

Upcoming Events

Business Meeting: June 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class: June 9 at 4:00

Father's Day: June 16

Panera Bread Open Bible Study: Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Hebrews class Mondays at 10:00

Anxiety

"...casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:7-8

June Birthdays

9 Debbie Pescador 12 Celina Perales 19 Tamasi Letalu

June Anniversaries

5 Kurt & Debbie Hoffman 9 Sue Tanner
11 Marcos & Celina Perales

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Cast your Cares on Him

1 Peter 5:7-8

Pulpit Commentary Homiletics

Description of Christian trustfulness. It consists in casting all our care upon God. This life is full of anxieties. They vary indefinitely with our position in life, our circumstances, our characters; but none are free from them. They throng in upon our thoughts and disturb our rest with their distracting presence. The Lord says, "Take no thought;" St. Paul echoes his words, "Be careful for nothing;" St. Peter, quoting the ancient Scriptures, bids us cast all our care upon the Lord. It is not thoughtfulness which our Lord and his apostles forbid; it is not carelessness and improvidence which Holy Scripture commends. The original word in each passage means "anxiety, distracting care." We must do our duty, we must provide, as far as lieth in us, for ourselves and for those dependent on us, and then trust in God, casting all our anxiety upon Him. If we have learned to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, we shall know that all our troubles and trials come from Him; we shall know, too, that His fatherly hand is ever over His people, that they are in His hands always. Humility increases trustfulness; the sense of our own weakness deepens our confidence in God.

The grounds of it. "He careth for us." His care is not like ours. It is calm, loving providence. He ordereth all things both in heaven and earth, and He cares for us for He loves us. All things are known to Him — the fall of every sparrow. He knows all our needs, difficulties, dangers, temptations, with the same fullness of knowledge and depth of sympathy as if there were no other beings in the world besides ourselves and our God. In all those troubles He cares for us, and guides them all for our eternal good. If we have faith in His love, we shall be able to cast all our care upon Him. Hezekiah took the threatening letter of Sennacherib into the

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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house of the Lord and spread it before the Lord. So should we do with all our anxieties, great and small. *“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”* If we do this, if we lay not only the great anxieties which come occasionally, but also the little daily trials of common life, before the Lord, then the peace of God shall keep our hearts and thoughts. *“He careth for us.”* The thought is full of deep sweetness and strong consolation. Only let us take it into our hearts, and we shall be able to roll away from ourselves the burden of anxieties and to cast it upon God.

We may cast all our care upon him; yet we must watch and pray. “This is the Scripture logic,” says Leighton. “It is He that worketh in you to will and to do. Then, would you possibly think, I need not work at all, or, if I do, it may be very easily and securely? No; therefore, says the apostle, *‘work out your own salvation;’* yea, and do it with fear and trembling. Work you in humble obedience to His command, and in dependence on Him who worketh all in you.” We are bidden to cast our anxieties upon God for the very reason that we may have time and freedom of thought to care for our souls. There is need of watchfulness and of that temperance without which we cannot be watchful, for we have an adversary, an enemy, who seeks our ruin. That adversary is restless in his insatiable malice. There is no corner of the earth, no human being safe from his assaults; not even the remote wilderness, not even the incarnate Son of God. He walketh about, impatient, eager, full of rage and bitter hatred, like a lion roaring from the pangs of unsatisfied hunger. The holy Lord Jesus Christ thirsted for the salvation of souls; this horrible lion hungers for their death and endless misery. He is always seeking whom he may devour. Therefore, the Christian must be ever on the watch; temptations come when we least expect them.

We are bidden to resist this roaring lion, to withstand him in all his fury. He is strong; but this is the victory that overcometh, even our faith. Faith is strong, because it lays hold upon God, and finds in him almighty strength. “Faith,” says Leighton, “sets the stronger Lion of the tribe of Judah against this roaring lion of the bottomless pit; that delivering Lion against this devouring lion.” Faith gives steadfastness, solid firmness, for it sets our feet upon the Rock, and

that Rock is Christ. *“They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth forever.”*

“There hath no temptation taken us, but such as is common to man.” We must not suppose, as we are apt to do, that we are of all men the most sorely tried. The Lord Jesus Christ suffered being tempted. He endured for us that great agony of temptation in the wilderness. All our brethren in the faith are tempted too and tried by various forms of suffering. Let us, seeing that we are encompassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, follow the faith of the saints and martyrs of the Lord; but, above all, let us look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, learning of him to endure the cross and to be faithful unto death.

Stop Signs

By Ron Adams

Two very true statements: (1) Stop signs don’t stop cars. (2) God’s laws don’t stop sin. Laws are not designed to stop lawlessness. They only specify what is forbidden. It’s the driver who either obeys or disobeys stop signs. And it’s the individual who obeys or disobeys God’s commandments.

The driver must deal with the consequences of disobeying stop signs. And the individual must deal with the eternal consequences of disobeying God’s “stop signs.” Ignoring a stop sign may not always result in a serious consequence, but disobeying God’s commandments will certainly incur consequences. Sometimes in this life, but definitely in the judgment.

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” 2 Corinthians 5:10

“He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.” John 12:48

LESSON: Obey stop signs to avoid serious problems. Obey God’s commandments to avoid eternal consequences.