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Convinced Part 7

Do you possess convictions? In other words, what bedrock beliefs both inform and impact the manner in which you live? In this series we have noted an array of biblical truths that should shape our life and living. Let us close with the following:

1) The Supremacy of God

To what degree are we convinced that the Lord is greater than our enemies (i.e., of the earthly and the spiritual variety)?

1 John 4:4 (NIV)

4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

The following account speaks to the supremacy of God:

"John Paton was a missionary in the New Hebrides Islands. One night hostile natives surrounded the mission station, intent on burning out the Patons and killing them. Paton and his wife prayed during that terror-filled night that God would deliver them. When daylight came they were amazed to see their attackers leave. A year later, the chief of the tribe was converted to Christ. Remembering what had happened, Paton asked the chief what had kept him from burning down the house and killing them. The chief replied in surprise, 'Who were all those men with you there?' Paton knew no men were present, but the chief said he was afraid to attack because he had seen hundreds of big men in shining garments with drawn swords circling the mission station."

2) The Strength of God

To what degree are we convinced that the Lord grants necessary strength and renewal amidst the difficulties of this life?

Isaiah 40:29-31

29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

In his book, "Against the Flow," Oxford professor John Lennox notes that when God calls us to do something difficult he gives us the strength when we need it, not before we need it. Lennox illustrates this biblical principle with a story about an encounter with a Russian follower of Jesus, who spent years in a Siberian labor camp for the crime of teaching his children about the Bible. Lennox writes: "He described to me that he had seen things that no man should ever have to see. I listened, thinking how little I really knew about life and wondering how I would have fared under his circumstances. As if he had read my thoughts, he suddenly said: 'You couldn't cope with that, could you?' Embarrassed, I stumbled out something like: 'No, I am sure you are right.' He then grinned and said: 'Nor could I. I was a man who fainted at the sight of his own blood, let alone that of others. But

what I discovered in the camp was this: God does not help us to face theoretical situations, but real ones. Like you I couldn't imagine how one could cope in the Gulag. But once there I found that God met me, exactly as Jesus had promised his disciples when he was preparing them for victimization and persecution.'" Lennox adds, "We can be confident, then, that the Lord will give us a sufficient amount of grace to handle whatever comes our way, whenever it comes our way-and not necessarily a moment before."

3) The Peace of God

To what degree are we convinced that God provides peace for his own? Consider afresh and anew this promise of Christ:

John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

I have come to love the statement that peace "consists not in the absence of danger but in the presence of God." This reality was made manifest in the life of Nicholas Ridley. In 1555, Nicholas Ridley was burned at the stake because of his witness for Christ. On the night before his execution, his brother offered to remain with him in the prison chamber to be of assistance and comfort. Nicholas declined the offer and replied that he meant to go to bed and sleep as quietly as ever he did in his life. Because he knew the peace of God, he could rest in the strength of the everlasting arms of his Lord to meet his need. So can we.

4) The Sufficiency of God

2 Peter 1:3

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

God is sufficient. He has provided everything that you need for this life and the next through His Son, Jesus Christ. Do you believe that is enough? Cling to Him and you shall see! And in those moments when you feel weary or depleted, consider: "When you have nothing left but God, then you become aware that God is enough."

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your leisure using the information below.

Also, feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

"Our Hearts have been Sprinkled by the Holy One"

Our services can be found on our website at www.barrechurch.com

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10 v 11 – 25

I. Introduction

I love the soothing sound of a plane in the distance.

It has a stimulating effect on my brain, I think and it makes me feel lighthearted. Likewise, the sound of the ocean waves can be so relaxing, not to mention the splashing of the waves across one's legs and feet. It has such a cleansing effect on the mind and the soul.

Fall leaves can be beautiful, or just plain fun when you roll around the heap you've just made before getting rid of them. The sprinkling of soft rain or snow on our faces as we stroll through the woods or down the road is enchanting and peaceful. To be surrounded by so much that makes us feel good, is like sprinkles that stir the mind and the soul.

Are you with me? So, let's see what Paul is teaching us about the sprinkling of the hearts in the Epistle to the Hebrews.

II. Our hearts have been sprinkled by the Holy One

In this passage Paul describes how Christ, the High Priest gave His Body as a complete sacrifice for the sins of humanity. The priests in the Old Testament never sat down in the sanctuary but remained standing throughout their sacred duties. These sacred duties and sacrifices were done regularly but could never cleanse or purify the hearts and souls in a permanent way.

On the other hand, when Christ finished His work on earth, died and rose again, He sat down at the right-hand side of God, and became the mediator between God and humanity. His bodily sacrifice happened only once and its purpose was to save humanity from its sin, offer forgiveness and healing. He did not have to die again.

In verse 13 and 14 it states that He makes His enemies His footstool, and those who seek redemption will be made holy. As High Priest and Son of God, His work is done and perfected in those who receive forgiveness of their sins. He is therefore available always to anyone who needs forgiveness and healing.

Because of the sacrifice of Christ through His Body, Paul is reassuring the believers here that they have the wonderful privilege to enter the Most Holy Place where God is, entering through the curtain, which is the Body of Christ. He then encourages them to draw near to God in full assurance of faith, "having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water."

The sprinkling of the heart indicates an inward and spiritual cleansing. Reference is made to the ashes from a young female cow that had not borne a calf yet and mixed with water, for the purpose of cleansing and sanctifying. If so, how much more powerful and redeeming is the Blood of

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Women's Guild holds Christmas fair

BARRE – Once again, the Women's Guild of St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be taking part in "Christmas in Barre" with their Annual Christmas Fair, on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall on South Street.

This year's Grand Raffle: first Prize will be \$1,000 CASH, second Prize 100 Gallons Heating Oil or 100 Gallons of Propane donated by R.J. McDonald and third Prize is a Handcrafted Doll House, made by

Gordon Robinson and many more prizes too. This doll house is every little girl's dream come true. The Doll House comes with a porch swing along with furniture for most of the rooms.

The Christmas Fair will have Handmade crafts, Gift Cards, and Basket Raffles, the ever popular Cemetery Baskets, Bake Shoppe and Hot Cocoa Bar, plus fun games and prizes for the children. One very special craft item which will be raffled off is a Handmade Quilt

titled, "Underground Railroad." The Grand Raffle or the Quilt Raffle tickets will be sold after all Masses up to the Fair. Guild members have tickets to sell.

There are sign-up sheets to order a cemetery basket in the back of each church or by calling or texting Judy at 508-320-5049. Deadline to order is Sunday, Dec. 1.

People can enjoy a delicious lunch of homemade soups and sandwiches.

Public Notices

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF M.L.C. 225 SEC.39A THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD ON December 7, 2024 AT A SALE TO SATISFY OUR GARAGE LIEN THEREON FOR TOWING & STORAGE CHARGES AND EXPENSES OF SALE AND NOTICE:

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by William C. Dupell, III, Tanya M. Gryszowka-Dupell to Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for CitiBank, N.A., dated October 16, 2015 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54453, Page 120, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated May 24, 2022, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67776, Page 234, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for CitiBank, N.A. its successors and assigns to CitiMortgage, Inc., recorded on May 9, 2016, in Book No. 55296, at Page 345 CitiMortgage, Inc. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., recorded on July 25, 2017, in Book No. 57470, at Page 376 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded on May 4, 2020, in Book No. 62326, at Page 290 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at **2:00 PM on December 17, 2024**, on the mortgaged premises located at 1476 Patril Hollow Road, Hardwick, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT: A certain parcel of land situated on the northwesterly side of Patril Hollow Road, in Hardwick, Massachusetts and being the lot containing 4 acres shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Hardwick, Massachusetts, Surveyed for Karl D. and Brenda L. Germain" dated March 13, 1995, by Daniel A.

Para, Land Surveyor, Inc., and being recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 692, Page 24, to which plan reference is made for a more particular description.

The Grantee takes the parcel conveyed hereunder with notice and acknowledgment that the parcel conveyed is adjacent to the Hardwick Landfill which is owned by Hardwick Landfill, Inc. and although not being operated as a landfill on the date of conveyance, the Grantor or a successor in interest may seek permits and, if granted, operate the Landfill in the future. As a part of the consideration for this conveyance the Grantees have agreed not to object to the reopening of the Landfill in the future. This provision shall survive the delivery of the deed.

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54452, Page 210.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the

purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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