

Forgiven in Heaven and On Earth

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TMXT—Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.—Matthew 6:12. Our "debts" are our duties left undone. In connection with this prayer



Matthew also uses the word "trespasser" which conveys the idea of failure when we should have stood upright. However, Luke in his record of the prayer uses the word "sins" and this covers both our debts and our trespasses. Hence, the petition is one for forgiveness of sins.

We are so accustomed to hear of God's forgiveness that we take it for granted. However, Bishop Westcott has said that it is an amazing thing that a holy God forgives sin; he is not surprised to hear that the wrath of such a God burns to the lowest hell against sinners, but that he has found a way to be just as yet to justify the ungodly is the very mystery of the Gospel. And when God forgives he does it fully and freely; he blots out our sins, remembers them no more, casts them behind his back, buries them in the sea.

Martin Luther's Experience. There are many, even among professing Christians who do not enjoy a true sense of the forgiving love of God. For them, the experience of Martin Luther may be helpful. While still a monk he would exclaim, "O my sin! O my sin!" As he lay one day on a couch in despair an old monk repeated softly the words of the creed, "I believe in the forgiveness of sins," and added, "We are not merely to believe that there is forgiveness for David and Peter; the command of God is that we believe that there is forgiveness for our own sins."

This prayer for forgiveness is to be uttered daily by the child of God. All are included in "us." Some have thought they no longer needed to pray this prayer, because of their attainments in grace. We suspect they are lacking in that deep view of sin which the Scriptures give us. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8).

Necessity of Forgiving Others. The petition contains a clause over which some have stumbled, "as we forgive" or "have forgiven" (R. V.). It is pointed out that this is legal ground, that no reference is made to the atonement and that the prayer was given before the cross and hence should not be offered by Christians. We believe this objection rests on a misapprehension. Men have never been forgiven on the ground of having forgiven others, but on account of the shedding of Christ's blood and this has been true from the days of Abel. "As" does not mean "on the ground" or "in the measure" but "even as" or "since." With reference to the prayer having been given before the cross so also was the Lord's supper, but no one would argue that the supper is therefore obsolete.

An Indian's Forgiveness. Dr. Egerton R. Young, an honored missionary among the Indians of the North, tells of once reading the Lord's prayer to a company of warriors. When he came to "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them who trespass against us," a chief asked, "What does that mean?" Said Doctor Young, "That means you will have to stop looking for scalps!" "If that is your religion," replied the Indian, "take it to the old women," and for years he refused to listen to the Gospel.

But one night he heard Doctor Young preach on the crucifixion and tell how Christ cried, "Father forgive them." His heart was melted but he said nothing. The next day a company of Indians was seen approaching and Doctor Young was advised to ride off so that he might not witness the tragedy which was likely to follow. For, he was told, in that company was the murderer of the chief's son; the chief had just learned the fact and it was expected he would tear the offender limb from limb. Doctor Young refused to leave but was apprehensive. As he had approached the chief rode toward the murderer with tomahawk uplifted, exclaiming, "You killed my boy, you betrayed my trust, you robbed the tribe of its successor, you have broken my heart. You deserve to die and you know it. Well for you that I heard the missionary at the campfire last night! He told us we must forgive if we want forgiveness; so although you killed my boy and you deserve to die, I am going to forgive you. I banish you from my tribe, but I forgive you as I hope to be forgiven."

The chief wept like a child. He never went on the warpath again, but was willing to sit among boys eight to ten years of age and study the Bible. He became an earnest Christian and a class leader.

"Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."—(Ephesians 4:32).

Thoughts Mightier Than Armies. Ideas go booming through the world under no cannon. Thoughts are mightier than armies. Principles have achieved more victories than horsemen or chariots.—Rev. Dr. W. M. Patton

Famous Big Stick Once More in Action



A real Rooseveltian big stick has come to light. No more does it perform its old time function of sawing important politicians or felling scheming foreign diplomats. Instead it has taken its place along with its popular owner and his three sons in war endeavor. Of late years visitors at Sagamore Hill have observed that Colonel Roosevelt's silver paper cutter has become the catward symbol of the big stick.

Had it not been for Mrs. William Allen Bartlett, chairman of the Treasury and Trinket Fund of the Aviation Committee of the National Special Aid Society at 250 Fifth Avenue, New York City, the paper cutter might have continued to dent the Roosevelt desk and pound home the Roosevelt patriotic appeals for some years. But by becoming a part of the Treasury and Trinket Fund the battered silver paper cutter is fulfilling a higher destiny.

This Fund by selling treasured gold and silver objects, or by having them melted, when not salable, at the U. S. Assay Office, enables hundreds of Uncle Sam's aviators to acquire the special equipment for flying which is not included in the government's issue. It occurred to Mrs. Bartlett that the Colonel's paper cutter would be a splendid addition to the Fund, so she dispatched a squad of Girl Scouts to Oyster Bay, and the illustration shows them receiving the famous paper cutter from the Colonel's hands. He, of course, instantly agreed to part with it, and the miniature Big Stick is now on sale at the Fund's show room.

CAR INDUSTRY FACES CHANGE

DEMAND FOR STEEL WILL CUT OUT PLEASURE AUTOS.

War Industries Board Will Promise Nothing to Manufacturers of Passenger Cars.

A Washington dispatch of the 17th instant says that further curtailment of the so-called lesser essential industries may result from the enlargement of the war program, the consequent increasing demand for steel, and existing shortage in the supply. War requirements for the last six months of this year will be approximately 20,000,000 tons, the War Industries Board announced today. The great output of a like period for the steel industry was 16,500,000 tons.

Automobile manufacturers have asked the War Industries Board to allow them sufficient steel to produce 60 per cent of their normal production of passenger cars. The board replied that it could not promise even 25 per cent, and that possibly none at all could be granted.

The War Industries Board called on the automobile manufacturers to submit within two weeks a sworn inventory of steel and steel products now on hand.

War Industries Board members declared that ample warning of the curtailment had been given and told the automobile men that the supply of the American forces in France was the first consideration. Those who face a shut-down from curtailment of steel, it was stated, do so because they found passenger car contracts more profitable than war contracts.

When the conference between the automobile men and the War Board was over, it became evident that plain words had been spoken on both sides. Some of the conferees said the discussion had ranged even into the field of political effect of the board's action.

Hugh Chalmers, in discussing the conference, said: "Unless we get sufficient steel to liquidate our inventory the entire automobile industry faces financial disaster. I told them this. We know the government has the power to enforce any curtailment order and that they need to have their steel requirements met 100 per cent. But something is owed the industry."

Huck and Tom, coming to Arcadia, Monday and Tuesday, 7-19,20

Thought Rules the World. In the end thought rules the world. There are times when impulses and passions are more powerful, but they soon expend themselves; while mind, acting constantly, is ever ready to renew them and work when their energy is exhausted.—McCorm

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Sunday school at 11:30 a.m. Sacrament meeting at 2 p.m. M. T. A. meeting at 7:45 p.m. Relief Society every Thursday at 2 p.m. Primary meeting every Tuesday at 10 a.m.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY.

The summer schedule of Sunday services is as follows: First mass, 7:00 a. m. Second mass, 9:30 a. m. Followed by benediction. Week day mass at 7:30 a. m. P. J. DRISCOLL, Rector. Residence 1103 L. avenue. Phone Main 9.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 and 8. B. Y. P. U. at 7:00 p.m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Holy Communion, except first Sunday in the month, 8:00 a. m. Sunday school, 10:00 a. m. Morning service, 11:00 a. m. No evening service. —UPTON H. GIBBS, Rector. Rectory 1502 Fifth St.

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Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Preaching, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 8 p.m. W. B. SMITH, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Regular preaching service at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Young people's meeting at 7:00 p.m.

SPIRITUALIST

The First Spiritualist Church of La Grande will meet over Harris Grocery Store on Fir street every Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

SALVATION ARMY

Jefferson Street. Florence E. Pogue, ensign. Capt. Mae Flack, assistant. Holiness meeting, 11:00 a. m. Sunday school, 2:00 p. m. Y. P. L., 6:15 p. m. Salvation service, 8:00 p. m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

M Street. F. W. Bussard, pastor. Sunday school, 10:00 a. m. Morning service, 11:00 a. m.

IT HAS TO CHANGE.

The old habit of letting subscriptions to a daily paper run must change, and henceforth the paper bill each month—which is very small—will be paid the same as water rent is paid, or telephone service or light service is paid. There will be no deviation from this rule and our collector will call on every home during the month. Lay aside 65 cents at the house so there will be no request for a "come back" call.

When you figure up your water and light bill set down 65 cents for the daily paper and we will all be happy. Some have been in the habit of paying at the end of the year. These subscribers are 18-barat so far as being good financially is concerned, but we must ask that payment either be made in advance or each month as we cannot carry the account for a year.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Corner Spring and Seventh Streets. Bible School at 9:45 a. m. Bible school 9:45 a.m. Preaching services, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. All are cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Corner First and Washington Sunday service at 11 a.m. Subject, "Life." Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

George H. Pease, Pastor. Services 11:00 a. m. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., George H. Curry, Superintendent. Epworth League, 7:00 p. m., Mrs. Gladys Wheatley, President.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Huckleberry Elm and Tom Sawyer, Arcade, Monday and Tuesday, 7-19,20

When the average woman buys her groceries or fruits or vegetables she is most particular and buys only the best. So it should be with the ladies who wish cold soda water, ice cream sodas or fancy drinks. They should demand and buy the best. If you will notice these conditions you will naturally drop in at Silverthorn's Fountain and have Al Cain prepare for you one of his specialties, a Rex Pecan Sundae. By 25

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FAMILY DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON.

Their Substitute for Conscience. "Some men," said Uncle Eben, "is so conveniently forgetful dat dey feels less as good as if dey had a clear conscience." Sherry's, Tuesday and Wednesday, "Over the Top," 7-19,20

High Standard. "I hope I can support her in the style she is accustomed to." "Get wise to that style, though, before you marry her. I never knew my wife's people, but to hear her talk you'd think she was raised in a palace."

Carbons in Arc Lamps. A group of European electricians decided, after experimenting, that better results were obtainable by placing the carbons in arc lamps horizontally and one slightly above the other. Job Printing, The Observer, Main 37

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