



Who Shall Reign?

1 Samuel 8:4–20, 11:14–15

And the Lord told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king."

May 31, 2015

Thoughts for the Week

Christian Thoughts of the Week

- There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience. - *French proverb*
- Life is like an onion; you peel off one layer at a time and sometimes you weep - *Carl Sandburg*
- Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up. *Unknown*
- A man's friendships are one of the best measures of his worth. - *Darwin*.
- The worst sin - perhaps the only sin - passion can commit, is to be joyless. - *Dorothy L. Sayers*
- When evil men plot, good men must plan. When evil men shout ugly words of hatred, good men must commit themselves to the glories of love. - *The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.*
- Goodness does not consist in greatness, but greatness in goodness. - *Athenaeus*
- Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you. - *Madeline Bridges*
- We can forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light. - *Plato*
- What lies behind us and what lies before are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. - *William Morow*
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Loving Thoughts of the Week

- Those who love deeply never grow old; they may die of old age, but they die young. - *Arthur Wing Pinero*
- Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom. - *Marcel Proust*
- At the end of the day, love and compassion will win. - *Terry Waite*
- Beauty is truth, and truth is beauty - *John Keats*
- A thing of beauty is a joy forever: its loveliness increases; it will never pass into nothingness. - *John Keats*
- Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth. - *Henry David Thoreau*
- Never refuse any advance of friendship, for if nine out of ten bring you nothing, one alone may repay you. - *Madame de Tencin*
- Do not save your loving speeches for your friends till they are dead; Do not write them on their tombstones, Speak them rather now instead. - *Anna Cummins*
- The deepest definition of youth is life as yet untouched by tragedy. - *Alfred North Whitehead*
- Children begin by loving their parents. After a time they judge them.

- Rarely, if ever, do they forgive them. - *Oscar Wilde*
- If you want to be happy, be. - *Leo Tolstoy*
- To love is to receive a glimpse of heaven. - *Karen Sunde*
- Fear less, hope more; Whine less, breathe more;
Talk less, say more; Hate less, love more;
And all good things are yours. - *Swedish Proverb*
- Shared joy is double joy; shared sorrow is half a sorrow. – *Swed. prvb*
- Human beings are the only creatures on earth
that allow their children to come back home. - *Unknown*

Inspirational Thoughts for the Week

- Integrity has no need of rules. - *Albert Camus*
- Friendship is always a sweet responsibility; never an opportunity.
- *Kahlil Gibran*
- I ask not for a lighter burden, but for broader shoulders. - *Jewish Proverb*
- I keep the telephone of my mind open to peace, harmony, health, love and abundance. Then, whenever doubt, anxiety or fear try to call me, they keep getting a busy signal and soon they'll forget my number. - *Edith Armstrong*
- The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat oneself. - *Gamaliel Bailey*
- Take heed: you do not find what you do not seek. - *English Proverb*
- Failure to prepare is preparing to fail. - *Benjamin Franklin*
- If all our misfortunes were laid in one common heap whence everyone must take an equal portion, most people would be contented to take their own. - *Socrates*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones. - <i>Albert Einstein</i>

- Worrying is like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do, but it gets you nowhere. - *Glenn Turner*
- Serenity is not freedom from the storm, but peace amid the storm. - *Unknown*
- The only thing constant in life, is change. - *François de la Rochefoucauld*
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Happy Birthday Anita (6/11)

Prayer Thought for the Week

Loving God, we give thanks for the gift of your son Jesus. Guide us in preparing our hearts and minds and lives for your continued blessings of hope and peace.

Forgive us when our pursuit of self-interest and materialism overshadows our pursuit of justice and negatively affects the well-being of others.

We pray for the country and people of Lesotho today. May the efforts of peace-loving groups in the country flourish and bear the fruits of justice, especially for those struggling with injustices of poverty and violence. Help us be bearers of your peace in all communities.

We pray for peace and unity among the leaders of religions and nations and for all who work for justice peace.

In the name of the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

Stewardship Thoughts

*"Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ,
and stewards of the mysteries of God.
In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards*

that one be found trustworthy" (1 Cor. 4:1-2).

God is our Master, and we are responsible to manage His affairs and possessions. Because we are His servants, all that we have is His. This explodes the popular misconception that we give God His percentage and the rest is ours. According to Scripture, we are accountable to God for *everything*. Whether we have much or little, our key responsibility as His stewards remains the same: faithfulness.

Steward for the week is Tammera. From the depth of her ministry she has brought to us a combination of youth services and charitable gifts to the people of Third World Countries. She does this as she presents, in concert with her granddaughter Olivia, the "Critter Collection for Outreach International". Each person in our congregation looks forward with anticipation as Tammera and Olivia present their puppets and collection for animals that will be distributed throughout the world by Outreach International. Our Plymouth Congregation has supported this worthy cause with sincere enthusiasm.