

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM FEBRUARY 16, 2014

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Judges 10:17-18

“Then the sons of Ammon were summoned and they camped in Gilead. And the sons of Israel gathered together and camped in Mizpah. The people, the leaders of Gilead, said to one another, “Who is the man who will begin to fight against the sons of Ammon? He shall become head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.”



We love our heroes. We want someone to be bigger than life and be immune from the shortcomings of society to somehow save the day. The medium or source does not matter. Whether people come from television or sports or from politics and religion, we naturally seek to put individuals on pedestals and view them through rose-colored glasses, looking past their flaws and over exaggerating their strengths. We are distracted by their physical strength, or the style with which they carry themselves. Maybe they have faults, but we will not dig deep enough to find out because at the end of the day, we want a champion, a true deliverer.

There is only one True Deliverer, only One who is worthy of our worship and praise. If we are looking for heroes in the Book of Judges, we are destined for disappointment. The more closely we look at Israel's judges, the more obvious their flaws become. Frankly, almost all of Israel's judges who are described in any detail are jerks. They have weaknesses and besetting sins. We should learn from Scripture that all leaders – every one of them – have flaws. If we look long and hard enough, we will see them.

We can not idolize men for we will surely be disappointed. But we can be encouraged as we see the kind of instruments God uses to achieve His purposes. He uses homemade swords wielded by left-handed men, tent pegs, ox goads, and mill stones. He uses plain and ordinary people like Jael and the woman with the mill stone. When God uses the simple and even foolish things to achieve His purposes, then it is only He who should receive the glory. Let us be encouraged by the kinds of people God uses to achieve His purposes.

God saves those who are unworthy of salvation, not because of men's works but solely because of God's mercy and grace. Are you not amazed to find men like Gideon, Barak, Samson, and Jephthah, and women like Rahab in the "hall of faith" of Hebrews 11? It is not the greatness of our deeds, but the gracious work of God in the person of Jesus Christ, that saves unworthy sinners. Jesus bore the penalty for our sins on the cross of Calvary. He offers the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life to all who place their trust in Christ Jesus and His work on their behalf. He is the Hero! He is the only Deliverer who can deliver condemned sinners from the penalty of death. Have you acknowledged your sin and placed your trust in Him alone for your salvation? If not, I plead with you to do so for your eternal well being.

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Come acknowledge the Lord in our midst

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Jesus Loves The Little Children

“Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.”

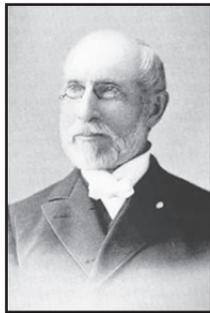
Matthew 19:14

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C. Herbert Woolston
(1856-1927)



George F. Root
(1820-1895)

Words: C. Herbert Woolston (1856-1927); Woolston was one of George Root's favorite lyricists. Children often sing just the refrain, which is a song all to itself!

Music: George F. Root (1820-1895). Root originally wrote this tune for the American civil war song *Tramp, Tramp, Tramp*.

Jesus calls the children dear,
“Come to Me and never fear,
For I love the little children of the world;
I will take you by the hand,
Lead you to the better land,
For I love the little children of the world.”

Refrain

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white,
All are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

[Alternate refrain:

Jesus died for all the children,
All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white,
All are precious in His sight,
Jesus died for all the children of the world.]

Jesus is the Shepherd true,
And He'll always stand by you,
For He loves the little children of the world;
He's a Savior great and strong,
And He'll shield you from the wrong,
For He loves the little children of the world.

Refrain

I am coming, Lord, to Thee,
And Your soldier I will be,
For You love the little children of the world;
And Your cross I'll always bear,
And for You I'll do and dare,
For You love the little children of the world.

Refrain

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE

February 2014

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- Feb. 16 8:45 a.m. Judges 10:1 to 12:15:
Jephthah: Now Why Did I Say That?
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- Feb. 18 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians; at Kikkert's home
- Feb. 21 Camellia Festival – Temple City Park
- Feb. 22 Camellia Festival and Parade – T.C. Park
- Feb. 23 8:45 a.m. Judges 13:1 to 25: *Sampson's Silver Spoon*
- 10:30 a.m. Pastor Andy Teaching at Westminster Presbyterian Church
How Are We Supposed to Get it All Done? The Nature of Spiritual Gifts
- 12 Noon Camellia Festival- Temple City Park
- Feb. 25 7:00 p.m. Bible Study in Ephesians; at Kikkert's home
- Feb. 28 7:00 p.m. Game Night

English street preacher assaulted by police wins protection

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A former teacher who was ordered by a female police constable to stop preaching outside Banbury Magistrates Court House in the U.K. has had the charges of assault and breach of the peace against him dismissed by the Oxford Magistrates Court. The officer approached Bill Edwards, 73, when he was preaching outside the courthouse and asked him to move on, as some people inside the building found his preaching “offensive.” He refused, however, and the officer told him he would be arrested. Edwards followed her into the police station a short distance away, where he was grabbed by six officers, taken to the ground and arrested.

On Feb. 11, the district judge at the Oxford Magistrates Court told Edwards he had no case to answer and expressed doubt that the officer had acted in the execution of her duty. An application for a restraint order to prevent Edwards from preaching outside Banbury Court House was refused and he was given an order for costs to cover his travel expenses. Edwards was supported throughout the case by the Christian Legal Centre (CLC) and was represented in court by allied solicitor to the CLC Michael Phillips.

Andrea Williams of the CLC says, “It is alarming that an elderly individual could be treated by authorities in this way simply for preaching in public. “This is one of many instances where we have seen the police use heavy-handed tactics against lawful street preaching. It raises serious questions about their understanding of the way in which the law should be interpreted and applied in this area and is indicative of the growing trend to remove Christian preachers off the streets.”

It's Camellia Festival Time Please Sign up to work the Sunrise booth

Please clip and leave in collection plate

Check day/date volunteered

- Friday, Feb. 21, 4-11 p.m. 2-hour blocks beginning at 3:30, 6 and 8
- Saturday, Feb. 22, 12-11 p.m. 2-hour blocks 11:30, 2, 4, 6 and 8
- Sunday, Feb. 23, 12-8 p.m. 2-hour blocks 11:30, 2, 4 and 6

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Time slot(s) _____

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