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“The Coming of the Lord Draweth Nigh” — James 5:8

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Preparing to Reach His Generation

Vishesh is a diligent student, and he works hard to complete his assignments. He knows he is receiving valuable preparation for ministry at the Gospel for Asia Bible College, and he tries to carefully focus on his studies. But there are still moments when his mind wanders.

Vishesh thinks and prays about the people in his home state of Chattisgarh, India, who still haven't heard that Jesus loves them. He wonders – a little impatiently, sometimes – where God will send him to minister after he graduates.

The young student recalls the joy that filled his heart on the day he surrendered his life to Jesus. His relationship with his Redeemer is at the core of all his hopes and dreams for the future – and something he desires for everyone he encounters, because he remembers well what his existence was like when Christ was absent from his life.

Although Vishesh was once extremely religious, he could never find inner peace or get rid of the tension in his family. He worshipped numerous deities within his traditional religion and even prayed to gods from a variety of other faiths, but nothing satisfied his heart.

His mother, a new Christian, was fervently praying for him and would often encourage her son to come to church with her. Finally, he agreed to attend a New Year's Eve celebration, and there he had an opportunity to talk with the pastor. He did not make a commitment to follow Christ, but he felt a great love and peace that motivated him to return. His mother continued to pray for his salvation.

Then tragedy struck. Vishesh's gums began to bleed. Doctors diagnosed leukemia and prescribed an aggressive treatment plan, but they told him he probably had only a few months to live. Vishesh was stunned and sank into despair. Assuming that death was inevitable, he quietly put together a plan to end his own life. But Vishesh's plan was not God's plan.

Meanwhile, his mother and other church members fasted and prayed for his physical – and spiritual – healing. They visited him and brought him Christian books and audio cassettes. As Vishesh read and listened, the Holy Spirit began to work through these materials, and Vishesh's attitude began to change. He started reading the Bible, his faith and understanding growing steadily. And one day, he surrendered his heart to Christ and received Him as Savior.

Ironically, Vishesh was approaching death, but now he was really beginning to enjoy his life! He sometimes forgot he was terminally ill, and his doctors even began seeing their young patient's health and outlook improve.

When Vishesh ran out of money to pay for his medical treatments, he was fearful, but he continued to seek the Lord. He met with his pastor not long after, and they prayed together with faith and confidence that God would heal Vishesh. With his pastor's encouragement, Vishesh saw the doctors, who confirmed there was no sign of leukemia anywhere!

When Vishesh told his church about his healing, everyone praised the Lord and rejoiced with him; and the

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medical staff who had treated him was amazed and called it a miracle.

It was at this time that Vishesh heard God's call to ministry, to proclaim to others in Chhattisgarh about the complete forgiveness and salvation that he himself had experienced through Jesus Christ. His pastor directed him to a GFA Bible College, where his studies are now nearing completion and where Vishesh is quick to share his amazing testimony with everyone he meets.

Taken from *Send* (Gospel For Asia News Magazine)

Editor's Note: The *Morning Glory* is such a vessel/means that the LORD of the Harvest can also use for the saving of Precious Souls and the edifying and nurturing of His Lambs and Sheep! PRAY for this 'miracle' to take place in hearts and lives of our 'readers' and beyond! Why not add names to the mailing list in prayer! Praise the LORD for what HE is doing and is going to do!

A Fable so much like the truth!

A man was hunting in a forest when a storm came up. Looking about for shelter he found and crawled into a hollow log which fit quite snugly. The rain lasted for hours, causing the log to begin to contract. When the storm was over the hunter was unable to get out. The log held tight, and finally exhausted, the man gave up, knowing he would starve to death. His life flashed before him and he was so ashamed for not attending church that it made him feel so small that he was able to crawl out of the log without difficulty. Moral: don't wait until you get in a tight place before you make peace with God.

JESUS LOVES ME

(92 year old Pastor)

While watching a little TV on Sunday instead of going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old Gentleman to preach at that age.

After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak ...

“When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your Pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson I’ve learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me ...the only thing that would comfort was this ...

*“Jesus loves me this I know,
for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong,
We are weak but He is strong...
Yes, Jesus loves me ...
The Bible tells me so.”*

When he finished, the church was quiet. You actually could hear his footsteps as he shuffled back to his chair. I don’t believe I will ever forget it.

A pastor once stated, “I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children’s hymn “Jesus Loves Me” (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best.”

Senior version of “Jesus Loves Me”

Here is a new version just for us who have white hair or no hair at all. For us over middle age (or even those almost there) and all you others, check out this newest version of ‘Jesus Loves Me’.

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

CHORUS

YES, JESUS LOVES ME, YES, JESUS LOVES ME.
YES, JESUS LOVES ME, THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in his I’ll go
On through life, let come what may,
He’ll be there to lead the way.
CHORUS

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song..
Telling me in words so clear,
“Have no fear, for I am near.”
CHORUS

When my work on earth is done,
And life’s victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I’ll understand His love.
CHORUS

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.
CHORUS

If you think this is neat, please pass it on to your friends. If you do not pass it on, nothing bad will happen, but you will have missed an opportunity to “reach out and touch” a friend or a loved one.

God Bless Us All!!!

Submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Dahl, Felton, MN

Don't Wait Too Long Before Going ...

Dr. Sheldon Smith

Here is a wonderful soul-winning story that came to me from a missionary whose name I do not know. It is a stark reminder that we should not delay being about business of going after souls. He says:

"After a midweek prayer meeting, a lady said to me, 'Pastor, Mama has come to live with us, and she's very sick. Would you come by to see her?' I had some visits planned for Thursday evening, but I assured her I would be by on Saturday to see her mother.

"On the way home, I had an unusual burden for this woman. I became convinced that I should make the visit on the next evening. Before going to bed, I decided to fast and pray for her the next day.

"The family lived about fifteen miles away, and I arrived the next evening shortly after 7:00. They ushered

me into their apartment, and the lady took me into a back bedroom of the house where her mother was confined to bed. I could see immediately that she was indeed 'very sick.' In fact, she had throat cancer and was in the last stages of the disease.

"Because her throat had been almost totally destroyed, she was unable to talk. She had to communicate by nodding or shaking her head or blinking her eyes. I told her I had come to have prayer with her, and she assured me that would be all right.

"Before praying, I asked if anyone had shown her from the Bible how she could be sure of going to Heaven. She said no but that she would like to hear what the Bible said.

"Since she had no background in the Bible, I began with the story of the crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ. I then went carefully through the plan of salvation explaining her sinful condition and God's remedy for it.

"She listened intently, and when I finished, I asked if she had understood what I was telling her. She shook her head. I began again and tried to make the Gospel as plain and simple as I could.

"As I spoke this time, I could see from her face when 'the light came on.' This time when I asked if she understood, she nodded her head, with the light still in her eyes. I asked if she wanted to receive Christ by faith as her Saviour, and she nodded as enthusiastically as she could in her condition.

"I said I would pray and that she should invite the Lord into her heart. I also asked if she would squeeze my hand when the Lord saved her. A little more than half way through my prayer, I felt her squeeze with the little strength she had left.

"We all rejoiced together, and I left their home about eight o'clock. At two o'clock the next morning, my telephone rang. The daughter was calling me to say that her mother had just passed away – six hours after being saved! Immediately the thought thundered in my head, *I was going to wait until Saturday!*"

The healthiest person you know could be in eternity in six hours.

Sword of the Lord

Editor's Note: Actually we are only a heartbeat away from ETERNITY! Will you wait a day too long?

"For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (II Cor. 6:2)

Is there someone to whom you should not delay getting the Gospel? Why don't you go see him or her today?

Some quotes from **THE HOPE OF THE WORLD** by Dan Smoot

"When the Christian faith of the whole people shrinks to a point where there is no generally accepted authority for the assertion that man's rights are natural and inalienable because they are God-given, then the whole rationale of freedom in America will have lost its main foundation."

"Christianity will live without America; America cannot exist without Christianity."

"Great numbers of modern clergymen apparently have come to regard their job as being, not ministers of the Gospel of Jesus, but formulators of public opinion on the economic and social problems of our times. They have become class-conscious political robinhoods: perpetually petitioning governments to take money away from one group of citizens for distribution to another group"

“Thus Saith the Lord”

2 Peter 1:16 - 21

Is the Bible the Word of God? Ultimately, on that question hinges the eternal destiny of our souls. Does God say what He means and means what He says? I He does not, then everything we, as Christians, have been taught is suspect. A. B. Simpson wrote a simple poem entitled “The Means What It Says,” the last verse of which states, “It is strange we trust each other, and only doubt our Lord; we will take the word of mortals, and yet distrust His Word. But, oh, what light and glory would shine o’er all our days, if we would always remember **that He means just what He says.**”

God has not had to correct, revise, adjust or change His Word since its going forth from the Holy Spirit to “holy men of God (who) spake ...” (v. 21). Textbooks often have to be changed because of data or theories proven incorrect, thus rendering them outdated – the Bible (an ancient book) never!

God means just what He says

Is the Bible truly the Word of God? Voices from the past remind us that “God’s Word is its own best argument” (Vance Havner) and that “the best evidence of the Bible’s being the Word of God is found between its covers.” (Charles Hodge). How true! The most powerful evidence that the Book we hold in our hands is, indeed, God’s Word is found in the claims it makes for itself. Around 3,800 times, the Bible asserts that it is, indeed, the very Word of God. Such statements in the Bible as “Thus saith the Lord” and “The word of the Lord came unto me” are common expressions of those divinely given claims. Second Timothy 3:16 clearly and unequivocally states that “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God... “The Lord means just what He says! JED

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BEWARE OF COVETOUSNESS

By Irving D. Larson

A CERTAIN QUAKER, in order to impress a lesson upon his neighbors, put up a sign on a vacant piece of ground next to his house, which read, “I will give this lot to anyone who is really satisfied.”

A wealthy farmer, as he rode by, read it and said to

himself, “Since my Quaker friend is going to give this piece of land away, I might as well have it as anyone else. I am rich. I have all I need, so I am well able to qualify.” He went to the door, and when the aged Quaker appeared he explained to him why he had come. And is thee really satisfied?” asked the owner of the lot. “I surely am,” was the reply. “I have all I need, and I am well satisfied.”

“Friend,” said the other, “if thee is well satisfied, then what does thee want with my lot?” The question revealed the covetousness that was hidden in the man’s heart.

The world in which we live judges almost everything by the dollar sign, and this spirit has permeated the world of Christendom as well. Jesus’ words are a needed warning to all of us that we, “Beware of covetousness.” For the Christian, success is not measured by what we accumulate, but by our faithful service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

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“O God, thou art my God’ early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee ...”

Psalm 63:1

There are some Christians who have learned little of a daily devotional life. Some time ago a policeman asked me what the secret of victorious living was. I told him that there is no magic formula that can be pronounced. If any word could describe it, I would say *surrender*. The second word I would say would be *devotion*. Nothing can take the place of a daily devotional life with Christ. Your quiet time, your prayer time, the time you spend in the Word, is absolutely essential for a happy Christian life. You cannot possibly be a happy, dynamic, and powerful Christian apart from a daily walk with Christ. Christ is calling Christians today to cleansing, to dedication, to consecration, ... It will make the difference between success and failure in your spiritual life. It will make the difference between being helped and helping others. It will make a difference in your habits, in your prayer life, in your Bible reading, in your giving, in your testimony, and in your church membership. This is the Christian hour of decision!...

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SEPARATION

The Christian life is not a matter of “do” and “don’t.” To be a Christian means to be born again and thus possess the life in Christ. But we have an evil nature within us. We live in a world where sin abounds. Thus from within and without the new life in Christ is beset by attacks from evil. How shall this life in Christ in the midst of such evil surroundings be preserved? That is a serious question and calls for our earnest consideration.

GOD INTENDS IT

When God saves a sinner He expects that person, now a saved soul, to live differently than he did before. Men are not saved to continue in sin but to be separated from sin. “For God has not called us for uncleanness, but in holiness” (1 Thess. 4:7). Men are saved first to glorify God, not only for their own sake, but also that by living holy lives ungodly and unbelieving men in the world might turn to Christ and be saved. It is through saved men, kept in grace and living sanctified lives, that God intends to save a lost world. Only by living separate lives from sin can God use us in this His service.

BEING SAVED PRESUPPOSES IT

To a worldling the Christian life seems bare and unattractive. “What do you do as Christians?” is often asked. To forsake the enjoyments and pleasures of the flesh is for the worldling a seeming impossibility. How could he live without them? There is no use trying to persuade him that a Christian’s joys are on a higher plane, far more satisfying and enduring than anything he knows of. He is still “the natural man,” who neither understands nor makes his own the things spiritual, “for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them” (1 Cor. 2:14). Only when he comes to experience them will he know of their reality. The invitation still stands, “O taste and see that the Lord is good” (Ps. 34:8). The Lord wants us to try Him out. And when we do we can truly say, “There is nothing upon earth that I desire besides thee” (Ps. 73:25). “In thy presence there is fulness of joy” (Ps. 16:11).

Possessing such joy, having experienced the Lord’s blessings so richly, the question comes, “How can I retain all these good things?” Not by living in sin, that is sure. They can be retained only by a life of separation from sin. Giving up that which is evil, or what may have the appearance of evil, will then be no real hardship. Enjoying these blessings makes separation not only a possibility but a relief.

OLD THINGS GIVE PLACE TO NEW THINGS

We often hear people complain, “Somehow I just

can’t give up-so and so.” Yes, they have struggled and tried to do so. At least they think they have. But all the time they really have loved their former friends, habits and sins. What they need is a new life, an abundant new, rich life, that brings with it new life in Christ. He satisfies the longing soul, and the friends will readily drop off. A tree does not struggle to push off its old withered leaves. The rising sap soon pushes off the old leaves which give place to new ones. A child playing with a dangerous knife is readily persuaded to give it up if something else more enticing is offered. Have you found the new life in Christ? “He satisfies him who is thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things” (Ps. 107:9). Allow this satisfying life in Christ to grow and manifest itself and former sins will soon become distasteful.

COMPROMISE DEFEATS IT

Some people want to look two ways. They desire the blessings found in Christ and at the same time retain the pleasures of the world. They think they can serve two masters. But Jesus says, “No servant can serve two masters” (Luke 16:13). We may think we can serve two masters, but we really only serve one. It is that which we love that we give ourselves to and that we serve. Is that why there is so much weakness in the church, in the church members, because they are compromising with sin? We cannot serve sin during the week and then truly worship Christ on Sunday, that is only pretense. God says, “Be holy yourselves in all your conduct” (1 Pet. 1:15). And “all” means on Saturday nights, too. The result of a compromise-life is evident in the lack of peace of heart, among other things. No one comes to abiding peace of heart trying to serve Christ and sin. It must be either or. Which is it?

TEMPLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

All believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you” (1 Cor. 6:19). “We are the temple of the living God” (2 Cor. 6:16). Would a believer take the Holy Spirit to a booze-joint or to a dance hall? He cannot leave the Holy Spirit at home when he goes to a place of worldly amusement. To possess the Holy Spirit and then chum with gross sinners would result in tremendous conviction. We are not to be conformed to this world (Rom. 12:2) but through the Holy Spirit we are to be transformed more and more into the likeness of Christ. Such transformation demands a continual separation.

IN JESUS’ NAME

Believers are admonished and expected to “do everything in the name of Jesus” (Col. 3:17). This “everything” must also include our pleasures and amusements. If we

cannot partake of our pleasures in Jesus' Name then they certainly are sinful. A true believer will not want to be found in a place, nor to be doing anything, where he could not have fellowship with Jesus. Can *you* do "everything" in Jesus' name?

ITS POSSIBILITY

It is possible to live separated lives *because Christ has overcome the world*. "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Christ lived in the world untainted by the spirit of the world. He overcame the world not for His sake, but that living in us as Victor He might be in us the power that keeps us from sin within and overcomes the world about us.

Our possession of *the life we have in Him assures us* that separation is possible. For there is in us a life that is different from and contrary to the spirit of the world. The new life in Christ separates the believer from the things of the world by making them distasteful to him. The Christ within gives both the desire and the power to live a separated life. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come" (2 Cor. 5:17).

The Holy Spirit's presence separates, cleanses and purifies. He reveals to the believer "the deep things of God," treasures and joys far surpassing temporal things. "And the things of earth grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace." And when they do, separation becomes not only a possibility but a desire and a necessity.

The heavenly vision shining brightly causes our hearts to be loosed from things of earth. Because "the God of glory appeared to our father Abraham" (Acts 7:2) he was willing to obey God's call leaving home and relatives. God's children have the promise of "a land that is fairer than day," a "better country, that is, a heavenly one" (Heb. 11:14, 16). Separation from what is temporal is not difficult when once the things eternal have become our secure possession. Can we say with Paul, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision" (Acts 26:19)?

ITS SERIOUSNESS

The fact that God so often warns against the things of the world, against its sins and pursuits, is proof enough that this is a serious matter. There is still danger that, as Demas, believers will forsake Christ "in love with this present world" (2 Tim. 4:10). Let us not forget that Demas was once a fellow worker with Paul and Luke (Philem. 1:24). Living close to the Savior did not keep a Judas from betraying Him. "Once saved always saved" cannot be substantiated by Scripture or by experience. Many people deluded by that alluring mirage are in danger of being led astray "by the wiles of the devil." If there were no danger

that believers' souls might be lost why would God warn so seriously: "Abstain from the passions of the flesh that wage war against your soul" (1 Pet. 2:11). "Shun youthful passions and aim at righteousness" (2 Tim. 2:22). "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions" (Rom. 6:12). "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you" (Col. 3:5). "Fight the good fight of faith, take hold of the life eternal" (1 Tim. 6:12). "Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown" (Rev. 3:11). And why would God warn of the danger of falling from grace if it were not possible? "It would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them" (2 Pet. 2:21). Jesus earnestly warns, "Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away" (John 15:2). With Paul we need to say (as we practice it), "I pommel by body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified" (1 Cor. 9:27).

A NEW SPELLING

Some people want to spell liberty as l-i-c-e-n-s-e. That is, they want their liberty as children of God to permit them to live according to the flesh. "You were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh" (Gal. 5:13). To do so would be contrary to God's plan. He wants us to be free, not free to sin, but to live free from the rule of sin. Hence "make not provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires" (Rom. 13:14).

Instead we should spell separation as l-i-b-e-r-t-y. We all long to be free. But do we understand that God desires us to live separated from sin and thus remain free from its bondage? If we are sick and infected with disease germs we desire to be free from them, for they are injurious to our health. Satan seeks to dress up the germs of sin so that they look attractive. The only way to live healthy spiritual lives is to live separate from the germs of sin. Thus separation means holiness and holiness spells liberty. Hence God warns:

COME YE OUT

In our attitude to the world God would have us live separate. By world we mean all that which is not subject to Jesus Christ. "Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God" (James 4:4). As believers we must live in the world, but we are not to be of the world. Its pursuits, its desires and pleasures, as they cater to the flesh, must not be indulged in. Doing so we would make ourselves "an enemy of God." For God hates the sin of the world. There is danger

that in business, in marriage and in social life, in clubs, lodges and societies, we become yoked with unbelievers. To do so is contrary to God's will, and doing so will rob us of much of the blessings God would give us, as well as dispense through us. It may cost us our souls. "Do not be mismatched with unbelievers. ...What has a believer in common with an unbeliever?" (2 Cor. 6:14, 15.)

In our fellowship. We must contact unbelievers in our daily life. We meet them in our various activities. We just cannot avoid them. But though we do meet them we do not need to make them our intimate friends or associates. They will seek to entice us to worldly pleasures, places of sin and vice. If you go with them you will be called "a good fellow." If you don't go with them you will be called a "lemon," a "pansy," or something worse. Look around you at the wrecks caused by sin and vice. Sin promises you "a big time," but sin leads to heartaches and despair. "The wages of sin is death." You will avoid much evil and grief if you will "make friends of God's children." "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Prov. 10:12).

LOT'S EXPERIENCE

When God called Abraham to be unto Him "a separated people," Lot followed. We recall how, as their flocks increased they must needs separate. Lot was given the privilege of choosing which way he would go, to the right or to the left. He was tempted by the well-watered plain of the Jordan and he chose that, "and moved his tent as far as Sodom" (Gen. 13:12). But he soon found that though he prospered materially, he was in sore straits, because the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked. What sorrow and tears he experienced because of his choice. Lot's experience stands as a serious warning that a believer should not become intimate with unbelievers. Rather, "Come out from them, and be separate. ..then I will welcome you" (2 Cor. 6:17)

THE FINAL SEPARATION

Separation here is preparatory for the great separation when Jesus comes. He knows who are His. Those who are His will be taken and those who are not His will be left. We now make the choice. He then makes the decision. That again is the prelude to the separation when before Him shall be gathered all the nations, and He shall separate them one from another. Our choice of being separated to Him while here will determine His decision on that day. "Choose this day whom you will serve" (Josh. 24:15)

Taken from *The Way of Life*
By A. W. Knock

Editor's Note: This article is sorely needed today. Today's Christians are modeled after the world, rather than

being separate from it. One can scarcely tell the difference between what is "Christian" and what isn't in most places.

WELL SAID ... *Discerning Strongholds*

Along with all the other Israelites, Achan had been told that all the spoils from the city of Jericho belonged to God. He knew that he was not supposed to take any of them, but he did. When he was asked to confess and give glory to God, he said, "*When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it*" (Josh. 7:21). Notice the process: First he saw with his eyes, then he thought with his mind, then he desired with his heart, and then he acted with his body. His eyes affected his mind, and his mind affected his body. (*Editor's note:* Similar to Genesis 3:1-10).

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. said, "Behind every tragedy of human character lies a long process of wicked thinking." A man who is a good, moral citizen doesn't just suddenly one day go in and rob a bank. When a man who has been a good, moral citizen does something like robbing a bank, it is a result of a process. Dr. Jones said it happens like this: One day the man walks by the door of the bank and says, "there's a lot of money in that bank." The next day he walks by and says, "I wish I had some of that money. I'd like to have that money, but I'll never get it. The only way to get it would be to steal it, and I'd never steal." The next day he says, "I wouldn't steal it, but I bet I could. Those bank robbers are stupid. If I were going to steal it, I'd do it like this." After a while, that thing takes hold of him, and he begins to believe it would be an easy and even appropriate thing to do.

If you have the spirit of fear, the Devil can make you afraid of anything. If you have pride, the Devil can make you think you're above anything and anyone. If you allow these strongholds in your mind, he can go anyplace with it. A stronghold of bitterness, depression, greed, lust, self-pity or a desire for a wrong relationship or any other stronghold allows the Devil to control us by making us think wrong thoughts.

Excerpts from *'The Pulling Down of Strongholds'*
by Dr. R. B. Ouellette
(Sword of the Lord)

Editor's Note: "nor give place to the devil." Ephesians 4:27. "Abstain from every form of evil" 1 Thessalonians 5:22.

THE GIRDLE OF TRUTH

“Stand therefore, having your loins girded with truth.” (Eph. 6:14)

The first item of a Christian’s armor mentioned in this section is the belt or girdle. From the expression “girded with truth: this part of the armor has been called the *girdle of truth*. There are other passages in the Bible which deal with this piece of the warrior’s equipment; which are: “*Let your loins be girded about, and your lamps burning*” (Luke 12:35); and “*Wherefore girding up the loins of your mind, be sober and set your hope perfectly on the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*” (1 Peter 1:13)

It is strange that the belt or girdle should be the first item of the Christian’s armor to be mentioned. The reason is undoubtedly this, that the garments worn in those days were such that without a belt a person could not very well do his work. At least he could not go into battle without one; nor could he go on a longer journey. The purpose of the belt was to hold the garment tight about the body, thus permitting full freedom of motion.

The question arises as to what it might be in Christian life and fellowship with God that has been given the name “girdle of truth.”

When we discussed the work of the Spirit we tried to show that there is more than one truth; perhaps it is more correct to say that there are many sides to the one great truth. We have in the Scriptures the truth concerning God, our Creator and Redeemer; we also have the truth concerning man, namely that he is a sinner. In addition we have instructions to the effect that it behooves us to approach Him with truthful hearts. Which of these truths, then, constitutes the girdle of truth that we are to have about our loins?

I am of the opinion that it is *the truth concerning us*. It is not only the truth that we are sinners; it is also this that we ought to be Absolutely Truthful when we approach God.

People who have lived in fellowship with God for some time often have this question rising in their hearts, “Is there truth in my heart, and do I walk in truth?”

It was right on this point that we fought our first great battles, and we shall long remember the victory that we won. We threw our heart wide open before God and pleaded for grace. From that day and on God has had access to our hearts, and we have had access to the throne of grace. This it must be throughout life. If we begin to slacken on this point and become less zealous for the truth, we shall lose the belt with which the breastplate of righteousness is fastened. We have many examples of this in the Bible; one of the most eloquent is found in Joshua 7.

The people of Israel marched against Ai, but lost. When Joshua heard of it he cried lamentingly, “*Oh, Lord, what shall I say, after that Israel hath turned their backs before their enemies?*” After some time they found the reason for this misfortune. Achan, a man of the Israelites, had taken some of the contraband spoils of the war and had hidden them in his tent. This dishonest act on the part of one robbed the people of their power against the enemy.

Saul and Judas suffered a similar fate, as did also Ananias and Saphira. They were untruthful, and lost their power.

Judging by these examples we have reason to believe that the girdle of truth is this: *To be completely honest in one’s inner being as well as in one’s outward conduct.*

If it were within my power to do so, I would cry to every Christian soul, “Be absolutely honest from the depths of your heart. Hide nothing from God. Do not ever try to have a secret chamber in your heart into which you do not admit your Savior. Let your life be an open book before the Lord. Never listen to any voices which would persuade you to do otherwise; they are lying spirits sent out by the father of lies. Try also to be honest toward all people in word and deed, whether you are a master or a servant.”

If we make compromises with ourselves on this point, we shall soon lose the girdle of truth; this loss will be followed shortly by a loss of the whole armor, and we shall turn our backs upon the enemy.

When even today it becomes necessary to lament with Joshua, “*Oh, Lord, what shall I say, after that Israel hath turned their back before their enemies,*” the reason is undoubtedly this that there is something hidden in the heart that we do not wish to reveal.

Be honest before God! It shall be well with such a one. “The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.” If the Lord sees that we are right with Him, He helps us; with His support even the poorest pilgrim can make progress, because he is strong in the Lord.

I hope no one thinks that by the girdle of truth I mean sinless perfection. If that were the girdle of truth, none of us would be girded. David was not innocent; but he was honest. Jehosaphat was not without fault; he went to war on the side of Ahab. He should not have done that. But he was honest, and the Lord was his strength. Peter sinned; but he repented of his sin, and the Lord was gracious toward him. All of these were wounded in the battle, some very severely; but none of them was lost, because they retained the girdle of truth.

This is what I mean: Be truthful in your Christian life. Do not pretend that you are something that you are not.

Each one of us is tempted to polish the exterior of his life so that the internal injury can be hidden from view. When you meet someone whom you think to be a much better Christian than you are - and in all probability he is better - you are so easily tempted to act and appear like him without actually being like him. This is a dangerous and cowardly hypocrisy. Never try to clothe yourself in the forms of another's godliness; use your own coat, even if it may seem a bit scant.

In Acts 19 we are told of seven sons of a Jewish high priest who took upon themselves to use the name of Jesus in driving out evil spirits. They said, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul preacheth." But the evil spirit replied, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know' but who are you?" And the man, in whom the evil spirit was, leaped upon them and tore their clothes from their backs so that they had to flee from the house naked and wounded.

This was a very coarse form of spiritual impersonation.

No, to go out and perform miracles, or whatever else it might be, under the cloak of another's Christianity, that will never do. If we ourselves do not have sense enough to see that this is wrong, we can be certain that others see it; often it is those who we think can know the least about such matters who see it most clearly. We can be certain of this too that, also today, people who pretend to be more than they are will be stripped naked; often they have to flee in shame.

People of God! Gird yourselves with the girdle of truth.

Do you, child of God, feel that you do not amount to much? Does it seem that you are both insignificant and worldly? Confess it to God. Do you find that you have desire to read God's Word and to pray? Do you find that you do not particularly care to be obedient to God? If so, you will never find a solution by trying to convince yourself and others that all is well. Tell it to God, calling each sin by its right name; that is true Christian conduct.

*Then you will be girded about with the girdle of truth.
Soldiers of Christ, arise
And put your armor on;
Strong in the strength which God supplies,
Through his eternal Son.*

*Stand then in His great might,
With all His strength endued;
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.*

Taken from "Spirit and Power" by Ludvig Hope

Hymn History - When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

While walking through an alley not far from his home in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, James M. Black noticed Bessie, teen-age daughter of the local drunkard.

"How would you like to come to our Sunday School?" he asked kindly.

"Sure, I would love to, but . . ." And she glanced sadly at her ragged dress and torn shoes.

"I understand," Mr. Black assured her, and walked on, deep in thought.

The next day, a parcel of new shoes, a dress and a hat arrived at the dilapidated house where Bessie lived. She was overjoyed!

The next time Mr. Black walked by and asked, "Now would you like to come to Sunday School?" she replied enthusiastically, "Oh, yes, indeed!"

During the weeks that followed, Bessie became a faithful member of the Sunday School and also joined the young people's society at the church.

One evening, the roll call at the young people's meeting was being taken. Each young person was to answer by a favorite Scripture verse.

When Bessie's name was called, there was no answer! No one seemed to know why she was not there. All sensed Mr. Black's concern.

He stood to his feet and commented briefly about Bessie's absence, then asked the young people to think about that day when the names are called from the Lamb's Book of Life. "When my name is called up yonder, may I be there to respond!" he said emphatically.

By the time he reached his home, he had formed the first verse. The other two verses followed in just fifteen minutes of time.

Later, he learned that Bessie had been too ill to attend church that night. The illness continued, and in a few days, the teen-age girl went into the presence of the Lord whom she had so recently met in a personal way.

James M. Black found comfort in knowing that when Heaven's roll of the redeemed is called, Bessie would be there to answer sweetly, "Present."

Taken from *Hymns of Faith*
Northwestern College Radio

*"When the Trumpet of the Lord shall sound, And time will
be no more, And the morning breaks eternal bright and fair,
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other
shore, And the roll is called up yonder I'll be there."*

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Baptist, Brethren, Lutheran, Methodist Churches Ask Senate for Abortion Funds

A coalition of mainline Protestant churches have authored a letter to members of Congress asking them to make certain the healthcare bills they are considering contain taxpayer funding for abortions. The letter comes from a group of churches that have long advocated the pro-abortion position. Under the umbrella of the Religious Institute, the church denominations and more than 1,100 pastors and church staff from the denominations endorsed the letter.

The letter calls abortion a “morally justifiable decision” and opposed any amendments to the House and Senate bills, which currently contain massive abortion funding to strike that taxpayer-financing. “Already, federal policy unfairly prevents low-income women and federal employees from receiving subsidized (abortions),” Debra W. Haffner, executive director of the Religious Institute, complained.

The letter added that she doesn’t want more abortion funding bans in place and complained that additional “restrictions” on abortion funding constitute a “serious moral injustice.” The denominations endorsing the letter include the American Baptist Churches, Church of the Brethren, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ, the United Methodist Church and others.

LifeNews.com

Editor’s Note: Alarming how ignorant (or refuse to see) what Scripture so clearly teaches! **Abortion is murder - period!** IN very rare cases a choice has to be made between the life of the ‘Mother’ and an unborn life - child.

IMAGINE!!!! (At Times LOVE (Agape Love) is tough)!!

The ELCA, at large; after spending eight years and 1.1 million dollars on studying ‘sexuality’ in relationship to the ‘church’, came up with an unbiblical conclusion. As well meaning and sincere that they may be; it is a deliberate choice/decision that is wrong! That is, that homosexuality is OKAY and that such practicing folk can be Pastors and Leaders in the ELCA. An ELCA Pastor in our community puts it this way in regards to the given subject: “We will explore how we use Scripture and which por-

tions we choose to listen to and which portions we choose to ignore. We all pick and choose which portions of Scripture we want to apply to our lives and the lives of others.”

NOW I have a challenge and also a question: How can a conscientious ‘believer’ support such a congregation/synod that okays homosexuality, abortion, etc. in the light of the Holy Scriptures? You know as well as I do that IF a person truly loves JESUS as his/her personal Savior, it is our privilege/responsibility to OBEY the Word of God out of **love**, regardless IF I ‘like’ what it says or not! It is not for us to *pick and choose*; but let the HOLY SPIRIT enlighten us through HIS precious Word, the BIBLE. **PRAY especially** for those who have convictions in the *light of the Bible, that they may have courage to follow through!* Pray also that other ‘spiritual eyes’ and ‘hearts’ might be opened to the WORD OF GOD! “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: IF anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book” **Revelation 22:18-19.** Please Pray For Us (Morning Glory/Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation) that we may stay lovingly firm and true/faithful/true to the Word of God. **Ephesians 6:10 - 20, Psalm 11:3 & 11 Timothy 3:16-17. GOD IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF CONFUSION!**

Baltimore Schools Embrace Anti-Meat Movement With “Meatless Mondays”

The first graders lining up for lunch at Arlington Elementary School in Baltimore, Maryland ...could pick a cheese sandwich or cheese lasagna along with vegetables. They could not, however, have meat for lunch now that cafeterias throughout the school district have adopted “Meatless Mondays” – a national and international movement with ties to animal rights activists.

CNSNews.com

Obama Pledges “Unwavering” Support to Gay Causes, Community

Using some of his strongest language to date in siding with the homosexual community, President Obama told a gathering of the Human Rights Campaign (October 10) that his commitment to their cause was “unwavering” and

that his administration, before he leaves office, would end the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.

"I'm here with a simple message: I'm here with you in that fight for homosexual causes," Obama, the keynote speaker, told those gathered at an event held by the nation's largest homosexual activist organization. "For even as we face extraordinary challenges as a nation, we cannot – and we will not – put aside issues of basic equality."

Unlike a speech delivered to homosexual leaders in June, Obama, in his October 10 address, put no qualifiers on his pledge to end Don't Ask, Don't Tell. He did, though, repeat language in that June speech criticizing what he called "outworn arguments and old attitudes" about homosexuality – language that was viewed by (Christians) then and now as condemning orthodox interpretations of Scripture.

...Obama repeated his stance for overturning the 1996 federal Defense of Marriage Act - which, if reversed, could force every state to recognize "gay marriages" from other states. He also stated his opposition to those who would "enshrine discrimination into our Constitution" – a reference to a federal marriage amendment and presumably also state marriage amendments.

He made news by saying he would sign – if it makes it to his desk – a defense authorization bill that includes an amendment broadening the hate crimes law to include homosexual persons.

Michael Foust for BAPTIST PRESS

Unbelieving "Jesus Seminar" Renewed

The Jesus Seminar, which claims that only a small part of the four Gospels contains authentic sayings of Jesus, has been revitalized in recent days. After the death of founder Robert Funk in 2005, the organization nearly went out of business.

Now it is moving to Willamette University in Salem, Oregon and is receiving an influx of money to carry on its satanic work of destroying people's faith in God's Word.

Through the Jesus Seminar, the hiss of the slithering serpent can still be heard asking, "Hath God said?" In the 1980s, the Jesus Seminar boys cast ballots on the authenticity of Christ's sayings in the four Gospels, using red balls to indicate that a saying was probably authentic; gray, that it was possibly authentic; and black, that its authenticity was improbable. Less than a third of Jesus' sayings received red votes.

In 1992, Marcus Borg, a participant in the Jesus Seminar, said, "It makes no historical sense to say, 'Jesus was killed for the sins of the world'.....I am one of those Christians who does not believe in the virgin birth, nor in the star of Bethlehem, nor in the journeys of the wise men,

nor in the shepherds coming to the manger, as facts of history" (Bible Review, December, 1992).

The Jesus Seminar is only one voice in a loud chorus of end-time unbelief that was supernaturally prophesied in the very Bible they so blindly denounce. "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (II Tim. 3:13).

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LONGING TO SEE HIM

"..... *We know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.* (1 John 3:2)

AN *Associated Press* release in the local newspaper told about a woman who walked into a small town super-market and was joyously reunited with a sister she had not seen for 18 years. In their youth their mother had given them up for adoption. They had gone to live in separate homes and therefore lost contact with each other. Now they were together. Oblivious to customers in the checkout line, they hugged and laughed and cried. Although their meeting was the result of a "chance glance" that registered a note of familiarity, their desire to be reunited burned in their hearts for years. Because of that longing and that likeness, those sisters experienced a joyous, never-to-be-forgotten reunion.

Something of that same combination – a longing and a likeness – exists between every born-again believer and the Lord Jesus. Of course, we have never seen our Savior. Yet we share a kinship with Him that runs deeper than biological ties. He's our righteousness, our peace, our hope of glory. We are complete in Him. It would be abnormal if we did not long to see the One whose death and resurrection is the source of our strength and joy each day. But best of all, when that certain meeting does occur, we will recognize Him even though we have never seen Him in His bodily form. His life in us will find its blessed counterpart in Him.

The more we live for Christ and fellowship with Him, the stronger will become our longing to see Him. And one day we will! D. J. D.

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Editorial

RES *GOD IS IN CONTROL!!*

THE WORD OF GOD AND CHRIST ARE INSEPARABLE!!

“For I am the LORD; I do not change; ...” (Malachi 3:6b) — “*Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.*” (Hebrews 13:8)

“*IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*” (John 1:1 & 14)

“*Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.*” (Psalm 119:89). — “*The entirety of Your word is truth. And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.*” (Psalm 119:160) — “*Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.*” (Proverbs 30:5)

Be totally honest (as always). What do YOU think of the Word of God? This is a very serious question; *because* what you think of the Word of God equates what you think of JESUS, **as the two are INSEPARABLE!** In other ‘words’, what you think of JESUS also indicates your regard for the Bible!

Fairly often I hear the statement, “Well, God is in Control”, which a terrific TRUTH and yet there is a ‘cause’ in that statement. What I am trying to say is that “God is in Control,” as HE has a plan, place and purpose for each one of us (and nations, as well) and yet HE sometimes lets us have our own way. We are not puppets! There is a *clear distinction* between the All Knowing attribute of our Almighty GOD and predestination.

Let me give you a few examples: GOD knew that Adam and Eve would sin; but that is not what HE wanted them to do. God wanted the children of Israel to be led (governed) by prophets/priests but they wanted to be like the heathen nations around them and thus wanted a ‘king’ and God gave them king ‘Saul’. Notice for example: “*They soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel, But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, And tested God in the desert. And He gave them their request, But sent leanness into their soul*” Psalm 106:13-15.

The United States of America is at a very crucial place in the making of history of our beloved land. Re-

member Abraham as he interceded for Sodom and Gomorrah! (Genesis 18:23-33). (When Israel *forgot God* and served other ‘gods’; because our GOD cares, HE would use/permit ‘heathen nations’ to attack His people as a ‘judgment’, in order to bring them back to HIMSELF). *Could it be that GOD is permitting us to go through a mild form of ‘judgment’ seeking to bring us back unto HIMSELF?* God is a ‘jealous’ God as HE cares and wants to bring us back unto Himself! “*The king’s heart is in the hand of the LORD, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.*” (Proverbs 21:1.)

I believe that *sometimes* ‘we’ use “God is in Control” as a ‘cop out’ because of our ‘indifference/luke-warmness/complacency’! (**Romans 12:9 - 13 & Jeremiah 48:10**). LOOK what is happening to some of our Christian homes and Bible-believing congregations: They are tragically being ripped apart by Satan, the world and the old nature – even though God doesn’t want this to take place. YES, there is a clear distinction between God’s foreknowledge and predestination. **James 1:12-16**. NO, nothing catches GOD by accident or surprise; but that doesn’t say HE WANTS it to happen!

Let us look at the text regarding King Saul. “*So Samuel said: ‘Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.’” Then Saul said to Samuel, ‘I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.’” (1 Samuel 15:22 - 24) (Peer Pressure!).*

Isaiah 59:14-16a reads: “*Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter. So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor.*” YES, could it be that ‘my people love to have it so’? As you read the book of

Nehemiah, it is clear that God's people, are not to **dialogue** with the enemy!

When some supposedly 'theologians' even 'pick and choose' what portions of the Bible they believe is accurate and true, and what 'portions' are *myths* and what portions reliable, this thinking/teaching most certainly is not of God; **but** it does not surprise God, because of His foreknowledge. HE knew it would take place, just as He said. By the way, see in the Bible how many 'Sadducees' got saved! As you know, the 'Sadducees' did not believe in the Resurrection of Jesus nor everlasting life, nor did they accept ALL of Scripture as the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God! That's why they were 'sad you see'. The person who says that there are no absolutes in Scripture is denying that there is a God and is denying the '**Truth**'. Such a person is also aligning with the atheist and unbelievers! **Psalm 11:3**. Have you also noticed that there is getting to be a lot of watering down of Scripture by not telling the 'whole' TRUTH; and also asking what do you think so and so thought or how did they feel? That is secondary, because it is GOD'S WORD; regardless who the Holy Spirit uses as a 'pen' to write HIS WORD! **II Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:89 & Proverbs 30:5-6. The BIBLE is God's Eternal Truth; regardless IF a person understands it or not!**

IN our great USA we are 'gradually' losing our 'freedoms' and this year of 2010 could be a very precarious one! The 'battle' is not against flesh and blood per say in itself but against the forces of evil and darkness. The 'spiritual warfare' is not a scrimmage but a 'battle' unto life everlasting or separation from God for all eternity! This battle spoken of in Ephesians 6 is so intense that it signifies an active 'battle' that is like hand to hand combat, as Satan is out to kill you. **John 10:9-10**,

II Peter 1:16-2:3. At times I believe we fail to realize what is at stake personally and also for others. The only thing necessary for evil to succeed is that believers commit the sin of omission and I do not believe that God wants saved/forgiven sinners to SIN! **James 4:17**.

ISN'T it wonderful that as 'believers' we know how the 'battle' ends in and through Christ Jesus, for we have read the last chapter of the Book! But in the meantime, we who know Jesus as our very own personal Sav-

ior are to occupy with and for HIM, until **HE calls us HOME!** *Praise God* that "greater is HE who dwells within you than he who is of the world!" YES there is victory at Calvary by the **precious blood** of the very Son of God who changes not! How we need to get back to the WORD of GOD and boldly and clearly share "Thus saith the Lord". May we pray, "Lord, replace my 'yellow fish back bone' and replace it with 'an iron back bone'." ASK Him, then wait and see what HE will do! Preach the Word and testify of the same, as we live in a sinful world, as the 'majority' living in this world are LOST and headed for a Christless eternity (By the way, it is only the LOST that need a (**Savior**)! **PREACH THE WORD FOR YOU CAN'T SAVE THEM ANYWAY! Isaiah 55:11,**

I Peter 1:13-21, 22-23. *Both Heaven & Hell are eternal/everlasting. Not one of these two eternal destinies will outlast the other and you and I will spend all eternity in one place or the other and so will every ONE else!* **God said so and that settles it.** Many congregations try programs and entertainment to reach both the saved and lost; BUT God, through Paul told Timothy to PREACH THE WORD; for IF the WORD is not *adequate*, what can we 'puny sinners' add or offer that would improve on it? You see, JESUS and the WORD are **inseparable!** "*Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.*" (Hebrews 13:8)

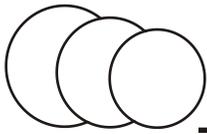
YES, GOD IS IN CONTROL; BUT WE ARE NOT PUPPETS (individually nor correctively) EITHER! **Matthew 6:33.**

P. S. Please earnestly pray with us (Editor, Hauge Lutheran Innermission Board Members) that there will be a *genuine hunger for the Word of God* before it is too late! Draw a circle on the floor and place yourself within it and ask God to send a **Heaven Sent Revival** to ALL who are within that circle! REMEMBER our Triune God is the same as yesteryear and the Word.

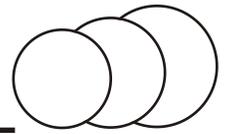
Please read Amos 8:11 - 12 & Revelation 2:5

By God's GRACE making no apologies for the old time Christianity!

Editor's Note: God knew (Foreknowledge) that I would be writing this 'editorial', But He didn't make me do it (predestination) – I want to believe, though, that He led me in writing it.



From Our Fellowship Circle



G. T. Fosston, MN
I appreciate getting the *Morning Glory*. My Mother used to send it to me years ago – and it has done so much, spiritually for me. However, you have my address, somewhat, wrong ...

E. S. N. Duluth, MN
Have not forgotten you, but at 92 years of age and the struggle with ...which helps cause delays.

Except for the ..., my doctor says I am in perfect health for which I am very grateful to the Great Physician for. I do get out weekly and to church and sometimes to shop or other appointments.

... is an Attorney of Law and in her legal work she shares how she had learned from me (a saved sinner) how she can in amazing and in creative ways, share the value and knowledge of Scripture for which I praise and thank God for using a sinner like me. You know that if you really want to serve God, He will make a way.

Enclosed please find contributions for an excellent publication of which I appreciate so much.

V. T. Morris, IL
Here is a little something to make sure the *Morning Glory* ministry continues. I love to see the publication in my mailbox as I can hardly wait to read it from cover to cover and then I pass it on to others.

I wish I could give more but things are very tight financially. My husband has been unemployed for some time; but God continues to provide. Praise the Lord. God Bless Your Ministry.

Editor's Note: May many others who are in similar situations also experience how God supplies; not 'always' the 'wants' but the 'need'.

I. F. Nora Springs, IA
Thank you for the good articles and information. We need your kind of paper today.

E. W. Story City, IA
Thank you for your messages in *Morning Glory* - The September issue was especially very meaningful and effective. Thank You.

T. & M. J. Story City, IA
Enclosed is a check for \$... "Thanksgiving" for the *Morn-*

ing Glory. We always enjoy reading it.

M. & D. W. Newfolden, MN
Am sending a memorial in loving memory of Wayne and Jeremy who passed away March 21, 2009 in the Northwest Angle while fishing. We miss them so much and am so thankful for all the good years and memories. We are doing OK and appreciate prayer support. It has been a difficult time but God is good and time helps to heal.

We enjoy the paper so much and has been a Great Blessing for us.

May God continue to Bless your ministry and bring people to know the Truth.

Editor's Note: How we appreciate letters with such 'openness' and may we who are on 'praying ground' PRAY for one another even before hardship/difficulties/struggles become a reality. It is so Scriptural and essential that we pray for one another!

J. L. Story City, IA
I enjoy your magazine, the *Morning Glory*, as it tells it like it is.

T. & F. F. Red Wing, MN
We continue to enjoy the *Morning Glory*.

The Power of Prayer

Among the greatest monuments of what can be accomplished through simple faith in God are the great orphanages covering thirteen acres of ground on Ashley Downs, Bristol, England. When God put it into the heart of George Müller to build these orphanages, he had only two shillings (50 cents) in his pocket. Without making his wants known to any man, but to God alone, over a million, four hundred thousand pounds (\$7,000,000) were sent to him for the building and maintaining of these orphan homes.

When the writer first visited them, near the time of Mr. Muller's death, there were five immense buildings of solid granite, capable of accommodating two thousand orphans. In all the years since the first orphans arrived, the Lord had sent food in due time so that they had never missed a meal for want of food.

J. Gilchrist Lawson
Deeper Experiences of Famous Christians

Update

When following Biblical Tithing and Offerings we sometimes wonder 'how much' should we give/invest in the eternal Kingdom of God's Work! Yet, being a wise steward of what the **Giver** has entrusted to ME, there remains the issue of where it should be invested, all by God's Grace! (For example, in my convictions based upon the Eternal Word of God, you most certainly should not support 'ministries' that promote abortions, homosexuality, etc.) Giving is not just 'giving', but investing in HIS WORK where the 'cause' is being used correctly in His Work. No doubt giving to 'ministries' that are contrary to His Blueprint (the Bible) are displeasing to HIM. (We are not even 'hinting' that we are the one and only ministry that pleases HIM; but by the GRACE of God, we are among the 'many' Bible practicing ministries).

Thus, 'giving' should definitely be a matter of specific *prayer*; and thus depending upon HIM to **guide you** in giving of eternal value - for where your 'heart' is there will be your 'treasure' also.

Isn't it marvelous that God gives us the privilege/responsibility to invest this aspect of stewardship also in helping to further His Kingdom!! *Remember*, HE Who owns the cattle upon a thousand hills is not dependent upon our tithes and offerings; but invites us to be Co-laborers with Him. Marvelous also is that HE looks not so much on how much we give; BUT how we give; for GOD loves *a cheerful Giver!*

May the Lord be permitted to lead, guide, direct in BOTH the 'giving' and usage of the same.

Marvelous God uses forgiven 'sinners' to further His Cause and we are so dependent upon YOU and FOLK like you to keep 'occupying' until He **comes** or closes this 'open door of service'!

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38.

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