

Ma. 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

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WOULD YOU STAND THE TEST?

"The Secret of the Strength"

"What Would the Anabaptists Tell This Generation?"

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(Excerpt from "The Secret of the Strength")

by Peter Hoover

On the Koppenstraat in the Dutch city of Briel, Anneken Jansz led a sheltered life in the large house of her parents. They had money and she was their only child.

Anneken, in the flower of her youth, met a young man called Arent. He was a barber-surgeon and their love led to marriage. They should have been happy. But money, parties, nice dresses, and expensive wines did not meet the longings of their hearts. Then one night another youth came to the Jansz home. His name was Meynaert and he spoke of following Christ.

Before he left, he baptized Arent and Anneken upon the confession of their faith.

Because they got baptized, Arent and Anneken had to flee. They left her parents' home and escaped across the English Channel to London. There was a baby, Esaias, joined their family, but Arent took sick and died. Anneken packed her few belongings and returned to be with believers in the Netherlands.

Back in the Netherlands, on a wagon loaded with people traveling from Ijsselmonde to Rotterdam, Anneken and a companion, Christina Michael Barents, sang Christian songs. It was a cold morning in December. A passenger suspected that they were Anabaptists and reported them as soon as they got to the city. The police arrested them as they boarded a boat to Delft.

For one month the women were in jail. Anneken cared for Esaias, now a year and three months old, and wrote a confession of faith. Then they sentenced the two women to die.

On the morning of the planned execution day Anneken woke up early and wrote a letter:

Esaias, receive your testament:

Listen, my son to the instructions of your mother. I am now going the way of the prophets, apostles, and martyrs to drink from the cup which they drank. I am going the way of Christ who had to drink from that cup himself. Since he, the shepherd, has gone this way, he calls his sheep to come after him. It is the way to the waterspring of life.

This is the way the kings from the land of the rising sun came to enter the holy age. It is the way of the dead who cry from beneath the altar. "Lord how long?" It is the way of those who are sealed in their foreheads by God.

See, all these had to drink from the cup of bitterness like the one who rescues us has said: "The servant is no greater than his Lord, rather it is good enough for him to be made equal to him" No one comes to life except through this way. So go through this narrow gate and be thankful for the Lord's chastening.

If you want to enter the holy world and the inheritance of the saints, follow them! The way to eternal life is only one step wide. On one side is the fire and on the other side the sea. How shall you make it through? Look my son, there are no short cuts. There is no easier option. Every alternate route leads to death. The way of life is found by few and walked upon by fewer yet.

My child, don't follow the crowd. Keep your feet from the way of the majority because it leads to hell. But if you hear of a poor, needy and rejected little group that everyone makes fun of and hates, go there! When you hear of the cross, there is Christ!

Don't draw back from the cross. Flee the world. Hold to God and fear him alone. Keep his commandments. Remember his words. Write them on your heart and bind them to your forehead. Speak of them day and night, and you will become a fruitful plant. Keep your body holy for the Lord's service so that his name will be great in you. Do not be ashamed to confess him before men. Do not be afraid of men. Rather leave your life than depart from the truth.

My son, struggle for what is right, unto death! Put on the armour of God. Be a true Israelite. Kick injustice, the world and all that is in it away with your feet and love what is from above. Remember that you do not belong to the world, just like your father and mother did not belong to it. Be a true disciple of Christ and have no community with the world.

Oh my child, remember my instructions and do not leave them. May God let you grow up to fear him. May the light of the Gospel shine in you. Love your neighbours, feed the hungry, and clothe the naked. Do not keep two of anything because others are sure to need what you do not. Share everything God gives you as a result of the sweat of your brow. Distribute what he gives to you. Give it to those who love God and hoard nothing, not even until the next morning; then God will bless you.

Oh my son! Lead a life that fits the Gospel, and may the God of peace make you holy in body and soul! Amen.

Oh holy Father, sanctify the son of your maidservant! Keep him from evil for your name's sake!

After writing the letter. Anneken folded it and tied it up in a piece of cloth along with a few coins she had left. She dressed Esaias and at nine o'clock, in the white winter sunlight, they led her and Christina down the street of Delft towards the city gates and the River Schie.

Crowds of people lined the streets. On the way, Anneken called out: "I have a baby five quarters of a year old. Who will take him?" A baker, a poor man and father of six, reached out and took Esaias. Anneken gave him the folded piece of cloth with the coins and the letter. Then they tied the women up, broke the ice, and threw them into the river to drown.

It was January 24, 1539

The following come from the mother's letter:

Have we been taught these instructions?

Oh my child, remember my instructions and do not leave them.

FAITH UNTO DEATH

Don't draw back from the cross.

My son, struggle for what is right, unto death!

NOT THE WAY OF THE MAJORITY

My child, don't follow the crowd.

Keep your feet from the way of the majority

NO EASY WAY

Look my son, there are no short cuts.

There is no easier option.

Every alternate route leads to death. because it leads to hell.

So go through this narrow gate

BE NOT OF THE WORLD

Flee the world.

Remember that you do not belong to the world,

have no community with the world.

Kick injustice, the world and all that is in it away with your feet

SHOW LOVE AND COMPASSION

Love your neighbours, feed the hungry, clothe the naked.

Share everything Distribute what he gives to you.

Give it to those who love God hoard nothing,

FEW FIND THE WAY

The way of life is found by few and walked upon by fewer yet

The way to eternal life is only one step wide.

LIVE GODLY

Hold to God and fear him alone. Keep his commandments.

Remember his words. Write them on your heart (God's Word)

bind them to your forehead. (God's Word)

Lead a life that fits the Gospel. Put on the armour of God.

Be a true Israelite. and love what is from above.

Be a true disciple of Christ

But if you hear of a poor, needy and rejected little group that everyone makes fun of and hates, go there! When you hear of the cross, there is Christ!

Has this young lady not taught us more than seminaries, commentaries, New Versions of the Bible and many modern progressive methods and techniques. Yes, we have become so knowledgeable in the ways of man that we would need a telescope to find our way back to the WORD OF GOD and stand thereon unto death as Christ, like many disciples and this young lady did.

Do we seek the easy way out? Do we seek easy believe-ism? According to this young lady all alternate routes lead to death which leads to hell. There is no easy way, no short cuts, no easier options.

2 Tim. 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Note: This young lady never once ask that her life be spared. She never begged for mercy. She never wavered from her stand in the faith. She never condemned the rulers or leaders for putting her in this position. She stated those coming before her had had to drink from this cup now she was having to drink from the cup. To me she knew this bitter cup was being allowed by God and should not be questioned. Her thoughts were on the child and not knowing what was to happen to him but having faith God would take care of that also.

Remember this young lady seemingly was not trained in her youth as a Christian and had learned her great insight of The Word in a very short time.

If you place a rock beside a diamond the difference is magnified and easy to see. Place a modern progressive Christian (so called) up beside this young lady that is laying her life down for Christ and it puts us to shame. Wherein is our faith?

WOULD YOU OR I STAND THE TEST NEVER WAVERING?

PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLICATION: To make an awareness that we are living in the last days of the last days. The coming of Jesus Christ, the son of the living God is at the doors.

Seeketh Findeth Ma. 7:8

Drawn by the father Jn 6:44, Jn 4:23

Believe upon the Son Jn 3:16

Repent and Confess Lk 13:5, 1Jn 4:15

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