

Sermon Notes – 09.11.2022 Parting Words - The Faith of the Queen

Colossians 3:10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—

Queen Elizabeth Passing after a 70 Year Reign – Many in the UK have Never Known another Monarch

“To many of us our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me, **the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life.** I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ’s words and example,”

Her stance for her faith inspired the nation and was acknowledged by **Billy Graham in his book, Just As I Am.** Though England is known for its Christian roots, **the Queen had a way of bringing the conversation into the mainstream,** while not isolating her supporters, a true gift of a stateswoman and a **bold stance to acknowledge Christ before others.**

“Above all things, I do think of myself as just a simple Christian.”

“...the **Christian message,** in the words of a familiar blessing, remains profoundly important to us all:

Go forth into the world in peace (Render to no man evil for evil)

Mark 9:50 "Salt is good; but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it salty *again*? **Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.**"

Romans 12:11-21 "...not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; **12** rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, **13** contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. **14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. **16** Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. **17** **Never pay back evil for evil to anyone.** Respect what is right in the sight of all men. **18** **If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.** **19** Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath *of God*, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. **20** "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD." **21** **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

Be of good courage

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous!** Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

2 Timothy 1:7-9 For **God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.** **8** Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but **join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,** **9** **who has saved us and called us with a holy calling,** not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity.

- **Fear and Timidity Serve Nothing**

Hold fast that which is good

1 Corinthians 15:2 (1 Corinthians 15:2) hold fast the word which I preached to you

1 Thessalonians 5:21 But examine everything *carefully*; hold fast to that which is good;

Hebrews 3:6 but Christ *was faithful* as a Son over His house—whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

Hebrews 3:14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

Revelation 2:13 '...hold fast My name,.

Revelation 2:25 'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.

Revelation 3:11 '...hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

Render to no man evil for evil

Strengthen the faint-hearted, Support the weak, Help the afflicted

1 Thessalonians 5:14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. **15** See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, **4** who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Honour all men."

Ephesians 6:2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise),

Leviticus 19:32 'You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.

Romans 12:10 *Be* devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

Romans 13:7 Render to all what is due them: ... honor to whom honor.

1 Peter 2:17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

Proverbs 3:27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in your power to do it.

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render to no man evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak,
help the afflicted, honour all men."*

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