

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM APRIL 19, 2015

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Exodus 32:13-14

“Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants to whom You swore by Yourself, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heavens, and all this land of which I have spoken I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” So the Lord changed His mind about the harm which He said He would do to His people.



Exodus 32-34 is God’s report on a disaster of literally biblical proportions. Like many stories that end in tragedy, this story begins with great excitement and expectation. Like many tragedies, it ended with horror at the loss of life and with wonder at how such a disaster could have happened in the first place. It was not the failure of an individual, but that of a covenant which the passage describes. And while the covenant had its weaknesses, it was ultimately human failure that was to blame.

God’s words reflect the consequences of sin - a separation from God and the ominous threat of judgment. God spoke no longer of Israel as “His” people, but rather as the people of Moses: “Go down at once, for your people, whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves” (Exod. 32:7). Both in what God says and in the way He says it, Israel’s sin has put the nation in great danger. God then threatened to annihilate the entire nation and to start over, making a new nation of Moses. It looks as though Israel will be wiped out, and, we must say, God would have been wholly just in doing so, at least from the standpoint of the seriousness of Israel’s sin.

If God had intended to wipe Israel out, what reason was there for Him to tell Moses about it, and then send Him down to the people? God tells of judgment in advance so as to afford an opportunity for men to repent. Furthermore, the words, “let Me alone,” suggest to Moses that if he did leave God alone, the people would be destroyed. The inference is that if Moses did intercede for Israel, God would likely turn His wrath away from His people. The words which God spoke were intended to stimulate Moses to intercede for his people, and thus to bring about forgiveness.

When Moses appealed to God, pleading with Him not to destroy the Israelites as He threatened, he did not make his appeal on the basis of the Mosaic Covenant, just inaugurated; but to the Abrahamic Covenant, made centuries before. Within the provisions of the Mosaic Covenant, there was really only one solution for sin - death. God was right in proposing the destruction of the entire nation to remedy their sin problem. Death was the only way that the Law could remove sin. Only it is not we who have died for sin, but Christ. He died, under the curse of the Law, so that the problem of sin could be removed. He also rose from the dead, giving us a new covenant, and the power of the Holy Spirit, so that sin need no longer rule over us.

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“Who is this...fair as the moon, bright as the sun, majestic as the stars?”

Song of Solomon 6:10

Words: Written by German Jesuits as *Schönster Herr Jesu*, 17th Century. Published in the *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677, & translated from German to English by **Joseph A. Seiss**, 1873.

Music: *Crusader's Hymn* Silesian folk tune from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; arranged by **Richard S. Willis**, 1850



Richard S. Willis (1819-1900)



Joseph A. Seiss (1823-1904)

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels Heav'n can boast.

All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in Thee;
None can be nearer, fairer or dearer,
Than Thou, my Savior, art to me.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE

April 2015

- April 19** **8:45 AM** *The Man Who Caused God to Repent*
- Exodus 32 & 33
- 10:30 AM** **Sunday School – Digging Deeper**
- April 21** **7:00 PM** **Bible Study in II Timothy – at the Kikkert's**
- April 24** **6:30 PM** **Friday Night Fellowship**
- April 26** **8:45 AM** *The Man Who Was Always Singing*
- 2 Samuel 22
- 10:30 AM** **Sunday School – Digging Deeper**
- April 28** **7:00 PM** **Bible Study in II Timothy – at the Kikkert's**
- May 1** **7:00 PM** **Game Night**
- May 3** **8:45 AM** *The Man Who Prayed About the Weather*
- 1st Kings 17-19
- 10:30 AM** **Digging Deeper**
- May 10** **8:45 AM** *The Woman Who Gave Away Her Son*
- I Samuel 1 & 2
Mother's Day – No Second Hour

Bible Man' assemblies expelled from Tennessee schools following atheist complaint

[HTTP://CHRISTIANNEWS.NET/](http://christiannews.net/)

GRUNDY COUNTY, Tenn. - Presentations from a character identified as “Bible Man” have been halted in a Tennessee school district following a complaint from a prominent atheist activist organization.

Horace Turner has been presenting assemblies at Grundy County schools for approximately 40 years without issue. He sings songs, presents Bible lessons, distributes literature and erects Christian displays for the children. Attendance is voluntary. But last month, after receiving a complaint from a parent-whose name has not been disclosed-the Madison, Wisconsin-based Freedom from Religion Foundation (FFRF) sent the district a letter asserting that Turner's presentations are unconstitutional.

“It is deeply troubling that the district allows these assemblies to take place. It is well settled that public schools may not advance or promote religion,” the letter, which pertained to a presentation at Coalmont Elementary School, stated. “Allowing anyone access to public school students to proselytize, and including the events in the school's calendar, is illegal district endorsement of the speaker's religious message, in this case a Christian message.”

FFRF asked that Turner be prohibited from conducting future assemblies, referencing the need for children to be protected from “predators.”

“The district must ensure no more ‘Bible Man’ assemblies or other religious assemblies are being scheduled or taking place in its public schools, thereby protecting chil-

dren under its care from predators and upholding their constitutional rights,” the letter stated. “We also wish to be assured Bible Man is not given other access to district students, such as in lunchrooms, etc.”

But a number of parents throughout the area do not want the district to heed FFRF's demands. They feel that Turner is being booted from school campuses, and want to ensure that he can continue to share the gospel with children.

“If people of other religions did not want to go see Mr. Turner, they were not forced to,” parent Ann Partain told the Grundy County Herald. “They had a choice.”

“At the last board meeting, there were several concerned citizens wanting to make sure that Bible Man or Mr. Turner will continue to be in Grundy County,” Dr. Willie Childers, interim director of schools, told WRCB-TV. He explained that the district is working on an alternative where students may participate in after-school clubs, which may include a religious club with Turner. Childers said that Turner is not being banned from schools altogether.

“I believe the perception was that we're trying to get rid of him, and that was not the perception we wanted to present,” he stated. “We are trying to make sure that the procedures that we do are legal and constitutional for every citizen.”

Turner has no affiliation with Bibleman, the televised character played by Willie Aames.