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

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Easter Sunday

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“Who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification.” (Romans 4:25)

Easter Sunday records the greatest event in the history of the world. Made alive in the Spirit, Jesus breaks the portals of Hades and opens the way from the dark valley of death to the fair land of life.

The power of death is now broken. The powers of death must surrender also to the body.

That is what happened on Easter Sunday, when the *body* of Jesus was raised from the dead.

This is wonderful.

But the Easter Gospel has a still more glorious message to us who are not only marked by death but are also in ourselves death-sentenced criminals. It proclaims to us that the bodily resurrection of Christ is God's own signature affixed to the letter of pardon which Jesus applied on our behalf.

When God ushered Jesus out through the portals of death and brought forth His body from the tomb, He made it clear to heaven and earth, yes, to hell also, that He had put His seal of approval upon that reconciliation with the race which was effected by the death of Jesus. Therefore the apostle says: “Raised again for our justification.”

Here we have Easter's most joyous message: my acquittal papers with God's own signature affixed thereto have been ready and waiting for me since Easter morning. If I stand beneath the cross of Jesus, I can read the charge that was against me; but I can see also that it has been transferred to my Savior's account.

In His open tomb I find again my God-given proof that

Jesus has paid for my sins, and I am free.

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ Jesus who died, yea rather, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God! Alleluia!

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Note: Easter gives us the greatest news we can hear. The greatest news is that Jesus has fully atoned for our sins through His death, and now He defeats the effects that sin brought to the human race. People fear the grave and death and the thought of an unknown eternity. Yet Jesus silences those fears because He has defeated the power of death and the consequent fear that goes along with it. *“Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.”* (Heb. 2:14-15)

Now anyone who will come to Jesus in repentance and faith can live without the fear of the grave and the question of eternity answered. This is how we can have a sure hope for the future. When people wonder why Christians can be so sure about death and eternity, it is because we know someone who has already been there. Christ points us both to the open grave and the open heaven to say: *“Because I live, ye shall live also!”* *“I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live!”* *“In My Father's house are many mansions: . . . I go to prepare a place for you”* (John 14:19; 11:25 14:2).

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When Jesus rose from the dead, an entirely new era dawned on the world; a New Testament was offered to men in which the most persistent and overpowering terror, the cringing before the grave, was removed for all who acclaim Jesus as their Savior. What trembling the thoughts of death often provoke! Classify the fears and phobias of men in any way you will; add up the fright caused by sickness, age, loss, imprisonment, dishonor, and the sum total will be far below the heart-sinking surrender to despair, which often marks life's end.

Has the deepest sorrow, bereavement, darkened your home? Does it seem to you that the last glimmering joy of your life has disappeared with the death of a loved one? Instead of questioning the Father's love and goodness in allowing your loved one to be snatched away by death, dry your tears, strengthen your heart through Christ, and remember that Easter proves that God's way with His children is always the road to redemption and victory! Behold Jesus emerging from the tomb and take heart in the Easter comfort that all God's children, through Christ, will come forth to life eternal!

Commit yourselves wholly to the risen Christ this Easter season, the time especially appropriate for dedication to the Savior. Take your sins and weaknesses, lay them at the foot of the cross, hasten to the open grave, and there you will find newness of life, forgiveness of your transgressions, a fortifying of your faith, and the joy of assured salvation! For Easter is yours for life and death.

JRH

Church Discipline

– Chs. 5 and 6 (*1 Corinthians*)

(Continued from last issue of the Morning Glory)

The Discipline – Ch. 5:3-8

The Authority – Ch. 5:3, 4

Although absent in the body the apostle has already decided what is to be done. The assembled congregation with the apostolic authority of Paul and in the name of (which means “in the presence of”) the Lord Jesus, is to discipline the sinner. We notice here the recognition of the authority of the assembled congregation. With the exception of cases when the Spirit Himself steps in directly as in Acts 5, the authority is vested not in any individual as over and above the rest, but in the communion of saints, the priesthood of believers. This not because of any inherent virtue in them but because of the indwelling presence and power of the living Christ (see Matt. 18:18-20).

The Manner – Ch. 5:5a

The prescribed discipline seems to us very severe. So also the discipline meted out by the Spirit Himself in Acts 5. We are also reminded of God’s dealing with Achan in Joshua 7. Sentimentalists, not seeing beyond the immediate welfare of the individual dealt with, will plead for mercy and appeal to the God who is Love. God, however, takes the long view, both in regard to the sinner and the body of which he is a member. Therefore, as we shall see later, the severe punishment. He is to be delivered unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh (Cf. 1 Tim. 1:20). He has yielded his body to sin. Now sin without the restraining grace of God through the means of grace in the church, is to bear its ultimate fruit in that body. Note how real Satan and his kingdom is to the apostle.

The Purpose – Ch. 5b – 8

The purpose, however, is not to get revenge but to save the individual from hell and the church from corruption; “*that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.*” Better that the body be destroyed and the spirit saved as a result of true repentance than to save the body and keep the sinner in his impenitent condition (Cf. Mk. 9:43-48). According to 2 Cor. 2:5-10 we find that this severe treatment was not in vain. It brought about overmuch sorrow. He was there forgiven and reinstated as a member of the church.

The purpose was not only to save that individual’s soul but to purge out a leaven which threatened to leaven the whole lump. Leaven is ordinarily used in the Bible as a symbol of sin. Therefore the eating of the unleavened bread at the Passover. This explains the reference to the feast in this connection.

An Explanation – Ch. 5:9-13

The apostle has admonished the Christians not to have fellowship with the sinners as referred to above. This might be misunderstood. As long as the Christian is in the world he cannot escape association with sinners of different types. It was not with reference to sinners in general the apostle wrote. He wrote concerning the fellowship with sinners who claimed to be Christians and yet persisted in their sins. To eat as a brother with such would involve a sanction of their conduct and thus support them in their sins. The outsiders God will judge. In regard to our relation to these an admonition is found in 2 Cor. 6:14 – 7:1.

Lawsuits – Ch. 6

The principle of love is to govern them. They belong to a body of believers who, by virtue of their high calling, are even to judge the world and angels. ...

In the second place, the courts of that time were heathen, void of any Christian principle. The judges were unbelievers who were “of no account in the church.” ...

The Solution – Ch. 6:7

The Christians would, however, not solve the difficulty simply by acknowledging this inconsistency. No, they are to recognize the fact that for a Christian it is in itself inconsistent to have lawsuits with a brother. Not that difficulties may not arise, but if so, Christians ought to be willing to suffer wrong rather than to dishonor the name of God by unbrotherly contentions. ***The Christian is not under all conditions to insist on his rights.*** If it can further the cause of Christ, better that he suffers loss, he is to be willing to do so. Otherwise he may suffer a greater loss spiritually by his insisting on his rights.

The Warning – Ch. 6:8-11

There is an easy step from fighting for one’s own rights to that of overstepping the rights of others, from guarding against being defrauded to defrauding. Therefore, be on guard lest you be found among the unrighteous who thus will forfeit the kingdom. Well for the Christian to keep in mind one’s former state in sin and what a glorious privilege one has entered into through Jesus Christ. Having been washed, do not again return to the mire (2 Pet. 2:22).

Memory Verses

“Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? And ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body” 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

Taken from *A Study Guide; 1 Corinthians*
by O. Gornitzka’.

Questions Evolutionists Can't Answer

“The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, but the mouth of fools spouts folly.”
(Prov. 15:2)

On February 4, 2014, there was a debate in Kentucky on Creation versus Evolution. Bill Nye, the Science Guy, argued for the Big Bang Theory, which states that everything began with particles of matter and gas coming together. In one big “Bang,” everything started into process. After this, the tiniest life forms evolved over billions of years into all the different life forms that we have today. This is the commonly accepted theory today in most schools.

Ken Ham, Director of Answers in Genesis, presented the Creation model from the Book of Genesis. In this model, God created everything out of nothing by the Power of His Word alone. He created the heavens and the earth, plant life, animal life and everything necessary to sustain it. Finally, on the sixth day, He created mankind in His own image. All of these creations were fully developed and ready to begin living and reproducing from the start. God did this in six 24-hour days, just like the days that we have today. Ken argued for a “young earth” creation, where the earth isn’t billions of years old, but about 6,000 years old.

After both sides had a time to present their arguments and then a time for rebuttal, the moderator had questions from the audience which he addressed to each of the presenters. Bill Nye was asked, “**Where did the particles at the Big Bang come from?**” What was the answer from this man who has devoted his whole life to studying science and promoting all of the current scientific theories that are present today? His answer was this: “This is a great mystery. You hit the nail on the head. What was before the Big Bang? . . . This is what compels us to get up and go to work in the morning is to try and solve the mysteries of the universe. We are driven to try to answer this: Where did we come from? What was before the Big Bang?” In others words, he was saying, “I Don’t Know.”

This is where the people who support the Big Bang Theory run into trouble. They say that in the beginning there was nothing, and then there were particles and gasses that came together for the Big Bang. But where did these particles and gasses come from? They are forced to admit that their own reasoning has painted themselves into a corner. They must be forced to admit that at some point nothing created everything. That’s right. Something came from nothing. In fact, if they are truly going to be consistent, this is what they are forced to believe: Nothing, working on nothing, working with nothing, with

no power and no knowledge, created everything that we have today! No wonder Bill said, “I Don’t Know.” Isn’t it amazing that some of the keenest minds can spout forth such folly? Even a child can recognize that something doesn’t come from nothing! Ken had no trouble pointing out that the Bible has the answer in the first verse: “*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*” (Gen. 1:1)

Oh, but the fallacy isn’t over yet! Bill was also asked, “**Does conscience come from matter?**” In other words, after the Big Bang supposedly happened, then there must be conscious life coming from matter that is without any life. It is only matter and can’t think, reason, decide or do anything on its own. It is dead and lifeless. If evolution is going to work, then at some point dead matter must become life. Bill answered this: “I Don’t Know. This is a great mystery. . . . The joy of discovery. That is what drives us. We don’t know where consciousness comes from, but we want to find out. . . . The nature of consciousness is a mystery I challenge the young people here to investigate that very question.” Here he was direct in answering that he doesn’t know.

Ken said that there is a book that tells us where life and conscience came from. In Genesis 2:7 it says, “*And the Lord God formed man from the dust of the earth, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.*” (Gen. 2:7) God created man in His image and this separates them from all the other creation. This is how mankind gets life and conscience.

Even a child knows that you don’t get life and conscience from a dead hunk of matter. Go ahead and question a rock or a glass of water about anything and see what kind of a response you get! It is so utterly absurd that you can’t even believe that people would consider such a thing. Yet this is what many of the keenest scientific minds today believe! Even harder to believe is that this is the commonly accepted theory today by almost all schools and people of higher learning!

The model that science presents is not a logical nor a working model. It is an empty theory that is full of holes and doesn’t even make any sense. The science model turns mankind into an animal that is simply on a higher evolutionary plane. Is it any wonder that when people are taught this, they behave like animals?

The Bible model is the only one that answers every aspect of the world and mankind. God created everything

out of nothing by the Power of His Word. He then brought it into a complete working world with everything in place to support life. He then brought forth life in the earth and nature. The often repeated phrase through Genesis 1 is “they reproduce after their kind.” God created full, complete and working plants and animals which had the ability to reproduce right from the start, and to reproduce “after their kind,” which means “according to the seed that is in it.” Trees reproduce trees and monkeys reproduce monkeys. Monkeys don’t reproduce to become men.

This is what separates mankind from all the animal world: We are created in the image of God. This means that we have the ability to think, reason, create and live with a purpose. It also means that we are accountable to God for what He has given to us.

God created Adam and Eve as full, complete people with full re-creative abilities from the start. In fact, in Genesis 4:1, it says “*Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, ‘I have gotten a manchild with the help of the Lord.’*” They didn’t need to wait for billions of years for this to develop. Mankind would have died off if they weren’t able to reproduce immediately. **This is another impossibility of evolution.** At some point (in their thinking), a single celled amoeba or plankton had to develop into both male and female species with different reproductive organs. How did these beings continue to reproduce for the millions or billions of years it took for these organs to develop? Or how did they eat and eliminate their waste for all those years that it took to develop a digestive tract? The scientific model is neither logical nor possible.

To the readers who have extended family who are being challenged in school or college about evolution being the correct understanding, they need only ask the instructors these questions for which they have no answer. The Biblical model is the ONLY working model and the only one that makes a lick of sense!

You can see the full debate by logging onto Youtube.com and typing in “Bill Nye Debate” in the search bar.

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Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them. Psalm 99:6

Interestingly Samuel’s name means “*heard of God*” (1 Sam. 1:20). Several times he cried out to God and,

“*The LORD heard him*” (1 Sam. 7:9, 8:6; 15:11). Usually it was on behalf of others. Samuel’s estimation of the importance of prayer is summed up in these words, “*God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you*” (1 Sam. 12:23). Is there someone you should be praying for today?
Pete Smith

*How sweet, how blessed is the thought,
That Thou dost hear Thy people’s cries!
And whether Thou does give or not,
‘Tis love that grants and love denies.*
Author Unknown

Editor’s Note: Verse 24 “Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.”

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Thou gavest me no water for my feet ...thou gavest me no kiss ...my head with oil thou didst not anoint. Luke 7:44 – 46

Simon had the Lord right in his home! Yet he gave Him no personal attention, not even the common courtesies of the day. He missed a wonderful opportunity because his heart was not in the right condition. This too can be the case at the Lord’s Supper. He is there in our midst and yet sometimes we don’t recognize Him.

We have nothing to offer, not even, “Thank you Lord, for saving my soul.” Like Simon we can almost ignore the Saviour. May we see Him with the eye of faith, remember how He has forgiven us, and at what cost, and lavish all our love upon Him in praise and worship.

*If now, with eyes defiled and dim, we see the signs, but see not Him;
O, may His love the scales displace, and bid us see Him face to face!*

Charles H. Spurgeon

“Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

George Washington – Farewell address, 1776.

Editorial

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What IF???

James 5:7 - 12

As far as ‘my memory’ recalls, I have never ridden in a passenger train; but what IF I had only missed the train leaving by FIVE minutes: WHAT IF??

What IF the LORD laid on my/your heart to ‘witness’ in spoken *word* and I ‘failed’ to do so, and that person died the next day! Matthew 4:19.

A couple of definitions of the word **IF** from the dictionary are: 1). A possibility, condition or stipulation, 2). Granting at: *If that is true, what should we do?* USAGE NOTE: In informal writing both IF and WHETHER are standard in their use to introduce a clause indicating uncertainty after a verb such as ask, ...

Some years ago my wife and I had a definite time with which to catch our ride on a specific Airplane and ‘our’ son was driving their vehicle of transporting ‘us’ to the Airport and suddenly far out in the rural area there was a large traffic jam caused by an ‘accident’ a long ways ahead of us. Well by the time we got to the ‘airport’ time was at a definite premium and thus ‘we’ tried to run down a long corridor. When we got to the ‘air’ attendant my ‘better-half’ asked IF we had missed the plane! “NO, but lady take a deep breath for we don’t do CPR’s!”

BEFORE you read any further, I request that you first read another article in this issue of the *Morning Glory* titled “What IF.” (Right after this editorial)

At times a true ‘believer’ feels very lonely and longs for Christian Fellowship (and rightly so)! **Ecc. 4:10.**

Fairly frequently a person hears/reads that you should be a ‘salt/light for ‘our’ Savior: but the BIBLE says YOU are. See Matthew 5:14 -16.

“OUR” Adversary is very good in telling *half-truths*: for example; Genesis 3:1-7, as when He got Eve (first) to stop, look, listen and finally took.

Another subtle example is the statement: ‘we are in the world, but not of the world’! Sounds biblical, but you won’t actually find such a Bible Verse OR that cleanliness is next to godliness.

Another is: ‘He’s always there’. NO there can come a time when God gives up on an individual/nation!

Proverbs 1:24 -33, Isaiah 55:6 – 7, Luke 19:41 – 44, Hebrews 2:1 – 3, 3:12 – 15. This is the Hardening of a person’s heart!

Even in semi-quoting Scripture, some ‘Christians’ will

use David as an example in participating in “dancing.” Well, please keep it in the ‘context’ and then notice what the ‘results’ were, and ask the question: Was God pleased? (See 2 Samuel 6)

Does GOD have a double standard of what is right or wrong; what is well pleasing to Him versus the lusts of the flesh? Deut. 32:3b-4, Psalm 19:7 -11, Prov. 30:5 – 6. YES, there is a ‘difference’ in sinners saved by GRACE like our growth, development, age in Christ, sensitivity/submission in regards to the leading of the Holy Spirit, back ground, etc. As ‘we’ water, plant, cultivate in the sowing/growing of the INCORRUPTIBLE WORD OF GOD, He promises 100% germination, as in the parable there are ‘four’ types of soil. What **IF** you and I don’t sow this ‘Incorruptible SEED; then what??

Anyway, let’s go on: What IF we ‘fail’ to listen/hear/obey God’s WORD? Please read chapter Seven of Matthew.

Actually there are ‘followers/disciples’ of Jesus Christ who are ‘following’ Him for the benefits, not as their personal Savior. See John 6:66-71.

What IF you are not at the spiritual battle-front where you ought to be? Martin Luther speaks of those who are not on the ‘front lines’, such as a fox, hireling and even as a weathervane!

What IF, those that want everything to run *smoothly* in their own life/congregation/etc., and feel that it meets with God’s whole-hearted approval? GRANTED God wants His children to dwell/work together in harmony. See Ps. 133:1, Ephesians 4:1-3. But many are ‘deceived in thinking this is what Jesus’ High-priestly prayer means in John 17:21 (HE is requesting that we live in the same “harmony” that He and His Father do). Martin Luther stated “cursed be that love for unity where the Word of God must be at stake.” Romans 16:17 – 19, II Thess. 2:1 – 12, Jude 3.

IF we have it right vertically (between us and God); we can most certainly ‘fellowship’ horizontally; as long as ‘we’ are IN Christ Jesus! Likely Noah didn’t put the elephants and mice in the same area, but they All were in the same ARK!

NOW I want to get to the ‘heart’ of this *editorial* and clearly state there are definitely many ‘believers’ who will not agree with ‘us’ on this *secondary doctrine*; but please let Scripture speak for itself and use Scripture to

interpret Scripture.

YES, there are 'believers' who believe '**once saved, always saved!**' (*Eternal Security*) Is this scripturally sound?

First of all: 'we' do not believe in 'eternal security' in Infant Baptism nor Adult Baptism!! (Though as long as you are IN Christ Jesus, you are eternally secure)!

Those that 'believe' in eternal security will use as an illustration 'once a child always a child'; failing to release that a child can 'die' or 'be dis-owned/dis-inherited'!

As long as you abide/remain IN Christ Jesus, you are eternally 'secure'; but there are so many Bible references that give us the challenge to, **continue, in, abide, remain;** and so many indirect **IF's**. **NO**, I am not minimizing God's power; but the deceptiveness of our own hearts. See Proverbs 14:12, **Jeremiah 17:9**, *castaway = I Corinthians 9:27*, **Hebrews 10:35-39**: for example. **Joshua 24:10**, **Jeremiah 17:5, 12-15**, II Chronicles 7:12-20, Judges 16:20, II Chron. 28:9, Hosea 7:9, Psalm 101:3, Deuteronomy 8:10-9-20, I Samuel 7:3, Numbers 32:15, Genesis 4:16, John 13:27, Acts 1:17 & 25, I Corinthians 9:25-27, Colossians 1:19, 23; Chapter three of II Timothy, James 5:19 – 20; II Peter 3:16-18, Hebrews 3:6, 12, :8:9, 10:35-39, Revelation 2:5, 3:10, 16-17, 22:19 and *Apostasy/falling away!*

WHAT IF I try to reform, clean myself up before GOD, take my chances, sincerity, etc; Or the statement "IF you have never accepted Christ..." but LIFE has to have a present tense: so what is your relationship with JESUS now? "For though you wash yourself with lye, and use much soap, Yet your iniquity is marked before Me," says

the Lord God." Jeremiah 2:22. (Isaiah 64:6).

IF you have entered the spiritual race/battle but 'quit' before you arrive at the finish line; then what? Hebrews 10:35 – 39.

What can wash my sins away? I NEED JESUS!

JESUS DOES NOT SIMPLY IDENTIFY OUR SIN AND INIQUITIES AND LEAVE US TO DROWN IN OUR WRETCHEDNESS, He IS THE ANSWER FOR ALL OF OUR SIN! 1 John 1:7-10 & 5:11-13, Colossians 2:10 & 14.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

Being God's WORD is forever settled in Heaven; it is truly 'wise' to obey the same out of LOVE!

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" II Timothy 3:16-17. (Revelation 22:18-20).

1. Doctrine – tell us what is right.
2. Reproof – tell us what is wrong.
3. Correction – Tell us how to get right.
4. Instruction – Tell us how to stay right.

P. S. What IF? The 'Bottom Line is **FIRST OF ALL JESUS** came to be our Savior (Incarnation) and *secondly as 'our' example: so the vital question is:* What would Jesus do or not do IF HE were here Physically today? HE is here through His Word, by the Holy Spirit and through **BLOOD BOUGHT CLEANSSED VESSELS!**

Is HE permitted to work in and through YOU?

WHAT IF?

By Ted Camp

Every day there are decisions you must make. Decisions determine directions; directions determine destinations. Have you looked back at your choices and said, "What if I had only ...?"

What if:

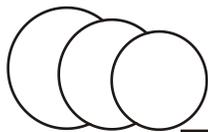
- Adam had not sinned?
- Cain had offered a lamb?
- King Saul had followed God?
- Jezebel had turned from Baal to God?
- Samson had ignored Delilah?
- Achan had obeyed God?
- Ananias and Sapphira had not lied?
- Demas had not forsaken Paul?
- The rich man had died as Lazarus did?
- God had said, "I don't do creations"?
- Noah had said, "I don't do boats"?

- Moses had said, "I don't do laws"?
- David had said, "I don't do giants"?
- Joshua had said, "I don't do walls"?
- Joseph had said, "I don't do forgiveness"?
- Peter had said, "I don't do Pentecosts"?
- Paul had said, "I don't do Gentiles"?
- John had said, "I don't do revelations"?
- Mary had said, "I don't do virgin births"?
- The Lord had said, "I don't do crosses"?
- You had not been saved?

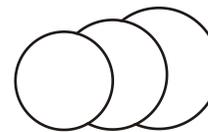
"What if" has affected many. Some say, "*If only I had not.*" Others says, "*What if I had only?*"

What if the Prodigal Son had not returned? What if you returned? I wonder what the Lord has waiting for you. What if you do not? You can control the choices but not the consequences. You can rejoice or have regrets.

"What if?" Think about it! It is your choice! Decisions determine directions; directions determine destinations. Selected



From Our Fellowship Circle



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The whole magazine is so full of wonderful teachings and lessons to inspire your soul.

I read most of the *Morning Glory* in one evening.
Praise the Lord for such dedicated followers.

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I am enclosing some \$... to be used where most needed.

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Thank you.

R. & C. H. **Inver Grove Heights, MN**
We appreciate your publication – especially making us aware of what's happening currently in the "Believable ...Yet Unbelievable" section.

May God Bless you.

F. H. **Story City, IA**
The Cradle without the Cross misses the true meaning of Christ's birth!

Thanks for all the blessings I get as I read the *Morning Glory*.

G. B. **Grand Marais, MN**
I sure pray that finances allow you all to continue with the *Morning Glory* – as it is a Life-line!

I will try to be more faithful in helping with the costs when I can.

Appreciate all you do.

E. R. **Longview, WA**
After enjoying your *Morning Glory* for many years, I would like you to send the *Morning Glory* to my ...

My husband has passed away, but I understand that my husband's father ...was one of the last of the Hauge Pastors (likely speaking of the Hauge Synod) in Oregon.

Please keep this publication going and I pray for the same.

Thank you for many years of faithfully printing what we need to hear and in accordance with God's Word.

My husband died in 2/12/13 at the age of ninety-five years old and we had been married for seventy years! (I am ninety-three years old and have many wonderful memories).

The Lord bless you all.

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IF...

*If I have strength, I owe the service of the strong;
If melody I have, I owe the world a song.*

*If I can stand when all around my post are falling,
If I can run with speed when needy hearts are calling,*

*And if my torch can light the dark of any night,
Them I must pay the debt I owe with living light.*

*If Heaven's grace has dowered me with some rare gift;
If I can lift some load no other's strength can lift;*

*If I can heal some wound no other hand can heal;
If some great truth the speaking skies to me reveal;*

*Then I must go, a broken and wounded thing,
If to a wounded world my gifts no healing bring.*

*For any gift God gives to me I cannot pay;
Gifts are most mine when I most give them all away.*

*God's gift are like His flowers which show their right to stay
By giving all their bloom and fragrance away.*

—Author Unknown

The Prepared Table

“THOU prepares a table before me in the presence of Mine Enemies.” (Psalm 23:5)

Someone has suggested seven different positions in this Psalm: underneath me “green pastures,” beside me “still waters,” with me “the Lord,” before me a “prepared table,” around me “enemies,” behind me “goodness and mercy,” above me “the house of the Lord.” ...

We repeat that the prepared table does not mean that you have to move into the banqueting house. The Hebrew word translated “table” means “spread out.” I remember some of the old Pennsylvania Dutch picnics which I was privileged to enjoy as a boy. Several families would go to some grove where they would spread out several white tablecloths on the grass, and then place upon them fried chicken, pickled eggs, and all the other good things to eat. I stood around with my hands in my pockets, and literally had a table prepared before me, only in this case in the presence of my friends.

The pasture of the sheep is something “spread out.” It is literally prepared in the presence of the enemies of the sheep. There are many poisonous plants in Palestine which endanger the life of the sheep. I read of one shepherd who lost three hundred sheep because of the little poisonous plants that grew in the pastures into which he led the flock. The shepherd must survey the pasture very carefully. He would use his staff to dig out or grub out the poisonous plants.

There are snake holes in some kinds of ground, or holes that moles have made just beneath the surface, in which snakes lie with their heads sticking out. As the sheep feed, the snakes, many of which are poisonous, bite the noses of the sheep. Death may result to a sheep within thirty minutes.

The land of Palestine is very mountainous and rocky. In the dens and caves lurk lions, and bears, and jackals, and hyenas, and panthers, and other wild beasts ready to spring upon the sheep. You can see from this that when a shepherd led his flock into a safe pasture, he literally prepared the table before them in the presence of their enemies.

APPLICATION

David had many enemies. When Saul hunted him like a partridge in the mountains, God prepared a table for him. On one occasion that table was the table of showbread from which he ate. In the cave of Adullam God spread a table for him and his four hundred faithful followers. David was a man of blood. He engaged in many wars with

his enemies and the enemies of his people, but God always provided for him and his followers a table.

In the wilderness God furnished a table for His people. Elijah had enemies. One of them was Jezebel, and when he fled in fear from his enemy and slept the sleep of exhaustion under the juniper tree, when he awoke an angel had brought a baked cake and a cruse of water that he might eat and drink. When famine stalked the streets of Samaria, in one day God set a table for the entire city out of the tents of the Syrians. After our Lord vanquished the enemy in the wilderness, angels came and ministered unto Him.

Even so today the Lord gives us our daily bread. All of our food is the gift of God. We never cease to wonder at the miracle of the food we eat. Bread is from heaven. Men may build skyscrapers, or cities, or even empires, but no man can build one single grain for wheat. But one grain of wheat will not make Bread! It must be planted in the soil. Men cannot make soil. They can modify it, but not make it. But a perfect seed in perfect soil is not sufficient! There must be moisture, heat and light. God must send these. All vegetation is of God. Take it away from the earth and you will take life from the earth. God spreads our table, and does it with abundance. ...

Men talk about food shortage today. If there is such, it is not because of failure on God’s part. The earth is rich and fruitful. It responds with bountiful harvest to the industry of men. ...

So God prepares a table before us in the presence of our enemies – and the Christian has enemies. If not, he is not like his Savior Who said, *“If the world hate Me it will hate you also.”* If we are without enemies, we might fear that we are the enemies of God. Friendship with the world is enmity with God.

COMMUNION

Spiritually, a table speaks of communion, or fellowship. We fellowship with God in prayer. What an illustration of such communion we have in that sheep of God named Daniel. Daniel was true to God. He was only a lad when he was carried into captivity, and yet he believed in his God and determined that he would be true to Him no matter what the outcome might be. He was chosen as a candidate for a position in the king’s palace that meant honor and wealth. These candidates were put at a training table which was furnished with meat and wine from the king’s own table. Daniel was a Jew and so was under a dietary law. There were certain foods and drinks of which he could not partake without breaking the law of God. For example, he could not eat swine’s flesh, or meat that had been offered to idols, or flesh that had not been drained of blood. He could not drink wine that had been poured out

as a libation to some pagan deity. ...

“We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in the heavenlies.”

These enemies face us today as we sit at this prepared Table. These foes did not vanish when we were saved. The flesh will war against us as long as we are in the flesh; the world will war against us as long as we are in the world; the hosts of Satan will war against us as long as they are free: yet, we have in this Table a promise of strength and support so that we need have no fear.

John Bunyan pictured Christian on the way to the Porter’s Lodge. Christian saw two lions on the road. He was terrified with the sight, and half-minded to turn back, but then he plucked up courage and pressed forward. He kept on the straight way, and he found that the lions could not reach him. They could roar at him, but they could do no harm for they were chained. The death of Christ has chained our enemies. If we walk the straight path, they can do us no harm. God supplies us with strength to rise above all of our temptations. He imports grace to us so that we may have the world, the flesh, and the Devil beneath our feet.

An old colored man was saved. He recounted his conversion to a friend who said, “Well, I see you have mastered the Devil,” whereupon the old colored man said, “No sah, Ah ain’t mastered de Debil, but Ah has de Master obdle Devil!”

The Psalm of Psalms, by R. L. Moyer, D.D.

For the word of God is living, and active and sharper than any two-edged sword.

Hebrews 4:12

Editor’s Note: I know ‘we’ have printed this ‘article’ before, but it is so crucial and essential in the Christians’ daily life that I am taking the ‘privilege’ of having it printed again!

It is exceedingly hard for many of the children of God to read the Bible every day. They do not cease reading, but their reading becomes such a dull and heavy task that they are afraid it is of no avail. They do not seem to derive any benefit from it.

My friend, do not permit yourself to become thus confused, provided you in simple faith and prayer make use of your Bible each day.

It may be that you misunderstand Bible reading somewhat. It is easy for you to think that it is you who are to

strive in one way or another to draw spiritual nourishment from that which you read.

No, it is the Holy Spirit who is to make the Word you read food for your soul.

Remember that He must perform a *miracle* every time you read the Bible if it is to become bread unto your soul. And He is glad to perform this miracle.

When you pick up your Bible, therefore, fold your hands in a childlike way and ask Him to perform the miracle, whether you read much or little.

And when you have done this, read with confidence and assurance that what you read enters into your soul as spiritual food.

Do not sit there with nervous questionings as to whether it becomes food, and food enough, unto your soul. The people who think too much about the food they eat and their digestion weaken their digestive powers and develop a nervous stomach.

No, gather your thoughts about the Word as you read. And thank God for the eternal truths which have coursed through your soul. The Spirit will see to it that the Word does its work within you, even though you do not always know what it works.

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We do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying. 2 Cor. 12:19

When it came to serving the people of God, this verse records one of Paul’s foundational principles. He did everything with the goal of edifying or “building up” the saints. And so he was led to say some things but not others. He was sometimes firm but also gentle. As he preached, confronted, wrote, and cried, it was all based on the conviction that his word or that action was for their edification. The life lesson for us is the same. As we deal with God’s people, let’s make certain we approach our task with the motive of building up the saints. — Norman Craig Funston

We are called to be God’s people, showing by our lives His grace,

One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race. Let us show how He has changed us and remade us as His own;

Let us share our life together as we shall around His throne.

— T. Jackson

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

ISRAELI JETS ATTACK SYRIAN WEAPONS

Almost no attention was given by the media of an Israeli attack on a shipment of advanced missiles that Syria was transferring to Hezbollah, according to Kuwaiti newspaper *Al Jareeda*. The October 22 (2013) attack was the fifth known Israeli attack this year on Syrian weapons bound for Hezbollah. An official source in Jerusalem confirmed the attack took place but did not say where. The missiles were reportedly “long-range and accurate ones.”

A few days later Israel also attacked a Russian airbase located on Syria’s southern coast. The attack from the sea took out a surface-to-air missile battery supporting vehicles and structures.

Information *Israel Today*, 10/31/13.

Washington Should Not Be “America’s Largest Employer”

In his pre-government slowdown special, ...President Obama warned that a “shutdown” would harm “America’s largest employer” – the U. S. government.

“In the event of a government shutdown, hundreds of thousands of .dedicated public servants who stay on the job will do so without pay – and several hundred thousands more will be immediately and indefinitely furloughed without pay.”

There is a simple solution for this “problem” – shrink the government, cut all “nonessential” programs, and let the more than two million employed by government find work in the private sector...

The federal government is doing way too much, and now would be a good time to relinquish it of many of its duties. Cutting government would be a boon for jobs, the economy, and the American people.

ConservativeActionAlerts.com

Oregon Pastor Exhibits His “Contemporary” Philosophy

A Eugene, Oregon pastor, who thinks churches focus too much on sin and not enough on connecting people to God, is now trying to appeal to people who have been hurt by churches through a campaign...featuring shorter services and music by Katy Perry and Maroon 5 at his church, One Love.

“Some churches have become the kind of place where you point the finger, and you condemn and rebuke, and

you’re really quick to do it, and so I think that is definitely lending itself to people not wanting anything to do with church...!” Tony Crank, senior pastor, ...told KVAL...

Among the differences, according to the report, are shorter services, lasting just over half an hour; the mixing of modern and contemporary music from artists like Maroon 5 and Katy Perry with worship music; and a leader who is a pastor, not a preacher.

Leonardo Blair for ChristianPost.com

Editor’s Comments: We’ve left out part of this story because the lingo employed by this pastor is not printable in this newsletter. In his zeal about not “judging,” Pastor Crank (that is his name) has made a number of judgments of his own. He doesn’t want to talk about sin (that’s a judgment); and he is into “connecting” (a contemporary church buzz word) people to God. This is an example of what happens when the “contemporary” church philosophy holds sway.

Sword of the Lord

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Make us a king to judge us like all the nations. 1 Samuel 8:5.

And the LORD said unto Samuel ... they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. 1 Samuel 8:7.

It seems that even in the church there is a constant desire to usurp the Throne of God. Christ is the head of the church but so often He is replaced with human hierarchy. He should be guiding the local assemble through His written Word, but elders often ignore the Bible when making decisions. He should be sovereign in my own heart and life but how often do I place myself on the throne and do things my own way? The Scriptures are clear; if I reject God’s Word to control my own life and behavior, it means I am rejecting God and commandeering His throne.

David Croudace

*King of my life I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Calvary.*

J. Hussey

For THIS I have Jesus!

Pastor David Christianson, Lynnwood, WA

I had lunch with a friend of mine, whose wife had recently passed away. He told me that there was a phrase going through his mind as he grieved over the loss of his wife. It was this phrase, "For THIS I have Jesus." This statement had been shared with him several years ago by a friend, and now it was going through his mind giving him an awareness that the Lord was present with him in the midst of his sorrow and loss.

It is a wonderful statement. It is so important for us to know that, no matter what is happening in our lives, "For THIS we have Jesus". You also may be going through sorrow over the loss of a loved one, as my friend is, or you may be going through a financial crisis or a health crisis or a spiritual crisis or a family crisis. Whatever you are experiencing right now in your life, "For THIS you have Jesus."

It is a "grace" statement and it reminds me of the word the Lord gave to the Apostle Paul when he prayed three times to have the "Thorn in his flesh removed". God did not remove the thorn, but he did something much better. He gave him this wonderful promise, "*My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness.*"

When you are being attacked by Satan, remember, "For THIS you have Jesus". When you are discouraged and overwhelmed by circumstances of your life, remember, "For THIS you have Jesus". When your friends fail you, remember, "For THIS you have Jesus". Again let me say, whatever is happening in your life, remember, "For THIS you have Jesus".

Jesus is always present. Jesus is always available. Jesus is always aware of what is happening in your life. He loves you, He cares about you, He knows you and understands you better than you know and understand yourself. And He will never forsake you. For everything in your life, remember, "For THIS you have Jesus". — *Editor's Note: Provided YOU are in the 'family of GOD!*

HONK IF YOU NEED ME

By Ted Camp

Geese are a good illustration of how to help others during the rough times of life. When geese fly, they do so in a V formation. As the bird flaps its wings, it makes flying easier for the bird behind it by creating an uplift of air.

Flying in this way allows the flock to add seventy percent more distance to its range. These birds fly hundreds and even thousands of miles this way. Every so often the leader falls back, and another bird takes over the lead. Flying at the

front takes the greatest strength; the further back you go, the easier it is because of the decreased wind resistance.

The birds keep trading off, thus sharing the work. Which geese do you hear honking? It is not the leader as you might think. The ones in the back honk to encourage the leaders up front to keep going because they are doing the hardest work.

When the leader gets tired, it finally rotates back in the formation. Another goose then flies point. As a team, they take turns sharing the work. All are needed, and each one is important to the group. One goose simply cannot make the trip alone; he needs others to help him. They continually honk to help the leaders to keep up the speed.

Honking also reminds others that help is available when it is needed. If one becomes ill and has to drop out, it honks differently. As it falls behind, two others will follow it down to protect it until it recovers. Later the three take off and form their own V until they rejoin the group.

The geese cooperate with, encourage, support, and protect one another. They help as they honk. All are aware of the honk for help. They serve as a team — "Together Every-one Accomplishes More!"

Geese are a good example for Christians and our churches to follow. If Christians would stay within formation serving one another, every need in the (Ed. Biblical) church would be met. We should help when others honk. We should also honk when we need help.

We need to stay together so we can encourage and uplift one another, as the geese do. Likewise, when one is sick, weak or straying, we should seek to restore him. No one should suffer alone.

When leaders get tired and weary, others should honk to encourage them to keep going. Like the geese, we should honk to encourage and help one another in times of need.

Carlene (my wife) and I hiked the Grand Canyon. She had no problem going down, but the next day going up was very hard for her. The air was thin, and the climb was steep. She finally made the odd sound of "Honk, honk!" She remembered the story of the geese. I then encouraged and helped her. Together we finally made it to the top. At times we still honk to each other.

There are times you need to honk for help from the Lord (1 Pet. 5:7). Also, when you hear someone else honk, you should respond and help.

Notice geese do not fly alone because they know they need to help one another. Notice how the geese often honk as they fly overhead. You hear them before you see them.

We need to be like the geese and be aware of a honk for help. When you face difficulties, honk. Your family, friends, others, and your church can respond and help. Remember, you are not alone! So, like the geese, don't forget to honk when you need help. Sword of the Lord.

You Can't See the Inside Standing on the Outside!

By Monroe Parker

If you are without Christ, you are groping in darkness as black as Hell's sable badge and pitchy scowl. Every soul without Christ is groping without light.

"The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Cor. 2:14.

The unregenerate man cannot understand the Christian, let alone the things of God.

Sometime ago I handed a man on the street corner a card and invited him to come out to special services. He tore up the card, threw it down, and began to curse and blaspheme God. I said, "Friend, I feel sorry for you."

I started down the street, and he followed me half a block.

He said, "Wait a minute! Don't you feel sorry for me."

"Well," I said, "I can't help it. I feel sorry for you."

He said, "Don't you feel sorry for me!"

I said, "I can't help it. I feel sorry for you, sir."

He said, "I feel sorry for you."

I said, "Friend, there was a time when I was outside the temple of salvation. I had never seen the inside of the temple; but one day, thank God, I entered this wonderful temple and have seen on the inside. I have seen outside, and I have seen inside. You have never seen inside."

If you have not been born again, you cannot see the thing of God; you have no eyes with which to see. The man without God cannot see spiritual things.

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"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 15:58

What a challenge Paul gives here particularly in view of the preceding verses about the Lord's return. It is worth noticing that this verse does not say to abound in work for the Lord, but in the work of the Lord. What is the difference? We must first find out what He wants us to do, before we can do the work of the Lord. Therefore, let us search the Scriptures diligently daily. There is work that is done for the Lord today, but it is not the work of the Lord.

Let us take care to do what He commands and not what we think.

Harold G. Smith

*Teach me, Thy will, O Lord teach me Thy way;
Teach me to know Thy Word, teach me to pray.*

William M. Bunyan

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Muslim Man Says:

"I've Never Seen This Type of Love Before."

Prolonged road construction in front of his Phillips 66 gas station and convenience store in Shawnee, Kansas was pushing Mukhtar Raja, a Muslim, into bankruptcy. When Steve Van Buskirk, an elder at Cross Points Church, read about Raja's troubles in a local paper, he asked his pastor if there might be some way the congregation could help him.

At a Sunday service this past September, Pastor Jones challenged the members of Cross Points Church to buy at least one tank of gas at Raja's station. Immediately after the service, long lines formed in front of the pumps and the station began to see business as it had not seen in months. The following Sunday Mukhtar Raja attended Cross Points Church to thank the members personally for what they had done for him and his family. When he was introduced to the congregation, they gave him a standing ovation. With Mukhtar on the platform, Pastor Jones asked the congregation how many had bought gas the previous week. The pastor said that ninety percent of the hands went up. Mukhtar said in 54 years he's never before experienced this kind of love.

"Don't underestimate the small things you can do as a local church that can have large ramifications for the body of Christ. Who would have thought that individuals in the church buying a tank of gas would have put a good name on the church of Christ?" Pastor Jones reflected.

Information from Christian Post 10/2/12.

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAW
SOME ONE OR MET SOME ONE OR
LOOKED IN A MIRROR AND
CONSCIOUSLY REALIZED THAT
HERE/THERE IS A PERSON THAT
COULD BE ONLY A HEART-BEAT FROM
ETERNITY AND WILL SPEND ALL
ETERNITY IN EITHER HEAVEN OR
HELL??**

“LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU”

The Bible plainly tells us that *the “last days”* will be days of great deception.

Second Timothy 3:13 foretells that in the days prior to the Lord’s return, *“Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.”*

Second Peter 2:1-3 prophesied of the *“false teachers”* who would arise within the church to deceive the *unwary*.

The apostle Paul stressed the necessity of being on guard against the wolves in sheep’s clothing who would *“draw away disciples after them”* (Acts 20:26-31).

The “latter times: for the church will be marked by *“seducing spirit,” “doctrines of devils,” and “signs and lying wonders”* (1 Tim. 4:1; II Thess. 2:6-10).

God does not want His children to be deceived by any means, even when Satan and his ministers appear as angels of light and minister of righteousness (II Cor. 11:13-15). God has given us the Bible to reveal and expose very satanic deception. He has given pastors as undershepherds of the flock to warn and protect us against wolves in sheep’s clothing. God does not want us to be ignorant of Satan’s devices (II Cor. 2:11).

In spite of God’s warnings, many believers today are being deceived.

In the name of unity, many are being deceived by the ecumenical movement.

In the name of the Holy Spirit, many are being deceived by the charismatic movement.

In the name of evangelism and missions, many are deceived into working with those who preach a false gospel.

In the name of the Word of God, many are being deceived by false translations of the Bible.

In the name of church renewal, many are being deceived into substituting psychological manipulations of the mind for the working of the Spirit of God in the heart.

In all of these deceptions, the only safe test is found in Isaiah 8:20: ***“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”***

Sincerity is not enough; popular acceptance is not the criterion; even speaking in tongues or the performing of “miracles” is not a safe test, because the Devil and his angels can produce counterfeit signs (1 John 4:1). No, the only safe test of truth is the Word of God – *“the doctrine which ye have learned”* (Rom. 16:17).

“Little children, let no man deceive you.” (1 John 3:7)

—from Foundation magazine/Sword of the Lord

God does not want His children to be deceived by any means.

God has given us the Bible to reveal and expose every satanic deception.

His Power Will E’er Prevail

*No matter how the storms may rage
Upon the sea of life,
No matter what the strife,
The Lord is just the same today
As when He walked the sea;
And He can conquer every storm
That life may send to thee.*

*The waves are raging everywhere,
And men are sore distressed;
But all they need is found in Him
Who giveth perfect rest.
So cast your care upon the Lord,
Whose strength will never fail.
He calms the waves for your frail bark;
His power will e’er prevail.*

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Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus. 2 Corinthians 7:6

Some years ago, when going through a very difficult time in life, the last thing we needed was to be host for the weekend to a visiting speaker who we did not know. The dear man arrived and proved to be an enormous blessing. We were able to tell him our problems. He listened, understood and advised, and the end result was that he helped us make decisions which proved to be life changing. Thank God for the “Titus” of this world, and even more for our God who sends them. Brian Russell

*Wait in faith and quiet patience, thou shalt know the reason why,
God allowed the storm to gather, clouds to blot the sunlit sky.*

Bernard Fell

“The task of prayer does not end when a person is released from prison. We continually need prayer. I’d wish that all Christians would unite to pray for each other. We should pray that our faith would not in any outward conditions be wrecked.”

Aida Skripnikova, former Russian prisoner

THE CHRISTIAN NORM HAS GOT TO GO...

Nobody died for our sins. Jesus Christ is a myth.

FFRF.Org/Freedom From Religion Foundation

No sooner had the students moved into the new Newman Center at Troy University that staff attorney for the Freedom From Religion Foundation, Andrew L. Seidel, fired off a letter to Troy University stating that the faith-based housing was “a constitutional concern” and one that violates the Fair Housing Act.

The Freedom From Religion Foundation, based in Madison, Wisconsin, has become a major player in efforts to rid the nation of any public acknowledgments of God and Christianity. They had filed lawsuits and Amicus briefs with the local, state and federal courts dealing with any number of efforts to ban prayer and Christianity from public life. They are, in fact, involved in the present issue before the Supreme Court that would ban prayers from government meetings.

Other lawsuits the FFRF has filed include the removal of “In God We Trust” from our currency; asking the court to prevent Governor Rick Perry from participating in a prayer rally he initiated in Houston; asking the court to force the school board in Jackson, Ohio to remove a picture of Jesus; and the list goes on and on and on.

Viewing the FFRF web site makes clear they are out not only to remove Christianity from the nation’s public life, but also to promote atheism. The sign shown here (In this article, the ‘heading’) is a sample of their efforts to attack and degrade Christianity.

The Vine and Branches - Winter, 2013

Editor’s Note: NOW **the interesting thing** for those who want to remove Prayer, ‘In God We Trust’, etc. is when a ‘tragedy’ takes place in a ‘community’ OR on a large scale; then the liberal media, etc. asks us to pray! Now this is ridiculous “hum-bug.” IF there is no singular ‘Triune Sovereign GOD.’ WHY ‘pray’? To ‘whom’ are we to pray? Supposedly IF the One and True GOD is dead, then why, in a land of ‘freedom’ do they Fight/fuss against someone praying privately OR publicly??? They fight/oppose (supposedly) some ONE who is dead!!!

“A truly moral nation enacts policies that encourage personal responsibility and discourage self-destructive behavior by not subsidizing people who live irresponsibly and make poor choices.” Dr. Ben Carson.

Death and Destruction by Booze

Drink has drained more blood, hung more crepe, sold more homes, plunged more people into bankruptcy, armed

more villains, slain more children, snapped more wedding rings, defiled more innocence, blinded more eyes, twisted more limbs, dethroned more reason, wrecked more manhood, dishonored more womanhood, broken more hearts, blasted more lives, driven more to suicide, and dug more graves than any other poisoned scourge that ever swept its death-dealing waves across the world.

Evangeline Booth

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IF YOU, PASTOR (Under-Shepherd), ARE TRULY CALLED AND SENT OF GOD, YOU WILL EXPERIENCE:

The Pastor’s Study

The Pastor’s Study is a symbol of the Calling of the Christian minister to be The shepherd of a flock of God.

Here sermons are prepared to feed the Congregation on God’s Holy Word. Here the work of the Church is planned So that the congregation may grow in Grace and bear fruit in fellowship, teaching and witnessing.

Here you will always find a friend and Counselor in time of need. He will not be surprised at your sins, Nor will he judge you in them, but he Always invites you to share in The wisdom and love of God, the Knowledge of forgiveness of sins, And the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

You Are Always Welcome

“Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee.” Psalm 55:22

*And shall I still the load retain
Which thou hast offered to sustain?
No; at thy bidding I will flee,
And cast my burdens all on thee.*

“Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you.” 1 Pet. 5:7

*Daily Food for Christians,
American Tract Society; 1897 or before.*

UpDate

Please prayerfully read *Luke 12:22-34*.

EVEN though the 'latter' months have definitely been encouraging 'financially', we seem to ride on a yo-yo! SO the concern carries on!

'We' have a son who says that 'Dad cannot boil/fry eggs without preaching'!

Naturally I/we carry a burden/concern for the Lord's Work in and through the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory and at 'times' I barrow from tomorrow and yield to the temptation of the 'sin' of worry.

It seems as IF the Lord is 'opening' an even 'wider' door of service *in His Kingdom's Work* and thus I/we continue to 'challenge' YOU to stand with 'us' in prayer/finances/encouragement as 'fellow team members.'

By the GRACE of God 'we' seek to continue to be found 'faithful'; first of all out of love for JESUS, we in and through His *Incorruptible Seed (WORD)* desire *to* proclaim HIS Law and Gospel (**1 Peter 1:22-25**). Thus 'we' stand in need and challenge of 'fellow' team members who are under the BLOOD OF THE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN **ONE** AS 'WE' make no apologies for the old time Christianity and seek to practice the same!

Actually, as you are 'challenged' to pray/give/encourage a 'ministry' of which you (Biblically) stand in agreement with, it is also for your 'benefit' to give out of a cheerful heart of love. Even though the cattle upon a thousand hills are the LORD'S, **He** still challenges "US" for "our" benefit and blessings!

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