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Anchor
of the soul

A HOPE BOTH SURE
AND STEADFAST ...

HEBREWS 6:19

Small or tall, listen to Paul.

Nashville school shooter had 'emotional disorder' and small arsenal, police say. Hale was armed with two assault-style weapons and a handgun, the latest in a long string of U.S. mass shootings that have turned schools into killing zones and added fuel to a national debate over gun rights and regulations. The three weapons used on Monday were among seven firearms that Hale had legally purchased in recent years from five Nashville-area stores, Metropolitan Nashville Police Chief John Drake told reporters on Tuesday.

Monday, March 27, 2023 had its sunset not on a dark horizon on the west, but with a dark and horrifying closing chapter on the history of America. Though the day ended with so much shedding of tears everywhere, a horrible chapter was opened with gnashing of teeth and gnawing of mouth. People regardless of political differences, started to discuss with so many unanswered questions and debate on the motive of the shooting and the manner in which it was executed. Above all, the crucial question is why the lovely little ones in our schools become the target of somebody's atrocities.

The former student of a Christian grade school in Nashville who killed three 9-year-olds and three adults in a shooting spree was under a doctor's care for an "emotional disorder" and had amassed a collection of guns, the city's police chief said on Tuesday.

The funny thing is people don't have enough food to eat and enough stores everywhere to buy food. Why and where do we get these highly sophisticated weapons and ammunition so cheap and readily available?

Small or tall, have we listened to Paul?

In Romans, Paul says sin cannot be justified. We need justification by God's grace through our faith from the penalty of sin. But sin cannot be justified or redefined. It is what it is. It is an age-old problem and keep in mind the first murderer took the life of his own younger brother in the Garden of Eden.

Sin is colorless and Paul makes a universal application.

As it is written - The apostle is reasoning with Jews; and from their own holy Scripture He shows them that regardless of the race we all are sinners. No race has any preference over the other. If the Jews had failed to keep the Law the other races failed to understand God's glory revealed through nature or natural theology.

Having the Law doesn't change nature. How humans use their bodies- our hands, throats, tongues, lips, feet and eyes to express our words, deeds and imaginations of sinfulness. The Law thus brings only knowledge of sin, but the real remedy for sin is the forgiveness through the blood of Jesus Christ. Our human nature is swift to swing the weapons and spill the blood of our fellow human beings, but Jesus Christ is ready to give His blood available for the cleansing of our sin. Salvation is possible through the atoning sacrifice of Christ's blood when He died on the cross to pay for our sin. God is the one who put Christ forward to be sacrificed in this way to show His own righteousness. Our sin must be paid for. God's just anger must be satisfied, and it was satisfied in Christ's death. That allowed God to become not the executioner of punishment but the justifier of everyone who has faith in Jesus (Romans 3:21-28).

Paul closes out the chapter by emphasizing that this gift is available to be received by everyone, both

Jews and Gentiles alike. Nobody can earn it. Nobody deserves it. All who come by faith may receive it freely (Romans 3:29–31).

The solution to the sin of bloodshed today is not to treat simply as the “emotional disorder” but to treat the very root of it, it is nothing but sin. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. All philosophers, thinkers, leaders can interpret a heinous act of crime that is committed and tell us how ugly our moral face is, but only Jesus Christ can take us to the river of cleansing.

... ***Pr. T.S.Abraham***

What exactly is Hope?

What exactly is hope? The Merriam-Webster dictionary provides one definition of hope as the “expectation of fulfillment.” The Scriptures offer us several promises about God’s character and attributes that inspire hope to endure the struggles and storms that we face. God promises that He will be with us, strengthening and upholding us (Isaiah 41:10), that He has plans for our future (Jeremiah 29:11), that He will fight our battles for us (Exodus 14:14), and that He will be with us even in fires, rivers, and deep waters (Isaiah 43:2). Holding fast to God’s promises of deliverance and aid gives us the hope that we need to persist and thrive in the face of attacks from the enemy because we expect him to fulfill these promises, and that is why the author of Hebrews compares hope to an anchor. Hope, whether stemming from the promises found in God’s Word or from the nudges of the Holy Spirit, gives us stability and surety in the midst of rocky waters. Even beyond the daily assurances found in God’s attributes, we have the eternal and living hope that Jesus is coming back and that we will spend eternity with Him. Holding fast to this hope not only brings us safely through trying situations but it also gives our lives purpose and meaning; since our every action is derived from our hope in Jesus, we cannot easily drift astray.

If hope is an anchor for us as ships and anchors are used in a variety of ports across the world, then hope can serve the same purpose in our changing circumstances. A good anchor holds a ship in place regardless of the conditions of the water, regardless of which ocean the ship sails in. Our situations may vary and our circumstances may change, but because we have hope in Christ, the very best of anchors, we can be sure that we will be held safely and securely in any body of water. We may face different kinds of storms in our lives, whether financial, physical, mental, or emotional, but our hope does not change from storm to storm. We can rely on God being our constant despite living in an ever-changing world, and that gives us stability and peace even in the most turbulent of circumstances.

On the other hand, if our anchor is defective, the peace we experience momentarily might be washed away by the slightest change in weather. Hope in the promises of God can never fail us, but hope in the promises of this world surely can. That is why, in every situation, it is vital that we remain mindful of who we are ultimately trusting, God or material possessions, God or other people, God or superficial reputation, God or ourselves. Nothing in this temporary world, including our own abilities, can offer us true security in the roughest of tempests, and that is why we should remember God’s promises to us, that it is Him ultimately making the plans for our lives, Him fighting the battles, and Him holding us up. Even more so, we must cling to the identity we have in Christ and the life He gives us more than anything we can give ourselves - only then can we find true peace in the middle of the storm.

... ***Sis. Evangeline Bodhuri***

Schedule of Events for 2023

April 2023 Apr 1: Fasting Prayer Apr 8: Cell Meeting Apr 15: PYPA Apr 22: Outreach Apr 29: Picnic	May 2023 May 6: Fasting Prayer May 13: Cell Meeting May 20: PYPA May 27: Mens'/Ladies'/Childrens' Meeting	June 2023 Jun 3: Fasting Prayer Jun 10: Cell Meeting Jun 17: PYPA Jun 25: SS Exam
July 2023 Jul 1: Fasting Prayer Jul 8: Cell Meeting Jul 15: PYPA Jul 22: Outreach Jul 29: Picnic	August 2023 Aug 5: Fasting Prayer Aug 12: Cell Meeting Aug 19: PYPA Aug 26: VBS	September 2023 Sep 2: Fasting Prayer Sep 9: Cell Meeting Sep 16: PYPA Sep 30: Special Meeting
October 2023 Oct 7: Fasting Prayer Oct 14: Cell Meeting Oct 20-22: Retreat Oct 28: Outreach	November 2023 Nov 4: Fasting Prayer Nov 11: Cell Meeting Nov 18: PYPA Nov 25: Thanksgiving Fellowship	December 2023 Dec 2: Fasting prayer Dec 10: SS Exam Dec 16: Outreach Dec 23: Cell Meeting Dec 31: Year-end meeting

April @ Bethel Pentecostal Assembly

Sun	09:45 - 11.00 am	Sunday School / Bible Study
	11:00 - 01:00 pm	Worship Service
	08:00 - 09:00 pm	Youth Conference Prayer
Mon	09:00 - 10:00 am	Women's Conference Prayer
Tue	08:00 - 09:00 pm	Intercessory Prayer
Sat		
	Apr 01 10.00 am - 2:00 pm	Fasting Prayer
	Apr 08 07:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Cell Meeting
	Apr 15 06:30 pm - 8:30 pm	PYPA
	Apr 22 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Outreach
	Apr 29 10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Picnic



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