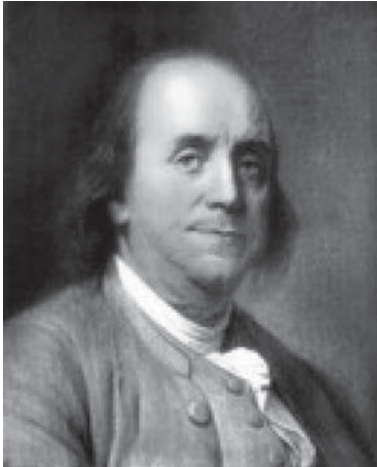


U.S. Founding Fathers’ Faith Statement

Quotations from “Christianity and the Constitution”-By John Eidsmoe

Benjamin Franklin On June 28,1787, 81 year-old Benjamin Franklin, the oldest delegate at the convention, delivered what was probably the most famous speech of the entire meeting. He noted that: “the small progress we have made after 4 to 5 weeks (was) melancholy proof of the imperfection of the Human Understanding.” Rather than mere human understanding, the delegates needed something more: “the Father of lights to illuminate our understandings” ! He reminded the delegates that during the War for independence they had prayed regularly to God in that very Hall: “ Our prayers, Sir,



were heard, and they were graciously answered.” All of them could remember God’ s intervention on their behalf, and to that intervention they owed their victory over Great Britain. “And Have we forgotten that powerful friend? Or do we imagine that we no longer need his assistance? I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth-that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a Sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that ‘except the Lord build the House they labour in vain that build it’ . I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building, no better than the builders of Babel.” Franklin then suggested daily prayers.



George Washington

In 1787, Washington chaired the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, and in 1788 he was elected first President. When he took office in 1789, he established a tradition by adding to the proposed inaugural oath “So, help me, God” In addition, his inaugural address called for “ fervent supplications to that Almighty Being, who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect,” asked for “His benediction,” gave “Homage to the great Author of every public and private good,” declared that “every step by which [Americans] have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency,” warned that “the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained,” and asked for the “divine blessing” of “the benign Parent of the human race”

Washington did not hesitate to declare days of prayer and thanksgiving while he was in office. The first proclamation of a national day of thanksgiving, October 3, 1789, contains ideas which provide a key to Washington’ s understanding of church and State: “ Whereas, it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, humbly to implore his protection and favor---

---that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science, among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best”

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耶穌說：“我是世界的光・跟從我的、就不在黑暗裡走、必要得著生命的光。”（約翰福音8:12）

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)



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告别疲乏困倦 經文：以賽亞書40:27-31 ——永恒的神耶和華、創造地極的主、並不疲乏、也不困倦・祂的智慧無法測度。疲乏的、祂賜能力・軟弱的、祂加力量・

許多信徒可能都有這種經歷，到了一個時候，感到身心靈疲乏軟弱無力奔走前面的路程。這是一種很大的試探，失去追求的心，沒有奔走的力量，對甚麼都沒有興趣，連讀經禱告也無心無力，甚麼工也不願意作，又安靜不下來，這實在是痛苦痛苦的經歷。神透過以賽亞先知，向所有感到疲乏困倦的人發出的資訊。我們的神是不疲乏也不困倦，他有不疲乏的愛，當你在疲乏困倦的時候，只有一條出路，就是仰望、祈求，等候神。特別是需要等候，將自己的掙扎放下來，將自己的焦慮煩躁冷靜下來，將自己的主意放下來，等候神的恩典賜下。讓他的旨意成就，相信他不会丟棄我們，學習服在他的大能的手下。等候耶和華，我們就能從新得力，不疲乏，不困倦，不羞愧。

甚麼是等候耶和華？等候耶和華是把盼望放在神的身上：等候有信心或是指望的的意思。（NIV-“Hope in the Lord”），等候耶和華的，就是將信心及盼望，全然投放在神的身上，單單依靠親近主。“從新得力”原文意思是“交換力量” 29節說：疲乏的，祂賜能力；軟弱的，祂加力量。意思就是神要以能力交換我們的疲乏，以力量交換我們的軟弱。

1904 Welsh Revival



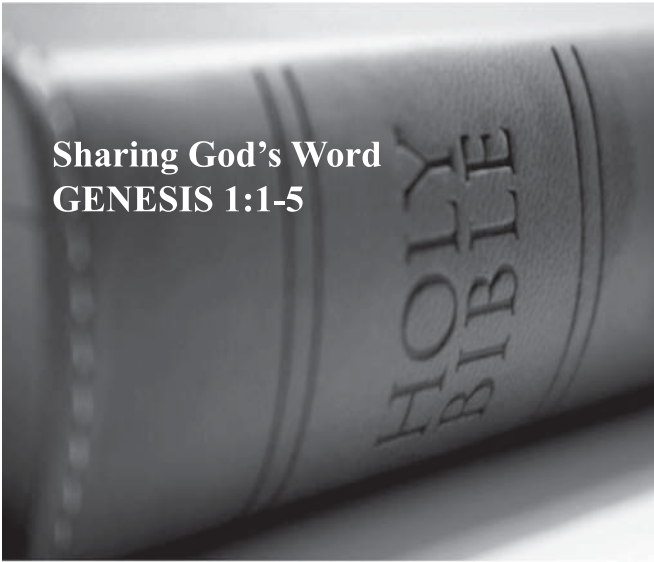
Evan Roberts: Bend Me
BY MARK BUCHANAN
A prayer started it.

On the evening of September 29, 1904, Evan Roberts sat in the front pew of a small chapel in the tiny Welsh village of Blaenannerch. Shaking and sweating, he fell to his knees and cried out to God, “Bend me! Bend me, O Lord! Bend us!” Roberts was an unlikely vessel for national revival, but that simply makes him true to type. In the history of such choosing, as the apostle Paul put it, the foolish things to shame the wise and the weak things to shame the strong (1 Cor. 1:27). The 26-year-old coal miner was that: a young man with little education and a tendency for gloomy introspection. He often lacked discernment and routinely over-spiritualized things. Yet God used this upstart to spark the 1904 Welsh Revival, one of the most spectacular moves of the Spirit in history. Within months, the revival took the nation in a floodtide and then swept the world. The prayer was electrifying. Those present remembered the moment decades afterward. In that simple heartfelt act of surrender, Roberts went from a timid, allow, fretful whelp to a bold and joyful prophet of the Lord. He described it himself in his diary the next morning: “I was on fire to go through all Wales--- “And go he did. Within weeks, whole towns and villages throughout the country fell under the fire of God. Conversions abounded. Taverns closed. Churches flourished. Crime plummeted. Everywhere Evan Roberts went, God showed up. The secret, if there was one, was that simple prayer-not the words themselves, but the heart behind them. Evan Roberts meant it. He held nothing back. He offered his body as a living sacrifice, wholly unto God.

The rest, as they say, is history. But I would love it also to be our present, and our future. Bend me! Bend me, O Lord! Bend us!

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- The four "points" of Evan Roberts’ message were:**
- 1. Confess all known sin, receiving forgiveness through Jesus Christ**
 - 2.Remove anything in your life that you are in doubt or feel unsure about**
 - 3.Be ready to obey the Holy Spirit instantly**
 - 4.Publicly confess the Lord Jesus Christ**



Sharing God’s Word
GENESIS 1:1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Dear friend, I am Ling Ling Shi. Today, I want to share with you God’ s Word in Genesis 1:1-5. May we grow together in the Truth.

1. The Holy Bible is the Word of God, the Word from the Creator of Universe. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” is the first Scripture in the Holy Bible. It is the first sentence God spoke to his earthly children through His Book. Have you thought about how “the heavens” are plural, and how “the earth” is singular?

I think that these are the messages God told us, his earthly children, that “the heavens” ,being plural, indicates the vastness of the universe. It leads us to imagine his majesty, power, and almightiness. It carries us to a realm of amazement. The earth – the land we live on, being singular, makes it seem that the earth is a very special, tiny, and beautiful land he created for his children. God created them all - the heavens and the earth.

2. This Bible verse tells us that God created the earth before he created mankind. How long ago did God

create the earth before he created human beings? God did not tell us the exact time, but through the Holy Bible’ s first sentence, he told us it was “In the beginning”

3.In the Scripture, there is a word “Now” and it follows with several words to describe the status and appearance of the earth which are: formless, empty, and darkness. These words tell us that in the beginning, the earth was not suited for human life. From this point, God gradually lead us to his big and amazing project. This Bible verse is very clear and wonderful to let us know the earliest history of the earth on which we live on. “The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters” seems to tell us that God the Holy Spirit was hovering above the earth to do the on-site visits, inspections, investigations, planning, and preparations for the forthcoming big and amazing projects of creation on this planet, in order to give human beings a beautiful, peaceful, and comfortable home to live on. It’ s a very vivid, lively, and beautiful description.

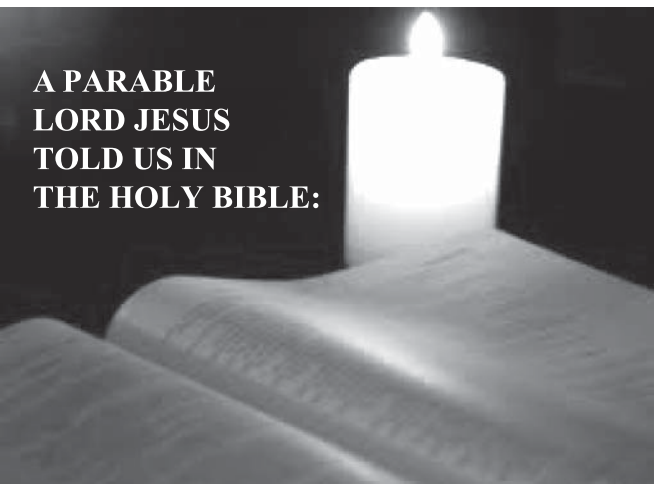
4. “God said” is a very short sentence, but it is the most powerful Word in the Holy Bible that tells us the power, almightiness, and ultimate authority of God’ s Word. His Word completes everything. He said “let there be light” , and there was light. All creations are made by God’ s Word. Whatever he said in the Holy Bible, he will fulfill. So, the more you know the Holy Bible, the more you will understand God’ s will. Nothing is more important than God’ s will.

5. From the Scripture, we know that the first order God made was “Let there be light” . This message told us that the light came from God and that God is the only true light and source of light, either physical light or spiritual light. On the first day, God created light for the earth. The earth no longer stood in formlessness, emptiness, and darkness. Since the light shone on the earth, the endless darkness was terminated from this planet; there was morning, and a message of hope arose on the earth.

6. God created light for the earth before he created anything else. This is a very important message that let us know how important the light is! Human beings’ lives are the same as the earth. We need true light shining on our hearts to drive out the hopelessness, formlessness, emptiness, and darkness. The true light is God. He is light! Once our hearts are touched by God’ s light (the Truth), our lives will be totally changed; our lives will no longer stay walking in death, our lives will be set free by the Truth of God.

7. God is the Spirit (John 4:24). The Word of God in the Holy Bible has a deep and profound spiritual meaning. Even though the Word talks about things in the physical realm, we need to seek its deep meaning in the spiritual realm. Through prayer with genuine hearts, God will reveal the deep meanings and teachings to us. The hidden treasure in the Holy Bible will shines upon our hearts and lead us to the Truth.

God is Love! (1John 4:6) Farewell!



The Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32)

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’ s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’ s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.

‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

“ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

Sharing: Dear friend, every one of us is like the lost son, but, take heart, we have a Father in heaven who is full of mercy and compassion to us, who is waiting us back to his loving arms. Heavenly Father gave us the greatest love and greatest hope from him, that is “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

In this parable, there were two sons. Actually, both of them were lost even the one who stayed in home with his Father. Because he didn’ t understand his Father’ s heart and he lived in a life without appreciation and compassion.

Dear friend, this parable tells us that how much God loves us, you are not alone. Jesus loves you! He always waits you home, the home having his presence, the home dwelling in his heart and the home having God lives in your heart, the home for your eternal life.

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