT TRUE that John and Charles Wesley, the famous evangelists of the 18th Century, borrowed from tavern songs to write some of the most beloved hymns in all of Christendom? Not according to Dean McIntyre, a music advisor for the United Methodist Church. McIntyre explains that "many have cherished the idea that the Wesleys were so evangelistic that they engaged in this practice...this idea is that tavern songs can be used to justify using popular music today as a way to reach people." And although he says he has no problem with this concept, "The tavern argument is a myth."

McIntyre believes that "the myth arose over the generations by misunderstanding of the term 'bar tune' or 'bar form.'" Bar form "refers to the number of lines repeated in a song." McIntyre believes that due to ignorance, some people began to say that these songs were a "bar song or a drinking tune."

Larry Witham
The Washington Times

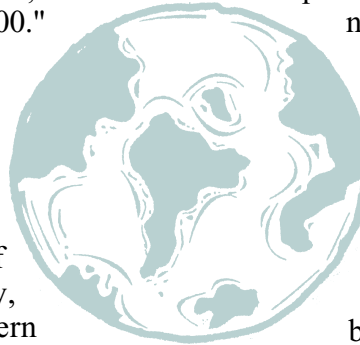
I HOPE SOMEONE SOON DECLARES

a moratorium on books about sex, love, husbands, wives, perfect happiness, total fulfillment and the like. The consequence of much of this

material is that millions of Christians are chasing unrealizable will-o'-the-wisps and paying insufficient attention to Bible study, sound doctrine and personal witnessing. One who pursues happiness to the neglect of those things is defeated in advance.

The reason is that happiness can only come through duty fulfilled, responsibilities met, promises kept. We ought not to ask, "How can I be happy?" but rather, "What is my duty?"

From the writings of
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THE PROPHET DANIEL WAS GIVEN

a remarkable revelation from God. At the close of his book, however, the Lord spoke to Daniel and said, *"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Dan. 12:4)*.

Reading this, we ask, "Have we ever lived in a time in which this verse is more perfectly fulfilled than it is today?" It's almost as if the closed pages of the book of Daniel were opening in the midst of a global condition which is the perfect fulfillment of its prophecy.

This would be a most excellent time to study the book of Daniel. Note that through the ministry of Christian Destiny we have three major video tapes teaching four lessons each covering the entire book of Daniel. No group will be unwise to make this a course of study in these very days.

AN EARNEST CALL

*Dear World, it is my duty
To say to you this day
That all your goals are hopeless,
That all your dreams are fey.
I know how hard you've labored,
How long stood by the last.
Still soon will come the moment
When dreams and hope are past.*

*You see, all of your efforts
Are spent "beneath the sun."
The days of wine and roses
Are sweet, but soon are done.
They are but fond indulgence
Which vanishes with time,
Which dissipates the energies
And trashes the sublime.*

*Try as you will, you cannot,
You will not change the fate
Of all who build on swamp land,
Who sorrow, but too late.
You may as well just party
And oil your fears away.
Tomorrow will betray you
As false has been today.*

*You're found already guilty,
Because you don't believe
That Jesus is the Savior.
You simply can't conceive
How desperate your peril,
How soon the fire will fall,
How fierce will be the judgment
On sinners one and all.*

*Your sons yet talk of glory.
They say, "All will be well."
Your daughters grow seductive.
Do they not know of hell?
Do you not know the outcome
Of this disease called sin,
Since even now you're playing
The game you cannot win?*

*But yet God still invites you
From this vain world to come
From darkness to the Savior,
To leave Byzantium,
To reach by faith to Jesus
And life eternal know,
No more to be bewildered
While walking here below.*

*In His name I invite you
(And weep for your sad plight)
To come while yet the Spirit
Holds back the shades of night.
You still can be converted,
Step through the door of grace,
For soon Christ comes from heaven
To judge you face to face.*

by Dave Breese

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Thank you, thank you for still having your radio program on. I'm hoping it will be on for a long time. He is a very good preacher. I love to hear him. If we listen to him, he knows the Bible and has a good voice. Thank you for keeping him on the air." – N. Newton, KS

"How wonderful is that Spirit of Christ that allows all believers to share and love each other with reality unknown to the world! Praise God for his magnificence! Thank you so much for all the work the Breese team accomplished in the past and will continue with in the future. You have contributed greatly to the Christian edification of my family."

– Hebron, KY

"This morning I was praying for Christian Destiny and thanking God for the impact He made on this world through Dave. In checking the web site, I was pleased to see the materials there from Dave and trust they will continue to be used of God for His glory. God bless you."

– Omaha, NE

"Just a note to say that we thank the Lord for your decision to continue Dave's message of hope" – Dayton, OH

"We could always count on Dave to tell it like it is! What a breath of fresh air in this age where distortion of the truth is pandemic. He will be greatly missed among we who knew him. However, I know that he would want us to be encouraged to see the work of the Great Commission continue to be carried out through Christian Destiny and its workers in the Lord. We look forward to seeing him under the best of circumstances."

– St. Petersburg, FL

"I can remember the first time I heard Dave speak. The fact of his vocabulary was so overwhelming and his stature so big. I got lost in his hand when we greeted one another. The message was God using each of us differently to witness to the world just like he used Paul differently from Peter. His attitude was how great it was to be alive today and to see how God is working out His will. I am glad to hear that you will continue to share his unpublished material. I often found his perspective very refreshing and edifying. He could say more in five minutes than most people could say in a day. I pray that God will fill your vacancy and that you will draw closer in relationship with God (Isaiah 40:31)."

– Burns, KS

"Thank you for Dave's beautiful poem book. I read a poem every morning with my devotions. Dave was a beautiful Christian person with a brilliant mind. God bless you as you carry on the work of Christian Destiny." – Independence, MO



WORTH QUOTING

"Faith is not trying to believe something regardless of the evidence; faith is daring to do something regardless of the consequences."

--*Sherwood Eddy*

"Keep your thoughts right -- for as you think, so you are. Thoughts are things, therefore, think only of the things that will make the world better and you unashamed."

-- *Henry H. Buckley*

"The first recipe for happiness is: avoid too lengthy meditations on the past."

-- *Andre' Maurois*

"To remember that one is God's child, His own, that no matter what one has done God loves, even to the end, with a love that never lets go -- that is the word men and women need when wars, hot and cold, mass movements and mass production, sweep over and swamp the individual. All else but this assurance fails the man in dire need."

-- *Albert Peel, D.D.*

"When no thoughts fill the mind -- when no horizons beckon -- when life is in the past, not in the future -- you are on the way to uselessness."

-- *Dr. Fredrick K. Stamm*

"The power of words is immense. A well-chosen word has often sufficed to stop a flying army, to change defeat into victory, and to save an empire."

-- *Emile De Girardin*

"A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday."

-- *Alexander Pope*

But especially,

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)."

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



Q. What do we mean by the Rapture of the Church?

A. By “the Rapture of the Church” we mean that event in which the Church will be caught up to meet Christ in the air when He comes **for** His saints. Concerning this, the Scripture says, *“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words”* (I Thess. 4:16-18).

We can therefore promise that there is a generation of Christians that will not die. Rather, they will be caught up in their living bodies to be with Christ. The Scripture says, *“Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed”* (I Cor. 15:51,52).

Here the Apostle Paul draws a distinction between the saints who have died and those who are still alive. The first shall be “raised” and the second shall be “changed.”

Q. When will the Rapture take place?

A. The Rapture will take place at the end of this Church Age, this day of grace. Christ will come **for** His Church and then later, at the end

of the Tribulation, He will come *“with all His saints”* (I Thess. 3:13). Christ will come before the beginning of a period of time called *“the day of the Lord.”* In I Thess. 2:2, the evidence that *“the day of the Lord”* had not yet come is that the Rapture had not yet taken place. The Rapture will complete the Body of Christ, after which the program of God will turn once again to the cleansing and regeneration of Israel.

Q. Will there be a world government?

A. Yes, there will. Speaking of the Antichrist, the Scripture says, *“The dragon (the Devil) gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority”* (Rev. 13:2). The world government will be set up in connection with a humanistic and cruel religion that will require all the people of the world to worship the Antichrist. The penalty for non-worship is death (Rev. 13:15). It is good to remember that we learn from the Word that international **political** systems are not the will of God. Large political systems inevitably turn against God and become a law unto themselves.

Q. What is the Tribulation?

A. The Tribulation will be a time of the special dealing of God with the nation of Israel and with a rebellious world. Describing this time, our Lord Jesus said, *“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened”* (Matt. 24:21,22). At the beginning of the Tribulation, Israel will make a covenant with the Antichrist which he will break in the

midst of that seven year period (Dan. 9:27). This will bring to pass that special time of trouble called “the Great Tribulation.”

Q. Can people be saved during the Tribulation?

A. Yes. Great numbers will be saved, including more than 144,000 of the nation of Israel (Rev. 7:4). Those converted will also include a great multitude of Gentiles which no man can number (Rev. 7:9). Remember, however, that people are saved in the Tribulation by believing *“the gospel of the kingdom”* which announces that *“the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* Those who believe will be saved unto participation on earth in the eternal Davidic Kingdom. The Church, saved by Grace during this period of time, inherits the universe (I Cor. 3:21-23).

Q. What is the Millennium?

A. The Scripture says concerning believers, *“And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years”* (Rev. 20:4). Concerning the Devil, the Scripture says that a mighty angel *“laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years”* (Rev. 20:2). The Millennium is therefore a time in which Christ will set up His kingdom in this world for a thousand years during which time the Devil will be kept in chains. Concerning that totally wonderful era, the Scripture says, *“And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one”* (Zech. 14:8,9).

Q. Will we remember earth?

A. Yes. How could it be otherwise?

THINKING TOGETHER

OTHER FOUNDATIONS

The ever present question for every person on earth is “On what can life be successfully built?” “In the midst of the swirling scenes of time, what is solid?” “What can I stand on?”

Most people come up with the wrong answer to these pressing questions. The results are not simply inconvenient or troublesome, they are catastrophic. To attempt to stand or--perish the thought--to build on the wrong foundation is to have one's efforts and then one's life swept away into misery, death and eternal loss. To attempt to live life and build the future on a foundation of one's own invention is the activity of a total fool. Alas, such fools populate our world in great numbers. They certainly constitute a muddled majority in our time.

In fact, virtually all the problems, the difficulties of our world continue to overwhelm us for want of attention to one simple truth. **The world fruitlessly labors and hopelessly dies because it has not read and does not believe the clear statement, “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (I Cor. 3:11).**

What does this mean? It means that a life is built on Christ or nothing. The Bible does not suggest that there are simply lesser foundations than Christ. No indeed! It says that other foundations do not, in fact, exist. All other supposed solidities are mythical, they are cruel hoaxes. Christ alone created the universe. Christ alone gives it substance. Christ alone upholds “*all things (that's ALL things) by the word of His power*” (Heb. 1:3). That truth alone could save our culture--which is even now dying of frustration because it cannot discover the nature of reality.

It is worth noting a few of those supposed solidities which exist only in the minds of self-deceived people--but which have become the assumptions on which we are futilely attempting to build our culture. The first one of these comes in answer to the question, “What is man and from whence did we come?” The world's answer is **evolution**. It is the fantasy

that we are here because of a process of natural selection, that this process has brought man from a lowly amoeba to the sophisticated entity which he is today. By believing this collection of nonsense called evolution, man has deliberately thrown away the very nature of his being and divorced himself from his greatest claim to significance. That significance comes from the fact that man was made in the image of God. Divesting himself of that image, man walks in bewilderment without a past, without a future, and without an identity he can claim as his own.

The great blasphemy of evolution, however, is that it imputes to something called “nature” a certain god-like quality. In evolution, nature is given a will, an ability to determine its future, and the power to self-create its oncoming generations. In believing this package of absurdities, our culture, in its supposed wisdom, has believed a set of incredible stupidities. By believing in nature as God and natural processes as destiny itself, our pseudo scientific generation has invented a foundation which is non-existent. Our culture even now crumbles because it is in fact merely valiant dust that builds on dust and erases from its mind the knowledge of God.

There is a second supposed solidity which comes out of the nonsense of evolution and that is **humanism**. Humanism is not merely, as some claim, a “respect for humanity.” Humanism is rather to redefine humanity as something that it is not. In humanism, man becomes autonomous, self-sufficient, creative and therefore man is seen as God. In that humanism claims that man is the be-all and end-all of all things, it gives man a vaporous excuse for indulging in life's greatest sin, which is pride. Now the philosophers have suggested that mankind can look at itself and announce, “I am God, the creator of worlds.” In humanism, man becomes superman. This is a position which man is perfectly willing to claim for himself when,

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having forgotten God, his foolish heart becomes filled with the great poison of the cosmos -- pride. It is not for nothing that the Bible says, “*Pride goes before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall*” (Prov. 16:18). Indeed the Scripture says, “*When pride comes, then comes shame: but with the lowly is wisdom*” (Prov. 11:2). Who can doubt that the incredible, shameful activities of our culture come because the poison of humanism has taken from the minds of the young and the old the idea that one day they shall answer to an eternal God? Every cemetery, every hospital, every psychiatric clinic in our time should remind man that he is neither infallible nor humanly eternal. Humanism is denied by every fact of life but still is believed by the abysmally ignorant of our time.

Humanism is soon followed by another supposed certainty called **secularism**. Man, leaving God out of the picture, invents a set of rules, an organization, a government, a supreme court, and a book full of laws by which it hopes to retain certainty and sanity within a society. So it is that the culture of our time looks to such things as government with greater interest and higher dependence than ever. We are led to believe that the nation now lives or dies because of pronouncements from Washington, the United Nations, the world court, the unctuous legalities from the drones of our secular society. Secularism is the ultimate denial of the existence of God and the final vesting of god-like qualities in man's corporate, quasi-legal intellect.

Even in our time, it is popular to say, “We are a government of laws and not of men.” This and other foolish pronouncements banter their way around our society. By so speaking people forget that “any fool can make a rule.” We live in a time in which the laws of yesterday are wiped out with one stroke of a pen in favor of new, foolish notions called “laws” in these days. The laws of

our hapless land now permit the murder of an unborn child by almost anyone. These and a thousand other egregious pronouncements, admonitions of the secular mind, are evidence of the foolish attempt of bewildered man to create a supposed solidity out of nothing.

Close to these is another notion which is an attempt by man to produce a pseudo sense of destiny in his fevered mind. That point of view is **utopianism**. Because the mind of man must have a purpose, must work toward a goal, the philosophers have now promised that man by his efforts will create a perfect society. Biological Darwinism becomes cultural Darwinism and everyone begins to sing about the glories of the future. Indeed, the city of man is rising like a phoenix out of the ashes of past failures. We can anticipate a more determined effort than ever by the pygmies which are producing a world government to produce the city on a hill. Like a parched Bedouin staggering across the burning sands, today's humanity looks at a future which is nothing but a mirage. "We will produce a splendid future!" says the modern politician. His problem is that he has not read the Scripture which says, *"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come" (II Tim. 3:1). "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (II Tim. 3:13).* By announcing perfection for the future, modern man has neither good sense nor the teaching of Scripture on his side. The evidence that comes to us from the daily newspapers certainly tells of a deteriorating society. A utopia is not before us, but utopianism persists as the ultimate lie concerning the future.

This is why we may rejoice in that *"we have also a more sure word of prophecy" (II Pet. 1:19).* That word tells us of the splendor which God has before us, but it denies that man by his efforts will bring it to pass.

So it is that we watch the laughable but horrible specter now being created in our time whereby prideful humanity attempts to live

with sanity today and hope for tomorrow. Both of these are impossible in a culture that aspires to do it all without the presence and the power of the eternal God. Today's insane society is thrashing in the pangs of hopelessness because it forgets that other foundations beside Jesus Christ have no claim to existence whatsoever. They are myths, they are charades, they are lies built upon lies.

The Christian, of course, will make no such mistakes. He will build his life upon the firm, unshakable foundation of Jesus Christ. He believes in the finished work of the cross as the sole and only basis of his salvation. He believes in the strength of the Lord as the one capability which is truly his today. Trusting in the Lord, he receives the promise that his paths will be directed by the Holy Spirit. He therefore, even in times like these, may plan on moving from strength to strength, producing those results which are to the glory of Christ and to the credit of a mind which trusts in the eternal God.

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