

From The Pulpit

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DON'T LET THE SUN CATCH YOU CRYING

Text: "For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Faith is that something that allows us to look from the dark valleys of despondency through tear-filled eyes to the joy of a "New Day Dawning." Often the night hides from us those things that must be seen in their proper light in order to appreciate them. Therefore this text is born of faith; patience in adversities, endurance, and hope, that though the night be filled with sorrow and tears, the sun must surely rise, and the night must fade away.



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This text offers us a way of strength when our hearts are heavy with grief, for the Psalmist tells us that joy may be a more abiding guest than sorrow. He does not expect exemption from sorrow nor does he make any claim to a Utopian world, but what the text implies is that although weeping may come in as a wayfarer and spend the night, the unwelcome guest need not abide. It may remain through the brief hours of the night but it cannot survive the dawning of the day. If tears must fall, the rising rays of the sun will evaporate them as the dew or change them to sparkling jewels of splendor.

We are prone to see through our joys rather than our sorrows. Whenever we are in a state of happiness we begin looking for the end. When we see little children in their care-free play and hear their sounds of laughter, we often think "How soon must they leave it all behind, and pass from their gladness into a harsh and rugged world where the stones will bruise their feet and where the thorns will pierce their little bodies." We think, "How fleeting is the moment of joy." This is the kind of skepticism with which we view joy. We are forever looking back into our own experiences and we remember so well our moments of joy and how they escape us. If we had the faith of this text, perhaps our joys could be more lasting and our sorrows lessened.

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." How did our poet come by this conviction? It does good to find that his faith is not born of a stubborn refusal to face the ugly facts of life. He does not believe that weeping will abide only for a night because he has shut his eyes to the grim tragedies that are the fountain source of our tears. For a fact is a fact, no matter who does not like it. This writer realizes the horrid fact of sin. He does not deny the reality of pain. Sin is all about us. And pain will be felt by us. Sin will cause weeping and pain will cause crying. Jesus cried in the darkness of a noonday, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Yes, he cried in the darkness that we might not weep in the sunlight.

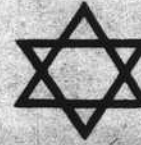
The glory of this text is that it was lived before it was written. This verse brings us a conviction that was hammered out upon the evil of a soul. David traces for us the road along which he traveled to his faith. Life had dealt kindly and gently with him. Sickness and sorrow came to others, but not to him. He knew little of the suffering and tears that were the human lot but he attempted to enter into sympathy with others, but could not. They were from a distant world. His prosperity continued so long that he said, "I shall never be moved," then like a bolt of lightning the blow fell--before he could realize what was happening the light had gone out of his sky, and life for him had toppled into ruins.

At last, in his bewilderment at God's perplexing ordering of things, he lost his faith. With physical and spiritual health gone a strange guest came into his home. That guest was grief and tears. He was not welcome but--nevertheless he came.

Weeping sat with him at every meal, and



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(UNESCO, from page 1)

ing of races has played a negative role for mankind as a whole. On the contrary, it has helped to preserve biological ties between groups of people and, consequently, the unity of mankind in its diversity.

"Hence there is no biological justification for banning interracial marriages nor for any advice aimed at banning them."

THE FINDINGS of the conference were made public by Professor Debets at a news conference in the Institute of Ethnology in southwest Moscow.

According to Professor Debets, the statement agreed on by the UNESCO experts was "more categorical in formulating equality of human races" than was the declaration of 1948. That declaration asserted the rights of all human beings without regard to race, nationality or religion.

The experts, all anthropologists, also opposed the use of their research for what they termed "unscientific purposes" to promote racist aims.

(STOVALL, from page 6)

IT HAPPENED to be the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Even Archbishop John Patrick Cody of New Orleans put in an appearance together with Father Andrew C. Smith, president of the University.

Among the most enthusiastic listeners was Father William J. Junkin, Dean of Students, a destroyer commander in World War II and a reconstructed native of Natchez, Miss., not too far from "Babe's" old home near Tylertown.

So there was "Babe" Stovall. Jailed on July 29 for singing and playing at an integrated university function before the Archbishop of New Orleans and the President of Loyola.

They passed the basket for "Babe" afterwards. When the take was counted up, \$64 was in the kitty. It was the most profitable "glg" that "Babe" had ever played.

took his taste for food. Weeping shared his bed and made his nights long and full of agony. Weeping sat down in his lap and made him think he would be there always. But when all earthly hope had gone he decided to make one last effort. He cries, "I called on the Lord, and He heard my cry and delivered me out of all my troubles."

This text has even more meaning to us than it did to the poet. For Christ has come and brought new life and immortality through the gospel. "Ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy."

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