

- Editorial -

A NOTE FROM HISTORY

PENTECOST:

WHAT DOES THE WORD MEAN?

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary:

From the Greek "pentekoste" (the fiftieth day). A Christian festival on the seventh Sunday after Easter, celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles.

A Biblical and Theological Dictionary by Richard Watson

Pentecost: A solemn festival of the Jews; so called, because it was celebrated on the fiftieth day after the sixteenth of Nisan, which was the second day of the passover. The Hebrews call it the feast of weeks, because it was kept seven weeks after the passover. They then offered the first fruits of the wheat harvest, which was then completed; beside which, they presented at the temple seven lambs of that year, one calf, and two rams for a burnt-offering; two lambs for a peace-offering; and a goat for a sin-offering, Lev. 23:15-16; Exodus 34:22; Deut. 16:9-10. The feast of pentecost was instituted among the Israelites, first to oblige them to repair to the temple of the Lord, there to acknowledge his absolute dominion over the whole country, by offering him the first fruits of the harvest; and, secondly, to commemorate and give thanks to God for the law which he had given them from Sinai, on the fiftieth day after their coming out of Egypt. The modern Jews celebrate the pentecost for two days. They deck the synagogues, where the law is read, and their own houses with garlands of flowers. They hear an oration in praise of the law, and read from the Pentateuch and prophets lessons which have a relation to this festival, and accommodate their prayers to the same occasion. It was on the feast of pentecost that the Holy Ghost descended in the miraculous manner related, Acts, Chapter Two.

BUT TWO THINGS MATTER

"Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and . . . love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matt. 22: 37, 39).

A multitude of things perplex,

They come our peace to shatter,

But if we face the truth, we'll know

That only two things matter.

With these two things done "honor bright"

All else in life will turn out right.

Condense life's problems then to two

And all the others scatter;

Remember, these alone are real—

All others do not matter.

Love God with all the love you can,

And as yourself, your fellow man.

If you're in doubt, fulfill this law,

And note how trouble ceases;

How rich and full is life's reward

And all its joy increases.

Remember, this is Jesus' plan

To give you peace with God and man.

—Grant Colfax Tullar.

NO DRINKERS!

The following advertisement appeared in a Denver newspaper: "Inexperienced man over 30 to train for bartender's position. If you drink, you cannot qualify."

The following resolution was read before the annual Alliance session by Rev. W. B. Wiggins, in 1891, the Alliance that year being held at Sandford, Nova Scotia.

Whereas in view of the enormous iniquity of the liquor traffic and the widespread corruption which flows therefrom in times of political election, and

Whereas this corruption is with the knowledge and consent of the two political parties of the day, notwithstanding there are strict statute laws to the contrary; and in view further of the fact that the parties referred to deem it expedient in the interest of the country to continue the license system, thereby creating untold evils and affording no protection against them, therefore be it resolved—

1. That this Alliance declare the liquor traffic to be an unmitigated curse to every nation or country that gives it license.

2. That we declare ourselves fully committed to the principle of its entire prohibition.

3. That we most emphatically declare ourselves opposed to the whole license system under whatever political party it may be worked.

4. That hereafter, as individuals and as a Christian body in the use of our elective franchise, whenever possible we will not knowingly, for any reason whatever, cast our votes for any man who will not incorporate into his political platform the principle of the entire prohibition of the liquor traffic.

5. That in the carrying out of these principles we earnestly request the fraternal co-operation of all other Christian bodies, that together we may all vote as we pray: to all of which foregoing resolution we here and now pledge ourselves to abide.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Drysdale

Rev. G. B. Trafton

Rev. W. B. Wiggins

(The resolution was given unanimous adoption by the Alliance)

PRAYER

"Prayer is a golden river, at whose brink some people die of thirst, while others kneel down, and drink."

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