

THE BELIEVER'S DAILY TREASURE; OR, Texts of Scripture, arranged for every day in the year.

The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver. Psalm cxix. 72.

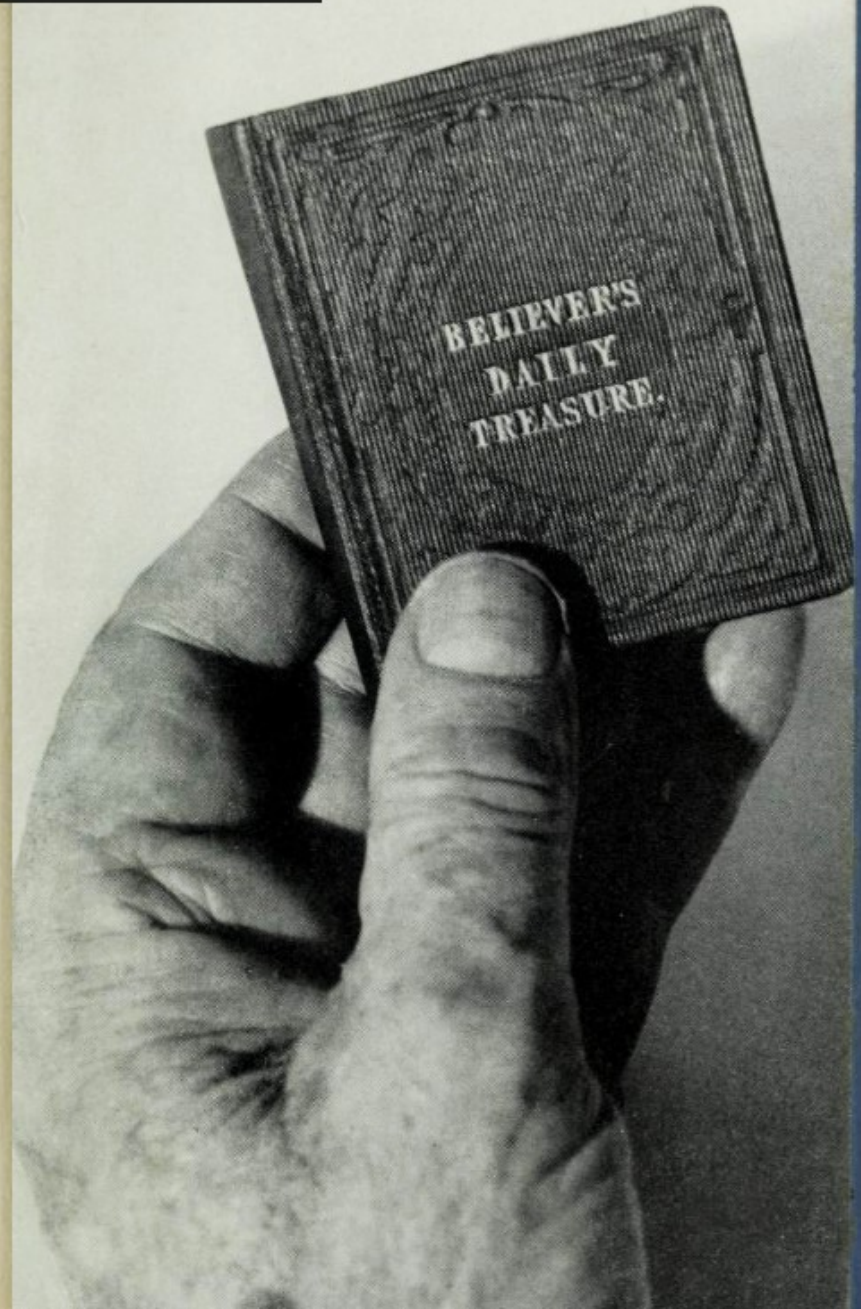
FOURTH EDITION

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The devotional portion of this volume contains the entire text of "The Believer's Daily Treasure; or, Texts of Scripture Arranged for Every Day in the Year," published in 1852 by the Religious Tract Society of London, England. The material is reprinted as it appears in the copy of the book which Abraham Lincoln owned, and therefore contains the several inconsistencies and typographical errors found in the original edition.

Lincoln's signed copy of "The Believer's Daily Treasure" is now a part of the collection of Lincolniana owned by Mr. Carl Haverlin. No other copy of any edition of the book has been found at the time of this writing. Mr. Haverlin, president of Broadcast Music, Inc., is active in a number of organizations in the field of American history. He is president of the Civil War Centennial Association, founder and past president of the New York chapter of the Civil War Round Table, and a trustee of Lincoln Memorial University.

The photographs which follow show the book owned and inscribed by Abraham Lincoln.



FOREWORD

By Paul F. Crouch

In regard to this great Book [the Bible], I have but to say it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good Saviour gave to the world was communicated through this Book. But for it we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are found portrayed in it. —A. Lincoln

It has been 130 years since the death of Abraham Lincoln, and yet his memory still evokes strong emotion in the hearts of Americans. His very name is synonymous with freedom, courage and compassion. Although history does not indicate that he belonged to any particular church or denomination, Lincoln was a man of uncompromising moral conviction whose deep-rooted faith in God, and in the precepts of the Bible, made him one of the greatest men who has ever served as President of the United States.

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MAY DUTIES—CHURCH

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Compassion for the Afflicted

REMEMBER them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body. *Heb. xiii. 3.*

With pity let my breast o'erflow,
When I behold another's woe;
And bear a sympathizing part,
Whene'er I meet a wounded heart.

JUNE DUTIES—WORLD

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Benevolence

PURE religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

James i. 27.

The poor are always with us here:
'Tis our great Father's plan,
That mutual wants and mutual care
Should bind us man to man.

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The church was filled that morning. It was a good-sized church, but on that day all the seats were filled. I had chosen for my text the words: *Ye must be born again*, and during the course of my sermon I laid particular stress on the word *must*. Mr. Lincoln came into the church after the services had commenced, and there being no vacant seats, chairs were put in the altar in front of the pulpit, and Mr. Lincoln and Governor French and wife sat in the altar during the entire service, Mr. Lincoln on my left and Governor French on my right, and I noticed that Mr. Lincoln appeared to be deeply interested in the sermon. A few days after that Sunday Mr. Lincoln called on me and informed me that he had been greatly impressed with my remarks on Sunday and that he had come to talk with me further on the matter. I invited him in, and my wife and I talked and prayed with him for hours. Now, I have seen many persons converted; I have seen hundreds brought to Christ, and if ever a person was converted, Abraham Lincoln was converted that night in my house.

We are pleased to bring you a book that not only gives us a glimpse into Mr. Lincoln's personal faith, but it is also one whose timeless messages will bless and inspire today's modern readers as well.

This TBN edition of *Abraham Lincoln's Daily Devotional* is a reprint of *The Believers Daily Treasure* originally published in 1852 by The Religious Tract Society of London, England. Tradition holds that Mr. Lincoln was given a copy of *The Believer's Daily Treasure* as a gift from his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln. We have reprinted it for you with only minor modifications so as to preserve the flavor of the text as it was originally written in the style and syntax of Mr. Lincoln's time.

As I read the pages of this book I felt, in a way, as though I was reading along with Mr. Lincoln—in a sense looking over the President's shoulder. I couldn't help but wonder how great a part this little devotional book may have played in the critical decisions that Mr. Lincoln had to make during the time when the very existence of the United States was at stake. Could he have been thinking of the May 24 devotional reading, *Compassion for the Afflicted*, when he penned the great Emancipation Proclamation which put an end to the abominable practice of slavery in the United States? Or, perhaps, the June 24 reading, *Benevolence*, was in his heart when he wrote his second inaugural address in which he urged a nation torn by war to care for its widows and orphans, and to "bind up its wounds"? On that fateful day of April 14, 1865, did Mr. Lincoln read his last devotional, *Search the Scriptures*, just hours before he was ushered into Heaven's presence?:

The Conversion of Abraham Lincoln

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

(John 3:7).

by Rev. James F. Jacquess

"I believe I am an humble servant in the hands of our Heavenly Father;
I desire that all my words and acts may be according to His will."

-- Abraham Lincoln

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--from Abraham Lincoln's Daily Devotional, Special Edition



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