

Laws of Man Versus Laws of God

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"O HOW I love Thy law," declares the Psalmist in Psalm 119-97.

It would be a remarkable statement, if it were found anywhere else but in the Bible, and on the part of anyone but a devout Israelite. The good citizen, in the most law-abiding community, may have respect for the law. He may obey it scrupulously, or resist it, if he feels any of its provisions to be unjust. But he hardly feels any affection for it.

Why, then, did the devout Israelite profess such a deep and intense affection for the law? And Psalm 119-97 is only one of a great many passages in the Old Testament that express the same emotion and devotion.

It was because "the law" to the devout Israelite represented the perfect ideal of individual character and of the relations of men to one another. It was the law of God, the expression of God's will, inviting the deepest and highest thoughts and meditations of the sincere and full of wonderful things (Psalm 119-18).

It was the tragedy of Israel that the law, which to the noblest and the devout was concentrated in the purpose to love God with all the heart, soul, mind, and strength, became corrupted into a multiplicity of rites and observances that had lost any real moral value. The Sabbath, sacred symbol of

the law, had become so corrupted in its observance by some that to heal a fellowman on the Sabbath was wrong, though it was not wrong to harbor hateful and murderous thoughts against the Christ who did the healing.

All law, whether of God or of man, is subject to such degradation. Men interpret and pervert the laws of God to their own ends, presuming to attach divine sanction to their own purposes and enactments. The law that ought to be the bulwark of freedom, for the maintenance of human rights and the defense against wrongs, in the hands of dictators and usurpers of power, becomes an instrument of oppression.

Over a great part of the world today this is what has happened. Masses of men, who wish only to live and work in peace, live in fear, in fear of those who ought to be their protectors, if law and government had their proper validity.

The laws of man may fall far short of the law of God as the perfect ideal, but insofar as they represent order, security and protection, we need an increasing vision of what law can be and ought to be. We need a deeper respect for law in fulfilling its purpose.

And insofar as law is a fundamental instrument of democracy, perhaps we need a love of the law, akin to that of the devout Hebrew.

3 p.m. Service at Masonic Home.

5 p.m. Youth Fellowship will meet at the church to attend a sub-district rally at Nebraska City.

Wednesday evening at 7:15 our midweek service and Bible study Wednesday evening at 8:00—Senior choir rehearsal.

Thursday afternoon at 2:30 the Naomi circle meets with Mrs. Al Nierster; the Dorcas will have a covered dish luncheon at the church at 1 o'clock.

Thursday evening at 8:00, the

Gleaners Circle meets with Mrs. W. L. Heinrich. Thursday at 7 p. m. Boy Scouts meet.

Saturday at 1:15 p. m. the Junior choir will meet. November 5th the World Community Day service. October 25-30 Week of Prayer.

UNION METHODIST
Rev. E. C. Williams, Pastor
9:45 a. m. Morning Worship.
10:30 a. m. Church School.
Thursday at 2, Woman's Society of Christian Service.
Friday at 8, the Youth Fellowship.

Sunday, Youth Fellowship Sub-District Rally at Nebraska City Methodist church at 6 p. m.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH
Fifth St. and Avenue A.
Personage at 714 First Ave.
E. J. Moritz, pastor

Church School at 9:30 a. m. Church worship at 10:30 a. m. This Sunday, October 17, we will observe our annual Mission festival in the morning and afternoon, with a dinner at noon in church parlors for everyone.

Dr. H. C. Zukau, Omaha will speak to the Sunday School and in the morning worship services. Rev. Eugene Schneider, pastor at St. John's, Council Bluffs, Ia. will speak at 2 o'clock, and after the services he will show kodachrome slides about our China Missions in the church parlors. Everyone is cordially invited and let us remember our Missions in these services with our gifts and prayers.

Women's Guild Circle meeting at 7:30 October 19.

Circle 1 in church parlors with Miss Sophia Kraeger, Miss Helen Horn and Mrs. Blanch Meisinger as hostesses.

Circle 2 will also meet in the church parlors, with Mrs. Fred Hafikle, Mrs. Ernest Schubeck and Mrs. Erwin Siemers as hostesses.

Circle 3 will meet at the home of Mrs. Verne Kuffenberger with Mrs. Mabel Engelke and Mrs. Sophia Guenther as co-hostesses.

You are cordially invited to attend services.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Dr. H. G. McClusky, Pastor
Seventh Street and Second Ave.
Sabbath School at 9:45 a. m., Ralph Wehrbein, Supt.

Morning Church Worship service at 11:00. The sermon: "Christian Home Sunday, Children in the Home."

The Westminster Fellowship at 6:00 o'clock.

The Circle meetings for Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 are as follows: Circle One will meet at the home of Mrs. John Sattler with Mrs. H. E. Becker, Mrs. John Wehrbein, Mrs. Harold Buechler, Mrs. John Rutherford, and Mrs. Walter Probst associate hostesses.

Circle Two will meet at the home of Mrs. Orville Nielsen, with Mrs. Richard Spangler, Mrs. Nellie Spangler, and Mrs. Wayne Gorton associate hostesses.

Circle Three is postponed one week to Oct. 27th.

Circle Four will meet at 8:00 in the evening at the home of Mrs. L. D. Hiatt with Mrs. Robert Cappell, Mrs. Wm. Steinkamp, Mrs. Emily Iverson, and Miss Margaret Iverson associate hostesses.

EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN
Rev. D. V. Herrick, pastor
Mynard, Nebraska
Church School at 10 a. m., Roy al Smith, Supt.

Worship Service at 11 a. m. Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p. m. Y. F. topic, "Growing Up Emotionally."

Sunday is Men's Day. The Brotherhood will be in charge and the entire program will be given by the men of the church.

Brotherhood monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, October 19, at 8:00 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
Sixth Street & 2nd Avenue
Church Service 11:00 a. m.
"Doctrine of Atonement" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, October 17, 1948.

The Golden Text is: "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). Other Bible citations include, "That which we

have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, "Glory be to God, and peace to the struggling hearts: Christ hath rolled away the stone from the door of human hope and faith, and through the revelation and demonstration of life in God, hath elevated them to possible at-one-ment with the spiritual idea of man and his divine Principle, Love" (p. 45).

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
"The Church of the Lutheran Hour"
Cleo Kautsch, Pastor
9:30 a. m. Sunday worship, 10:30 a. m. Sunday school.

One of the symptoms of our modern moral breakdown is the frequency with which the word "hell" is being used as an expletive in "polite" society. The modern novel, the modern play, even some modern periodicals have come to accept "hell" as just another punctuation mark.

Unfortunately, a concept cannot be made less hideous by its frequent use. Hell will remain hell whether we use the word or not. And hell will remain hell whether we like the idea or not.

It is said that once when Robert Ingersoll launched into a lecture to prove conclusively that there is no hell, a half-intoxicated man rose and said: "Make it strong, Bob. There's a lot of us poor fellows depending on you. If you are wrong, we're all lost. So be sure you prove it clear and plain."

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Canon Geo. St. G. Tyner, rector
Third Street & Avenue A
Sunday services—
Holy Communion and sermon 9:00 a. m.
Church School 10:15 a. m. Edward Egenberger, Supt.
This will be Youth Sunday.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. Roy P. Morris, Pastor
Murray, Nebraska
10:00 a. m. Bible School, with classes for all ages. James Comstock, superintendent.
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship, with sermon, "The Christian's Mission and Equipment."

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH
Rev. Edward C. Tuckek, Pastor
Sixteenth and First Avenue
Sunday—
Holy Mass is offered at 8 and 10 o'clock every Sunday morning.
Holy Mass is offered at seven o'clock each week day.
Monday, Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p. m.
Tuesday, Boy Scouts at 7:30 p. m.
Friday, sorrowful Mother Novena at 7:30 p. m.
Saturday, Confessions from 7:30 to 9 p. m.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL AND LUTHERAN CHURCH
On Plattsmouth-Louisville Road
Dr. A. Lentz, Pastor
Sunday, October 17—
9:30 Sunday School,
10:30 Services.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC
Rt. Rev. Monsignor George Agius, pastor. Rev. Father John W. Kelly
Sunday, October 17, winter schedule of masses.
First mass at 8 a. m.
Second mass at 10:30.
Week day masses at 8 a. m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN
Rev. Sherman R. Hanson, pastor
Eighth Street & Avenue C
Public Services are being held this week on Thursday, the 14th.

at 7:30 p. m.; and on Friday, the 15th, at 7:00 p. m. in connection with the fall Church Development Crusade of the Christian church. Les Thimigan and Mrs. Jess Hodge are leading the musical portion of these services. Rev. Hanson is assisting with the worship, and Dr. Paul E. Becker, the Crusade Director, is delivering the evening sermons. The public is cordially invited.

Services on Sunday, the 17th, will be as follows:
Communion and Worship service at 10:00 a. m. with sermon by Rev. Hanson.

Sunday School meets at 11:00 a. m. with classes for all age groups.

Christian Youth Fellowship meets at 6:00 p. m.; worship and discussions.

Evening Evangelistic Service at 7:00 p. m. with sermon by Dr. Becker.

Men of the church will share in a program of visitation evangelism on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings of next week. Dr. Becker and Rev. Hanson are scheduling special conferences with congregational departments and committees for that week of the Development Crusade. The meeting will close

with two public preaching services the last of next week. Dr. Becker will speak on Thursday the 31st, and Friday the 22nd. The Thursday service will begin at 7:30 p. m. The Friday program will commence at 7 o'clock. Everyone is welcome to share the fellowship, inspiration, and spirit of these special services.

WESLEYAN METHODIST
Rev. Arnold L. Nabholz, pastor
925 South Tenth
10:00 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship.
7:30 p. m. Evening Service.
Prayer Service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

WRITERS GUILD MEETS
The fall meeting of the Nebraska State Writers Guild will be held in Omaha on October 23 at the Fontenelle Hotel. There will be a talk at 11 a. m. on the Bread Loaf conference, by Dr. L. V.

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Jacks, then luncheon, followed by a lecture on the status of South American Writers in their respective countries, by Dr. C. S. Espinosa, and a group of original poems by Helen Skrinar. The price of the luncheon is \$1.50, including tip. There is no other charge. This meeting is open to anyone interested in the craft of writing, whether a member of the Guild or not.

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1:30 P. M.
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