

# A WORD ON WORSHIP

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## *Galatians 3:21-22*

Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.



I promise. What does that mean to you? Does it have built-in conditions or provisions that one is supposed to expect? Or, is it unconditional and you intend to keep it no matter what? Usually it is something in between. You intend to keep it, but there might be circumstances that might keep you from fulfilling it. It's like a handshake. It might mean that your word is for sure, but if it isn't in writing, it might not hold up in court.

It seems as though we don't care about our promises anymore unless it's convenient. It used to be that we would fight if someone called into question something that we said. It's sad that our word can't be taken at face value anymore. Jesus told us that our yes should be yes and our no, no. In other words I think we should give more thought to what we say so that we don't have to go back on our word so easily.

Our marriage vows are like that. We promise to love and to cherish, no matter what, until death. But prior to saying our vows we make prenuptial agreements that look forward to the failure of our marriage for any reason at all. What a sad commentary on today's society. Why don't we make plans to stay together and nurture our relationship in every possible way? If we did, our children wouldn't have to go through counseling the rest of their lives because they imagine that somehow they were the cause of our breakup when it was only because of our own selfishness. The reasons for divorce may sound good at a given time because one or both parties have been hurt or angered, but there is nothing that can't be remedied if divorce wasn't so easy and commitment so weak.

What if Jesus had told His Father, God, that He didn't want to go through the pain and suffering of the cross because we, the people whom He had created with whom to have fellowship, had no integrity? They couldn't keep their promises so why should God keep His? His Father would have simply reminded Him that they, we, needed someone to be the example and show the way. After all, He created us, not the other way around. He promised to redeem us from death that leads to Hell, and He kept His promise even though it cost the death of His only begotten Son. Have you received the Gift that He has provided at such great cost? That is the only way to have fellowship with Him in His Heaven. We are incapable of getting to that place by our own efforts, no matter how good we are.

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*Come acknowledge the Lord in our midst*

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# Hymn of the Week

## When My Weary Hands are Folded

**Words:** Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)  
**Music:** Ananias, Ira D. Sankey  
*Published by his Bliss's friends Robert Lowry, W. Howard Doane, & Ira D. Sankey in Welcome Tidings, (1877). This was published the year after Bliss' untimely death.*

When my weary hands are folded  
on my faintly throbbing breast,  
And my soul has spread her pin-  
ions for the city of the blest;  
'Twill be sweet to hear the loved  
ones sing some dear, familiar  
song,  
As I rise to join the chorus of the  
blood-washed, holy throng.

But a greater joy 'twill give me if  
some toiling one can say,  
I have helped to bear his burden  
and have cheered him on the  
way;  
Oh! I'll praise His grace forever who  
hath died to ransom me,  
And hath chosen me a sharer in His  
blessèd work to be.

When the songs of earth are over,  
and my last "goodbye" is said,  
When my lifeless form they follow  
to the dwelling of the dead;  
'Twill be sweet if friends remember  
and shall mark the quiet spot,  
Telling only that the sleeper hath not  
quickly been forgot.

But if one poor, weary wand'rer  
shall be guided home by me,  
'Twere a grander, nobler monu-  
ment, throughout all eternity;  
And to Him shall be the glory, unto  
Whom all praise is due,  
For the love that hath redeemed us,  
and hath made my heaven two.

When among the ransomed mil-  
lions by His grace redeemed I  
stand,  
Then my song shall swell the cho-  
rus of the glad, triumphant  
band;  
Oh, how sweet will be the resting  
when my conflicts are all past,  
Oh, the mighty "Alleluia" of our vic-  
tory at last!

# SEE YOU SUNDAY AT SUNRISE

## What's Happening at Sunrise

### May 2013

- May 5 8:45 a.m. Elder Ken McAuley Teaching  
*Galatians 3:21-22 – Promises, Promises*
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
*Thom Rachford on Israel/Photos*
- May 7 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians
- May 10 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship – Fireside Room
- May 11 9:00 a.m. Saturday Work Day at church, 9 until noon
- May 12 8:45 a.m. Mother's Day – Pastor Andy teaching  
*Matthew 12:46-50 – Et Tu Mommy?*
- 10:30 a.m. No Second Hour – Celebrate Your Mother
- May 14 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians
- May 17 7:00 p.m. Game Night
- May 19 8:45 a.m. Elder Thom Rachford Teaching  
10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- May 21 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians
- May 24 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Fellowship
- May 26 8:45 a.m. Mark 14:26-42 The Essence of Hell  
*Pastor Andy teaching*
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- May 27 Memorial Day
- May 28 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians
- May 31 5th Friday Night – Church is Dark

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## N. Korea sentences American Christian to 15 years hard labor

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North Korea's Supreme Court this week sentenced U.S. citizen Kenneth Bae to 15 years hard labor. Bae is referred to by the regime authorities of with the Korean name Pae Jun-ho. He has been charged with "committing crimes against the state." This was reported by the official government KCNA news agency, which has not explained the crimes he is accused of.

The United States has requested his release: Now, according to some analysts, a deal could open up in exchange for humanitarian aid.

Bae, a Korean tour operator, but with American citizenship, was arrested in November while he was with five tourists who

had come to North Korea through the north-eastern port of Rajin. According to the South Korean newspaper Kookmin Ilbo, the authorities in Pyongyang found "sensitive information" on the hard disk of the computer of one of the members of the group.

But some sources also referred to Bae as a "devout Christian" who, in his travels to the North, carried on missionary work that may have attracted the attention of the authorities and resulted in his arrest and conviction. In North Korea, there is no religious freedom and the faithful are in last place in the social hierarchy.

The sentence is the harshest ever issued by the judicial authorities of the North against a foreign national.