

Week 11
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Transforming Daily
“... full of superstitions from the east ...”
Isaiah 2:6

Today is Friday the thirteenth. Much to do is made about the number 13. Most of it has to do with being “unlucky.” What is being unlucky? Does such a thing actually exist? According to the old “Hee Haw,” musical/sitcom, show it does, but then you have to consider the source.

Remember the old backward, uneducated, country boys sittin’ around the barn singing, “Gloom, despair, and agony on me, deep, dark, depression, and excessive misery. If it weren’t for bad luck, I’d have no luck at all, gloom, despair, and agony on me.” For the purposes of entertainment, it was extremely funny, but regrettably, there are those who sing that song as an anthem for how their lives are lived daily.

All superstitions are based on fear and personal experience. “After seeing a black cat pass across my path, I stepped into oncoming traffic.” “Passing under a ladder, just as I got to the other side, a paint bucket full of paint fell on me.” “Once I received some money after the palm of my hand began to itch, and so every time my palm itches it must mean I’m going to receive some good fortune.”

Athletes are sometimes the worst about superstitions. “We won the last game while I was wearing these socks, therefore, if I don’t wear the same socks (sometimes without ever having washed them again), we will lose the next game.” “It is imperative that I don’t lace the last eyeholes in my shoes or my uniform pants if I want to win the next game.” I think you get the picture. Fear that something bad will happen or something good will not happen unless I do or don’t do exactly what I did or didn’t do in the previous experience is what superstition is based on. To be fair, all of us have been caught doing something superstitious from time to time, but hopefully we’ll never be caught doing them again, “knock on wood.”

On a spiritual note, superstition is not of God. As a matter of Scripture, the practice of superstition is an affront to God and it dishonors Him. In Christ, there is no luck or fate or chance. In Christ, there is life and faith and charity. God has ordered the steps of the righteous. The life of faith leads us to obediently follow the will of God according to His Word in order to accomplish His purpose that we exalt the Savior, edify the saints, and evangelize the sinner.

Are you full of Scripture from God’s Word or are you full of superstitions from the east?