

# LANAKILA NEWS

**SUNDAY****Ladies Ministry:**

9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

**Adult Sunday School:**

9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

**Morning Worship:**

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Children's Service:**

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Youth/Young Adult:**

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Bible Study:**

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY****Bible Study:**

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**AWANA:**

6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY****Men's Ministry:**

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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## PATRICK OF IRELAND

"The supposed "patron saint" of Ireland is St. Patrick, who lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries after Christ and in whose honor, March 17 is celebrated annually, chiefly in Ireland and among people of Irish

descent. And, no surprise, the popular understanding of Patrick is that he was through and through a devout Roman Catholic, indeed likely "more Catholic than the Pope," and one who brought pure Romanism to Ireland, leaving it, as it is today, one of the most rigidly Catholic of nations."

"This Patrick of popular legend is a fiction, the fabrication of medieval mythmakers, and bears virtually no resemblance to the reality. From time to time, an article for popular consumption will appear in some contemporary fundamentalist periodical, claiming Patrick as a fundamentalist and Baptist (this latter claim is also found in William Cathcart's 19<sup>th</sup> century *Baptist Encyclopedia*). While this may somewhat overshoot the mark, it is certainly very much closer to the truth than the common conception of Patrick; unfortunately, these "popular" articles are usually so poorly researched and so poorly written that they do not inspire confidence in their reliability."

"However, from Patrick's own surviving writings, limited though they are, we learn that for baptism, he immersed only believers (three times), not infants, that he insisted on the supreme authority of Scripture and that he taught the necessity of reliance solely on the merits of Christ for salvation. He never invoked Mary or the Saints, nor appealed to the authority of the Bishop of Rome, nor granted authority to tradition. In short, there is nothing at all distinctly Roman Catholic to be found in his writings."<sup>1</sup>

Patrick was a Christian missionary and bishop who lived in Ireland in the 5<sup>th</sup> century. He was born around 390 A.D. in Britain [or Scotland, or France], the son of a deacon, and grandson of a [pastor]. At age 16 he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland. He escaped to France or Britain, was again enslaved for a short period, and had a remarkable dream, which he claimed as his calling to ministry. Seeing in his dream Irish people begging him to return, which eventually he did, he preaching for 40 years, converting and baptizing people into Christianity. He is known as the "Apostle of Ireland".<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Doug Kutilek, *As I See It* (5:3)<sup>1</sup> Philip Schaff, *History of the Christian Church*, Volume 4

What can we learn from the tribe of Levi / the Levites?

- Before the patriarch Jacob died, he gave each of his twelve sons a blessing. These sons were the fathers of the twelve tribes of Israel, and each blessing contained prophetic information about each tribe. Regarding the tribe of Levi, which was paired with the tribe of Simeon, Jacob prophesied: "Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their selfwill they digged down a wall. Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel" (Genesis 49:5–7). In addition to referring to the future of the tribe of Levi, the prophecy contains within it several lessons for all of us.

- Jacob pronounced a curse upon Levi's (and Simeon's) anger because of their violent destruction of the Shechemites (Genesis 34:24–30). Levi's anger was evil because it was fierce and cruel. Righteous anger and indignation, the kind Jesus showed in cleansing the Temple is never cruel. The swords of Levi, which should have only been defensive weapons, were weapons of violence, to do wrong to others, not to save themselves from wrong or to protect the innocent.

- Jacob's pronouncement, "I will scatter them in Jacob and disperse them in Israel" certainly came true. The tribe of Levi was scattered through Israel. But they became, by God's grace and through their loyalty to God (Exodus 32:26–29), the priestly tribe and residents of the cities of refuge. They never possessed their own tribal land, as the other tribes did, but Levi's priestly office was a privileged one.

- As Christians, we learn from the tribe of Levi that unrestrained anger is the cause of a great deal of sin. Anger leaves devastation in its wake, often with irreparable consequences. Jacob's statement "let me not enter their counsel; let me not join their assembly" is a lesson for us as well. We should not take the counsel of angry people because they are unstable and unable to control their emotions. When anger is a defining trait, it shows the lack of the spiritual gift of self-control that characterizes all believers (Galatians 5:22–23). An angry person makes a poor counselor, and, in fact, his company should be avoided, especially when the sin of anger is unconfessed and there is no attempt to deal with it in a godly manner.

- Finally, the ultimate lesson in the tribe of Levi, for Christians, is the restoration of the sinner to the privileged position of children of God. Through the high priestly intercession of Christ, who exchanged His righteousness for our sins on the cross (2 Corinthians 5:21), we become a nation of priests in our own right. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Peter 2:9). – Pastor James

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