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The Methodist 'Evil Book of Prayer'



A new book from British Methodists includes prayers to mark the end of relationships, the announcement by a son or daughter that they are sexual perverts as well as prayers when retirement from work takes place!

The book - Vows and Partings - has "prayers" for people at every stage of marriage and other relationships, and for difficult moments such as a son or daughter announcing that they're "gay" or to use the biblical term, sodomites.

The Methodist vice-president, Ann Leck, a contributor to Vows and Partings, said: "Here is a response to the need in all churches for liturgy and prayers at various critical times in people's lives ... Harder and often ignored are the times of loss and despair - times that can feel like failure."

A departure from God undoubtedly makes a people mad! Who could believe that those who have the life and labours of John Wesley to encourage them could fall this low.

Underscoring this "prayer book" is an abject ignorance of God. Before prayer is acceptable to God there is a vital qualification that must be met by the supplicant. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him," Hebrews 11:6. Before prayer will be heard and answered, we must believe that God "is," that He is the person He reveals Himself to be in His Word. He reveals Himself to be Holy, Just, and Gracious. We cannot expect to obtain His blessing on that which is entirely opposed to His revealed will such as sodomy and lesbianism and the break-up of "relationships" and living in sin. Yet Methodist leaders in Great Britain would teach their people to ask God's blessing upon such.

The words of the prophet Isaiah come to mind. "For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people," Isaiah 60:2.