

ARE YOU ABLE TO BLUSH BY ROBERT NOTGRASS

The prophet Jeremiah lived among people who had become insensitive toward sin. Through the prophet God declared, “Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD” (Jer. 6:15). We too, live in a generation that is insensitive toward sin and wickedness. Like those in Jeremiah's time most do not even blush at the immorality and ungodliness around them. In fact, there are many, “Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.” (Rom. 1:32).

Now, the people of God, regardless of the acceptance of evil around them, should always sorrow concerning sin and the shortcomings it brings. Jeremiah was one who wept concerning the wickedness of his generation and the punishment that they would face. In Jer. 9:1-6, Jeremiah fled into the wilderness, far away from his people because of such corruption which made life unbearable. He wept because they were adulterers, treacherous men, deceiving their brother and



DID YOU KNOW?

The early church grew when:

Christians were willing to serve.

Acts 6:1-7

Matt. 20:25-28

Phil. 2:3-11

THOSE TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Doris Pendleton, Verna Butler, Lynna Shanks, Elnora Shanks, Ethel Runge, Glenis McDonald and Tex Kinman, Mary Boland, The Gondos family and Scott Thomas.

Also remember: Richard Massey, Verma Long, Nelta Brock, Connie Gass, Grayson Castillo, Ruby Backus, Marvin Howard, Habermehl family, Cheryl Harris Evonelle Calkins, Dawn Tivoli, Brian Williams, Emma Stantliff, Pamela Robinson, Jim Murrell, Barb Bailey and Melvin Kollwitz.

Remember also: The lost, our leaders & those in our military.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There is a great deal of information on the back table. This is for adults and youth. Please take.
- 17 were in attendance for the evangelism class. This is a great class and all are welcome to attend Monday night @ 7pm!
- Item for Fairhaven Children home is: Toilet Paper & Pop Tarts.
- There is a sign up sheet in the back to host the youth at their home one day out of the month. This should be planned in advanced, not spare of the moment. We need to all get involved with the youth.
- Next Sunday is our potluck & VBS meeting.
- Evening worship services next Sunday @ 1:30pm.

Times of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm

Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm

Sermons are recorded for those who would like a copy.



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TEEN CORNER



neighbors, filled with lies, trading evil for evil, and had forgotten the Lord. This sounds much like our society who no longer hold sanctity in marriage, who let lies prevail in the land, where evil is traded for evil and where many do not know God. Jeremiah cried out, “But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears . . .” (Jer. 13:17). But, what is your attitude toward wickedness? Are you like Jeremiah who sorrowed over these things? Is your heart pained at the evil around you? Do you blush at vulgarity and immodesty, or does it not bother you?

The people of God should always be grieved over sin. The psalmist declared, “Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.” (Psa. 119:136). Centuries later the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth in which he stated with affliction and anguish of heart, he wrote them with “many tears” (2 Cor. 2:4). It was sin and wickedness of his brethren that brought him to tears. We are not told if Jesus shed a tear while He face the torturous death on the cross. But the Scriptures tell us as He approached the city of Jerusalem shortly before His death He “wept over it” (Lk. 19:41) saying, “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!” (Matt. 23:37).

Those who love God not only blush at sin, but lament over sin and wickedness. They turn from it and seek forgiveness through repentance and baptism (Acts 3:19; 22:16). They then strive to live faithfully and turn others from unrighteousness (Matt. 5:13-16).

Three Kinds of Time

An English minister has pointed out that there are three kinds of time.

First, there is clock time, the time of civilized man. It is the time of the calendar with its seconds and minutes and hours and days and years. It is what you ask about when you say, “What time is it?” It is time as a continuous straight line; it is time’s ever rolling stream. This is the time of events, a succession of events—from Abraham to Jesus to Washington to Eisenhower.

Second, there is natural time. This is the time of the circling world—the time of the seasons, fall, winter, spring and summer. We have built our calendars around this time and make special days that fit into the natural time, generally transforming an event of natural time into a festival.

Third, there is God’s time.

There are no clocks in Heaven. There are no church years. There is no straight line of events. In Heaven there is no yesterday, no today, no tomorrow. God’s time is now. A Bible teacher used to say it is like watching a parade. Some people see only what is directly before them. Others see only what has passed. But God is up there in the roof and he sees everything at the same time. With God it is one great eternal now.

How wonderful it is to stop our busy, bustling lives every once in a while and see God and know that through Christ’s atonement and God’s forgiveness, we are really a part of God’s time and someday, we too will look through His eyes.