

## Take and Read

### From Our Library

A collection of messages from Charles Haddon Spurgeon, which cover major aspects of personal spiritual experience and Christian service, in his uniquely uplifting and encouraging style. Selected from sermons and shorter addresses, some given to the Tabernacle Prayer Meeting, these edited messages have been slightly abridged, and punctuation has been modernised.

Topics include: Obtaining certain assurance, help for doubting seekers, encouraging outsiders and advising seekers, relief for the downcast believer, how converts are strengthened, how mature faith is reached, the Christian and places of entertainment, counsels for witnessing, safety for seeking souls, a call to meetings for prayer, and the immense significance of being a believer.



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## Quote of the Month

"There are many things which it would be pleasing to God for us to do which He has not specifically commanded us. A true child is not content with only doing those things which his father specifically commands him to do. He studies to know his father's will, and if he thinks that there is any thing that he can do that would please his father, he does it gladly, though his father has never given him any specific order to do it. So it is with the true child of God. He not only asks whether certain things are commanded or certain things forbidden. He studies to know his Father's will in **all** things."  
(R.A.Torrey)

## Calendar of Events

### March 2009

- Sunday's Church Services — 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd.
- Tuesday's Women's meeting — 3rd, 17th, 31st.
- Wednesday's Bible Study — 4th, 18th, 25th.
- Thursday's Prayer Meeting — 5th, 19th.
- Experience Meeting — 11th



## "More Than Conquerors"

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"...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" - Romans 8:37.

### The Pastor's Letter

Dear Brethren,

May I express my deep gratitude for weeping with us at the loss of my father, who is now in the immediate presence of the Saviour to whom he had entrusted himself.

We Christians grieve too, but not like the lost who have no hope. We grieve because of the separation, but rejoice in the sure hope that one day there shall be a reunion when we are caught up to meet the Lord in the air. We are meant to comfort one another with such a thought, because it will come true.

How excellent it is that our only comfort in life and in death is that we are not our own, but belong, body and soul, to our Lord Jesus, who bought us and made us citizens of heaven. And even if our bodies have to surrender to death, we know that death has already been destroyed in the death of Christ. "He who believes in me shall never taste death," he claimed. We die physically, but the sting is taken out, because death serves us to a better and higher level of existence: enjoying perfect fellowship with the Triune God. In this sense the death of the saints is precious in God's sight.

So let us not lose time – may we continue in the faith, unmovable, always abounding in the Lord's work, for we shall receive a rich recompense of reward.  
Affectionately yours in Christ

**Paul**

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"I can do all things  
through Christ who  
strengthens me"

**Philippians 4:13**

## Experimental Christianity

### An Appeal In Favour Of Meditation.

Unless we are gravely mistaken, there is a great lack of meditation among the professing people of God. Is this because the Christian has adopted the world's fast 'pace' and so finds it difficult, if not impossible to slow down and find time to meditate? Have we become like everyone else; always 'on the go'? Is meditation a part of our daily lives, or do we think it is a waste of time since we have more important things to do? Very few Christians really know what meditation is or how to meditate. Fewer still have experienced its influencing and transforming power in their lives. Many Christians find meditation too hard. William Bridge said that there are two reasons for this; the one is, because men are not used to it, the other is, because they do not love God enough. Everything is hard at the beginning, but there is nothing too hard for those that love, love makes all things easy. Is it hard for a lover to meditate on the person loved?

We would very much like to be of help to you by sharing the following thoughts on this important and often neglected subject of meditation.

What is meditation? We can give you many 'profound' descriptions but will limit ourselves to mentioning just two simple ones. Firstly, meditation is getting a holy subject and keeping it till you have drawn something from it to feed your soul. Secondly, meditation is brooding on the Scriptures and letting faith show you God as He is revealed there. Reading and listening to sermons brings a truth to our head, meditation brings it to our heart. Without it all our reading and listening will be barren. The hearing and reading of the Word may **affect** us, but only the meditating upon it will **transform** us. True mediation begins in the understanding and descends to the heart. If our meditation does not reach to our affections, it is vain and to no purpose.

It is a fact that by regular meditation we improve our Christianity, 'the fire is kindled' within us (Ps. 39:3) and 'we receive wonderful insights' (Ps. 119:99). Without it, the truths of God; preached or read, will not stay with us; our heart is hard and our memory is slippery and without meditation all is easily forgotten and lost. If we omit meditation our hearts will be hardened, our Christianity shallow and feeble, our lives unchanged.

God commanded Joshua to meditate day and night (Jos. 1:8). We would like to encourage you to commit yourself daily and set apart a portion of your time; at least half an hour, to pray and meditate. You might have a busy schedule and think this is impossible, but why not try getting up earlier in the morning? At first you might find it difficult and will encounter resistance from 'the flesh' and the evil one, but you will get used to it after a while. If this is not possible, then find a time, make time, during the day where you can meditate in secrecy; which excludes company, silence; which excludes noise, and rest; which excludes motion. Always have a particular truth or a specific subject in advance upon which to meditate. And as the great Bernard said; 'Lord, I will never come away from Thee without Thee'. Let this, too be your resolution, not to leave off your meditations of God till you find something of God. Remember to ask the Paraclete to help you and lead you. Remain faithful and stick to it and do not give up; since continued meditation, in due time, will bring great profit to your soul.

Oh, the wonderful benefits of meditation! Oh, the 'depths and riches' waiting for you! Rest assured that the effects of your daily meditation on your life in general and the results of it in your 'Christian walk' will be many and evident to all.

## Catechism Corner

### **Question 30** What is effectual calling?

Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit (2Timothy 1:9) whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, (Acts 2:37) enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, (Acts 26:18) and renewing our wills, (Ezekiel 36:26) he does persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ freely offered to us in the gospel. (John 6:44,45)

### **Question 31** What benefits do they who are effectually called, partake of in this life?

They who are effectually called, do in this life partake of justification, (Romans 8:30) adoption, (Ephesians 1:5) sanctification, and the various benefits which in this life do either accompany, or flow from them. (1Corinthians 1:30)

### **Question 32** What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, (Romans 3:24; Ephesians 1:7) and accepts us as righteous in his sight (2Corinthians 5:21) only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, (Romans 5:19) and received by faith alone. (Galatians 2:16; Philippians 3:9)

### **Question 33** What is adoption?

Adoption is an act of God's free grace, (1John 3:1) whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God. (John 1:12; Romans 8:17)

## Remember and Learn

**REMEMBER** Hezekiah, King of Judah (2 Kgs. 19:14-36) and how with his one prayer Jerusalem and the whole nation were delivered from the mighty Assyrian hordes, **and LEARN** to turn for help to the Lord in prayer, whatever the situation you are in, especially when faced with trials, temptations or personal crisis, convinced of the wonderful strength of faith in prayer.



## Sayings of: Richard Sibbes (1577-1635)

- "He that hates sin TRULY, hates ALL sin."
- "When we receive any good to our souls or to our bodies, whoever is the instrument, let us look to the Principal; as in the gifts we receive, we look not to him that brings but to him who sent them."
- "Where most holiness is – there is found most moderation."
- "Those that care not for the Word are strangers to the Spirit, and those that care not for the Spirit never make a right use of the Word. The Word is nothing without the Spirit. It is animated and quickened by the Spirit."
- "Our weaknesses are a ground for Humility not a plea for Negligence."

