

The Sower

The Lord's Day-----August 6, 2017

Arthur Church of Christ

415 W 4th Street, Arthur, IL 61951

Preacher: Ron Bartanen

Times of Worship

9:30 a.m. (Bible Classes)-----10:30 a.m. (Morning Worship)----1:30 p.m. (Wednesday Bible Class)

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“THE DEATH CAMPS OF AMERICA”

“History has a way of repeating itself”—so begins an e-mail from Martin Fox, president of the National Pro-Life Alliance. To illustrate his point, he referred to the experiences of Eva Edll, from Hungary. Eva, as a nine-year-old child, was among the thousands packed into concentration camps by the communists. She recalls being thrown into a cattle car, and being taken into a camp containing some 20,000 people, where she was packed into a bare room that contained nothing but an inch of straw on the floor. Conditions in the camp were so severe she estimates that about 50 people died daily. She and her mother spent six months in this “death camp.” She believes she would have died if her mother hadn’t escaped and rescued her as well.

Because her mother had given her a chance at life, Eva survived the ordeal, and was able to eventually come to America, where people are promised “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” However, when she arrived she had an awakening. She was horrified to learn of “the death camps of America.” No, she, personally, was not again thrown into a cattle car and shipped off to such a camp, but what she found out was equally disturbing. She was shocked to learn of America’s slaughter of innocent children in abortion mills, which she refers to as the “death camps of America..” In an interview, she said, “When a government does not value human life at any stage of development or aging, it only depends on who is in charge that hour that will determine who will be killed next. Right now, it’s babies.” Of the human family, created “in the image of God”, who could be next?

Eva is now engaged in the defense of the lives of our most-innocent, a committed pro-life defender and protector of the unborn children of America.

Let us never forget: while we would dare to assume that “life, liberty and the pursuit of (our) happiness” is assured forever, every year Big Abortion slaughters over a million babies, allowing them not even the right to life. That’s about 2 babies killed per minute, and it continues to grow as Planned Parenthood has found it lucrative, selling baby-parts. And, whether you agree with this mass killing or not, if you pay taxes you are expected to fund this gory business. While defunding Planned Parenthood, cutting off our tax support, would be a welcomed step, it would be only a step. Until the doors of all these “death camps” are closed, their existence is to our nation’s shame. —Ron

EMPTY PROMISES—

A store manager heard the clerk tell a customer, “No, ma’am. We haven’t had any for a while, and it doesn’t look as if we’ll be getting any soon.

Horrified, the manager came running over to the customer and said, “Of course we’ll have some soon! We placed an order last week.” Then the manager drew the clerk aside. “Never,” he snarled, “never, never say we’re out of anything. Say we’ve got it on order, and it’s coming. Now, what was it she wanted, anyway.

The clerk replied, “Rain.”

(AudioEvangelism.com)

MAKE ETERNAL LIFE YOUR GOAL

One of the benefits of living the Christian life is that we can look with anticipation to being with our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus, along with the Holy Spirit for eternity. Eternal life is for the faithful!

We must realize that man was created with the ability to choose between good and evil. Christ came that we might have life. He came to give us a richer life in Him! Praise God that He loves us so much! Live for Him who died for you. Make choices spiritually that will lead to Eternal Life!

--Larry Miles, Louisville, KY

GREAT VALUE IN DISASTER

Thomas Edison’s laboratory was virtually destroyed by fire in December, 1914. Although the damage exceeded \$2 million, the buildings were only insured for \$238,000 because they were made of concrete and thought to be fireproof. Much of Edison’s life’s work went up in spectacular flames that December night.

At the height of the fire, Edison’s 24-year-old son, Charles, frantically searched for his father among the smoke and debris. He finally found him, calmly watching the scene, his face glowing in the reflection, his white hair blowing in the wind.

“My heart ached for him,” said Charles. “He was 67—no longer a young man—and everything was going up in flames. When he saw me, he shouted, ‘Charles, where’s your mother?’ When I told him I didn’t know, he said, ‘Find her. Bring her here. She will never see anything like this as long as she lives.’”

The next morning, Edison looked at the ruins and said, "There is great value in disaster. All our mistakes are burned up. Thank God we can start anew."

Three weeks after the fire, Edison managed to deliver his first phonograph.
--The Sower's Seed

"WORRY does not take away tomorrow's troubles. It takes away today's peace." --Unknown

FREEDOM...THROUGH SLAVERY

That sounds strange, doesn't it? Freedom and slavery are polar opposites, are they not?

Note what the Bible has to say. "But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is satisfaction, and its end, eternal life" (Romans 6:22). And again, "Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil, but live as servants of God" (1 Peter 2:16).

Free, but slaves! All men are prisoners of something. We merely choose our prison. Some are slaves to alcohol, others to drugs, and some to their own possessions. Others, as the apostle Paul, delight in being a slave to Jesus Christ.

Here's the way Charles Kingsley expressed it: "There are two kingdoms: the false, when one is free to do what he likes; and the true: when one is free to do as he ought."

The apostle Peter knew some advocates of the false kingdom who promised freedom. Were they to be trusted? Hardly. "They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption: for whatever overcomes a man, to that he is enslaved" (2 Peter 2:19). Strange, isn't it! A slave of corruption promising freedom.

As William Temple says, "We need to be delivered from the freedom which is perfect bondage into the slavery of God's service, which is perfect freedom."

Don't you suppose that is what Augustine had in mind when he exclaimed, "Love God and do what you will"?

True freedom is found in Christ. "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).
--John Gipson, Little Rock, Ark.

"WE HAVE AN ANCHOR" will be today's lesson, with Hebrews 6:11, 18-19 as the text.

PRAY FOR: Lyla (Arthur Home, #37); Nadine; Linda; Rodger; Boyd (doing better); Ron; someone you know who is lost, and our nation's leaders that they may seek wisdom from God and His word. Pray for a spiritual awakening.