

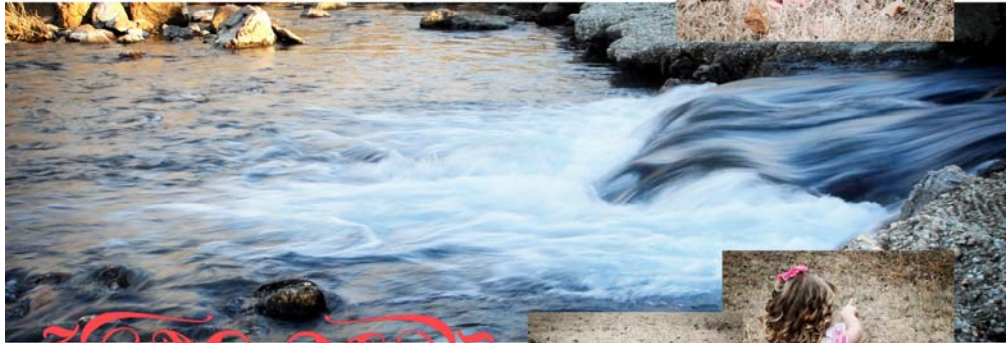
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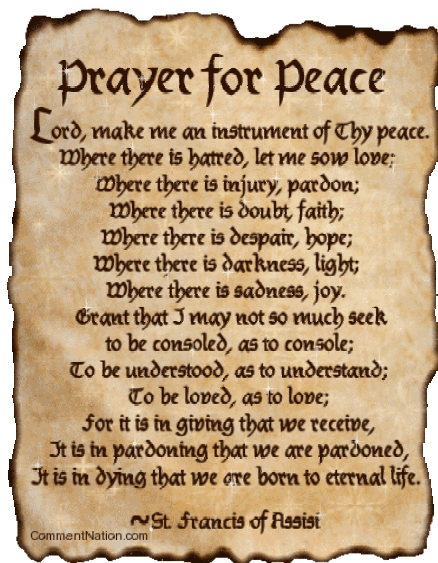
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Happy New Year!

Well, here we are again in another new year. New beginnings of any kind make me stop and consider with what they will be filled. There are many things that we should consider and be sober about in these days that we are living. Though our hearts should be filled with the joy and peace that only Jesus Christ can give, we should also be sober and vigilant, knowing that we are here for a purpose and that purpose is to love and serve the Lord Christ. But what do we do when we face opposition? How do we follow a system that is bent on going the wrong way? I hope to give you council and encouragement in this issue, for God has given us many examples to learn from. So, may God's blessings be yours in this coming year and always...

~T. Miller

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God has appointed this whole life to be all as a race or a battle; the state of rest, wherein we shall be so out of danger as to have no need of watching and fighting, is for another world.

Jonathan Edwards

Our Book Store

We still have two books available, "As The Days Go By", a collection of poems by Sis. Teresa Miller. The book is a 68-page paperback edition of original poetry. The cost is \$6.95 plus sh/hdl charges.

And also available, "While I Was Musing, The Fire Burned", a book of devotions written by Bro. Mike Miller, which many have already found a great blessing. The cost is \$9.95 plus sh/hdl charges. Order both for \$15!

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Thank God for the battle verses in the Bible. We go into the unknown every day of our lives, and especially every Monday morning, for the week is sure to be a battlefield, outwardly and inwardly in the unseen life of the spirit, which is often by far the sternest battlefield for souls. Either way, the Lord your God goes before you, He shall fight for you!
Amy Carmichael



"I still carry the marks on my body of what those 'German supermen' did to me then. I was sentenced to death."

~Irena Sendlerowa (Smuggled Jewish children to safety during WWII)



Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Esther 4:14

“Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows; it empties today of its strength.”

Corrie ten Boom



"God had a good reason for this trial. He was shaping things in His own, unfathomable way for the outworking of His good and wise purpose. Nothing happens in this world by mere chance. A predestinating God has planned every detail in our lives. "My times are in thy hand" (Ps. 31:15). He "hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation" (Acts 17:26). What a resting place for our poor hearts does that grand truth supply!"

~Arthur W. Pink (Speaking of the fate of the little Jewish maid in Naaman's household.)



The Origins of Daily Light

The origins of "Daily Light on the Daily Path" (**a highly recommended devotional*) are inextricably connected to the Bagster family and the publishing company which bore the same name - *Samuel Bagster & Sons Ltd.*

Samuel Bagster was born on 26th December 1772, the second son of George and Mary Bagster of Lyme Regis, Dorset on the south coast of England. Samuel's father George Bagster was a member of a congregation led by Dr. Andrew Gifford; a Baptist minister, a notable antiquarian and an assistant librarian at the British Museum. It was within this congregation that George Bagster was to meet John Birch, who ultimately became Samuel's father-in-law.

When Samuel was seven years old he was sent away to school with the Reverend John Collett Ryland, Baptist minister and father to his more famous son (also) John Ryland.

Samuel was apprenticed to a bookseller in The Strand, after which time he took the entrepreneurial step of opening his own bookshop at No 81 The Strand on 19th April 1794, when he was still only twenty-one years old.

Unsurprisingly, given this very specific Christian background, Samuel committed to never selling any book which might be considered questionable in taste or subject – an approach which set him apart from the general run of society, even (and perhaps especially) by eighteenth century standards.

Samuel Bagster and Eunice Birch were married at the parish church of "St Giles in the Field" on the 19th December 1797. Eunice was said to be a "brave" woman of equally high principles and a steadfast faith – a real helpmeet to her husband throughout their long married life. She died on the day before her hundredth birthday in 1877. Only a few months earlier she had been honoured by a personal visit from Queen Victoria, who knelt at Mrs. Bagster's bedside to receive the blessing of her "revered and venerable servant". (**What a testimony!*)

Samuel and Eunice had twelve children – but it was their tenth child Jonathan who was primarily responsible for the idea and method by which Daily Light was compiled. Jonathan was the "editor-in-chief", while his daughter Ann was his chief assistant. (**Learning to be a good help-meet.*)

The practice of corporate worship had always been followed in the Bagster family. Jonathan Bagster would normally select a passage, and in the context of family prayer, other family members would contribute further illustrative verses. These compilations were then carefully discussed, arranged and considered until agreement was reached. The resultant manuscript would then be put aside...

... to be completed!... and formatted.

(*Editor's Notes)

What Now?

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;" Philippians 2:15

We live in a world that is constantly changing. Nations rise in power and strength through good leadership and sound principles. Then with the demise of morals, power-crazed leaders crash them to the depths of immorality, allowing evil men the right to change good laws to accommodate their sinful lifestyles. Men gain positions of authority by deceit and treachery and we are powerless to stop them. It is no wonder that we feel wronged and helpless. It becomes easy to fret and despair when there seems to be no hope.

I wish to make an effort to remind you of some things that we tend to forget when distresses come upon us. Other than the obvious promises from Jesus that he would never leave us nor forsake us, there are some definite things that we can do to be what God intends for us to be in times of tribulation and trouble. This is no time to give up nor is it really the time to gird on your weapons and get ready for war. Let me explain and see if I can help you to understand what I am trying to say.

Isaiah foretold of the coming overthrow. Israel had flip-flopped so many times from serving God to apostasy and serving idols, then being carried away captive only to repent and be delivered once again. Hezekiah was warned that Israel would be carried away to Babylon and his children would be captives but his only response was that he was glad he would enjoy peace in his day, showing that Hezekiah was thoughtless and selfish. He was also full of pride, showing the prince of Babylon all the riches of his kingdom, and the things in his house, and boasting of his greatness. Every time a king of Israel began showing these characteristics, trouble was on the way. Daniel tried to warn King Nebuchadnezzar of the things that were going to happen to him if he did not "break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor." (Daniel 4:27) But he did not, for within a year God smote him with lunacy that caused him to crawl around like an animal and eat grass for seven years ... "until he understood..." God means what he says, he does not make idle threats.

For forty long years, the children of Israel wandered in the desert, waiting for the acceptable time to enter and claim the inheritance that God had promised them. When the time was right, Joshua was there to lead them throughout the land and claim ownership of all the cities and land that were there. God fought for them, raining down hail, sending hornets upon their enemies, even knocking down the walls of Jericho so they could enter in and possess it. But by the time that Joshua was preparing to die, he gave them some very stern warnings about following God and holiness. In Joshua 23:11-16, he reminds them that God was good to them to help drive out their enemies and give them such a good land, but that if they went back on their promises, God would turn their blessings into curses. It was not God's

fault that wars and captivity came along when they turned their backs on him . Why does everyone always want to blame God when something bad happens, like towers being bombed by our enemies, or lunatics shooting up kindergarten classrooms and movie houses? When God is forgotten and forsaken, we should not expect him to keep us happy and protected.

Some people in our country are still turning from their sins, repenting and giving their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ and walking in a sanctifying pathway, trying to be holy as the Lord commanded. But not many. Most are going to some brand of church or fellowship, claiming to be "born again" and being baptized, but living just like they always did before, with perhaps a few changes to help support their decision to improve and be good. Repentance is unheard of and scoffed at, holy living is a thing of the past and praise services are the norm. Organizations are being dubbed, "churches", and are only encouraging people to live in the realm of positive thinking. There is no honor to God, nor is there any true Word of God, for they have been "enlightened" with a better translation that is more understandable (most of which take away the verses that pertain to holiness and repentance). They have turned to other gods, those of self-satisfaction, pleasure without responsibility, fullness without accountability, and many, many more. Our rights are rapidly being taken away from us, our liberty (that our fathers fought so hard for) is being stripped away slowly and our enemies are watching for the right moment to take control. Judgment is coming to our country.

So what are we to do? Are we supposed to find a militia to join so that we can fight for our freedom all over again? With the kind of weaponry that is available today and the lack of willing participants, I am afraid the effort would be futile. Besides, that is not always the course of action that we should take. I do not think that was the resolve of Daniel and his three friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, when they were taken captive by the Babylonians. But there was one resolution that Daniel held to; "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." Daniel 1:8 There were certain principles with which Daniel was raised and he "purposed in his heart" to continue to hold true to those principles and the God that he honored. He was not belligerent nor demanding. The Bible says, "he requested." I believe it was his humility and submission to those in authority that won Daniel favor in the eyes of his captives.

What do you suppose would have happened if the eunuch over Daniel and his friends had refused his request? Do you think that they would have given in and started eating those things that were forbidden and drinking the wine of the King? Not for one moment. They would have gone without food before they would have defiled themselves in that way. The proof of this is in the following scriptures that tell of the three friends (known by their Babylonian names of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego) who were willing to give their lives before they would bow to the idol of the king of their captors. (Daniel 3) Although God did deliver them that day, they were ready to die rather than do obeisance to a heathen god.

Many others have given their lives for the cause of Christ over the following years. Sometimes there is no recourse. But there are circumstances when your captors would rather have you alive. Note that the Babylonians saved the "Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans." Daniel 1:4 These were young people that had character. They had been taught to obey, to listen and learn, to be courteous and gracious. They were not sloppy, lazy, dumb (not speaking when spoken to), or otherwise worthless. These children were not always glued to the television or video game, who failed to help in any way in their home, who laid in bed late and moped around for the rest of the morning. They were the kind that were dependable to accomplish the tasks given to them without rebellion and with a willing spirit. They had a giving nature that loved God and others more than themselves. These were the ones who would apply themselves to learn what they must to better equip themselves for the life God had given them. They were worth saving!

A person's faith is tested by the trials they have to face. None of us really know the depth of our faith in God until it is tested by persecution and, at times, perils. We have no idea what tomorrow will bring as far as this earth is concerned, although we do have a good indication that it is not going to be a great revival. Our country has become lazy, irresponsible, and extremely immoral. But that does not mean that you have no future, either. As the children of God, we are to continue to live, marry, and have children that we raise in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Do not think that your life is over, it has just become more challenging.

There are a few things that we can do that will make a difference, at least in our small circle. For one, READ YOUR BIBLE! No, it is not hard to understand, most are just too lazy to try. If there are things you read and do not understand, either ask someone (your parents, your pastor, even me or Bro. Mike) or try to study it out yourself, asking God to help you. It would give us great joy to assist you in knowing what the scriptures are saying to you. Just do not stop reading! If you know what God's thoughts are on everything then you will know what to do when problems arise and persecution comes. Another thing is DO NOT BE A HYPOCRITE! If you say you are a Christian then BE one. If you live one way in front of your parents and the other members of your church and another way with your friends and people of the world, you are a hypocrite and a deceiver and worthy of hell. There is no Christ in you. BE REAL! If you are trying but not there yet, be honest enough to let others know, that we might encourage and pray for you. Thirdly, PRAY!

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

If the people of God would sincerely humble themselves, pray, seek God's face, and turn from their wicked ways, there could still be hope for our country. But it depends on us. What will YOU do?

Provoking Thought

1. What is one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
2. What habit would you most like to establish this year?
3. What is the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
4. What is one thing you could do this year to enrich the spiritual legacy you will leave to your children and grandchildren?
5. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?
6. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
7. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
8. What is your most important financial goal this year, and what is the most important step you can take toward achieving it?
9. What one thing do you most regret about last year, and what will you do about it this year?
10. What skill do you most want to learn or improve this year?
11. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in ten years? In eternity?
12. Scriptural devotionals are a good source of encouragement to read every morning along with your Bible study. Find a new devotional from the list on the next page to purchase and read in the coming year.
13. There are good reads that can help you in preparing to be a good help for your husband and a good mother to your children. The book featured on the next page is excellent reading for young ladies (as young as 13-14, with parental discretion) that will help you to understand where your mind and heart should be at this time. The Pearls also have a wonderful book on child-training, "To Train Up a Child" that is invaluable to those who wish to learn how to raise them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Make an effort to purchase these books and study them this year. May the Lord bless your efforts!

Recommendations



"Preparing to be a Help Meet" ~ Debi Pearl
(Back cover: "I can think of nothing I want more than someone to truly love me." You spend your time pining away for your one true love and suddenly...you're married and it is a lot more than you bargained for. Now is the hour you should be preparing to be a wife--to be a help meet.)

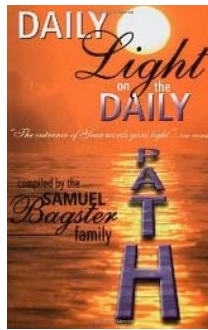
This is a fine book for young ladies to read. It gives practical applications to the needs and dilemmas of today's young ladies. There is a complete teacher's guide included in the back of the book that makes it an excellent source for a teen girl's class or Bible study.

The book is available through www.nogreaterjoy.org for \$19.95 plus ship/handl.

(Note: Not all the books are suitable for unmarried readers. This one is written for that group and does not contain any questionable material. I read it first.-))

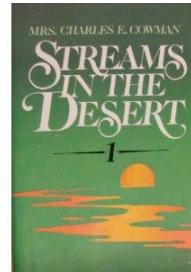
Suggested Devotionals

Daily Light on the Daily Path ~ Samuel Bagster



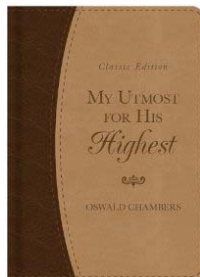
This has been a great blessing to Bro. Mike and me. The readings are morning and evening, and are actually excerpts of scripture put together in a most encouraging way. You can find copies of this little book on Amazon.com or you may find a link to this and other daily devotionals on our web site: www.spbiblechurch.com.

Streams in the Desert ~ Mrs. Charles E. Cowman



This little book has been around for many years and has proven to be a great encouragement to many, including Darlene Diebler Rose, Elizabeth Elliot, and many more. Although all scripture references are not from the King James, these can be looked up and replaced as you read, if

you wish. The readings, poems, and quotes are well worth having the book.



My Utmost for His Highest ~ Oswald Chambers

Another classic that has proven a great blessing to us. If you order the book, however, be sure to get the older edition and not the updated. Again, the scriptures are not all KJB but can be changed as you read.

Crafts



Shirt Pillows

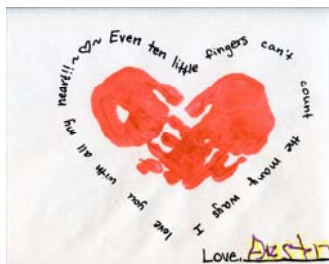
Here is a neat and inexpensive way to make a few throw pillows for your bed or couch. Either use some of Dad's or brother's cast off shirts (or even some of yours) that still look good, or find some interesting ones at a rummage sale or Goodwill. Cut straight across below the arms and also across the bottom to make it square (or rectangle, if you prefer); sew one end, leaving the other end open for stuffing or pillow form. To finish, stitch 1/4"-1/2" around all edges. Be creative with trims if you like.

Pocket Board Organizer

Remember the pocket charts from Sunday School? This organizer is made the same way. Purchase a large frame from Goodwill or other sale. Using a roll of paper from your local newspaper office (short rolls can be purchased for around \$5 upon request), mark intervals of 4", 1-1/2", 4", 1-1/2",...down each side of the paper; fold on marks, forming pockets. It does not matter how many, just whatever will fit your frame. Reinforce edges of pockets with seam lace or tape, or even strips of Duck tape or masking tape. Fit the paper to your frame and insert; hang on your wall and enjoy!



Ten Little Fingers



Need a cute project for the little ones in your life? Here is something that they would really like. My brother's grandson made this for him in preschool class. Make sure you are in a place that will be easy to clean up and cover your little one with an apron. Squirt some red acrylic paint into a paper plate and help them put their hand prints (one at a time) on a piece of white construction paper, hands turning in and overlapping their fingers. (I flipped the picture here so you could get the idea.) Allow to dry. Now, flip the picture in the shape of a heart, "Even ten little fingers can't count the many ways I love you with all my heart!!!" ~♥~ If they can write, have them sign their name on the bottom and give it as a gift to Mom and Dad or grandparents. (For one who cannot write as yet, Austin's teacher wrote his name in yellow and had him overwrite in black!)



Recipes

Dark Chocolate Cupcakes



- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 4 pieces
- 2 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- ½ cup Dutch-processed cocoa powder
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¾ teaspoon baking powder
- 2 eggs
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon table salt
- ½ cup sour cream

Peanut Butter Frosting:

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- ¾ cup creamy peanut butter
- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
- ¾ teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/3 cup heavy cream

1. Place butter, chocolate, and cocoa in a heatproof bowl. Set bowl over saucepan with two inches of simmering water. Gently stir butter and chocolate until melted and combined. Set aside until mixture is warm to touch.
2. Whisk flour, baking soda, and baking powder in small bowl to combine.
3. Whisk eggs in second bowl to combine; add sugar, vanilla, and salt until fully incorporated. Add cooled chocolate mixture and whisk until combined. Sift one-third of flour mixture over chocolate mixture and whisk until combined; whisk in sour cream until combined, then sift remaining flour mixture over and whisk until batter is homogeneous and thick.
4. Fill cupcake line 2/3 full. Bake at 350° until skewer inserted into center of cupcakes comes out clean, 18 to 20 minutes.
5. Cool cupcakes to room temperature before icing, about 30 minutes.

Peanut Butter Frosting:

1. Beat heavy cream with whisk attachment until soft peaks form. Set aside.
2. Place remaining ingredients in a bowl fitted with a paddle attachment. Beat on medium-low speed until creamy.
3. Fold peanut butter mixture into whipped cream with a wooden spoon until combined.

Valentine Fruit Punch

- 1 pkg. cherry Kool-Aid
- 1 pkg. strawberry Kool-Aid
- 2 c. sugar
- 3 qts. water
- 1 (6 oz.) can frozen orange juice
- 1 (6 oz.) can frozen lemonade
- 1 qt. ginger ale

Mix Kool-Aids, sugar, and water. Add orange juice and lemonade; mix until thawed. Add ginger ale just before serving. Yield: 25 (¾ cup) servings.



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♥Still my Sweet Valentine!♥