

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND SCHOOL PRAYER : PT 1

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As each year passes, and the United States of America -- and the world at large -- stray further away from the precepts of God's Holy Word, our Christian heritage is being attacked ever more vehemently by those individuals who seek to totally destroy what little faith in Jesus Christ still remains on the Earth. This kind of situation is nothing new. Persecution against our faith has been occurring for literally centuries, and a lot of attempts have been made to weaken us, divide us and silence us. The ultimate goal has been to try to diminish the effectiveness of our faith in the world, because ungodly people do not want to live according to God's standards. I am reminded of something that Jesus said almost two thousand years ago:

". . . Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

Luke 18:8, KJV

As I said, such attacks against our Christian faith are being perpetrated by organizations and persons who espouse schools of thought which contradict our Christian teachings. They are also being carried out by those people who view Christianity as an obstacle in the way of accomplishing their hidden goals and agendas.

These enemies of the Gospel include such people as atheists and intellectuals who mock and despise anything which carries a religious overtone; New World Order advocates who desire to establish a de-spiritualized One World Religion that is based on man worship, human achievements and materialistic living; individuals of other religious faiths who abhor all Christian evangelical endeavors; nature and devil worshippers; gay and lesbian rights organizations; supporters of abortion rights; New Age thought adherents; and many other misguided souls who have rejected the standard of God's Word. In a Psalm which seems descriptive of the Millennial Rule of Christ, we find a verse which could very easily be applied to those people who currently resist God's Spirit of Truth which dwells in His children. Consider this verse:

"Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

Psalms 2:3, KJV

To reiterate what I said a moment ago, such rebellious people want to live their lives as they please, without feeling the conviction of God's Spirit working in their lives. They don't want to be reminded that they're in rebellion against God and living in sin. Our very presence in this world as ambassadors for Christ and spiritual lights who point to Scriptural truth, makes them feel uncomfortable. We are a thorn in their side. It is for this reason that they seek to destroy us and our faith. The Children of Light and the Children of Darkness are unable to share the same space and coexist. Consider the following group of verses:

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:20, KJV

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an

hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16, KJV

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

Romans 13:12, KJV

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

2 Corinthians 4:6, KJV

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

2 Corinthians 6:14, KJV

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children . . . For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light . . . And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."

Ephesians 5:1, 8, 11, KJV

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;"

Philippians 2:15, KJV

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness."

1 Thessalonians 5:4-5, KJV

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd."

John 3:19-20, KJV

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:"

1 John 1:6, KJV

We all must face reality and understand that our Christian faith is truly in a state of crisis, and has been for a very long time. This current situation isn't just something which developed a few decades ago. True Christianity has been in retreat since a few hundred years following the Ascension of Christ. As I mentioned earlier, these attacks against us are nothing new. The forces of darkness have been endeavoring to defeat Christianity for thousands of years. In fact, Satan attempted to defeat our faith two thousands years ago even before it ever came into existence. I am referring to the fact that he tried to blot out the life of Jesus Christ when he was still a young boy, as is recorded in the Gospels. We would all do well to take heed to the Apostle Peter's clear admonition when he writes the following in his first Epistle:

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

1 Peter 5:8, KJV

One area where Satan's followers have concentrated their efforts is in the public school system; because they know that, possibly after the family television room, the public schoolroom is the second place where our Christian values are most vulnerable to attack. Obviously, we parents cannot be in the classroom to protect our children from the lies and false teachings which they are being spoon-fed on a daily basis. Sadly, many of us are aware of exactly how bad the public school system has become in regards to teaching and promoting things which contradict our Christian faith.

As if the sale of illegal drugs in the schools, and school violence -- particularly gun violence -- are not already bad enough, as many of you will know, now our Christian children are being confused and subtly brainwashed into accepting gay and lesbian relationships as normal, acceptable alternative lifestyles; even though this is in direct contradiction to Biblical teachings. The people behind this devilish scheme are extremely aggressive in their approach. When I attended the public school system not quite five decades ago, it was totally unheard of to find library books which promoted the

gay and lesbian lifestyle. Now, such books are common in a growing number of schools. Consider what the Apostle Paul wrote to the Church at Rome concerning the pagan, hedonistic lifestyle of the citizens of Rome:

"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet."

Romans 1:26-27, KJV

For a more in-depth look at my personal views regarding this particular topic, please refer to my companion series "The Gay and Lesbian Agenda: To the Point!", and other articles which are listed at the end of this series. In addition to these things, from the first years of elementary school, our Christian children are being spoon-fed the ungodly, demonic lies of evolution. This too is another blatant attempt by the Children of Darkness to confuse our children regarding the origins of life, the Universe, and the human race; and to rob them of their faith in the one true God and His holy Word. While some school officials and teachers may not even realize it, not only are they confusing our children with this satanic doctrine, but in the process of doing so, they are also calling God a liar, and His Word a lie, by teaching these misguided theories which are in direct contradiction to the Bible. Consider the following verses:

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

Numbers 23:19, KJV

"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."

Romans 3:4, KJV

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"

Titus 1:2, KJV

The bottom line is that all of this confusion coming from modern science, which is being so heavily promoted in every school classroom, and in every college and university across America, originates from one source, and from one source alone. It certainly is not from God; because as the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian brethren so many years ago:

"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."

1 Corinthians 14:33, KJV

While Paul was speaking specifically regarding the Gifts of the Spirit in that verse -- particularly the Gift of Prophecy -- I believe that we can apply the overall truth of the verse to God's nature in general. In other words, He doesn't create confusion in the lives of His obedient children. While writing about another subject, the Apostle James made the following interesting comment, which, in my view, applies very well to all of the evolutionary lies which are now being espoused by modern, ungodly scientists and their ilk, who view God's Word as a delusional fantasy:

"This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish."

James 3:15, KJV

Devilish indeed. Concerning Satan himself, Jesus exposed that liar's true deceitful nature when He said the following while rebuking the unbelieving Jews in the eighth chapter of the Gospel of John:

". . . He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

John 8:44, KJV

If there is one thing we can know with absolute certainty, it is that the Bible clearly indicates by its own historical and genealogical account, that evolution is a straight lie coming from the Devil. There is absolutely no truth in that misguided theory whatsoever. Again, I encourage you to read some of the other articles which are listed at the end of this series, such as "Adaptation, EVILution and the Six Days of Genesis", and "The Earth is Under Seven Thousand Years Old". We find an

interesting parallel to the modern belief in evolution, and what basically amounts to the worship of skeletons of extinct dinosaurs, in the ancient Roman idolatrous worship of images and statues of birds and four-footed beasts. Consider what the Apostle Paul had to say:

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things . . . Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen."
Romans 1:21-23, 25, KJV

About seven hundred years before this, the Prophet Jeremiah also chided ancient Israel for worshipping things taken from nature, as we can determine by the following set of verses. In my view, believing in evolution is just as ridiculous as what the ancient Israelites did thousands of years ago when they claimed that they came from stocks and stones; meaning false gods which were carved out of wood and stone:

"Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us."
Jeremiah 2:27, KJV

"And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks."
Jeremiah 3:9, KJV

"But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of vanities."
Jeremiah 10:8, KJV

As can be easily seen, this idea of worshipping creation, or nature, is something which has been going on for literally thousands of years. While modern cults such as the Wiccans are more obvious in their worship of the forces of nature, are modern evolutionists really that much different? After

all, they too basically worship something which they view as a natural process occurring over millions of years. However, the Bible calls these kinds of teachings "science falsely so called". This so-called "wisdom" is nothing but the foolish babblings of vain, proud, rebellious men who have rejected God and His Holy Word. Please note that in the verse below, the word "science" is derived from a Koine Greek word which is normally translated as "knowledge" in the Scriptures:

"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:"

Timothy 6:20, KJV

It is for reasons such as the above, that as responsible Christian parents, we must use what time we do have with our children, to firmly plant their feet upon the foundation of God's Word. We must place their faith in the Holy Bible, and ground them in Scriptural truth; not in the words of mere men who are often misguided in their thoughts. In the Book of Proverbs we find the following wise counsel:

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6, KJV

This is a very serious responsibility for Christian parents. Trust me; if we fail in this area, we may regret it later if and when our children begin to wander away from the Lord. It usually begins happening during their school years; because it is there where they start to adopt the beliefs, attitudes and behavior of the children of the world. In one of His many Parables, Jesus tells us that if our faith is founded upon the Rock, we will never be moved or washed away, as we see by the following verse:

"He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock."

Luke 6:48, KJV

Of course, we know that Jesus Christ is that Rock. He is also the Living Word of God, as becomes evident by the following group of verses:

"And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."

1 Corinthians 10:4, KJV

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;"

Ephesians 2:19-20, KJV

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

John 1:14, KJV

"And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God."

Revelation 19:13, KJV

As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Roman brethren, and likewise admonished his beloved son in the Lord, Timothy, the only way for any of us to have faith, and to increase and strengthen our faith, is through a diligent study of God's Word, as we see by the following two verses:

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Romans 10:17, KJV

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

2 Timothy 2:15, KJV

As I have shared in other articles, there are many, many verses throughout the Bible which emphasize the importance of renewing ourselves in the Word of God on a daily basis. King David even tells us that the Lord has magnified His Word above His very Name, as we see by the following verse:

"I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast

magnified thy word above all thy name."

Psalms 138:2, KJV

King David and Jesus likewise both compared the reading of God's Word to taking a spiritual bath, as we see by these two verses:

"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

John 15:3, KJV

"BETH. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."

Psalms 119:9, KJV

Thus we see that the very best way in which we can help our children to combat the lies of Satan, and of his ungodly worldly system -- beginning with the crap they are taught in the public school system -- is simply by filling their minds and hearts with the faith-building Word of God. This is the only way that we can help to protect them from such demonic teachings, practices and influences as evolution, the gay and lesbian agenda, drug usage, prostitution, rebellious, ungodly worldly music, and whatever other things Satan's crowd might use to try to win them over. We must teach our children God's Standard, before they are exposed to the world's standard in the public school classroom.

This is precisely what I did when my daughter was very young. While many worldly parents spend piles of money to buy their children toy soldiers, guns, violent video games which are full of killing and bloodshed, or maybe sorcery and magic, I invested as much as I possibly could in printed Bibles, Bible story books, a full set of Bible cassette tapes -- later a CD set as well -- and a lot of Bible story video tapes and DVDs. These kinds of things are much wiser investments than all of the garbage Satan has to offer. Bible-related materials are invaluable tools for shaping not only your children's current morals, attitudes and spiritual values, but their future as well.

Some day our children will reach an age when they are old enough to make decisions on their own. They will also reach an age when they will want to go out on their own to begin their own families. While we may not fully realize what kind

of an effect we are having on our children now, we certainly will in that day. I am reminded of a verse from the Book of Ecclesiastes which says the following:

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days."

Ecclesiastes 11:1, KJV

Will our children remain close to the Lord and His Word, the true Bread of Life? Or will they go astray and become just like those people who we have tried to protect them from? A lot depends on what we give them now as responsible Christian parents. In the world, they have a lot of fancy sayings like "Children are our future" and "Children are an investment in the future". But we must stop and ask ourselves how much they really believe in these things. Are they just fancy slogans meant to lull us asleep while we continue on our merry way in sin and rebellion, which will eventually lead to our very own destruction?

The sad truth is that we have heard slogans such as these for many decades; and yet it seems that nothing really ever changes. And actually, the situation is getting worse with each passing year. Children are getting worse, and society in general is getting worse as well. There are more drugs on our streets and in our schools. There is more violence; and that includes tragic gun violence in our schools. Too many teenage girls continue to get pregnant. Abortion stains our nation red from one end to the other. Rebellion and defiance is evident in many popular songs. Sexual perversion is even more rampant than ever before. Respect for elders is at an all-time low. Devil worship is bragged about by some of the popular Hollywood stars and music artists. In so many ways, we are a people who openly fight against the accepted ways of God. Do you think that God will forever turn a blind eye to all of this defiant behavior? I think not.

While all of this happening, at the same time, parents are slowly losing control over their very own children, as the public school system becomes their new "nannies". And this applies to many colleges and universities as well. So many things are said, done and taught now that we parents aren't even aware of. As I mentioned earlier, one clear example is how the gay and lesbian agenda has gained a strong foothold in a growing number of schools. Our young children are being

taught objectionable things which we as parents never agreed to. School policies are being instituted which mitigate our rights as parents, and reduce our power over our children. Our conservative, Bible-based values are being replaced by liberal indoctrination at a very early age, whether we like it or not.

I have heard some people suggest that what is happening now is all part of a sinister plot to slowly steal our children from us. The stated goal is make our children properties of the State and the New World Order through such things as the UN-sponsored International Rights of the Child. As I have mentioned before, the overall mentality of the people behind this scheme seems to be that we are no longer qualified to be parents, and that our "dear" government can do a better job at parenting than we can. Do you accept this? How much do your children mean to you?

If there is one thing which I hope you are learning from the first part of this series, it is that the US public school system is one of the primary battlegrounds where a relentless war is being waged for the very minds and hearts of our dear children. Sadly, it appears that we may be losing the battle. So many parents are busy, struggling to survive, and working at one or more jobs, that they barely have time to even learn what is going on in their local school, and what their kids are being taught. I must wonder if this difficult situation is by intentional design. In other words, when the cat -- the parents -- is away, the mice -- liberal school teachers and administrators -- will play. They do as they please, because we are not there to stop them. What do you think?

As you may know, there are many Scriptures in the Bible which speak about children. One verse in particular which I have quoted often is found in the Book of Psalms and states the following:

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."
Psalms 127:3, KJV

Aside from the fact that our children are our heritage, and the continuance of our family lines, we can look at this verse in another way. What kind of a Christian heritage can our children expect to give to their children if we have not

been faithful with them while they are young, malleable and still with us? As the Apostle Paul wrote in his Epistle to the Galatians:

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Galatians 6:7, KJV

While Paul was discussing a very different topic, I think the truth of his words can be applied to this situation as well. In short, as I mentioned earlier, what we reap in the future, will be greatly affected by what we have sown in the lives of our children now. Personally, I became aware of the spiritual warfare going on a number of years ago. I came to realize who the enemy is, and that he could not be trusted. I also came to understand that proper training of our children begins at home, and that we cannot and should not depend upon, or trust in, those people who operate the public school system to meet our children's spiritual needs. How can they if the Spirit of God is not even present there? Therefore, as I have shared in this series, I realized that I had to take upon myself the responsibility of arming my child with the proper tools and weapons, so that she could wage a successful warfare against the lies she was taught at school. For as I have made clear, the US public school system is one of Satan's strongholds. Consider the following verse:

"(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)"

2 Corinthians 10:4, KJV

In describing the weapons and armor of this spiritual warfare in which all Christians are engaged, the Apostle Paul wrote the following lines to the Church at Ephesus:

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of

righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"

Ephesians 6:10-17, KJV

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Arm Your Children With The Tools Of God's Word, Our Spiritual Warfare, School Teachers, Money: The Real God Of This World, Materialistic Living And Compromise, Scriptural Admonitions Against Acquiring Wealth, Pierced Through With Many Sorrows, Don't Be Ashamed Of Your Faith, False Balance In Education, Beware Of Placing A Stumbling Block In The Way Of The Lord's Children, Battle Of The Mind, Insulate Your Children While You Can, Morning Prayer, School Prayer Debate, Friendship With The World, Backslidden America, Oppression Of The Poor, Spiritual Pollution Of America, Ancient Israel's Backslidden State, Spread Of Islam, America Has Fallen Into Her Own Pit

As I concluded in part one, in order for our children to be victorious while they attend the public school system, it is imperative that we as parents arm them with the proper tools and weapons. As we learned, these weapons are not actually physical in nature, because the battle itself is not physical either. It is a spiritual war to gain control of their very

thoughts, to modify their behavior, and to alter their world view. It is a battle to exchange their Bible-based beliefs for the ungodly, liberal views of the world which are in defiance of God's Laws.

In reading the aforementioned verses from Ephesians chapter six -- please refer to the end of part one -- notice that the key components of our children's armor against Satan's lies are the Shield of Faith, the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit. It should be obvious that all of these tools are derived from the Word of God. Faith comes through hearing the Word of God. One's Salvation comes by believing in the Word of God. And our offense and defense comes from using the Word of God. So as you can plainly see, it all comes back to the Word, the Word, the Word.

As I have already clearly stated, this is exactly what we must give our children as responsible Christian parents, if we truly expect them to endure the battles they will face, and fight the good fight of faith they will encounter in the public school system. And trust me; they will encounter it; both from other children, and from the school teachers and administrators. I learned this from firsthand experience. So we must ground them in the Scriptures while they are still young and malleable. Consider the following group of verses which further emphasize the spiritual nature of our warfare:

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

1 Timothy 6:12, KJV

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

2 Timothy 2:3-4, KJV

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:"

2 Timothy 4:7, KJV

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow,

and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
Hebrews 4:12, KJV

To help you to remember exactly who you are fighting against, remember the verse reference 1 Timothy 6:12 above, and then look again at Ephesians 6:12 as quoted below. As you can see, they have matching verse references:

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Ephesians 6:12, KJV

So, we -- and our children -- must remember that we are not just fighting against physical things such as the physical public school system -- that is, the teachers, principals and administrators who may oppose our Christian beliefs. Rather, we are fighting against the spiritual influences behind them. This is precisely what Paul means by the previous verse that is found in his Epistle to the Ephesian brethren. While some of these teachers are aware that what they are teaching is wrong and contrary to the Bible, and while they will be held accountable for their actions, we also need to recognize that other teachers may do it out of ignorance, or at least out of blind obedience to the system of which they are a part.

In other words, if the school administration says, "These are the books you use", or "This is the lesson schedule you will follow", there isn't much that they can do about it; unless they want to see their last paycheck. If more teachers had stronger moral fiber, and more Christian conviction, perhaps things wouldn't be as they are. Sadly, as we all know, money is the true god of this world, and we all need it in order to survive in this present life. As the Apostle Paul also wrote to Timothy:

"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

1 Timothy 6:10, KJV

What a truly sad statement for the world today. Because some people have coveted after money, either out of greed, want, or need, they have erred from the faith. They have allowed

their selfish, materialistic life to quench their spiritual fire, and their flame has gone out. In the context of the topics we are discussing in this series, we could say that in the case of Christian teachers, they have compromised their faith, and have agreed to teach things which they know they shouldn't, just so they can get that next paycheck. It must be a tough call to make. Do you honor God and your faith, or do you compromise in order to survive in the world? It isn't a situation I would want to be in.

But notice though how the previous verse ends. It says that they've "pierced themselves through with many sorrows". While we often picture rich people as being worry-free, sometimes this is the furthest thing from the truth. They are always worrying about how to get more money, or how to protect what they do have from thieves, embezzlers, con men, etc. If they are trying to hide their wealth from the IRS, they might also be worrying about getting caught and thrown in jail! But the bottom line is actually this: Is it really worth being so rich if it draws you away from God? The Bible offers a clear answer in verses such as the following, and there are many more similar to these ones:

"And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

Job 1:21, KJV

"When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee: And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite. Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat. Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven. Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee. The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words."

Proverbs 23:1-8, KJV

"There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son,

and there is nothing in his hand. As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand."

Ecclesiastes 5:13-15, KJV

"As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand."

Ecclesiastes 5:15, KJV

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also . . . No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:19-21, 24, 33, KJV

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Mark 8:36-37, KJV

"And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! And the disciples were

astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

Mark 10:17-25, KJV

"Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed."

John 6:27, KJV

"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

Philippians 4:11, KJV

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

Colossians 3:2, KJV

"But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content."

1 Timothy 6:6-8, KJV

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Hebrews 13:5, KJV

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you. Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and

hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain."

James 5:1-7, KJV

Based on the previous set of verses, I think it is probably safe to say that those Christian teachers who compromised their faith in order to get their next paycheck will also be sorrowful when someday the Lord asks them why they were so ashamed of Him, and why they weren't willing to stand up for the truth. Why did they choose a comfortable lifestyle over being faithful to His Word? They had a golden opportunity to fill those young children's minds with the truth of the Word of God. Instead, they gave them Satan's lies like evolution, and ungodly, blasphemous books such as "Aunt Mary's Live-In Girlfriend", "Why My Daddy Left Us For Another Man" and "My Two Mommies". Or perhaps they taught sex education without emphasizing the point that it was a sacred union ordained by God between a man and a woman, and not just a mechanical act meant to be enjoyed with whomever, whenever regardless of the outcome. Yes, some of those teachers are indeed going to be ashamed. I am reminded of verses such as the following:

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

Matthew 10:32-33, KJV

"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Mark 8:38, KJV

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Romans 1:16, KJV

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

2 Timothy 1:12, KJV

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16, KJV

In my view, if teachers are not prepared to also teach their students the story of Creation from the Bible, then they are unfairly educating them. Why? Because they are only giving them man's version of the truth and not God's version of the Truth. They are purposely teaching only one perspective; and that basically amounts to brainwashing and indoctrination. This is a false balance, of which the Lord does not approve, as becomes evident by verses such as the following:

"A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight."

Proverbs 11:1, KJV

"Divers weights are an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance is not good."

Proverbs 20:23, KJV

On an even more serious note, by teaching such things as evolution, and anything else which contradicts God's Word, they are placing a stumbling block, and a rock of offence, in the way of our children; thus causing them to become confused, and leading them to fall away from the truth of the Word of God. As we can see by the following verses, the Lord considered this to be a very serious sin, which would lead to very dire consequences:

"And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!"

Matthew 18:2-7, KJV

"Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way."

Romans 14:13, KJV

Please note that in the previous group of verses, the two words "offences" and "stumblingblock" are derived from two different Greek words; that is, "skandalon" and "proskomma". These words share a common meaning of stumbling block or an offence. In the context of the Scriptures, this refers to something which causes one to stumble and fall away from the Truth. This is precisely what these satanic doctrines and perverted teachings do. They cause many children, and even adults, to doubt God's Word. As Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew, the people that cause such things are going to have a heavy price to pay; especially if they know they are doing it. Perhaps this will strike a little Godly fear into some atheist parents, science teachers, and those people who are promoting the acceptance of same-sex relationships in our public school system.

Let me remind you of something I stated earlier. This battle which is being waged in the school classroom is in actuality a spiritual war to gain control of our children's thoughts. Because by gaining control of their thoughts, the people who are behind this scheme can then modify their behavior, and also influence and alter their world view. As I said earlier, it is a battle to exchange their Bible-based beliefs for the ungodly, liberal views of the world which are in defiance of God's Laws. In short, it is a battle of the mind, and that is exactly how the Bible describes it as well. Consider this set of verses, and notice how they all talk about the mind:

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Romans 12:2, KJV

"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

1 Corinthians 2:16, KJV

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto

them."

2 Corinthians 4:4, KJV

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

2 Corinthians 10:5, KJV

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

2 Corinthians 11:3, KJV

"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;"

Ephesians 4:23, KJV

"And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled"

Colossians 1:21, KJV

"For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

Hebrews 12:3, KJV

"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;"

1 Peter 1:13, KJV

So you see, that is the real battleground; and public school teachers are in the perfect place to influence what goes on in children's minds. Tragically, it is an unfair, lopsided war; because children that age do not possess the spiritual, emotional or mental maturity to always differentiate between what is true and what is false, or even what is right and what is wrong in some cases. In short, as I noted earlier, their minds are very malleable, which makes them vulnerable to whatever ungodly crap the world wants to stuff into their heads. That is why we must beat them at their own game. We must ground our children in God's Word before they enter the arena of the public school system, so that they are insulated as much as possible from the ungodly stuff they will hear and learn there. They won't survive without our help.

Aside from the various subjects we have already discussed in

this series, another thorny religious issue confronting our modern public school system concerns school prayer. As you may know, while student-led prayer has been deemed acceptable in some schools, anything outside of that -- such as prayers which are initiated by school faculty or administrators -- is strictly prohibited, because such actions supposedly violate the so-called separation of church and state. In the Book of Psalms, King David makes it obvious that he was devoted to morning prayer. Likewise, in the Gospel of Mark, we also see that Jesus had a habit of getting up early in the morning in order to pray to His Father. Consider the following verses:

"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."

Psalms 5:3, KJV

"Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice."

Psalms 55:17, KJV

"But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent [come before] thee."

Psalms 88:13, KJV

"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

Mark 1:35, KJV

In decades past, school prayer was not as major of an issue as it is today because America was -- or at least supposedly claimed to be -- much more Christian back then. Exactly how much truth you see in this statement is a matter of personal opinion. In my view, any nation which can indiscriminately drop nuclear bombs or napalm on defenseless men, women and children, or which can impose trade embargoes or sanctions on poorer nations of the world until their governments bow to some pre-determined demand, or which engages in so-called "regime change" in sovereign nations, does not appear to be very Christian to me. But I discuss these topics in other articles, so I won't belabor the point here.

At any rate, it seems that it is only as the United States has become richer, more economically and militarily powerful,

and more materialistic, that she has lost her first love for the Lord. When it came time for her to make a choice, sadly, she made the wrong one. In other words, she chose materialism and her love for the world over her love for God. Consider the following verses:

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."
Matthew 6:24, KJV

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."
1 John 2:15-16, KJV

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."
James 4:4, KJV

Sadly, not only has modern, hedonistic America in large part forsaken her God, -- although she self-righteously continues to go through the motions of claiming to believe in Him -- but she has likewise defiled the heritage the Lord gave her. As in earlier verses I quoted, there is a very interesting parallel in the Book of Jeremiah where ancient Israel became guilty of the very same thing, as we see by this verse:

"And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination."
Jeremiah 2:7, KJV

In this particular case, the Lord, via the Prophet Jeremiah, is referring to the fact that the Israelites forsook the one true God of Israel, and began to idolize and worship other false gods. As you will see in a minute, America is guilty of doing the very same thing.

Another factor which has served to pollute the heritage of "Christian" America is the subtle agenda which was disguised

by such words as "the land of the free and the home of the brave" which beckoned the weak, the tired, the poor, and the downtrodden to come to her shores. Mother America asked the Old World nations to send her their sons; and send them they did. However, they did not realize that the vast majority of the immigrants would become cheap labor for America's elite, who would subjugate them under discriminatory labor laws and tax laws; thus ensuring that they would remain the weak, the tired, the poor and the downtrodden. So, nothing had really changed except for the master's name. Thus America was, and continues to be built upon the blood, sweat and tears of the poor of the world, both at home and abroad.

One side-effect of this massive immigration is that America has become an international melting pot with a hodgepodge of belief systems and religious practices. Whether or not this complication was anticipated, I cannot really say. However, it has definitely affected the moral and spiritual fiber of America. As I mentioned a moment ago, ancient Israel was also polluted in a similar manner when the Israelites disobeyed the Laws of Moses by not destroying their heathen enemies the Canaanites. Instead, they compromised their faith by adopting the pagan Canaanite gods, and by intermarrying with Canaanite women. They lost their spiritual purity, and continued to do so on and off for centuries after that. That is precisely why God judged and chastised them over and over again. I discuss this subject more fully in articles such as "The Fruits of Disobedience".

Because of America's current spiritual condition, in which there are now many foreign, non-Christian religions being practiced throughout the land, it is thus a bit ludicrous to refer to her as a strictly "Christian" nation, in my view. In fact, according to a report I read some time ago, Islam is not only the fastest growing religion in America, but it is also said to be the fastest growing religion around the world as well. If you are interested in my views regarding that faith, please refer to my series entitled "Holy Qur'an and Islam: A Doctrine of Devils?".

But here's the thing. The United States has basically shot herself in her own foot. In the words of the Bible, she has fallen into the pit which she dug for others. She invited all of these foreigners in who practiced other religions, and now she is rapidly losing her Christian identity. I am

reminded of verses such as the following:

"He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate."
Psalms 7:15-16, KJV

"They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah."
Psalms 57:6, KJV

"Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him."
Proverbs 26:27, KJV

"He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him."
Ecclesiastes 10:8, KJV

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND SCHOOL PRAYER : PT 3

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Continuing our talk from part two, this spiritual pollution by other foreign religions in the United States has created a problem, just as it did in ancient Israel as well. To the dismay of many conservative American Christians who would really love for America to return to her Christian roots, it may no longer be possible to do that; at least not in full. Realistically speaking, in conjunction with what is stated in the U.S. Constitution, this invasion by foreign religions has made it impossible for American laws to remain partial to Christianity. In other words, the laws which apply to one religious faith, must apply to all of the rest as well. What is permitted for one faith, must likewise be permitted for other faiths, and vice versa, without partiality. Otherwise, it would surely be viewed by some people as a clear-cut case of discrimination, and would no doubt lead to law suits.

More specifically, to allow Christian prayer at the start of each new school day would require that the same permission be granted to other religious faiths as well. Let's not kid ourselves. When we Christians speak about bringing prayer back into our schools, that is exactly what we are talking about -- Christian prayer -- and not prayers to Allah, or to any other false god. I am sure you realize that implementing something like this would quickly result in public schools becoming centers of conflict and confusion, as if they don't already have enough problems on their plate as it is. Can't you just imagine if Muslim children demand to spread their prayer carpets all over school grounds during morning public prayer?

So, as unpopular as this position might be with conservative Christians, it seems that the only way to totally avoid this problematic situation is by keeping classroom prayer time out of the public school system. Now, when I wrote the original version of this series over twenty years ago, my thinking was

considerably different than it is today. Back then I wondered how re-introducing prayer into the public school system could be accomplished without causing problems. I arrived at the conclusion that the easiest and fairest way to approach the issue would be in the following manner.

First, make it voluntary. Perhaps the teacher or instructor can make a statement such as "Okay children, we are going to take a few minutes for those of you who would like to start the school day with a word of prayer". The idea is that such a neutral statement would not be overly offensive to anyone, being as it does not specifically recognize any one religion or god. Yes; I know that many Christians will find this idea to be rather offensive. Even I will admit that it reeks of compromise. But is there really any better way to at least get part of what we want, which is having prayer back in the classroom?

Second, instead of the teacher leading in a vocal prayer, it could be done in silence. This would allow the children to invoke, or not to invoke, their particular god in the manner and language of their choice. Being as it would be a silent prayer, the problem with accommodating all religions would be solved. Although it has been many years since I attended the public school system, if I recall correctly, this is the way it was done back then. It was simply a moment of silence for those students who desired time to pray before beginning the school day.

As I said, this is how I thought over twenty years ago when I first authored this series. Something such as the above still seemed possible. However, times and society have changed a lot since then. Back then, we didn't have all of these angry, radical Muslims marching in American cities. We did not have Muslims with their prayer carpets blocking traffic. We didn't have Muslims demanding that popular restaurant chains respect their dietary habits. We didn't have Muslims burning the flag in public. In short, while radical Muslims in America existed back then as well, aside from a few incidents -- such as the 1993 World Trade Center bombing -- they were not nearly as overt in their actions and demands as they are today.

As I briefly mentioned a moment ago, we need to remember that the right to pray, also includes the right to not pray. Given the disrespectful attitude of many modern Americans, I think

that it would be difficult to convince non-religious students to respect the rights of those students who do wish to pray at the beginning of each school day. This would cause those children who want to pray to feel uncomfortable or inhibited. Furthermore, what if the teacher who is leading the moment of prayer is not supportive of school prayer? Perhaps they are an atheist, for example. This would augment the problem even further, as he or she might not enforce the regulation. They might even side with the non-religious students; although by law, they are not supposed to do that in a school setting. According to current laws, teachers and school administrators are supposed to remain neutral when it comes to the issue of school prayer.

Additionally, as we already discussed, some religions require special dress such as head scarves, caps or prayer carpets in the case of Muslims, during times of prayer. How are schools going to be able to accommodate these requirements? Another danger I see in re-introducing school prayer in the classroom is that it might be seen by some people as a "green light" by Christians to fight for even more religious rights in the public schools. This would undoubtedly lead to even greater problems and unrest, because the opposition -- meaning the atheists, non-religious persons, Muslims and people of other faiths -- would surely fight back and demand equal rights.

All of that to say this. Given what we have already witnessed amongst the radical Muslims in the US, England, Australia and elsewhere, I really doubt that they would be satisfied with just having a moment of silence in the school classroom. Those radical Muslims have made it plain that they want the whole cake, or nothing at all. Some of them just want to take and take and take, until America has lost her Christian identity completely -- at least what little is left of it. They want Islam to reign, because that is exactly what their holy book -- the Qur'an -- teaches them to do.

So, while I am a dedicated, Bible-believing Christian, and while I strongly believe in preaching the Gospel and sharing my faith, I have to concede that re-instituting prayer in the school classroom may no longer be feasible or possible. Given the current state of things in the US, it would simply be too disruptive. The truth is that serious compromise has already been made. The enemy has already been allowed in through the gates by liberal administrations, and there really isn't much

that we can do about it, except to live with it. Even if it were possible to re-institute prayer in the classroom, we all know that it would not be only prayer dedicated to the God of the Christian Bible. It would be everything else as well. Is that what we want? Would the compromise be worth it?

As I said earlier, there are already too many problems in the public school system; particularly with all of the latest gun violence. Adding more fuel to the fire is not going to help the situation in the least. We need to remember that children are primarily in school to learn the basics. That is, reading, writing and arithmetic; although as we have already discussed, current curriculums go way beyond this, and teach things of which we Christian parents do not approve. Furthermore, some teachers take upon themselves responsibilities which should be left to the parents. This all goes back to earlier statements I made regarding our children becoming properties of the State.

While I do not believe that Christian prayer time in the public school classroom is possible any longer due to the aforementioned reasons, I do believe that children have the right to speak about whatever topic they wish -- including religion -- during their free time at recess, during lunch break, etc. In other words, any location on campus that is outside of a class in progress should be an acceptable place for students to fully express their freedoms of speech and religion. Of course, it should be done in a respectful and non-intrusive manner. If someone approaches a student with a question, or if the topic of religion comes up naturally in a conversation, then children should not be discouraged or prohibited from discussing it.

While it has been a great while since I last looked into this issue, it is my understanding that after a hard-fought battle, there are now some schools which allow students to participate in after-hour Bible clubs, just as they do with chess clubs and similar extra-curricular activities. If this is indeed the case, at least we have that victory. But I've also heard that mentioning God in graduation speeches will still get students in trouble with the school administration in certain places. If you are interested in learning more about what specific rights students have insofar as their Christian faith is concerned, I encourage you to visit the page below. On it, I have compiled legal information which

may be of assistance to you:

<https://www.billkochman.com/Article-Non-BBB/index.html#School-Prayer>

While many American Christians are very eager to see prayer restored in the public school classroom, there is one final, very important point to consider regarding this issue, and that is the following: Why is school prayer even necessary? Many of us parents already know what a hostile environment public school is for our Christian children. Do we honestly want to place this added pressure on our children when they already have enough to carry, beginning with working hard to keep up their grades? Perhaps our older children can endure the pressure and being made fun of by mean or non-believing students. Who knows; it may even toughen them up and make of them stronger, better Christians. It will prepare them for the world.

However, what about our younger children who may be a lot more tender, and not yet hardened against the outside world? Expecting them to be witnesses of their Christian faith in a hostile school environment, such as by participating in the classroom prayer, or perhaps in other ways, may possibly be too much for the little ones to bear. It could have negative consequences in their lives, including emotional or mental problems. They could become withdrawn. So it is something we should consider very carefully. Even the Lord never gives us more than we are able to bear. I am reminded of verses such as the following:

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."
1 Corinthians 10:13, KJV

"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now."
John 16:12, KJV

"Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?"
Acts 15:10, KJV

"I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able."

1 Corinthians 3:2, KJV

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30, KJV

My point is this: If one feels the need to pray to the Lord to seek His blessing, protection and guidance for the day, why wait until he or she arrives at school? After all, our day begins at home when we first wake up. As I mentioned in part two, in the Gospel of Mark we're told that on occasions, Jesus would arise prior to daybreak in order to pray before the bustle of activities would interrupt the quiet of the morning. Let me share that verse with you again:

"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

Mark 1:35, KJV

If a person -- adult or child -- really feels the need to pray, he or she can do it then, or before leaving the home, or even on the way to school. Personally, I talk to the Lord whenever I feel the need to do so, regardless of where I am at. Of course, sometimes I need to be discrete about it. The main point to consider here is that our relationship with God should be an ongoing thing, and not just some repetitive ritual we perform at some designated hour of the day, or in some specific place. As Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew:

"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."

Matthew 6:7, KJV

In a word, real prayer is supposed to be a heart-to-heart relationship, and a heart-to-heart connection with the Lord. While there are times for prayer in a group setting -- such as in a Christian fellowship, for example -- I believe that most benefits are obtained in our private sessions with our

Heavenly Father. This is why Jesus also said the following in that very same chapter of the Gospel of Matthew:

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."
Matthew 6:5-6, KJV

As far as morning school preparation is concerned, in our home, when my daughter was still a little girl so many years ago, we engaged in the regular practice of putting on a King James Version Bible Scripture tape to help us to connect with the Lord's Spirit; and to help us to keep our minds stayed on Him throughout the day. For those of my readers who may be interested, for almost five decades now, I've greatly enjoyed listening to the excellent audio recordings by the well-known voice actor -- and now-deceased -- Alexander Scourby. Trust me; his recordings of the KJV Bible are a worthy investment of your money, if you are not familiar with Scourby's work.

As I am sure I have already made quite clear now, one of the main points I wish to emphasize in this series, is that it is up to us as parents to personally instruct our children in their Christian heritage at home, so that they will have a strong foundation in God's Word, and not be swayed by the many lies and distortions of the truth, which they will no doubt encounter once they begin attending the public school system. It is an ungodly place, and I don't believe that any amount of legislation is going to change that. Why? Because as I explained earlier, we have already dug our pit too deep. We have already let the enemy in through the gates; and now there is no legal way to exterminate the varmints in our own house, sad to say.

In conclusion, we should not depend upon, or even expect, the public school system to meet our children's spiritual needs, because they most definitely will not do so, and are not the least bit interested in doing so. In fact, it isn't even their responsibility anyway. As many of you will know, and as I have made clear in this series, the American public school system kicked out God many years ago, and they have

zero intentions of ever letting Him back in the door. Even now, some school teachers and administrators simply tolerate students who embrace strong Christian beliefs, because they are obligated to do so by American law.

Nevertheless, be forewarned, my friends. If given sufficient time, those people who oppose God and His Word in the public school system will rob your children of their faith in God. Between peer pressure and an ungodly curriculum, it is indeed a sure thing. By the time they reach the college level, many students have already become liberal, godless atheists, to the heartbreak of their own parents. This is what may happen to your children as well; unless you as parents take it upon yourselves at home to strengthen your children's faith now, through a consistent, diligent study of the Bible. The Lord gave your children to you, and not to the school teacher, or even to the Sunday school teacher for that matter. As such, it is your responsibility, and your responsibility alone, to ensure that they receive the proper Christian training that they need. If you as Christian parents fail to do this, you are not only failing them, but you are failing the Lord as well. Please consider this carefully.

With these thoughts I will bring this series to a close. I hope that you have found it informative, and I pray that it has been a blessing and an inspiration in your life. If you have enjoyed reading this series, please consider sharing its URL with your online friends. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Google+ or with any other social network, I would also appreciate if you would take the time to click on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

For additional information and further study, you may want to refer to the list of reading resources below which were also mentioned in this series, or which contain topics which are related to this series. All of them are also located on the Bill's Bible Basics web server:

Adaptation, EVILution and the Six Days of Genesis

Are You a Burning Ember for the Lord?

Civil Disobedience and Christian Persecution

Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah: A Warning to Modern Society

Going Down the Highway of Life

He Who Fights and Runs Away: Choose Your Battles Wisely

Holy Qur'an and Islam: A Doctrine of Devils?
Queen James Bible: Blasphemous Abomination Exposed!
Science and Technology: The Forbidden Knowledge?
The Children of Light: Are You One of Us?
The Dinosaur Dilemma and Modern Science
The Earth is Under Seven Thousand Years Old
The Gay and Lesbian Agenda: To the Point!
The Wisdom of God Versus the Philosophy of Men
This Little Light, Glory of the Lord and Our Bright Future
What About the Poor?
When Sin is No Longer a Sin
Who is the Real Terrorist?

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