

## Malcolm's Monday Musings : 30 August 2021

Greetings.

This is my 'Monday Musings' email.

As promised in last week's email, [the attached document comprises the second part of my comments on the letter to the church in Ephesus in the Book of Revelation chapter 2.](#)

Here is just one short extract from the document:

*Many years ago, I read the autobiography of Mr Henry Broadhurst, who became a Member of Parliament in 1880 and who served in a ministerial post as Under Secretary in the (then) Home Department. In his early life, Mr Broadhurst had been a very capable stonemason and had helped build the Clock Tower of the Houses of Parliament. In his autobiography he noted that, when he first entered Parliament as an MP:*

*'Especially did my memory recall the months I had spent working on the very Government buildings which I was about to enter as a Minister of the Crown'.*

*Henry Pickering reported of Mr Broadhurst in later life:*

*'An interesting piece of furniture in his home was a cabinet with the mallet and chisels which he used as a mason, ever reminding him of what he was'.*

*I am unable to corroborate Mr Pickering's statement but I know for sure that it is a most healthy exercise for you and me to remember what we once were – and, indeed, would still be – apart from God's saving grace.*

You may be interested to know that (although not mentioned in the attached document) Mr Broadhurst's autobiography contained the following paragraph:

*'Another man for whom I had an exceptionally deep personal regard was the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon. I looked upon him as one of the strongest men of our age, the simplest and kindest of men. **A two minutes' chat with Mr. Spurgeon was like a week's sea-breezes to the weary metropolitan worker.** I met him only on rare occasions, but **I count it one of the good fortunes of my life to have known him even thus slightly'.***

*(Henry Broadhurst, M.P. The story of his life from a stonemason's bench to the Treasury bench told by himself', 1901, page 297.)*

That testimony to Mr Spurgeon's character came, please note, from a man who was a member of the British Government of the day, who mixed with senior politicians (including the then Prime Minister, Mr W. E. Gladstone) and who, on occasions, rubbed shoulders with royalty. Truly, the so-called 'Prince of Preachers' had 'a good report of them which are without'. What of you and me?

Happy reading.

Yours in our Lord Jesus,

Malcolm

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### Scripture.

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying,

Thus saith the Lord; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown. Israel was holiness unto the Lord, and the firstfruits of his increase ...

Thus saith the Lord, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? ...

Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord.

For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water ...

Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

Jeremiah 2. 1-32 (*King James Version*)