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A Guide to Power for Abundant Living

THE FRONT PAGE STORY

The Lenten season is almost finished. Holy Week is upon us, Easter is here. The depth of our Lord's Passion may sometimes be told to the heart by the common symbols of these Holy events culminating in Christ's glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning.



The Palm Leaf

Branches of the palm tree, regarded as sacred from early Semitic times, were carried by the Jews as a sign of triumphant rejoicing (John 12:13).



Money Bag and Silver Coins

Emblem of the treachery of Judas in his conspiracy between the chief priests and himself for the betrayal of Jesus (Matt. 26:15).



Basin and Ewer

Emblem of the footwashing ceremony recorded in John 13:5 — evidence of the humility of Christ's love and his estimate of true greatness in his Kingdom.



The Cock

The crowing of the cock is a warning to Peter as to his steadfastness of faith and as a rebuke to his weakness (Mk. 14:72).

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Rev. Robert Schrock, pastor.

HOLY week, April 3 — Dr. Wierwille scheduled for services nightly—Evangelical and Reformed Church, Van Wert, Ohio, home of The Way, The Hour of Power.

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Write Dr. E. E. Higgins, La-Salle Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

Jesus said, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." I invite you to

be one of my friends and help me to carry this deliverance ministry to the ends of the earth. You can do this by fervently praying and by your financial support. This is a faith ministry. Be my friend and His as we join together to do His will. Write to me, Dr. V. P. Wierwille, The Way, Inc., Van Wert, Ohio, and tell me that you will be my helping friend and His.

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The Yearly Board of Directors Meeting of The Way, Inc., June 12, 1955.

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the Word speaks!

by DR. VICTOR PAUL WIERWILLE



When the veil in the Temple was rent in twain the Covenant God had made with Abraham was split in two forever. When Jesus cried, "It is finished" the Abrahamic Covenant was ended.

The curtain came down upon the Jewish nation and their laws forever. All the slaying of animals and all the keeping of the law would from henceforth be of no avail. There was no atonement, no covering for their sins. There is redemption in Christ and a New Way for them, but their eyes are blinded.

They crucified the very Lord who had cut the Covenant with their Father Abraham, but they were ignorant of it. How little those people realized when they cried, "Let his blood be upon us and upon our children," that they were crying for the greatest judgment of

all time to be passed upon themselves.

Little did Annas and Caiaphas know that they were slaying the "Lamb of God" who was their last sacrifice, the Lord of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Tremendous things happened when the veil was rent for not only did the old Abrahamic Covenant come to an end but everything connected with that Covenant ended. It was the end of the laws of the Covenant, including the ten commandments. They had revered and worshipped the law, but that law was a law of death which could not give life, but only a consciousness of sin. It was a law for natural men who had no spirit life in them only reckoned righteousness, even as the whole covenant was a covenant designed for natural men,

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until the fullness of time. Jesus was the scape-goat, the last, to bear Israel's sins away. The Holy of Holies was no more, for a new and better way was in the offing.

Is it any wonder that there was a great earthquake? It is no wonder at all that thick darkness came down and settled over all of Jerusalem and Golgotha and that the veil was rent in twain.

In Matthew 26:28 "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many unto remission of sins."

The Old Covenant died, a New Covenant was born.

The New Covenant went into operation on the Day of Pentecost.

It was not established in Heaven until Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Father putting the seal upon the document of our redemption.

How little we have appreciated the New Covenant in His blood.

Old Covenant saints had a righteousness which was reckoned only, and on the ground

of that, they performed the miracles that the people of Israel saw.

The miracles of Joshua, of Elijah and Elisha, of David and Daniel, all were based upon a Covenant sealed with the blood of Abraham, along with the blood of God's offering, a bullock.

Now we have a New Covenant, and it is sealed not with the blood of bulls and goats, but the blood of God and Humanity, the blood of Jesus Christ.

The strange feature about that offering was that the representatives of the Abrahamic Covenant offered Jesus, their Lord, on the altar of the cross and did not know it.

Just as no offering was acceptable unless hands had been laid no its head under the Abrahamic Covenant, so the offering up of the body of Christ was made acceptable because the priesthood and the Roman government laid their hands upon our beloved Lord, "The Lamb of God who was to take away the sin of the world."

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Sharing

Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sir:

At 10:30 each Sunday morning about 40 patients hear your message by P. A. System throughout the Home. Souls have been saved and Christians have grown stronger spiritually thru God's wonderful Word. Thanks to ones such as you who are obedient to our blessed Lord. We permit only non-biased messages, such as yours, as we have both Roman Catholics and Protestants. Pray for us please.

Yours in the Master,
S. B. W.

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Van Buren, Ohio

Dear Dr. Wierwille:

I just heard your morning broadcast. I thought you might be interested to know that I have started on my fifth stenographers notebook which contains notes taken from your radio broadcasts.

I certainly do treasure these notes and refer to them often.

I do thank our Father for this wonderful ministry and I pray many new friends will be added to your list every day.

Sincerely,
In His Name,
Mrs. J. G. P.

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Lima, Ohio

The Way,
Van Wert, Ohio

Kindly accept the enclosed as a brief token of my appreciation for your radio program of which I am an "always" audience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
R. K.

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Harrod, Ohio

My Dear Friend in Christ:

Greetings! Here I am again with my "bit". I am happy to help.

I love your expository mes-

sages! I follow you with the aid of my Bible. Truly it is wonderful that God reveals these wonderful truths to you and that you share them with others. I am happy that I have the privilege to hear you. You make things so plain and I thank God for you and what your ministry has done for me.

Yours truly,
Mrs. H. S.

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Rosburg, Ohio

Dear Dr. Wierwille:

I would like you to know that we were very glad to hear your Deliverance Message on Sunday, 10:30 over W R F D.

Enclosed is a gift for broadcasting or for any place else you want to use it. We praise and thank God for this privilege to help.

In His Service,
D. R.

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Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Wierwille:

I greet you in the mighty name of Jesus.

We really enjoyed having you here for the fine meeting last week. God is certainly bles-

sing you in this great ministry. I greatly rejoice to see these gifts operating in my life as well as others. Glory to His Name! I am absolutely convinced that this is God's highest light.

We are believing God for great and mighty things here in Columbus. Again and again I thank the Lord for this great light on the Word of God.

My prayer is that God would richly bless you, and His mighty power be made manifest greater than ever as you serve Him.

With Christian love,
B. M.

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Do you SHARE your copy of THE WAY with others?

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The ability to RECEIVE, OPERATE and IMPART spiritual gifts is reserved for Holy Spirit filled believers. Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:8.

Light *through an Eastern window!*

"And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias." Matthew 27:46,47; Mark 15:34-35.

This verse has caused the western translators, theologians and lay people much difficulty. The confusion lies in the translation. However, instead of looking there we have looked for manifold sense knowledge reasons to prove God left Christ to die alone, in spite of all the other biblical truths at our disposal, such as "I and the Father are one," "God was in Christ," "Christ was God," and "for this cause came I unto this hour."

Jesus spoke Northern Aramaic, which in the King James Version is called Hebrew. The

original Aramaic words are: Eli, Eli, Imana shbakthani" meaning, "My God, my God, for this (cause or purpose) was I spared or kept." The Greek words in translation as given are "Eli, Eli" lama (no word like lama in Aramaic) should be, "Imana." Sabachthani (no word like sabachthani in Aramaic) should be, "shbakthani." The words in the original are: "Eli, Eli, Imana shbakthani." This is to say, "It is my destiny to die this kind of death." It does not mean what the King James translators give, nor is there anything in the tone of the words to indicate an appeal for help, as implied by expositors from Matthew 27:27. The Jews simply thought he was calling on Elijah for "Eli" is the Aramaic for Elijah.

The Aramaic word, "shbakthani" stems from the root word, "shbak" meaning to

spare, keep, reserve, allow, permit, or let me live. The context and use determines its meaning. In I Kings 19:18 the word "reserved" is this same word as is also Romans 11:4. Check also I Samuel 14:36; Isaiah 10:3; 14:1; Matthew 6:12; John 11:48; Luke 18:16; Psalms 22:1. (Eastern version)

Psalms 22:1 in the Aramaic is rendered, "let me live," in the sense of "spared me" instead of "forsaken me." When suffering or in deep agony and distress the Eastern and Oriental people wonder why they live, and so they ask God why he has spared them or let them live, and why He has not taken them as He did their fathers. Check I Kings 19:4; Job 7:15; 10:1. In Psalms 22 the writer wonders why they have been spared and let live to go through so many trials and struggles and why God has not speedily vindicated them of

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their enemies.

The Aramaic words for "forsaken me" are "taatani" and "nashantani," meaning also to forget. Check Psalms 13:1; 42:9; 43:2; 44:9; 60:1; 78:7-11; 10:32; 112:140,141; Genesis 41:51. (Eastern version). Had Jesus meant that He was forsaken of God he would have used the word, "taatani" or "nashantani" and the people near the cross would have understood what he was saying and the Jews would have gloated saying, "We told you so, he is a sinner, see God has forsaken him." But, when He said, "For this I was spared," the sense knowledge people at the cross including the Jews and soldiers could not understand what He was saying, for was he not dying as a thief and murderer on an accursed cross at an accursed place, the Skull?

If God had forsaken Jesus, how could He have conversed with God?

When Jesus was dying upon the cross the Jews reviled Him because in their estimation He was dying as one who had blasphemed God. Instead of replying to the insults of the infuriated mob Jesus exclaimed what any Eastern leader dying innocently might exclaim today: "My God, my God, for this I was kept and spared. This is my hour, this is the purpose for which I came. Let the people say and think what they will, but my death has much more meaning than they know."

The Aramaic word, "Imana" means, "for what purpose." It is never a question but always used as an exclamation of wonder and awe over the accomplishment of the thing at hand.

These words of Jesus were addressed to God, but notice the mighty effect they must have had on the action of His disciples for whom the bottom had dropped out of everything. They had always hoped Jesus would be the redeemer of Isra-

el but He was dying a cursed and despised death. His statement reminded them once again what He had told them before but they understood not—knowing not that he must die and rise again the third day, (Mark 9:31; Luke 18:34; John 16:32), that this was His true destiny, that the Messiah had to suffer at the hands of the enemies of God, but that He knew God was with Him for victory and deliverance.

It may be of interest to you to know that to this day the Assyrian Church teaches that God was continuously with Jesus on the cross and in the grave because God could not be separated from Him.

Had God forsaken Jesus then the scriptures would fall apart and His mission would have been a failure. Pagan Gods may forget their duty to their people and even fall asleep, I Kings 18:29, but not the true God. Human fathers do not forsake those they love in their hour of death or greatest need. Would the heavenly Father do less? God forbid and forgive

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Prophecy in Preview-

"Whatever the mind of man visualizes, modern science can turn into fact."—David Sarnoff, Chairman, Radio Corporation of America. (Reader's Digest, March, 1955)

"And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language, and this they begin to do, and now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do." (Genesis 11:5, 6.)

These two statements come 4,000 years apart, yet they are almost identical:

"Nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do."

"Whatever the mind of man visualizes, modern science can turn into fact."



ARTHUR E. BLOOMFIELD

A spokesman for the General Electric Company declared: "We expect to produce more in the next ten years than in all the 75 years of our existence." So many marvelous new things are coming from so many directions that even ten years from now you will hardly know this world as the same place, providing, of course, nothing intervenes to stop the trend.

We are not only doing things faster, but we are accelerating the speed. We will cram a thousand years into the next twenty-five. The men who built the tower of Babel had a knowledge of things that are hidden from us today. Their knowledge may have been of a different nature but it had the same end result. They reached a place where they

could interfere with God's program and bring destruction to the human race. They had a science that could turn into fact anything that they could imagine.

Now, after 4,000 years man again has almost unlimited power—power even to destroy the earth. Some of the nations that are about to get this power are as evil in their intentions as the men of Nimrod's day. God took drastic action, not because he was afraid they would build a tower so high that they could climb up into heaven and dethrone him. It was because of what they could do to the world and the human race. Satan is in control of nations. He is the prince of this world. For man to have that much power is for Satan to have it, and he is the great destroyer.

Now a situation is developing very similar to that of the Tower of Babel, but God has not left us in doubt as to what he will do.

The tower of Babel represented the exaltation of man. The modern scientific tower of

Babel will again exalt man. The language barrier has been broken down. World governments and world churches are attempting to bring about "one world." That "one world" will be controlled by Satan. Everything possible is being done to reproduce the days of Nimrod. Actually it will be surpassed.

Science is fast producing an automatic world where the great problem is not labor but leisure. The possibility of world wealth is so great that the wildest imagination would fall short in an attempt to realize it. It is no wonder that the church of the last days says that it is increased with goods and has need of nothing. (Revelation 3:17).

This is the day that precedes the day of the Lord about which Isaiah said: "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. . . And

they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. (Isaiah 2:11-21).

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The Secret

I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best,
And His presence came like
sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.
All day long He stayed with
me,
And we sailed in perfect
safety
Over many a troubled sea.
Other ships were blown and
battered,
Other ships were sore dis-
tressed,
But the winds that seemed to
drive them,
Brought to us a peace and
rest.

So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a trou-
bled way:
You must seek God in the
morning
If you want Him through
the day!

Only my friends and those who have been delivered and blessed under my ministry will be the ones to support me in my Missionary Teaching and Training Tour. Be my friend, won't you? Pray and share. Help me to carry this wonderful Gospel of deliverance across the world into England, the Continent and the East. Make your contribution payable to The Way, Inc, and mail to: Mrs. Shirley Cupp, Sec-Treas. The Way, Inc. c/o First Federal Savings and Loan Association, 111 East Main, - Van Wert, Ohio.

We sold The Multigraph Ptg. & Publ. Co. to the Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind. We will also sell The Van Wert Gospel Gift Shop. Reason: Other matters more important for Dr. Wierwille and

the extension of this deliverance ministry.

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This new Covenant gave to us the beginning of the New Creation, the Circumcision of the heart, rebirth, eternal life.

Colossians 2:11, 12: “In whom also ye are circumcized with the circumcision made without hands, in the putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; buried with him in baptism, where-

in also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”

A believer entered the Abrahamic Covenant by circumcision.

We enter the New Covenant by circumcision of the heart, repentance and the New Birth.

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Light through an Eastern Window
us for our error.

The last words Jesus said on the cross, were, “Father into thy hands I commit my spirit.” If God had forsaken Him how could Jesus have committed His spirit to God if they were not on speaking terms? Jesus was not questioning God’s wisdom but with loving purpose moving forward in the great redemption with uttermost confidence and the assurance of resurrection victory, for your redemption and mine.

The Oriental people believe that the manner of a man’s death is predetermined and predestined to the end that when death comes God is closer to them than at any other time.

Jesus taught that God was a loving Father, whose watchful care and presence covered even the flowers of the field and the birds of the air. A Father who at no time was absent or afar off from His children. He would never leave them nor forsake them to His arch enemy.

Jesus would have contradicted all His teachings and examples had God not been with Him in the Hour of His

greatest trial and suffering. God was never closer to Jesus than in His hour of greatest agony. Jesus had angels in multitude at His command. The whole panorama is the story of the nearness of God in Christ Jesus laying down His life without any one taking it from Him, because of His great and infinite love.

GOD IS LOVE



Sword and Staff

These are the weapons which were in the hands of the “great multitude” that followed Judas into Gethsemane on the night of the betrayal of Jesus (Matt. 26:47).



Sword, Scabbard and Ear

A symbol calling to mind the impulsive act of Peter in Gethsemane in cutting off the ear of the high priest’s servant (John 18:10).



A Rope

A rope was used to bind Jesus when he was led away to the high priest; thus it is an emblem of the betrayal and arrest (John 18:12).



Crown of Thorns

A mockery crown, symbol of humiliation and suffering, plaited by the soldiers and imposed upon Jesus during his trial before Pilate (John 19:2).



THE LEGEND OF THE *Dogwood*

There is a legend that the dogwood used to grow to the size of the oak. Because its wood was strong and firm, it was chosen for the timber of the cross of Jesus. When the tree sorrowed over serving such a cruel purpose, Jesus made this promise: "Never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used for a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross—two long petals and two short petals, and in the center of the outer edge of each petal there shall be nail prints brown with rust and stained with blood. And in the center of the flower there shall be an image of a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember that it was upon a dogwood tree I was crucified, and this tree shall not be mutilated or destroyed, but cherished as a reminder of My death upon the cross."