

THE TRENTON BULLETIN

No Time For God (Selected)

You've time to build houses and in them dwell; and time to do business – to buy and to sell. But none for repentance or deep, earnest prayers; to seek your salvation, you've no time to spare.

You've time for earth's pleasures, for frolic and fun, for her glittering treasures, and how quickly you run, but care not to seek the fair mansion above, the favor of God, or the gift of His love.

You've time to take voyages over the sea and time to take in the world's jubilee; but soon your bright hopes will be lost in the gloom of the cold, dark river of death and the tomb.

You've time to resort to the mountain and glen; and time to gain knowledge from books and from men; yet not time to search for the wisdom of God, but what of your soul when you're under the sod?

For time will not linger when helpless you lie, staring death in the face, you will take time to die. Then, what of the judgment – pause, think, I implore! For time will be lost on eternity's shore.

The Terrible Tomorrow (Andrew Roberts)

"Don't put off for tomorrow what you can do today because if you enjoy it today, you can do it again tomorrow." – James A. Michener

Have you ever dreaded tomorrow? I think that most of us have at one time or another.

Tomorrow I have a huge test! Tomorrow the rent is due! Tomorrow we have to move! Tomorrow is my big presentation! Tomorrow is the interview, and I've got to get this job! Tomorrow the world might end!

We are convinced for any number of reasons that tomorrow will be terrible. However, many of us are worried about tomorrow because we lack preparation & faith today.

Jesus teaches us, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6:33-34).

Jesus tells us we can prepare for tomorrow by seeking God today. How many are worried about the future because of a lack of preparation? Many people are procrastinators. They don't get anything taken care of until the last possible minute. They thrive under pressure. But how many procrastinate with their souls? They could be seeking God. They could be obeying God. They could be trusting God. Yet, they're preoccupied with everything else in life, and when it comes time to go to bed, they can't sleep. They're dreading the terrible tomorrow. Yet, we have the power to seek God

today!

Jesus tells us we need not worry about tomorrow by putting faith in God today. Faith is the belief that God can do it and trust that God will do it. Don't worry about your life because if you hold it too close, you'll lose it. We need to let go by putting our faith and hope in God. When we obey Him and surrender our lives to Him, He will guide us, keep us, and use us for His purposes. Let's put our cares on Him because He cares for us!

There may not be a tomorrow, so serve God today. While the Bible is full of promises, one promise never made is the promise of a tomorrow. Conversely, we are promised that the Lord will return like a thief in the night. For the Christian, each day He delays is another day away from Jesus and eternal reward. For the non-Christian, each day He delays is an act of grace and mercy and an opportunity to prepare to meet Him.



For those who believe in Jesus, repent of their sins, and are immersed, they will meet God clothed in Christ. It will be a joyous moment. For those who procrastinate and reject Christ, it will be a truly terrible tomorrow. The difference is faith and preparation today.

How will you meet your tomorrow?

For One Indulgent Moment (Selected)

What some will pay for a moment's reckless folly is recorded again and again in the Book of Ages. Do you think these people got their "money's worth?"

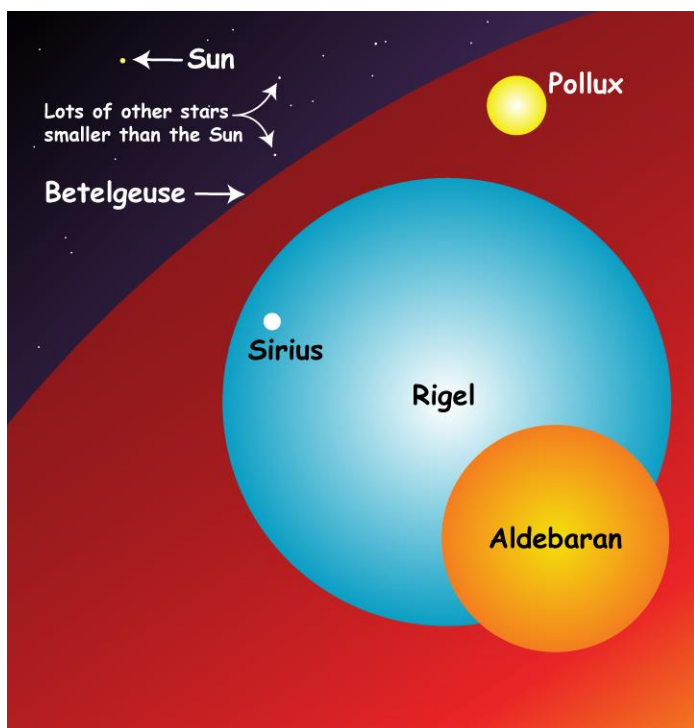
Adam and Eve, for one bit of luscious fruit when they were not even hungry, brought sin, suffering, shame, and death upon themselves and the human race (Genesis 3).

Lot's wife, revealing her longing for the things that pertain to earth, took one look back at Sodom and became a pillar of salt (Genesis 19).

Esau, to satisfy one day's fleshly appetite, lightly esteemed his birthright and forfeited his right to the ancestry of Christ (Genesis 25).

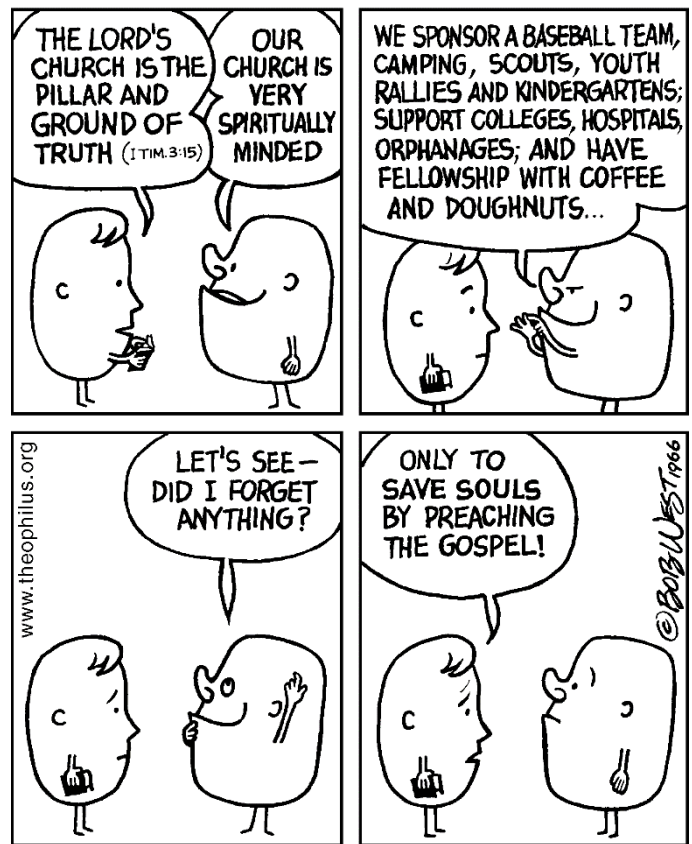
Achan, for a garment he could not wear, and silver and gold he could not spend, paid with all his possessions, his family, and his life (Joshua 7).

Samson, for the caress of a hypocritical woman, lost his eyes and, finally, his life (Judges 16).



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Foundation of Truth?



David, to enjoy another man's wife, hands to posterity a tale of his life with adultery, shame, and tears, boldly written for all to read (2 Samuel 11).

Ahab, coveting another's little vineyard, permitted his wife to have its owner killed, claimed it for his own, and heard his own funeral preached in these words, "In the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, shall the dogs lick thy blood, even thine" (I Kings 21).

Not Clocks Only (Selected)

A good story is told of old Thomas K. Beecher, who could not bear deceit in any form. Finding that a clock in his church was habitually too fast or too slow, he hung a placard on the wall above it that read: "Don't blame my hands. The trouble lies deeper."

That is where the trouble lies with us when our hands do wrong, or our feet, or our lips, or even our thoughts. The trouble lies so deep that only God's miracle power can deal with it. Sin indeed goes deep; but Christ goes deeper.

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