

Trusting the Lord

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TEXT—Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord.—Jer. 17:8.

The blessedness of this text is for both sinner and saint. The sinner has nothing to do for salvation but simply trust the Lord, and the saint has nothing more to do for satisfaction. The great obstacle to blessedness is man's evil heart of unbelief. The sin that is common to all men is the hesitating sin of unbelief keeping the sinner from salvation and likewise the saint from satisfaction.

The word "trust" has several meanings. In Psalm 2:12, "Blessed are all they that put their trust in him," it means to have confidence in the Lord as the ruler or king. Not long ago a man held the high-sounding title of his majesty, czar of all the Russians. As such many put their trust in him. But he lost the high place and became merely Nicholas Romanoff without power to aid those who trusted him. But the one who trusts the Lord as ruler and king has one whose title and throne is established forever.

In Psalm 2:12, Boaz speaking to Ruth concerning the Lord, says: "Under whose wings thou art come to trust." Here the word means "to find a refuge." It reminds one of the high winds and mounting waves threatening to engulf a laboring ship. But battered and blown, she comes tumbling over the harbor bar out of the stormy sea to the calm and safety of her refuge.

Or it reminds of the mother bird calling her young at the approach of an enemy and gathering them to safety under her protecting wings. So the saint upon life's stormy sea may find a refuge under the wings of the Almighty. Safety and rest from all storms and all enemies are his by simply trusting the Lord.

A slightly different meaning of the word is found in Psalm 56:3, "What time I am afraid I will trust in thee." Here it means "to lean on." The psalmist found himself surrounded by enemies. None came to his support. There seemed no help for him. Tired and weary in the unequal struggle his soul cried out for some one to lean on and to gather strength from. Facing the surrounding enemies alone the fear of failure and defeat gripped him until relief came by trusting in the Lord or leaning on his God. Perhaps, my reader, there is no way out of your difficulties, but there is a way over, and you may tread that way by leaning on your Lord. Trust him, lean upon him, and the harder you lean the more you please him.

Another meaning of the word is in Psalm 22:8, "He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him." It means here, "He rolled himself on the Lord." This psalm foretells the experience of our Lord upon the cross. He was there forsaken and alone. Even his God seemed to have left him and his followers had fled. His enemies rejoiced in his sorrow. The blackness of midnight gloom settled upon him. But then in spite of themselves, his enemies gave voice in this way to satisfaction. He could roll himself on the Lord. This is his desire for his people today. There may not be strength to rise and walk to him, but there is always power to roll oneself upon the Lord, to trust him and trusting, find that he not only carries the burden but the believer as well.

Still another meaning of the word is in Job 35:14, where it means "to stay upon." Job could not understand why such grievous sorrow and loss should be his. He desired to find the Almighty and plead with him, but God appeared to hide from him. How often it is so with Christians. They walk in sorrow's path and troubles spring out on every side. They pray, but the heavens seem as brass. They cry to God, but he appears to have forgotten them. They search to find the cause and can find none. Darkness surrounds them. What can they do? As Job did, and doing found complete satisfaction, simply trust or stay upon his God.

Glory of the Christ Child.

Christ on this festival honors infants, consecrates suffering, holds up to us the minds of little children, and it is another radiance and beauty added to the manger throne of Bethlehem, that from it streams the gospel of the poor, the gospel of the lonely, the gospel of the sick, the lost, the afflicted, the gospel of little children. The wisdom of Greece and Rome could only spare at this time a push, or a threat, or a curse, which said to the little, the poor, the weak, depart; get you out of the way; it was left for the glorious Gospel of the Blessed Lord to say: "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God."—W. C. E. Newbolt.

Always Busy.

A girl roomer always has a batch of finery to wash.—Kansas City Journal.

Observer advertising will bring results.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

A motion-picture theater in Piedras Negras has installed one of the largest pipe organs of American manufacture.

The Methodist Episcopal church now numbers 4,180,804 members. This is an increase in one year of 100,851.

A wide, fertile area will be reclaimed by the construction of a 92-mile canal in Matanzas province, Cuba.

To help persons with impaired eyesight to thread needles an inventor has patented a magnifying glass to be fastened to scissors.

Lutherans are more numerous in three-fourths of the counties of Wisconsin than are members of all other Protestant bodies combined.

The timber possibilities of British North Borneo are to be investigated by an expert from the United States whom the government has employed.

By the will of James G. Butler of St. Louis, Lindenwood College for women, at St. Charles, Mo., received \$50,000 and Westminster college, at Fulton, Mo., \$25,000.

One Chinese province annually exports more than 150,000 tons of peanuts, all because an American missionary several years ago gave a native convert a quart of California seed.

Austin, Tex., has a plant which runs at full capacity each day, turning out oakum, which is made from the city garbage, waste paper, old shoes, rags, etc. The new fuel sells at \$3.50 a ton and is said to burn as long and to give off as much heat as the best bituminous lump coal, besides relieving the city of all waste material.

REVISED PROVERBS

The man who knows not and knows not he knows not, he is frequent—you can't do anything with him.

The man who knows not and knows he knows not, he will listen to you with awe—cultivate him.

The man who knows and knows not he knows—shame him. He may wake up and become wise to you.—Judge.

AMONG THE INVENTORS.

It has been demonstrated by French scientists that the vapors of iodine and bromine pass through thin glass even at ordinary temperatures.

By pumping films of air between the hulls of vessels and the water British engineers hope to save steam craft 12 per cent of the fuel consumption.

To protect automobile tires from the sun when a car is standing shades operated on spring rollers, to be mounted beneath fenders, have been invented.

A new French static electrical machine of high power uses an ebullient cylinder, which can be warmed in damp weather, instead of the customary glass disk.

A Polish scientist is the inventor of a motion-picture camera which can be carried in the hand and which is operated by compressed air as long as a button is pressed.

Among the new locks to prevent theft of automobiles is one that secures the steering wheel after it has been turned slightly, enabling a car to be moved only in a circle.

Mechanism consisting of a series of joined strips of metal has been invented in Germany for raising or lowering several ventilators at once by manipulating a single lever.

HEALTH HINTS

Drill is a mental as well as a physical discipline.

Work will take your mind off most of your ills.

Preparedness is nine-tenths strength and physical endurance.

Food, water and oxygen are fuel for running the human machine.

Obesity comes from overloading the stomach and underworking the body.

Nine-tenths of "the blues" comes from a bad liver and a lack of outdoor exercise.

If you take more food than the digestion can handle you not only tire the stomach but the whole system.

Full, deep breathing, drinking plenty of water and keeping the skin active will keep most people out of the doctor's hands.

When drinking a glass of water stand erect and take a full breath first, then drink with chest out and hips back and head up.

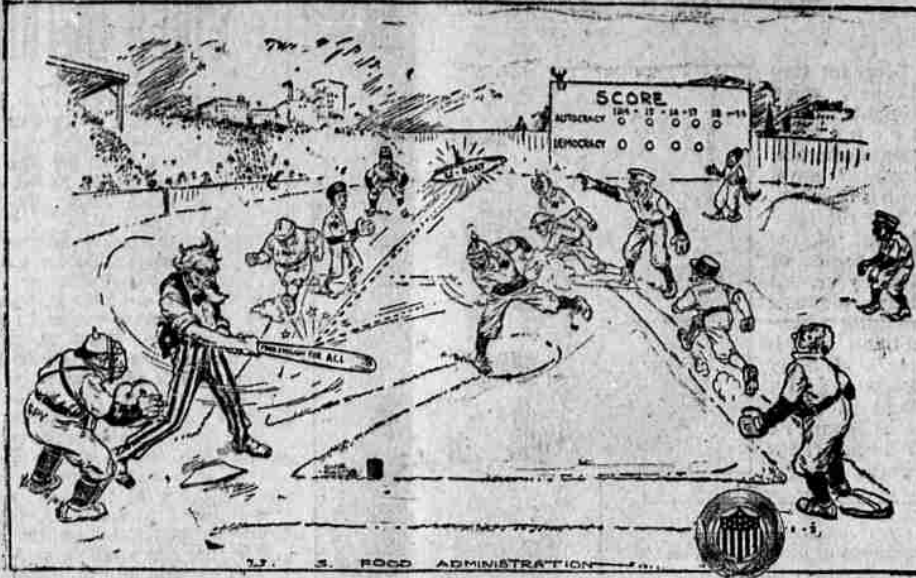
Two things are essential to a clean skin—one is bathing and a rubdown, but the other is still more important and that is perspiration.

Makes Suicides.

According to a Yale scientist, climates that are too stimulating have an effect in increasing the suicide rate.

The Observer furnishes and prints Butter Wrappers.

The Pinch Hitter



It was tightening of the American belt that made this hit possible. The game is won if we keep it up.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

METHODIST-EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH

You are cordially invited to attend the following services at the M. E. Church, South, on North Fir street, La Grande, Oregon:

Preaching 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Junior League, 3:00 p. m.
Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m. Missionary society first Thursday in each month at 2:30 p. m.
W. B. SMITH, Pastor.

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Sunday school at 11:30 a. m.
Sacrament meeting at 2 p. m.
M. I. A. meeting at 7:45 p. m.
Relief Society every Thursday at 2 p. m.
Primary meeting every Tuesday at 10 a. m.
CHARLES J. BLACK, Bishop.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Regular preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school: 9:45 a. m.
No preaching.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY.

Residence 1103 L avenue.
Phone Main 9.
First mass, 8:00 a. m.
Second mass, 10:30 a. m.
Week day mass at 8:00 a. m.
Followed by benediction.
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Sunday School, 2:15 p. m.
Y. P. L., 6:15 p. m.
Open-Air Meeting: 7:30 p. m.
Salvation Meeting, 8 p. m.
Week Night Meetings.
Tuesday, 8 p. m., praise meeting.
Thursday, 8 p. m. free and easy meeting.
Saturday, 8 p. m., salvation meeting.

The public is heartily invited to attend any of these services.
Capt. and Mrs. Smith in charge.

ISLAND CITY CHURCH.

A. W. Roberts, Pastor.
Sunday school and preaching in the morning.
Epworth League and preaching in evening; large chorus.
All cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Christian church Sunday school will give a dinner in the basement of the church, especially for the boys and girls of the Sunday school, tomorrow. The dinner is for old and young alike, but emphasis is placed upon the fact that the boys and girls are to be the guests of honor. Everybody will bring their basket.

The teacher training class taught by Mrs. S. A. Roe, will convene at the regular Sunday school class hour, after a few minutes in Bible drill.

At 11 o'clock E. W. Brickert, of Olympia, Washington, will deliver the sermon.

Mr. Brickert will also speak in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Teacher training class at 8 o'clock Thursday evening also. This class is primarily for the teachers and others who will not be able to attend the Sunday morning class.

Union Christian Endeavor 6:30, Mrs. L. C. Henderson, leader.

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.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock. Sunday morning service at 11:00, subject, "Are Sin, Disease and Death Real?"

Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock.

The Reading Room is open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 2 to 5 p. m.
All are welcome to attend.

Corner First and Washington

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Sermon, "War Against War," 11:00 a. m.

Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.

Sermon, "God's Question to a Shepherd," 7:30 p. m.

Come and worship at the church of the cordial welcome.

N. SHERMAN HAWK, Pastor.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

10 a. m. Sunday School.

Rev. C. H. Powell, general missionary, will preach every third Sunday in the month.

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HOME GARDENS. TEXT

Engineer George Parker's Sermon A Good One.

Exhibiting some of the finest potatoes ever raised in any country in the window of Pattison Bros. grocery today, George Parker, engineer on the O-W, squared himself and preached a sermon on gardens, backing up his cardinal points with potato proof. Mr. Parker said:

"Good gracious, what's the matter with everyone? Too many think they must live without work. Here is a sample of what a plain old railroad engineer has done with his spare time. I have two city lots on the east side. They are not fancy lots and in the eye of a real estate dealer they would not be worth taxes perhaps. Yet on those two lots I have raised fifty sacks of these fine potatoes. Sixteen potatoes weighed 42 lbs. Besides that I have tomatoes—all my wife wanted to eat for us this year, and a lot of other things which will taste good when the snow is blowing in the winter. It is in the people. They are off wrong when they think they must refrain from raising things. The

high cost of living can be reduced by the home garden, and verily I say unto you that the man with Solomon's wisdom will have a garden, and he does not have to possess even so much wisdom. All he has to do is to get at it. Get out and dig in the earth. It is a noble calling and a man feels better after having done so. There are plenty of lots to be had, what is lacking is the inclination. I can reduce the high cost of living to every household in this city if the people will follow a few simple rules in gardening, and so can anyone."

And with that the engineer walked off expecting to be called out on a run at any moment.

Alleviates Earache.

If earache does not occur often possibly home treatment will alleviate the suffering, which is always so severe while it lasts. Wring out hot cloths and apply them to the ear. This often brings quick relief. Or moisten a small piece of cotton, saturated with sweet oil or lanolin, and place it carefully in the ear. This is generally efficacious if the trouble is caused by the hardening of the wax.

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