

QUIET MEDITATION...

“And it came to pass in an evening-tide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king’s house.” 2 Samuel 11:2

At that hour David saw Bathsheba. We are never out of the reach of temptation. Both at home and abroad, we are liable to meet with allurements to evil: the morning opens with peril, and the shades of evening find us still in jeopardy. They are well kept whom God keeps, but woe unto those who go forth into the world, or even dare to walk their own house unarmed. Those who think themselves secure, are more exposed to danger than any others. The armour-bearer of Sin is Selfconfidence.

David should have been engaged in fighting the Lord’s battles, instead of which he tarried at Jerusalem, and gave himself up to luxurious repose, for he arose from his bed at even-tide. Idleness and luxury are the devil’s jackals, and find him abundant prey. In stagnant waters noxious creatures swarm, and neglected soil soon yields a dense tangle of weeds and briars. Oh, for the constraining love of Jesus to keep us active and useful! When I see the King of Israel sluggishly leaving his couch at the close of the day, and falling at once into temptation, let me take warning, and set holy watchfulness to guard the door.

Is it possible that the king had mounted his housetop for retirement and devotion? If so, what a caution is given us to count no place, however secret, a sanctuary from sin! While our hearts are so like a tinder-box, and sparks so plentiful, we had need use all diligence in all places to prevent a blaze. Satan can climb house-tops, and enter closets, and even if we could shut out that foul fiend, our own corruptions are enough to work our ruin unless grace prevent. Reader, beware of evening temptations. Be not secure. The sun is down but sin is up. We need a watchman for the night, as well as a guardian for the day. Oh blessed Spirit, keep us from all evil this night. Amen.

-C.H. Spurgeon

TARRY IN PRAYER

GENERAL MINISTRY NEEDS

Elders, Deacons, and their families
Baptist Academy of Antigua
E.C.B.M. Ministries & Staff
Evangelistic Ministries
“Sovereign Grace Hour” (ABS TV & Abundant Life Radio)

CHURCH FAMILY

HEALTH: Sis. Shirley Andrew, Sis. Annushka Andrew, Sis. Veronica Roberts
SAFETY IN PREGNANCY: Sis. Karen Wehner, Sis. Susan Powell, Sis. Sarah Maina
PRIVATE CONCERNS: Sis. Diane Joseph & Sis. Melanie Benn
THANKSGIVING: Sis. Rhonda Grant, Bro. Daniel & Sis. Sarah Maina, Sis. Melanie Benn, Sis. Juliette Dorsette
NEW MEMBERS: Bro. Randy London, Sis. Murissa Benn, Sis. Mariah Selwood, Bro. Bedan Maina, Bro. Mark Theodore, Sis. Michelle Jeffrey
OVERSEAS: Bro. Alan Hamilton, Sis. Tamisha Blair
SHUT-IN: Bro. Isaiah James
WATCH CARE: Sis. Christophene Daniel, Sis. Edith McCoy, Sis. Enid Matthew, Bro. Claude Jeremiah

OTHER CONCERNS

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NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS: Selwyn Frederick (Central), Monic Frederick (Central)

This Week

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ABS TV)
8:00 a.m. Worship: Tyrells & Covenant
9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Central
9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Tyrells & Covenant
10:00 a.m. Worship: Central
6:00 p.m. Worship Service: All Churches
7:00 p.m. Sunday School

Tues. 3:00 p.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)

Wed. 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service: All Churches
Fellowship Groups

Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sovereign Grace Hour (ALR 103.9 FM)
6:30 p.m. Royal Ambassadors Club: Central

Sat. 7:00 a.m. Women’s Prayer Breakfast: BRC -Pares

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THE FAMILY AND EVANGELISM Part 1

“When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also” (2 Tim. 1:5).

“And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 3:15).

God has ordained three institutions: the home, the government, and the church. The clearest commandment in the New Testament for the people of God is to evangelize: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15,16); “Ye are my witnesses” (Luke 24:48); “As my Father hath sent me even so send I you” (John 20:20,21); and our Lord’s parting words, “Ye shall be witnesses unto me” (Acts 1:8).


Certainly the home is in the world and is, therefore, one of the first places of responsibility to evangelize. God has not left us without instructions and illustrations for family evangelization. One of the most vivid and instructive examples is the conversion of young Timothy.

Timothy’s Conversion


Not every convert is converted from a careless, wicked life of outward sinful indulgences. Not everyone is converted from a self-righteous life and is a persecutor of Christians as was Saul of Tarsus. Not everyone is regenerated from the womb as appears to be the case of John the Baptist and Jeremiah (Luke 1:5; Jer. 1:5).

There is a wide difference as to when conversion occurs and the circumstances in which it is accomplished; however, regeneration itself is the same in all. Regeneration always includes the enlightening of the mind, the convicting of the conscience, and the renewing of the will. It is by the work of the Spirit that the natural blindness is removed, the

From The Pulpit...

 **Pastor Ivor Walker** will preach at **Covenant** at **8:00 a.m.** on the topic **“The Cross-bearer’s Authentication --Incentives & Directives” Part 1** based on **Philippians 2:1-4**.

He will also preach at **Central** at **10:00 a.m.** on the topic **“A Right View of Sin, God & Self”** based on **Psalms 51:1-6**.

 **Pastor Orvin Paige** will preach at **Tyrells** at **8:00 a.m.** on the topic **“Jesus the Bread of Life”** based on **John 6:34-42**

natural enmity is subdued, and the natural man becomes a new creature in all his views, feelings, desires, affections, aims, habits, and hopes.

This change is necessary. Jesus said, “Except ye be converted... ye shall not enter the kingdom of God.” Both children born in Christian homes and children born in pagan homes must experience this change. This is why “family evangelization” is necessary. Timothy’s conversion is very instructive as an example of the **necessity**, the **means**, and the **results** of conversion.

From the biblical account of this servant of Christ, we learn that his first serious impressions of Divine Truth were from his early religious education in the family from the pious care, teaching and example of his mother and his grandmother: “From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation.”

Here we get the sure clue as to the proper means and method for family evangelizing. If Timothy learned the scriptures, it is obvious that someone had to teach him. *Teaching is the method* and the *Scripture is the means*. Timothy came from a home that was divided religiously. His mother was a Jewess and his father was a Greek (cf. Acts 16:1).

Paul thanked God for his mother's piety (2 Tim. 1:3-5). Thank God for home piety and for domestic instruction which often lead to the salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The details of Timothy's experience are not recorded, but, by the things that are recorded in the two epistles addressed to him we can be sure that his experience corresponds, in substance, to that of every other child of God. For example:

1. Paul was persuaded that Timothy was in possession of true faith and said, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that in thee also" (2 Tim. 1:5).
2. Paul treated Timothy as a true minister. This may be drawn either implicitly or explicitly from the fact that he was a Christian evangelist, and nothing short of conversion would be sufficient for his own salvation or the work of the ministry.
3. Timothy must have been convicted of sin, so as to feel his need of a Saviour from sin and its consequences.
4. Timothy had to be enlightened in the knowledge of Christ so as to perceive the all-sufficiency and suitability of Christ to meet his need.
5. Timothy must have personally embraced Christ as He is offered in the gospel: a Prophet to teach and instruct, a Priest to reconcile and intercede, a King to rule, govern, and protect.
6. From the instructions to him we know that he must have endured the inward struggles, fears, and secret conflicts such as only a true Christian knows.
 - a. The terrible warfare (2 Tim. 2:3,4)
 - b. The fear that every Christian experiences at times (2 Tim. 1:7)
 - c. The tendency of a Christian to be ashamed of the Lord (2 Tim. 1:8)
 - d. The necessity of continuing to the end (2 Tim. 4:6-8)

These six things can be learned from the epistles addressed to him and they confirm the fact that he was soundly evangelized in the family.

—Ernest Reisinger

Part 2 will be in the next edition of the Family News

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Music Ministry



Hymns & Choruses

Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. — Psalm 146:1-2

MORNING HYMNS

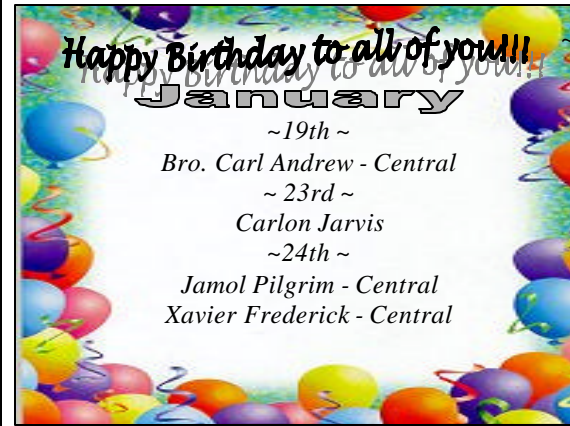
Tyrells: #90, #86
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Covenant: #10, #189

EVENING HYMNS

Tyrells: #196
Central: #241
Covenant: #375

1. **In the secret, in the quiet place!** In the stillness You are there/ In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You/ 'Cause I want to know You more.
 I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice/ I want to know You more/ I want to touch You, I want to see Your face/ I want to know You more.
 I am reaching for the highest goal/ That I might receive the prize/ Pressing onward, pushing ev'ry hindrance aside out of the way/ 'Cause I want to know You more.
2. **My Jesus, my Saviour!** Lord, there is none like You/ All of my days/ I want to praise/ The wonders of Your mighty love/ My comfort, my shelter/ Tower of refuge and strength/ Let ev'ry breath/ All that I am/ Never cease to worship You.
Shout to the Lord/ All the earth let us sing/ Power and majesty/ Praise to the King/ Mountains bow down/ And the seas will roar/ At the sound of Your name/ I sing for joy at the work of Your hands/ Forever I'll love You/ Forever I'll stand/ Nothing compares/ To the promise I have in You.
3. **Search me O God!** And know my heart today/Try me O Saviour/Know my thoughts I pray/See if there be some wicked way in me/Cleanse me from every sin and set me free/Lord take my life and make it holy thine/Fill my poor heart with thy great love divine/Take all my will/My passion/Self and pride/I now surrender Lord in me abide.
4. **I worship You/Almighty God!** There is none like You/I worship You, O Prince of Peace/That is what I want to do/I give You praise for You are my righteousness/I worship You/ Almighty God/There is none like You
5. **He is exalted!** The King is exalted on high/I will praise Him/ He is exalted/For ever exalted/And I will praise His name/He is the Lord/Forever His truth shall reign/Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name/He is exalted/The King is exalted on high
6. **You have given me the oil of gladness,** the garment of praise instead of mourning, a shining crown instead of ashes and glory in the place of despair.

7. **Be magnified/O Lord!** You are highly exalted/ And there is nothing/You can't do/O Lord/My eyes are on You/Be magnified/O Lord/Be magnified.
8. **Light of the world!** You step down into darkness/ Opened my eyes let me see/ Beauty that made this heart adore you/ hope of a life spent with you
And here I am to worship! Here I am to bow down/ Here I am to say that you're my God/ You're altogether lovely/ Altogether worthy/ Altogether wonderful to me.
King of all days! Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above/ Humbly you came to the earth you created/ All for love's sake became poor
And here I am to worship! Here I am to bow down/ Here I am to say that you're my God/ You're altogether lovely/ Altogether worthy/ Altogether wonderful to me.
9. **Exalted/You will ever be exalted!** You are worthy of honour and praise/Adore You/I will ever stand before/To worship and praise You all my days.
10. **No other name!** But the name of Jesus/No other name/But the name of the Lord/No other name/But the name of Jesus/Is worthy of glory/And worthy of honour/And worthy of power and all praise.



NOTICES

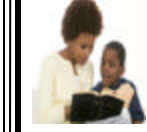
ROYAL AMBASSADORS CLUB
 All members of the **Royal Ambassadors Club** are reminded of their meeting **this Friday, 23rd January, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Central.** Do not miss this night of great fellowship and a means to grow in the Lord. **All teenage boys in secondary school** are encouraged to participate. Be sure to bring a **pen, a notebook and a Bible.**

WOMENS'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
 All women of the circuit are expected to be at the **Women's Prayer Breakfast this Saturday, 24th January, 2009 at 7:00 a.m.** at the Baptist Retreat Centre at Pares Village. The Men's Ministry is reminded that it is responsible for the food preparation. Bring your Bibles as we go before the Lord in prayer, study His Word and fellowship together. Please avail yourself to this means of grace.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM
All church members are reminded to evangelize at least two persons before we return to church next Lord's Day. Sunday school teachers will continue to give a tract to each member of the respective classes every Sunday, and tracts will again be provided every Wednesday night. Every member should ensure that he/she gets a tract on each of these days and contacts an unsaved person. Remember to complete your Evangelism Contact Forms and return them to your Sunday school teachers.

The Great Commission is ever before us in Matthew 28:18-20. Do not sin by neglecting it. Prove that you love the people around you by pointing them to the only Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Memory Verses For Next Week



Pre-school — Psalm 66:18
Elementary — Psalm 121:1-2
Secondary & Adults — 1 Samuel 16:7