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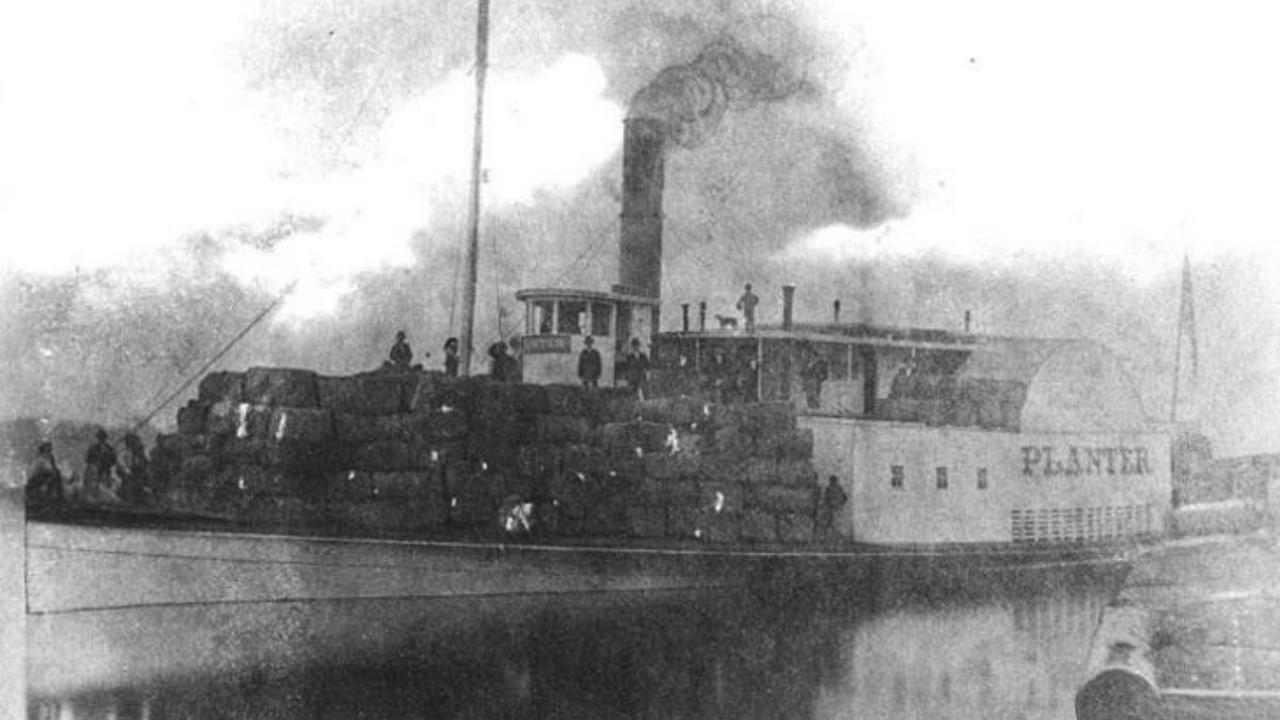














"This man, Robert Smalls, is superior to any who have yet come into the lines, intelligent as many of them have been; his information has been most interesting, and portions of it of the utmost importance." (From Samuel Francis Du Pont's letter to Gideon Welles, May 14, 1862)

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Baby Names His name shall be called NEW HEIGHTS

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John 7:31-52 (ESV): "Many of the people believed in him. They said, 'When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?' 32 The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. 33 Jesus then said, 'I will be with you a little longer, and then lam going to him who sent me. 34 You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come.'..."

"...35 The Jews said to one another, 'Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the **Greeks? 36 What does he mean by saying, "You will seek** me and you will not find me," and, "Where I am you cannot come"?' 37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink...."

"...38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, "Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been giving, because Jesus was not yet glorified. 40 When they heard these words, some of the people said, 'This really is the Prophet.' 41 Others said, 'This is the Christ.' But some said, 'Is the Christ to come from Galilee?..."

"...42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?' 43 So there was a division among the people over him. 44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. 45 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, 'Why did you not bring him?' 46 The officers answered, 'No one ever spoke like this man!'..."

"...47 The Pharisees answered them, 'Have you also been deceived? 48 Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? 49 But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.' 50 Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, 51 'Does' our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?' 52 They replied, 'Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises

Jerom Galilee."

Uncommon Knowledge

Isaiah 9:6 (ESV): "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."



Luke 2:40 (ESV): "And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him."



John 6:28-29 (ESV): "Then they said to him, 'What must we do, to be doing the works of God?' 29 Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

1 John 5:13 (ESV): "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."

Micah 5:2 (ESV): "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days."

John 7:15 (ESV): "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?"



Matthew 7:28-29 (ESV): "And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes."

Acts 4:13 (ESV): "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished."

1 John 2:27 (ESV): "But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him."

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LEARNING INFORMS; DISCERNING TRANSFORMS.

Main Point

1 Timothy 5:5-7 (ESV): "The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 6 Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions."

Hebrews 5:8 (ESV): "Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered."

Luke 11:52 (NIV): "Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering."

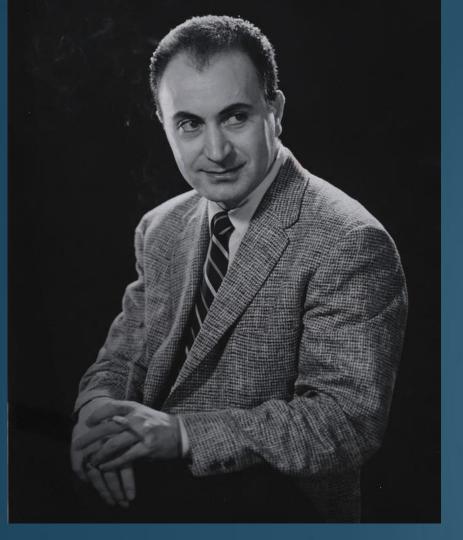
1 Corinthians 8:1-3 (NIV): "We all possess knowledge. But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. 2 Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. 3 But whoever loves God is known by God."

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NO NEED TO EXPLAIN, JUST TRUST WHAT'S PLAIN.

Application



"I shall not today attempt further to define the kinds of material I understand to be embraced within that shorthand description [of obscenity]; and perhaps I could never succeed in intelligibly doing so. But

I know it when I see it, and the motion picture involved in this case is not that." (From Justice Potter Stewart's concurring opinion in Jacobellis v. Ohio)

Romans 1:19 (ESV): "What can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them."

John 6:47 (ESV): "Whoever believes has eternal life."



2 Corinthians 11:3 (BSB): "I am afraid, however, that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may be led astray from your simple and pure devotion to Christ."

1 John 2:20 (NKJV): "But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things."

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