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

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What Prayer Is

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door; I will come in to him, and he will sup with me and he with Me.” (Revelation 3:20)

Notice how graciously prayer has been designed

To pray is nothing more involved than to let Jesus into our needs. To pray is to give Jesus permission to employ His power in the alleviation of our distress. To pray is to let Jesus glorify His Name in the midst of our needs.

The results of prayer are, therefore, not dependent upon the powers of the one who prays. His intense will, his fervent emotions, or his clear comprehension of what he is praying for are not the reasons why his prayers will be heard and answered. Nay, God be praised, the results of prayer are not dependent upon these things!

To pray is nothing more involved than to open the door, giving Jesus access to our needs and permitting Him to exercise His own power in dealing with them. He who gave us the privilege of prayer knows us very well. He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

That is why He designed prayer in such a way that the most impotent can make use of it. For to pray is to open the door to Jesus. And that requires no strength. It is only a question of our wills. Will we give Jesus access to our needs? That is the one great and fundamental question in connection with prayer.

When Israel had sinned against the Lord in the wilderness, He sent among them exceedingly fiery serpents. In their distress the people humbled themselves and cried to God for mercy. And the Lord had mercy upon His rebellious people. But He did not take away the serpents. What

He did was to tell Moses to raise up a serpent of brass in the midst of the camp, that all might see it. And He ordained it so in His mercy that they who had been bitten by the serpents needed but to turn and look unto the serpent of brass, and they would be given the power which would heal them from the death-dealing poison of the serpents' bites.

This was indeed a gracious ordinance. By this all could be saved if they so willed. If the Lord had ordained that those who had been bitten by the serpents must drag themselves over to the serpent of brass and touch it, most of them would never have been saved, because the poison took effect almost immediately, and those who had been poisoned were unable to walk more than a few steps. All that was required of them was to turn their heads, look unto the serpent of brass, and they would be healed!

Just so has the Lord in mercy ordained help also for the serpent-bitten Israel of the New Covenant: *“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth may in him have eternal life.” (John 3:14-15)*

No matter in what distress we may be, distress of body or of soul, we need but look unto Him who is always near with that healing power which can immediately overcome the death-dealing poison of sin and its terrible consequences both to body and soul. To pray is nothing more involved than to lift the eye to prayer unto the Savior who stands and knocks, yea knocks through our very need, in order to gain access to our distress, sup with us and glorify

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His name.

Let us think of patients who are ill with tuberculosis. The physicians put them out in the sunlight and fresh air, both in summer and in winter. There they lie until a cure is gradually effected by the rays of the sun. The recovery of these patients is not dependent upon their thinking, in the sense of understanding the effect of the sun’s rays or how these rays work. Neither does their recovery depend upon the feelings they experience during the rest cure. Nor does it depend upon their wills in the sense of exerting themselves to will to become well. On the contrary, the treatment is most successful if the patients lie very quietly and are passive, exerting neither their intellects nor their wills, it is the sun which effects the cure. All the patients need to do is to be in the sun.

Prayer is just as simple. We are all saturated with the pernicious virus of sin; every one of us is a tubercular patient doomed to die! But “the sum of righteousness with healing in its wings has arisen.” All that is required of us, if we desire to be healed both for time and for eternity, is to let the Son of righteousness reach us, and then to abide in the sunlight of His righteousness. To pray is nothing more involved than to lie in the sunshine of His grace, to expose our distress of body and soul to those healing rays which can in a wonderful way counteract and render ineffective the bacteria of sin. To be a man or woman of prayer is to take this sun-cure, to give Jesus, with His wonder-working power, access to our distress night and day. To be a Christian is in truth to have gained a place in the sun!

Permit me to use still another

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illustration to show how simple the Lord has made prayer. The man sick of the palsy, mentioned in the second chapter of Mark, had some very good friends. They knew that Jesus could help him. So they carried him to the house where Jesus was. But they could not get in because of the multitude. Undaunted, they lifted the sick man to the roof, made a hole in it and lowered him to the very feet of Jesus. There these good friends undoubtedly stood and waited for the authoritative word from Jesus by which their sick friend would immediately become well. But, strange enough, no such word was forthcoming from Jesus. Instead they heard these words spoken with authority: "Son, thy sins are forgiven!" Another prayer had been crying louder to Jesus. It was the sick man's plea for the forgiveness of sins. And yet he had not spoken one word to Jesus. He was lying quietly on his bed. It is easy for me to think that he lay there looking to Jesus, only looking to Jesus. And Jesus heard the unuttered prayer for the forgiveness of sins which arose from the sick man's heart. And He answered this prayer first. Afterward He answered the other prayer also and restored the man to physical health.

This helps us to get a little deeper insight into the secret of prayer. Prayer is something deeper than words. It is present in the soul before it has been formulated in words. And it abides in the soul after the last words of prayer have passed over our lips. Prayer is an attitude of our hearts, an attitude of mind. Prayer is a definite attitude of our hearts toward God, an attitude which He in heaven immediately recognizes as prayer, as an appeal to His heart. Whether it takes the form of words or not, does not mean anything to God only to ourselves. What is this spiritual condition? What is that attitude of heart which God recognizes as prayer? I would mention two things.

In the first place, helplessness. This is unquestionably the first and the surest indication of a praying heart. As far as I can see, prayer has been ordained only for the helpless. It is the last resort of the helpless. Indeed, the very last way out. We try everything before we finally resort to prayer. This is not only true of us before our conversion. Prayer is our last resort also throughout our whole Christian life. I know very well that we offer many and beautiful prayers, both privately and publicly, without helplessness as the impelling power. But I am not at all positive that this is prayer. Prayer and helplessness are inseparable. Only he who is helpless can truly pray.

Listen to this, you who are often so helpless that you do not know what to do. At times you do not even know how to pray. Your mind seems full of sin and impurity. Your mind is preoccupied with what the Bible calls the world. God and eternal and holy things seem so distant and foreign to you that you feel that you add sin to sin by desiring to approach God in such a state of mind. Now

and then you must ask yourself the question: "Do I really desire to be set free from the luke-warmness of my heart and my worldly life? Is not my Christ life always luke-warm and half-hearted for the simple reason that deep down in my heart I desire it that way?"

Thus an honest soul struggles against the dishonesty of his own being. He feels himself so helplessly lost that his prayers freeze on his very lips. Listen, my friend! Your helplessness is your best prayer. It calls from your heart to the heart of God with greater effect than all your uttered pleas. He hears it from the very moment that you are seized with helplessness, and He becomes actively engaged at once in hearing and answering the prayer of your helplessness. He hears today as He heard the helpless and worldliness prayer of the man sick with the palsy.

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KNELL THE BELL!

"One death is a tragedy; one million is a statistic." — Joseph Stalin

There is historical irony in the fact that the bitter incomprehensibility of the late Russian dictator's chilling observation has come to pass in our own nation and in our own generation.

America tragedizes the shooting death of abortionist Dr. George Tiller while dismissing the abortion death of million of babies in America since January 22, 1973 as mere "statistics."

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Flee and Follow

By James M. Hite, Palmyra, PA

*Flee when temptation comes along your way.
It will overcome you if you choose to stay.
Flee the world with all of its many charms.
Its deadly sting carries destroying spiritual harms.*

*Like Joseph, flee enticing, God betraying physical lust.
You will surely fail if on your own morality you trust.
Flee immodest dress which lures others into this sin.
A stumbling block to fellow mortals will help Satan to win.*

*Follow Christ and His ideals, in the world He taught.
Here is where we get our strength when in sin we're caught.
Follow Christ make Him your Lord each and every day.
Accept Him now as the only The Truth, The Life, The Way!*

*Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, your guide to Truth.
He has the answer from mankind, elderly, middle age and youth.
The Holy Spirit and The Holy Word will always agree.
Beware of visions, dreams an "other new light" you see.*

*Flee and follow, make this your daily spiritual goal.
Remember that Satan desires to destroy both body and soul.
Flee all questionable actions and thus be spiritually secure.
Follow holy principles and Christ will help you to endure.*

"Flee also youthful lusts, but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." (II Timothy 2:22)

"These have no root." –Luke viii. 13.

MY soul, examine thyself this morning by the light of this text. Thou hast received the word with joy; thy feelings have been stirred, and a lively impression has been made; but, remember, that to receive the word in the ear is one thing, and to receive Jesus into thy very soul is quite another; superficial feeling is often joined to inward hardness of heart, and a lively impression of the word is not always a lasting one.

In the parable, the seed in one case fell upon ground having a rocky bottom, covered over with a thin layer of

earth; when the seed began to take root, its downward growth was hindered by the hard stone, and therefore it spent its strength in pushing its green shoot aloft as high as it could, but having no inward moisture derived from root nourishment, it withered away.

Is this my case? Have I been making a fair show in the flesh without having a corresponding inner life? Good growth takes place upwards and downwards at the same time. Am I rooted in sincere fidelity, and love to Jesus? If my heart remains unsoftened and unfertilized by grace, the good seed may germinate for a season, but it must ultimately wither, for it cannot flourish on a rocky, unbroken, unsanctified heart.

Let me dread a godliness as rapid in growth and as wanting in endurance as Jonah's gourd; let me count the cost of being a follower of Jesus; above all let me feel the energy of His Holy Spirit, and then I shall possess an abiding and enduring seed in my soul. If my mind remains as obdurate as it was by nature, the sun of trial will scorch, and my hard heart will help to cast the heat the more terribly upon the ill-covered seed, and my religion will soon die, and my despair will be terrible; therefore, O heavenly Sower, plough me first, and then cast the truth into me, and let me yield Thee a bounteous harvest.

Taken from "Morning By Morning" by C.H. Spurgeon

AN INCORRUPTIBLE INHERITANCE

I shall never forget an hour in our home (with ten children) when my father sat there before us, and the college question was up.

One of the children said to him, "If you had used the great brains you have in the law business, instead of being a preacher, we would all have had a chance to go to college, and you would have had money enough to send us."

I saw my dad look out the window. He turned back with tears running down his cheeks and said, "Yes, that is true; I could have done it. But when you woke up in Hell, you would have cursed me far worse than you do now.

"Children, money isn't everything; and I will try to leave you an inheritance that is incorruptible, that does not fade away. When I am gone - just a poor preacher - you will know one thing, and that is that I knew Jesus."

Oh, I am glad he didn't sell out to what his children wanted!

Paul Rader in Moody Church News

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Self-induced Internet Pornography

“Sexting is a rapidly growing world-wide trend of sending, receiving or forwarding sexually explicit messages and pictures. Your people who send, take or possess nude pictures on their cell phones or MySpace or Facebook pages, they are disseminating child pornography, WHICH IS A FELONY. **The pictures do not go away – they stay on the internet forever.** Adults who have engaged in this activity are finding this out as they are being rejected for jobs when pictures are discovered during a background check. The young people are exposing themselves to sexual predators who are continually surfing the internet for this kind of activity. The easiest way to destroy a nation is to destroy the morality of its children. Hitler proved this as fact when he used this method to gain control of Germany. He required this training for all German youth and destroyed their nation.”

Prayer Ministry Newsletter, Robert O. Kitt

Assisted Suicide Claims First Victim in Washington

Washington State has its first legal death by physician-assisted suicide since the state’s voters approved the practice in November. Linda Fleming, 66, died May 21 after taking a lethal dose of drugs prescribed for her under Washington’s Death With Dignity Act, according to Compassion and Choices, a pro-assisted-suicide organization. Fleming had been diagnosed only a month earlier with pancreatic cancer... The Washington law is patterned after one in Oregon, which has had 401 deaths by assisted suicide reported to the state since the practice became legal in 1997. Oregon set a record in 2008 for most assisted suicides in a year with 60.

Baptist Press

Opposition to “Gay Marriage” Increasing

Two polls say a Gallup poll of 1,215 adults released Wednesday (May 27) shows that Americans oppose legalizing “gay marriage” by a margin of 57-40 percent, the highest the opposition has been in the poll since 2005, when a similar survey showed a margin of 59-37 percent against “gay marriage.” The poll was conducted May 7-10 via landline and cell phones.

... This year’s Gallup poll showed that 48 percent of

Americans believe “that allowing two people of the same sex to marry will change our society for “the worse.”

...A Survey USA poll of 600 adults conducted ...for four California TV stations shows that Californians oppose “gay marriage” by a margin of 53-45 percent. Additionally, they back the court’s decision, 56-40 percent.

Michael Foust for Baptist Press

Obama Asks Gay Leaders to Give Him Time

WASHINGTON – Facing political backlash from an important voting bloc, President Obama met with leaders of the gay and lesbian community Monday [June 29]; asking for patience and assuring them that in time he will usher in policy changes to protect them from discrimination.

“We’ve been in office six months now,” Obama said. “I suspect that by the time this administration is over, I think you guys will have pretty good feelings about the Obama administration.”

Obama is under mounting pressure to fulfill campaign promises to repeal laws that bar gays from serving openly in the military and that proclaim marriage to be a union between a man and a woman. Gay leaders are unhappy about a legal brief submitted by Obama’s Justice Department that gave a vigorous defense of the federal marriage law passed in 1996. The act holds that states need not recognize same-sex marriages performed elsewhere.

Obama, joined by his wife, Michelle, told about 250 elected gay officials and activists that he was required to uphold federal laws even if he personally disagreed with them. By the end of his tenure, he said, he will have taken steps that gays and lesbians long have hoped to see.

The gathering in the East Room of the White House was amicable, with some attendees shouting, “Thank you, Mr. President” and “Love you. ”

But afterward, some guests echoed a point made by Obama: What matters is not supportive rhetoric but concrete steps toward fuller equality.

“While we appreciate that this President has given voice to so many important issues the gay and lesbian community faces, we also want him to take bold action,” said Jennifer Chrisler, executive director of the Boston-based Family Equality Council, an advocacy group. The occasion for the meeting Monday was the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, considered the opening of the modern gay-rights movement. Patrons at the Stonewall

Inn in New York's Greenwich Village clashed with police during a raid in June 1969.

Invited to the White House event were major figures in the movement, including Frank Kameny; who lost his job as a government astronomer because of his sexual orientation. Kameny led a protest outside the White House in 1965, a risky thing then, Obama said.

Some applauded Obama for assembling such a large group of gay and lesbian leaders in the White House. "The very fact that he would invite 200 [lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender] leaders from across the nation on the 40th anniversary of the beginning of the gay liberation movement is just an astounding thing," said Episcopal Bishop V. Gene Robinson, who is gay. "Most people were standing around not believing they were actually guests in the White House."

Taken from the *Star Tribune*, June 30, 2009

A Day of National Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer

"Whereas, the Senate of United States devoutly recognizing the Supreme Authority and just Government of Almighty God in all the affairs of men and of nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for national prayer and humiliation:

"And whereas, it is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history: that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

Made official by President Abraham Lincoln
March 30, 1863

Editor's Note: These two presidents and their actions demonstrate how far we have fallen from our original intent and godliness. Lincoln (and other Presidents as well) relied heavily upon God. He believed that the Civil War was a Divine Judgment upon the nation, and only a national repentance would avert that.

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21.

Ten Christian students were shot by the Nazis at Grini, Norway, near Oslo, on July 5, 1944. On Monday, at one o'clock in the afternoon, four of the boys were brought to the police court. By four-thirty that afternoon the trial was over and the boys were condemned to die, and they were placed in cell number two. In the evening a large crowd of people gathered outside of the cell windows.

Many of those who stood outside watching could hardly control their feelings. Especially was it hard when one of the boys called out to them, "Greet our fellow Christian students. Tell them we have found the 'peace that passeth all understanding'; we are safe in Christ."

Another one of the boys called out,

"Greet the friends at home, and tell them that we are going to heaven, and to meet us up there."

How wonderful that Christ can make even death attractive! To live for Christ is wonderful, and to be sure of heaven is still more wonderful. Are you sure of heaven; have you accepted Christ as your Saviour?

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank Thee for those who are willing to suffer the death of martyrs for Thy name's sake. May their testimony bring many souls to Thee. In Jesus' name. Amen.

In heaven above, in heaven above, What glory deep and bright!

The splendor of the noonday sun Grow pale before its light:

The heavenly light that ne'er goes down,

Around whose radiance clouds ne'er frown,

Is God, the Lord of hosts.

Taken from "*Altar Steps*" by R.P. Haakonson
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AMERICA'S ONLY HOPE — RECLAIM OUR SPIRITUAL HERITAGE!

By Pastor David R. Barnhart, Canal Winchester, Ohio

As It Was In The Beginning

It is an undeniable fact of history that America was founded on Judeo-Christian principles. The teachings of the Old and New Testaments helped form our founding documents and shape this nation's character. From the beginning America's citizens were, and still remain, predominately Christians (Editor = in a 'general' sense). Even so, no attempt has been made to turn Christianity into the supreme or dominate religion of the land. People of all religions have always had the freedom and the right to believe and worship without interference from the government.

Today, however, the values and character of America are changing as all three branches of government, through executive orders, judicial rulings and legislation, erode our freedoms and sanction immorality into law. Our nation's "noble experiment in democracy" worked well for over 200 years, because presidents, legislators and justices understood liberty, morality and law are all intertwined and each must be based on divine principles of Holy Scripture. In more recent times, however, our government began creating its own politically correct god with humanistic values and consensus.

This past April, President Barack Obama told a gathering of Muslims in Turkey: "We do not consider ourselves a Christian nation. We consider ourselves a nation of citizens bound by ideals and a set of values." Obama is wrong! The teachings of Christianity were paramount in the formation of America, and they must remain paramount if this nation is to survive.

President Calvin Coolidge saw this clearly when he said: "The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country."

John Adams, in a letter to his wife, stated: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

William Penn said, "IF we will not be governed by God, we must be governed by tyrants."

George Washington observed: "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time." Washington also said, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable

supports."

In 1781 Thomas Jefferson asked: "Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only form basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God? That they are not to be violated, but with His wrath?"

America's history bears witness to our forefathers' faith and trust in Almighty God. The preambles of all 50 states' constitutions acknowledge God and express a desire to live under His guidance and blessing. Though challenged in federal court by the ACLU, the motto of Ohio remains – "With God all things are possible."

President Harry Truman said: "The fundamental basis of this nation's law was given to Moses on the Mount. The fundamental basis of our Bill of Rights comes from the teachings we get from Exodus, St. Matthew, Isaiah and St. Paul. I don't think we emphasize that enough these days. If we don't have the proper fundamental moral background, we will finally wind up with a totalitarian government which does not believe in rights for anybody except the state."

Where We Went Wrong

Today many liberals and secularists believe accommodation with evil is a virtue, and standing on biblical principles is a vice. This turnabout is evidenced by court decisions that have removed from law biblical values and long-held moral precepts. This erosion of biblical values caused the U.S. Supreme Court in 1973 to discard the Bible's teachings related to the sanctity of human life when they legalized abortion. No court decision or piece of legislation has ever denied as many Americans their unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as has the sanctioning of abortion.

With Judeo-Christian principles out of the way, courts and legislative bodies have had the unmitigated gall to attack the family, the very essence of our society, by enacting laws that sanction homosexual perversions, same-sex unions and same-sex adoptions. Mainline churches are falling all over themselves to join our pagan culture in endorsing this perverse lifestyle.

The State of Massachusetts now permits individuals to identify on their driver's licenses whatever gender they consider themselves to be. Five states have legalized same-sex marriage. Taxpayers throughout the country are

paying for the indoctrination of their children in public schools, as young as 5 years of age, on the virtues of homosexuality and same-sex marriage.

With hate-crime legislation threatening those who speak out against such evils, we may have crossed the line, described by President Truman, that causes us to “wind up with a totalitarian government.” As a nation, we are learning to love the things we once hated, and to hate the things we once loved. Years ago a Marxist by the name of Lenin said, “The only morality we recognize is that which will further our cause.” It would appear Lenin’s principle of morality is being adopted by our nation.

As those in authority continue to throw off what they deem to be antiquated and wrongheaded concepts of God in our nation’s life, and as our sin-satiated society chooses to no longer believe or heed the Lord’s warnings of judgment, America faces an uncertain future. The unalterable Word of God declares: “The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God” (Ps. 9:17).

Dr. D. James Kennedy, shortly before his death, wrote: “No one living in America today can deny the fact that we are standing on the sheer precipice of some sort of national disaster. ...How long will this nation continue in its sins? Unless we can restore some sense of moral vision and personal integrity and unless the people of this nation come back to God’s standards of righteousness, I believe I can say without stretching the truth at all that within a very short time we will witness the end of life as we know it.”

Our Churches Are Responsible For The Nation’s Spiritual Decline!

When the Lord summons the nations of earth before Him on Judgment Day, surely many churches in America will be indicted for their dereliction of duty. Even today as we face a mountain of challenges, there is a deadly silence in most churches regarding our nation’s woeful spiritual condition. Even though souls are lost and dying, there are churches and clergy who are so caught up in their own attempts to draw crowds and speak “smooth things,” they seldom utter a word about the sins and evils that are destroying both men and nations.

In 1831-1832, Alexis de Tocqueville toured America in order to discover the reasons for its success. He wrote: “Not until I went into the Churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the greatness and genius of America. America is great because she is good. And if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.”

Surely, it is time for the pulpits of America to thunder the precepts of God’s Word and fan the flames of righteousness. According to the Bible: “Righteousness exalts a nation, while sin is a reproach to any people.” Prov. 14:34

We Must Never Give Up On America!

The American people are overwhelmed by the growing list of challenges now facing our country, including an economic meltdown. Spending is out of control; capitalism is being attacked, while socialism is being extolled. Many, including Christians, seem ready to give up. But, we must never give up on America.

God loves America! God has blessed this nation as no other. His ear still hears the cries of those who, by faith, seek Him in Prayer. Today, as at no other time, Christians must stand up for America. We must dare to confront and oppose the forces of evil that are determined to destroy this nation. We may not win hearts and minds of those set against God and against His Anointed, but we must try. Let us remember God’s word to Ezekiel: “Whether they listen or fail to listen they will know that a prophet has been among them.” Ezekiel 2:5 If we don’t find our voices and speak out now, the freedom and opportunity to declare the Word of God may be taken from us.

The fact that Christ may come at any time does not release any of us from being salt and light to the nation. Until the Lord comes or as long as He gives us breath, we must continue to lift up the banner of truth and shine the light of Christ on every aspect of the nation’s life and culture. God is still on the throne! As Christians we must remain optimistic about the future.

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“IF SOMETHING IS
BASICALLY WRONG, NO
AMOUNT OF PRAYING
OR PREACHING CAN
MAKE IT MORALLY
RIGHT”

Editorial

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The Three Functions/Purposes Of The Law

“...But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully” (1 Timothy 1:8)

‘Today’ we are seeing a new kind of ‘Christianity’ mushroom in our generation; which is foreign to the Holy Scriptures! It is a ‘Christianity’ without conviction. Do you agree that God’s Law is given in **Agape** (Divine) Love? YES, God’s Law is more than the Ten Commandments.

A young gentleman at the age of 21 received an unusual gift from the family physician – it was wrapped in paper and a surgical knife! At first it was very repulsive to him, but as he read on in the letter that accompanied the knife, he was given an explanation. You see, a mother who was giving birth to her third child, wanted to live, BUT in her situation there could become the necessity of making a choice of whom shall live. Thus IF such a ‘decision’ had to be made, she clearly instructed the doctor that she was willing to die that another could live. The letter went on to state that it was his mother who gave her life in order that he may live. How true this is when it comes to that old rugged cross: “*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*” (1 Corinthians 1:18) In this article let us consider God’s Law as the ‘knife’.

In our ‘day’ even some professing ‘Christians’ don’t like the LAW! BUT the **Law is the Holy will of God and proclaims His holiness!** NOW Martin Luther stated that there are ‘three’ functions or purposes of God’s Law. One of the three is Judicial or for civic or secular purpose. The Law does not change the heart or attitude of mankind, but it contains him; like placing a lion in a cage. I am not speaking of the Old Testament ‘ceremonial law’ now: BUT God’s Law was given for ALL people for ALL times! “*Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner does evil a hundred times, and his days are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him.*” (Ecclesiastes 8:11-12) By the way, whatever happened to calling sin – SIN? Seemingly, very little is sin anymore, unless that individual is caught in sin and exposed for what it is! Remember, God is the Lawgiver, not man! GOD NEVER CHANGES – **Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8.**

Another reason for God’s given Law is to show ‘us’ our ‘**NEED!**’ Martin Luther shares that unless we are will-

ing to deal/admit our ‘sin’, the Bible is a closed Book! He also said, “To pray properly, one must first despair of his merits and come to God clothed in the imputed righteousness of Christ, for apart from Christ no one is ‘worthy to speak with the Lord’.” “Indeed,” says Luther, “if I were righteous, I would not pray – if anyone is not resting completely in the finished work of Christ, prayer will spring from a false sense of personal merit and God will not hear.” In agreement with such a truth we realize that the Law is not given to ‘enslave’ us, but to ‘slay’ us spiritually. **Romans 3:10-20.** Wherever the LAW is not preached in love, sin will move into an individual life, church, community and nation! The Law of God knows no elastic, it is absolute, as is the whole Bible. *For by the LAW comes the knowledge of sin.* (This is true for the unbeliever as well as the believer). Spiritually the LAW is the PLOW – the GOSPEL is the SEED. **Romans 3:10, 18-20, 1 Timothy 1:9-11, Isaiah 64:6, James 2:10, Jeremiah 2:22 and on.** THEN what can wash away my ‘sin’ – Nothing but the BLOOD of **JESUS!** Galatians 3:24, Colossians 2:14. God’s Law lays claim to the entire person, his inmost character, his heart, thoughts, desires and deeds. Thus, the ‘third’ function/purpose is for *Guidance* for the ‘believer’. Isn’t **Romans 8:1** a wonderful promise as it removes ‘us’ away from the condemnation of the Law; but not compliance to the Law? If it were not for the ‘Law’, how would you know what is of the ‘flesh’? **Proverbs 28:9** reads “One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination.” **Proverbs 13:13** reads “He who despises the word will be destroyed, but he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.” **Proverbs 19:27** reads “Cease listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.” Please prayerfully READ Psalm 66:18 and **Matthew 5:17-20.** *Remember you do not ‘wash with the mirror (Law), but with ‘soap and water’ (The WORD/BLOOD of Jesus Christ)!*

In Luther’s Small Catechism Explained we read: “What does the daily forgiveness of sins work in the Christian? The daily renewal, or that he day by day becomes more and more thankful to God, and increases in childlike obedience and faithfulness.”

JESUS ASKS: Do you love ME? 1 John 5:3, John 15:9,17, Galatians 3:22-25, Romans 6:7,7:13- 22, 1 Corinthians 8:9 & 12.

The Way Of The Cross Leads Home! "I'm afraid God will never accept me" said a poor woman in deep distress of soul. "He never will," was the unexpected answer, which caused a look of blank astonishment to cross the face of the woman. "He never will," repeated

the visitor, "but He has accepted Christ." And by faith we can say, "he hath made us accepted in the Beloved." Remember, there is both Mount Sinai and Mount Calvary! **Hebrews 4:9-16. Summarizing, then, the chief purpose of the LAW is for Conviction!**

Blessed Assurance

These two consecutive devotions are from *God's Word for Today* by O. Hallesby. He is addressing the issue of having Assurance of Salvation. Dear reader, if you do not have assurance of your eternal destiny, please read these devotions carefully.

"One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25).

CHRISTIANITY is the only religion which leads men into full assurance concerning their relationship to God.

In this also, then, it shows itself as the true religion.

It fulfills what the others promise, namely, to lead men to a personal meeting with God, face to face.

The other religions tell about God, point up to Him, and ask men to stretch themselves up toward God.

In Christianity, on the other hand, God comes down into the very midst of our world, as a man among men. We can meet Him, speak with Him, and live our life with Him. We need not stop with only hearing and reading about Him and longing for Him.

But why then are most people uncertain about their relationship to God?

In Christian lands you will find one little flock of those who know that they were blind before but that now they see. On the other hand, you will find another little flock which knows that it lives in an unconverted state.

Midway between these two little flocks you will find a great mass of people whose relationship to God may be characterized in the following manner: they *know* nothing but *hope* for the best.

Some of the latter are of the opinion, moreover, that it is not possible in this life to gain assurance with respect to this relationship.

Where do you stand?

There are many who have hoped themselves down into eternal perdition because they have never had a real meeting with God for the purpose of becoming reconciled to Him.

You, too, have a restless and longing soul in your bosom.

Follow the longing God has given you! It leads to the very bosom of the Savior.

Lord, have mercy upon all half-hearted souls!

"One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25)

THIS man who had been born blind did not know *a great deal*.

But what he did know, he knew with certainty: I was blind; now I see.

Perhaps you are saying the same: I was blind, but now I see now that I have never received that which I need and which God offers to give, namely, assurance.

I see now that I have deceived myself by hoping for the best instead of making every effort to be clear in my relationship toward God.

Now I will not give up until I know what it is that has been acting as a barrier between God and me.

Jesus met the man born blind and helped him to personal faith in the Son of God, a faith which led him to fall down before Him and say, "I believe, Lord!"

Jesus would have a meeting with you also.

If you will enter into your room, close the door, and begin to speak in all sincerity and confidence with your Savior, you will find that He will meet with you and answer you.

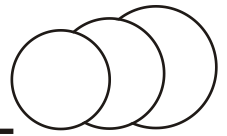
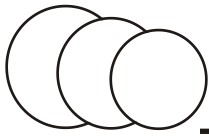
Then take your Bible and read, and He will make clear to your conscience what it is that shuts you out from Him day after day. Every time you feel that you have done anything against Him, tell it to Him.

He tells you in His Word that if you will confess He will forgive you your sin. When you look to Him in His suffering and death, you will receive courage to believe His Word.

If you will begin thus to go in and go out each day with your Savior in the privacy of your own room and of the Word, you will soon be able to say with a new meaning: "One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see." You will see not only your sins, but also the Lamb of God who bore all your sins.

Then you will have received the gift not only of *faith*, but also of *assurance*.

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Anonymous reader

I love the 'Morning Glory'. Everyone should read it. I like to share mine.

DL

Des Moines, IA

I have been caring for my husband who has been battling Alzheimers for the last 15 years. ...I was at the end of my strength and we had to take him to the nursing home in March. ...I hope I can afford to continue getting the Morning Glory as it's such an encouragement with so much soul food. I just praise and thank the Lord for everyone who has a part in putting it together. I am moving and... this is my new address.... God's blessing to all of you.

(We are a faith ministry and if you cannot afford to give, you will continue receiving the paper. Editor)

AE

Lake Mills, IA

I look forward to receiving the 'Morning Glory'! It lifts my spirit and puts a song in my heart! Such wonderful articles in it. When I start reading it, it's hard to lay it down. Yes, we can look forward to Jesus' coming back! I look for Him every day! So let's trim our lamps and burn them bright! He'll come as a thief in night. The older I get, the more I love my precious Savior! He's been so good to me.

G&S

Mill Creek, WA

Thanks so much for the Morning Glory Publication. We really enjoy it. It is filled with God's truth. Enclosed is a check to receive the Altar Steps devotional and Mirror of the Heart. The remainder please use for the continuing of your ministry. You are in our prayers.

REPENTANCE AND FAITH

"And how I have kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20:20-21)

The modern church is teaching that the way to eternal life is "to have a personal relationship with Jesus." A true saving faith is a personal relationship, but nothing is said about sin and the necessity of repentance of it, and faith is boiled down to having Jesus as your best friend, not your personal Savior from your personal sin.

Is it any wonder that the church is in such a bad state of affairs when the people are not even told the truth of salvation?

Dear reader, if you have not repented of your sins before the Lord and have faith in Jesus that He is your Lord and Savior from your sin, you won't make it to heaven.

A Man of One Book

"I am a creature of a day, passing, through life as an arrow through the air . . . I am a spirit from God, returning to God . . . God Himself condescended to teach me the way . . . He hath written it down in a Book. Oh, give me that Book! At any price give me the Book of God! I have it. Here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be homo unius libri. [a man of one book] Here then I am far from the busy ways of men. I sit down alone. Only God is here. In his presence I open, I read His Book."

John Wesley

Co-Workers With God

“For we are God’s fellow-workers; ye are God’s husbandry, God’s building.” 1 Cor. 3:9.

The first truth that we learn from this verse is that God is working. Secondly, we see that God has arranged His work in such a manner that we may work with Him. He has lovingly taken His children into partnership with Himself; He has made us full-fledged workers with Him. It appears that God’s work on earth cannot be fully done without our cooperation. These two truths should fill ever Christian with gratitude and joy.

From the very beginning of time – and even earlier – God has been working for us. He created the universe for us and our use; through it He serves us today. In Christ He came down to earth and walked among men, not to be served, but to be of service. His whole life was a continuous chain of loving service. As the victor over the kingdom of Satan Jesus now appears before the Father in our behalf; He intercedes for us and will serve us there until the end of time. The Holy Spirit goes from soul to soul of those who have heard the Word; night and day, year after year and generation after generation, He never once becomes weary of winning men for Christ. When a soul has been won for Christ, the Spirit continues His loving care; He protects him from danger and wards off all evil until we have safely reached our true fatherland.

The Father is solicitous for our welfare throughout our life. He has asked us to cast all our cares upon Him, and He will care for us.

The angels stand before the face of God, ready to do His bidding; at His command they go forth to serve the saints or to pour vials of His wrath upon the stubborn race. They brought Lot out of sinful Sodom into the safety of Zoar. They took coals from the altar and touched the lips of Isaiah; then his iniquity vanished, and he volunteered his service to the Lord. They came to Daniel to comfort him and to reveal to him God’s plan of work until the end of time. They opened the gates of the prison in which Peter sat, loosed the chains from his hands and brought him out. An angel appeared to Paul during the storm and revealed to him that there would be no loss of life in the storm.

John stands on the island of Patmos while God through Christ and His angels draws aside the curtain which hides the future. There he is permitted to see in broad outline the battle which the race must fight before all seals on the Book of Life can be broken by Him who has taken the Book in His hand. He sees that the prince of darkness is bound, and the Prince of Life stands as the

eternal light in that celestial city; God is all in all.

These same ministering spirits walk among us today to do God’s bidding. Many a seaman has been guided through storm and treacherous breakers in a pitch-black night to a haven of safety. Angels hold our children by the hand as they play by the edge of the cliff. It is wonderful to know that God thus cares for us. If our eyes could be fully opened to the greatness of these things, our hearts would overflow with gratitude.

At times I am overwhelmed by the greatness of the thought that God would stoop to be our servant as Father and Savior. We marvel and rejoice when we see God’s work in creation; but when we one day shall see His work of salvation completed, and realize that we ourselves are a part of that perfect work, then we shall not only wish to thank Him, for all that is in us shall praise His name.

Paul had a vision of this when he was caught up into the third heaven. He was so moved by the greatness of the idea of being God’s co-worker that he broke forth with these words: *“But I hold not my life of any account as dear unto myself, so that I may accomplish my course, and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.”* (Acts 20:14). This was Paul’s evaluation of the privilege of being God’s co-worker.

The verse of our text seems to indicate that only a part of God’s people are His fellow-servants; the rest seem to be the field to be cultivated and the building to be built. This would be our conclusion if we had only one statement from the Word of God about it. We know from other verses in the Scriptures that every Christian is a co-worker with God. We shall quote only the well-known statement by Peter: *“But ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a holy nation, a people of God’s own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light”* (1 Peter 2:9).

We are His people, a royal priesthood, that we may declare His wonderful works. All God’s children are called to be His co-workers. All of us have gifts of grace and gifts of nature with which we are to serve God in this world. He who buries his talent with the thought that he is thus free from responsibility shall one day discover that he was mistaken.

But how are we to understand the verse of our text which declares that the Christians in Corinth are God’s husbandry or tilled ground and God’s building?

We may perhaps most appropriately apply this statement to Christians who have just been blasted from the

solid rock of heathendom. They are as the wilderness which has just begun to be plowed. To blast human beings from the rock of the world and build of them a house of God, to change the wilderness of the soul into suitable soil for the gospel seed is a part of our task as fellow-workers with God.

The Corinthians were such solid rock and wilderness soil when Paul and Apollos came to them. But they were transformed into living children of God and were built into a spiritual temple. They also became co-workers with God.

Furthermore, we know that as we work together with God, He continues to work in us. We grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ. The branch that bears fruit He cleanses that it might bear more fruit.

Taken from "Spirit and Power" by Ludvig Hope

Editor's Note: **What God has done before - HE can do again - IF it brings 'honor and glory' to HIS Name!**

The Mark of the Beast

In Revelation 13:18 we are warned as follows: "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six."

Much has been said and written about the number of the beast (more should be); and an important point is often missed or forgotten. The count is taken from the Greek word "psephizo," which also carries the meaning of counting or deciding by vote. For those who think the Anti-Christ will barge his way in and take over by force NEED to realize that he likely will be chosen and elected first. Likely he will be a man of vast popularity and be received as an alternative to Jesus Christ.

Today we should be 'alert' to watching for folk of high profile (especially ministers to sell out to liberal modern day Leader(s)). Often it is becoming more obvious that the dark forces of conspiracy are hard at work to sabotage the economy of the United States and for a ONE world economy and world government; thus in order to force a new and tightly controlled system on the people of USA and eventually the entire world.

A Tender Moment for John Wesley

"Though John and Charles [John's brother] had many misunderstandings, still these did not constitute a formal alienation of each other's affections. To the end they were deeply beloved of each other, which love is expressed by John's 'I have a brother who is as my own soul.' They too must be separated by death.

Charles called his wife to pen the words:

*Jesus, my only hope thou art,
Strength to my failing heart:
O could I catch a smile from thee,
And drop into eternity.*

Finishing the last note, the muse of song winged its flight from his soul. A few days later he breathed, "Lord—my heart—my God," lay back and fell asleep in Jesus' arms on March 29, 1788.

Two weeks later John, while leading a song service, gave out the words,

*My company before is gone,
And I am left alone with Thee.*

The eighty-five-year-old man's eyes flooded with tears and, sitting down in the pulpit, he hid face in his hands. His brother, long beloved, was gone and John was left alone."¹

John's brother in the flesh, his brother in the Lord, his companion in ministry and life and the great hymn writer was gone. There are times in this life when we will encounter the loss of close spiritual people, sometimes because of distance and sometimes because of death. It is at times like these when we can feel all alone. Even when the apostle Paul was in prison and facing execution, he felt this way. That is why he wrote and told Timothy, "*Make every effort to come to me soon ...only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service.*" (2 Tim. 4:9, 11)

The fellowship of the true believers is precious, indeed. Jesus has promised to always be with us, but the next best thing is to have one of His precious people with us in our time of need.

1 *John Wesley* by Basil Miller. Bethany Fellowship, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Divine Discipline

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by Him; For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.” (Heb. 12:5-6)

When I was a child, the neighbor and I decided to ride our bicycles on the Interstate. My dad found out about it and spanked me with a two-by-four! I actually had bruises on my bottom from this. My dad knew that this grave error needed grave retribution if it was going to be rooted from my life.

The same is true in the spiritual realm. God the Father Almighty will discipline every son of His. In fact, if God has not disciplined you, then you are not His son! Hebrews 12:7-8 says, *“It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children, and not sons.”* If you are a child of God through faith in Christ Jesus, then God is going to discipline you.

This discipline can be VERY SEVERE! Verse 6 of the above referenced Scripture says that *“God scourges every son whom He receives.”* Scourging was the punishment that was inflicted upon Jesus before they crucified Him. The victim was whipped on his back with a leather whip that had bits of bone and metal tied in the leather. It would literally flail the back raw taking hide with it. This is how severely God will discipline you.

This discipline teaches us to respect and revere God. *“Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share in His holiness.”* (Heb. 12:9-10) Just as we learned proper behavior from our fathers through discipline, we learn to live in God’s holiness as He disciplines us when we do wrong.

Discipline is not fun at all. It brings not only physical pain, but also the emotional impact of someone handing you a lesson of life: You did wrong and you will be punished for it. The same is true of the discipline that the Lord gives us. *“All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness.”* (Heb. 12:11) God disciplines us for a reason: so that we may be trained in the right ways of walking with Him and to have peace as we live in righteousness. People who

do not live in righteousness have missed the correction of the Lord.

A Biblical example of this is seen in the life of Abram, the patriarch of Israel. God had promised Abram a son – a very special son. He would be the heir of Abram’s line and the offspring of this child and their descendants would be too numerous to count. He would be the one that would bring God’s blessings to mankind – ultimately Jesus Christ.

Abram had complained to God that he had no child of his own to be this heir. *“And Abram said, “Since Thou hast given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir.”* (Gen. 15:3) God had specifically told Abram that this child would come from his own body. *“Then behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘This man will not be your heir, but one who shall come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.’”* (v. 4)

It had been ten years and no offspring. Therefore Sarai came up with a swell plan: *“Please go in to my maid [Hagar]; perhaps I shall obtain children through her.”* (16:3) This was a very tragic mistake for Abraham! It brought strife immediately in the household and strife upon mankind from then on. *“And he [Ishmael, the child of Abraham and Hagar] will be a wild donkey of a man, his hand will be against everyone, and everyone’s hand will be against him; and he will live to the east of all his brothers.”* (16:12) To the east of Israel are the Muslim nations.

Now, thirteen years later, God appears to Abram and says *“I am God Almighty, Walk Before Me and Be Blameless.”* (17:1) God is getting ready to establish a covenant with Abram and the Jewish Nation. Before He can do that this sin must be addressed. Abram was to be blamed for this shameless compromise.

You see, there is divine chastisement for blatant sin – God does correct his children for disobedience. It also tells us this in the New Testament in Col. 3:6, *“For it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come on the sons of disobedience.”* Remember that this was not just another sin – but rather a deliberate sin against what God had specifically told Abram repeatedly! – The child will be your own!

If you blatantly defy what God has repeatedly told you – You will come under God’s chastisement. God does

it in love so that you can grow in your relationship with Him.

Notice also that BEFORE Abram can receive a great blessing from God, the issue of disobedience must be dealt with. God brings it to the surface. After thirteen years, perhaps it has been forgotten by Abram, but God has not forgotten about it. God does not expect sinless perfection – But He does expect you to be blameless.

Does this describe you today? Perhaps God is wanting to move you on to a greater level with Him, a greater level of effectiveness – a greater discernment – a more close intimacy with Him. And yet something is standing in the way of that happening – Perhaps something that happened many years ago and was never dealt with. Maybe you are under divine chastisement for it today because God told you repeatedly and you disobeyed anyway. Do not regard it lightly!

What did Abram do? *“And Abram fell on His face and God talked with him...”* (17:3) This is a posture showing reverence, surrender and confession. This was the only thing that could bring forgiveness and blessing.

If you are under divine chastisement today, get on your face before God! This is the only way that you can find forgiveness and move on with God.

Pastor Jim Haga
Shoreview, MN

Salvation and Assurance

OPENING THE DOOR

How to receive the Son we learn from Jesus Himself, when He says, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in” (Rev. 3: 20). Jesus stands at your heart’s door. He desires to enter. But you must invite Him in. Stop and invite Him in. Tell Him, “Lord Jesus, I have realized Thy presence. The Spirit has urged me to invite Thee in. I now ask Thee to come into my heart. Come in and cleanse my heart, possess it, make it Thine own.”

When you invited Him in, what did He do about it? He says, “I will come in.” Where is He *now* then? “In my heart.” If you invited Him in He is in your heart now. Don’t go by your feelings. Take His Word for it. When you have Jesus you have the Son. When you have the Son you have the life. Now you have the life, as surely as Jesus came in. “He who has the Son has life.”

“MAY I KNOW I HAVE THE LIFE?”

That is what the Word says, “I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13). Who (does it say

here) may know they have eternal life? You who believe on Jesus. How do you know you do that — so you are really sure? We learned (John 1:12) that believing was receiving. Have you received Jesus? Did you hear His knock at your heart and invite Him in? Then you received Him and that was believing. Then you have Jesus, the eternal life, in your heart and then you know you are saved. He has said so. I am trusting His word and I know that it is true.

“BUT WON’T I FEEL IT?”

Too often we confuse feeling with the assurance of salvation. Can’t I be assured without feeling it? If you were in this room how would you be assured of it? By feeling it or by knowing you had come in and had not gone out? If you invite Jesus into your heart how long will He remain? As long as you let Him He will remain. You can certainly know if you have invited Him in. (If not, stop and do it.) And you can know if you still want Him to remain in your heart. Then He is still there. And so you have have eternal life according to the Word.

“But why do they say they feel they are saved?” I am not sure we should say that. The Bible says we can “know” we are saved. But the Word also says, “He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself” (1 John 5:10). That is, something within will tell the believer that he is saved. What is that something? “The Spirit is the witness, because the Spirit is the truth” (1 John 5:7). Or as Paul says, “The Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit, that we are children of God” (Rom. 8:16). But do not confuse the two. You are not to base your salvation on the fact that you feel the witness of the Spirit within but because you have received Christ as your Savior, and based your salvation on Him. His Spirit will (in His time, if you stay by the Word) bring the witness to your own heart in the quiet assurance that you are saved.

ASSURANCE

Do not mistake “feelings” for assurance. When some complain that they do not have assurance it is because certain desired feelings are lacking. Your assurance is based on God’s Word. You base your assurance of things in your daily life on what others say. How much more God! When you have confessed, He has forgiven. When you invited Christ into your heart, He came in, and in Him you have eternal life now. You know this because of the Word. In due time the Holy Spirit will bring His Amen as His testimony to your heart.

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Hauge Evangelistic Tent Services

Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation is sponsoring Evangelistic Services in the Hauge Gospel Tent at Detroit Lakes, MN (in a Park) August 9th thru the 12th. **Please note that the dates in the June issue of the Morning Glory were incorrect. These are the correct dates!** Mr. Toby Knutson from Fargo, ND is the Guest Evangelist. There will also be a 'singspiration time' of traditional and Gospel songs and Special Music each evening. **Please** consider who you might personally invite to attend with YOU & hear the WORD of God! **WELCOME!**

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church of rural Wanamingo, MN is sponsoring Gospel Tent Services August 23rd thru the 25th with Roy Hope as Guest Speaker and Musician. These services will take place on the South edge of Wanamingo. TRUST you will *pray for these services* & try to attend. **WELCOME!**

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IN effect, what **you** are is a factor in regards to the future of this God-given ministry! NOW ISN'T IT a 'marvel' that God chose the 'redeemed' to *proclaim* the "Living Word" to fellow human beings; instead of angels! What a privilege and what a responsibility! **AMAZING GRACE!** But from a realistic point of view we are depending upon you to pray for this ministry first of all, and than to share 'financially' as the Lord lays on your heart and has entrusted to you; as we seek to be faithful unto **HIM** in proclaiming and practicing the *old time Christianity!* AS with 'many' other evangelical ministries, we also have experienced a 'summer slump' and are seeking to regain as the 'spiritual battle' goes on! Are **you** able to assist us in doing so? Along with your **prayer support** any size contribution is greatly appreciated. "*For if there is first a willing mind (heart), it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have. But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*" II Corinthians 8:12 & 9:6.

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We would like to thank each one of you who supports this work. We are a faith-based ministry, which means that those who the Holy Spirit has impressed it upon are able to give to this ministry. This means that there are people who do not have the means to give but are still able to receive the *Morning Glory*. It is offered on a free-will offering basis. We have operated this way and the Lord has sustained us.

Because of your response to the Lord's promptings, we have been able to reprint *Altar Steps*. Thank you for your gracious provision. We would like to print additional booklets, books, tracts, devotionals and the like. We will do so only as the Lord directs and the Lord provides. We will not go into debt to do this. It is our goal to provide Christ-centered, Bible-based material with a Lutheran pietistic emphasis. There are people who have come to know the Lord as a result of reading the *Morning Glory*. We believe that this is the will of God for this publication.

Please also remember to pray for us. In a day of moral decline and spiritual decay, those presenting the truth are under attack from the evil one. But as Luther said in *A Mighty Fortress*, "One little word shall fell him."