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

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Who Will Go For Us?

Radio Sermon by Pastor R. Norheim

We do not know how many angels populate heaven; but there must be a vast number. John, in the book of Revelation, states that he heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts and the elders, and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousands. In Hebrews 12:22 the number is described as *“innumerable company of angels.”* Some of them are ministering angels, *“sent to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.”* (1:14). They have a definite, God-given ministry; but they have not been given the ministry of preaching the gospel; this God has designated for sinners, saved by grace.

John R. Sweney and Johnson Oatman have given us a picture of this in their song, *“Holy, Holy is What the Angels Sing”*: “There is singing up in heaven, such as we have never known, Where the angels sing the praises of the Lamb upon the throne: Their sweet harps are ever tuneful and their voices ever clear; O that we might be more like them while we serve the Master here... Holy, Holy, is what the angels sing, and I expect to help them make the courts of heaven ring; But when I sing redemption’s story, they will fold their wings, for angels never felt the joy that our salvation brings.”

The song of the redeemed, in other words, can only be sung by the redeemed. Only those who once were lost in sin, but were found by Christ, and their sins were washed away in His precious blood – only those are qualified to go and preach the gospel to every creature.

Wonder Why?

When we see how difficult it is to get people to “go

and tell”, we might conclude that God could have accomplished the task of world evangelization much faster if He had sent angels to do the job. They would not dilly-dally nor object to going as we mortals do. But this is foolish reasoning on our part... God knows what He’s doing! The fact remains – **HE HAS CALLED US!**

We have observed how difficult man can be when God asks for obedience. In the very beginning we find Adam hiding from God’s presence in Eden when He asked, “*Adam, where art thou?*” Eve was just as evasive when God inquired, “*What is this that thou has done?*” Moses put quite an array of arguments when God asked, “*What is this in thine hand?*” Sarah laughed in unbelief when the Heavenly Messenger declared, “*Is anything too hard for God?*” Not many will take Abraham’s place, who was known as “the friend of God”, who will enter into the fellowship of His sufferings and share as a co-laborer the ill-wind and cold opposition of the world.

When Isaiah met the Lord in one transforming experience of Isaiah 6:1-8, he was a “Mr. Average Man” in God’s kingdom. He had been established as God’s prophet. He had suffered some keen disappointments. King Uzziah’s long and prosperous reign, of more than fifty years, ended in a cloud, for he was shut up as a leper until the day of his death. In 2 Chronicles, chapter 26, we read about the king: “*When he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the Lord his God, and went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense upon the altar of incense.*” The priests withstood him, but he was angry with them. Then God smote him with leprosy in the forehead, and the priests thrust him out

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of the temple, and he himself hastened to go. From that day, 'till his death he dwelt in a house outside the camp. ' This was Isaiah's keenest disappointment; the man he had held in such high esteem, had so suddenly descended from that place of high honor and trust, down to obscurity, shame and uselessness!

All of us have seen our idols fall. Our dreams have been shattered, our high ideals broken to pieces. At such a time the Serpent comes crawling again! "Is this the best that God can produce? Sinning Saints? Others, still highly elevated, may likewise fall. In due time they, too, will be exposed." Thus Satan sows the seeds of distrust; fellowship is frozen, and the servant of God isolates himself! By the way, you are not good company for yourself. "It is not good that man should be alone", was God's warning, not only to Adam, but to all who would withdraw themselves from the fellowship of the saints. The cloister was not of God's invention. The Prayer Closet is a must in every consecrated life, but not the cloister. Those who shut themselves in that they might see, hear or taste no evil, invariably fall into deeper vices than their brothers in public. Man was not made for himself! Not until the sinner is saved can he begin to find God's plan for his life; and then it is only the beginning, for he needs tender, scriptural guidance so he may be saved to serve where the Lord of the Harvest deems best.

God's Plan

But man need not despair in his season of disappointment; for it was in the year that King Uzziah died that Isaiah saw the

Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple! The Serpent says, "It's no use! Give up! People are no good! They are all corrupt and can't be changed. So why waste your time serving God. You're no better than the others!" ... But the blessed Holy Spirit intervenes, as He did in Isaiah's case. "All may change, but JESUS NEVER! GLORY TO HIS NAME!" "Great is thy faithfulness." My, how we need to "turn our eyes upon Jesus: look full in His wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace."

Notice the thrice iterated word "Holy" in verse three, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory." What a contrast: Isaiah had thought the world was full of failure! He had focused his eyes on man. But now he saw God, and the earth was full of His glory!

If you shall ever go in the power of His might, you too must see what Isaiah saw: a lost world, full of failure – and the God-guided universe – full of the inexhaustible glory of God! Phil 4:19... But Isaiah had more to see. In verse 5 he cries, "Woe is me! For I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen **THE KING, the Lord of hosts.**" My, what a difference there is between the discouragement of the Devil and the humbling of the Holy Spirit! Despair and humbling are as far apart as the poles. It is when we see ourselves in God's light that we are willing to be emptied of self, cleansed and thrust forth as laborers in His vineyard.

Isaiah's word was "woe," but God's word was "lo"! "Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth and said, 'Lo this hath touched thy lips: and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged'. Then follows the third, victorious word of the Trinity. "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" "Then said I, 'here am I; send me!'"

No missionary has a right to say the he has been sent by the Lord unless he has seen his own sinfulness and unworthiness; and seeing that, has been cleansed by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and assured he is saved, and saved to serve.

No person has the right to open his mouth in testimony who has not experienced the same. The three words – **Woe – Lo – Go** are absolute essentials in God's plan of salvation and evangelization. Have you said, "Woe is me"? Have you heard God say, "Lo thy sin is purged"? If you have, you cannot disobey His command, "**Go and tell.**"

The Lamplighter, July, 1979,

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

Lesson of the Echo

Little George knew nothing about an echo. One day he called out in the meadow, "Hullo." Surprised and annoyed, he shouted, "Who are you?" The voice replied, "Who are you?" Then he cried, "You are a silly boy," and, listening he caught the words, "Silly boy," coming from the woods.

George now became really angry, and called out a lot of naughty words to the boy in the woods, but each one came back to him again. Then he made up his mind to find where he was hidden, but searched in vain. When he got home he told his mother about the rude boy and how he had called him such naughty names.

"Oh," said the mother when he had finished, "Now I have caught you! All you heard was the echo of your own voice. Had you called out a pleasant word, the very same word would have come back to you."

Thus it is in this everyday world of ours. The behavior of others to us is often enough the echo of ours to them. If we receive people in a friendly way we meet them with a smile. If we are unfriendly, cross and peevish, we can expect nothing better from them. Selected

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So Boaz took Ruth and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the Lord gave her conception, and she bare a son. Ruth 4:13

It must have been a disappointment to Ruth not to have had a child with Naomi's son. However, what a blessing it was ultimately, as she had a son with Boaz who became part of the royal line. God always has a purpose for blessing in His dealings with believers. Sometimes believing couples suffer great grief because they are childless. However, these couples, amidst their disappointment have been wonderful "uncles and aunts" to so many children. I, personally, thank God for such who have loved my children. Brian Russell

"There is an interesting contrast between the Puritans and us, when it comes to sex and death. They kept sex out of sight and conversation, while death was front and center. In American society, quite the opposite is now the norm."

Death Ends It All by Dr. Jerry Newcombe

Suffering

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps.

1 Peter 1:21

There are five steps that Christ's example of suffering gives us:

1. He did no sin (v. 22a).
2. He spoke no deceit (v. 22b).
3. He was reviled but did not revile in return (v. 23a).
4. He suffered, but did not threaten (v. 23b).
5. He committed Himself to God who judges righteously (v. 23c).

We may not naturally choose to suffer, but when we are called to suffer, we have the perfect example to follow!

Rex Trogdon

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord and take the cross appointed,

And firmly clinging to His Word; in suffering be undaunted. – J Scheffler

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But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him. Luke 10:33

J. I. Packer states, "Your attitude to your fellow-men, good and bad, nice and nasty, both Christians and unbelievers, is to be that of the Good Samaritan towards the Jew in the gutter." Our compassion to those in need should concern both the spiritual and the material. Let us use our personal resources, our time, our words and our prayers to reach the lost and encourage the believers.

Bob Cretney

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"Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money." Isaiah 43:24

WORSHIPPERS at the temple were wont to bring presents of sweet perfumes to be burned upon the altar of God; but Israel, in the time of her backsliding, became un-

Worldly sorrow would have me blame someone else for my sin.

generous, and made but few votive offerings to her Lord: this was an evidence of coldness of heart towards God and His house. Reader, does this never occur with you? Might not the complaint of the text be occasionally if not frequently, brought against you? Those who are poor in pocket, if rich in faith, will be accepted none the less because their gifts are small; but, poor reader, do you give in fair proportion to the Lord, or is the widow's mite kept back from the sacred treasury? The rich believer should be thankful for the talent entrusted to him, but should not forget his large responsibility, for where much is given much will be required; but, rich reader, are you mindful of your obligations, and rendering to the Lord according to the benefit received? Jesus gave His blood for us, what shall we give to Him? We are His, and all that we have, for He has purchased us unto Himself – can we act as if were our own? Oh for more consecration! And to this end, Oh for more love! Blessed Jesus, how good it is of Thee to accept our sweet cane bought with money! Nothing is too costly as a tribute to Thine unrivalled love, and ye Thou dost receive with favour the smallest sincere token of affection! Thou dost receive our poor forget-me-nots and love-tokens as though they were intrinsically precious, though indeed they are but as the bunch of wild flowers which the child brings to its mother. Never may we grow niggardly towards Thee, and from this hour never may we hear Thee complain of us again for withholding the gifts of our love. We will give Thee the first fruit of our increase, and pay Thee tithes of all, and then we will confess "of Thine own have we given Thee."

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And Jehu...went out to meet him and said to King Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD?

2 Chronicles 19:2.

Having narrowly escaped from the battlefield with his life, Jehoshaphat returned to his house, delivered by the Lord from a foolish alliance with wicked King Ahab. Jehoshaphat had learned quickly the bitter consequences of joining together with those who hate the Lord. Jehu's words reinforced the lesson. What will it take for us to learn this truth? For this good king, it was worry, doubt and fear and many tears as he cried out to the Lord in his distress. Our own experience and wise words from others should be enough to keep us from making the same mistake. Are we listening?

Mark Kolchin

Editorial

RES

UNDER HIS WINGS!

“He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, the arrow that flies by day.” (Psalm 91:4-5, Also please read: Ps. 17:8, 36:1, Ps. 57:1, 63:6-8)

Likely you have heard the expression and possibly have used the same: “on the wings of a bird or a little bird told me”, well *“For a bird of the air may carry your voice, And a bird in flight may tell the matter.”* Ecclesiastes 10:20a.

I was raised in the state of the Green Bay Packers (Wisconsin), even though I have never been to a professional Football game.

The last Lutheran “Parish” I was privileged to serve and responsible for was in the Mondovi (Gilmanton) area and having accepting the ‘letter of call’, we were privileged to rent a house in the country; which leads me up to sharing with you my favorite Emblem of birds: a Bald Eagle.

The farm house is located on a little hill and across the large valley was another set of larger hills. During the winter, a flock of Bald Eagles made their home there. The farmer raised chickens, and the dead ‘birds’ were scattered out onto the field. The Eagles liked chicken during the ‘winter’.

As I understand the ‘wings’ of an Eagle are the strongest of flying ‘birds’, and when they encounter a storm, they fly higher and higher until they are above the *‘storm’* where there is calmness, peace and serenity!

Interesting, as Martin Luther deals with God’s Creation; particularly that of creating ‘man’ in His Own Image: that God took a ‘rib’ from man and created ‘woman’. He didn’t take a piece of bone from the heel of man, nor from his head; but a rib which is under his ‘arm’ for protection and a rib is close to the **heart**. AND so this is where a born-again ‘believer’ resides “under the wings of the ALMIGHTY!” A place of refuge!

No doubt you may have heard of the farmer who had a mother Hen who recently gave hatch to a number of chicks. Well, tragedy struck when the mother hen had nestled her brood of little chicks, a fire broke out and before the farmer could extinguish it, the mother hen perished! With due respect the farmer was going to bury the mother hen, when low and behold, there were the little chicks safe and well protected near the heart of the Mother.

As you are aware, in the Old Testament there were Cities of Refuge for criminals who had broken the LAW.

REMEMBER on the Hill called Golgotha there were

three crosses; on each side of the central CROSS where the SINLESS ONE hung; was a criminal. A “criminal” is one who has broken the LAW – **“For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.”** (James 2:10) WHICH ‘criminal’ (symbolically) are YOU? God says: **“When I see the BLOOD I will pass over YOU”!** Calvary is ‘our’ City of REFUGE)! **1 John 1:7 – 2:2 and “I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name’s sake”** (v. 12).

From our view-point, God takes special notice of “TEARS” – Tears of sorrow/repentance/joy. Jeremiah wept over the city of Jerusalem as he knew Divine Judgment was about to fall on it and thus he is known as the *“weeping Prophet”!*

Seven hundred years later, **JESUS wept over the city of Jerusalem also: “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!”** (Matthew 23:37 & Luke 13:34) How about YOU? In a sense, is JESUS weeping over YOU? Your Church? Your Community? The USA? The World?

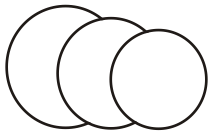
One Day, sooner or later, you and I are going to DIE! What then??? *“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.”* (Hebrews 9:27) We don’t hear much about this over the Pulpits of our day, but it is true just the same for the BIBLE clearly states this. God says what He means and He means exactly what He says! (These are TWO appointments YOU and I will meet, regardless of who were are – Death and Judgment!)

FREEDOM IS BASED ON TRUST. This is true of the **‘freedom’** as a husband/wife, Family relationship, in a Church, Community, State, and Nation! (WE the People). No doubt *‘Spiritually’* this equally IF not even more so TRUE! **John 8:31 – 36.** (The word here ‘commits’ means bondage or in control, not sinlessness).

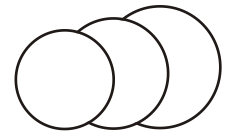
Keep in mind and ‘heart’ that GOD is FAITHFUL regardless and HE can not LIE!

Please prayerfully read the following: **Isaiah 61:1-3, 8 – 11.**

Thank You



From Our Fellowship Circle



K. H. Huchinson, MN
Morning Glory – Keep it coming! I wish I had a good old fashion Lutheran Church to go to where we live!

Your articles are the way my Parents believed, and sadly now things have changed so much.

Through the ministry of the *Morning Glory* you have lifted my hope and faith many times. (Editor: Praise the Lord, ‘we’ care because HE cares and want to be found ‘faithful’ unto HIM)!

Thank you.

A. & D. H. Twin Valley, MN
“This is the day the Lord hath made – let us rejoice and be glad in it”!

Thank you for sharing Jude 1:4. Yes, these are Perilous days!!!

We would so much have liked to come to the Hauge Bible Conference in Thief River Falls, MN but at this time we are unable.

We know Pastor Willmore Gunderson and we’ve heard him preach! A great man for God! We are praying for this Bible Conference even though unable to attend.

We are not to be fearful, as God is with us! He knows it all and see’s the whole big picture...

Love and Friendship to all of you.

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“Only be thou strong and very courageous.” Joshua 1:7

OUR God’s tender love for His servants makes Him concerned for the state of their inward feelings. He desires them to be of good courage. Some esteem it a small thing for a believer to be vexed with doubts and fears, but God thinks not so. From this text it is plain that our Master would not have us entangled with fears. He would have us without carefulness, without doubt, without cowardice. Our Master does not think so lightly of our unbelief as we do. When we are desponding we are subject to a grievous malady, not to be trifled with, but to be carried at once to the beloved Physician. Our Lord loveth not to see our countenance sad. It was a law of Ahasuerus that no one should come into the king’s court dressed in mourning; this is not the law of the King of kings, for we may come mourning as we are; but still He would have us put off the spirit of heaviness, and put on the garment of praise, for there is much reason to rejoice. The Christian man ought

to be of a courageous spirit, in order that he may glorify the Lord of enduring trials in a heroic manner. If he be fearful and fainthearted, **it will bring dishonor to his God.** Besides, **what a bad example it is.** This disease of doubtfulness and discouragement is an epidemic which soon spreads amongst the Lord’s flock. One downcast believer makes twenty souls sad. Moreover, unless your courage is kept up **Satan will be too much for you.** Let your spirit be joyful in God your Saviour; the joy of the Lord shall be your strength, and no fiend of hell shall make headway against you: but cowardice throws down the banner. Moreover, **labour is light** to a man of cheerful spirit; and **success waits upon cheerfulness.** The man who toils, rejoicing in his God’ believing with all his heart, has success guaranteed. He who sows in hope shall reap in joy; therefore, dear reader, “be thou strong, and very courageous.”

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My Amazing Bible

Joseph Baldwin Haston

*My Bible’s a source of surprising wealth;
A storehouse of food for the spirit’s health;
A refuge of peace from a world in strife;
A place of surcease from the storms of life;
A firm foundation beneath my feet;
A shelter and shield from the noonday heat;
An unfailing help in the time of need;
A joy and comfort to all who read;
A Book that presents, as I read it more,
A friendly Face and an open door;
A plan for the man who is down-and-out;
A goal for the soul that is torn by doubt;
A chart for the heart that has lost its way;
A light in the night and a guide by day;
A cure that is sure for the sin-sick soul;
A calm and a balm that can make men whole;
So planned and so grand that it stands alone,
The greatest Book that the world has known!*

Selected

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

OBSERVATION

Interesting: According to the ‘information’ that I have received, The Prime-Minister of Canada is very much in favor (support of) the JEWS, especially in regards to the nation of ISRAEL! ALSO, the economy in Canada is doing real good. Notice in regards to God’s Eternal Word, the BIBLE, **“I will bless those who bless you (Jews, Israel); And I will curse him who curses you”** Genesis 12:3a, 27:29b, Numbers 24:9b, Isaiah 41:27, Acts 3:25. *Check it out! — Editor*

World’s Oldest Woman Says “Every Day Is a Gift From Above.”

On April 24, the oldest person in the world gave credit to God for her record-breaking lifespan. Jeralean Talley, who will be **116** on May 23 said, “Every day is a gift from above. There is nothing we can do without God. He made us, and He knew when He wanted to take us.” She added, “If you want to do it right, follow Him. I don’t care what you do for me, if it weren’t for the good Lord, you wouldn’t do it.”... The previous record-holder, Arkansas resident Gertrude Weaver, died April 6 at 116 years old...

Sarah Zagorski for Life-News.com

Admitting We Need Help

Sign seen in a textile mill: “When your thread becomes tangled, call the foreman.”

A young woman was new on the job. Her thread became tangled, and she thought, I’ll just straighten this out myself. She tried, but the situation only worsened. Finally she called the foreman. “I did the best I could,” she said.

“No, you didn’t. To do the best, you should have called me.”

How often do our pride and our “self-sufficiency” lead us to try to fix things ourselves when God wants us to come to Him first. **“See ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”** (Matt. 6:33).

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Intolerance Toward Christians

The U.S. Constitution is a six-block walk from the D.C. city council – but it’s light years away from the District’s policymaking. For years members of the D.C. government have pretended that the First Amendment in their

neighborhood doesn’t apply to their law-making, especially when it comes to social issues.

The latest example is the city Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Act (RHNDNA), which it raced through in January against the warnings of its own legal team. Under the bill, it would be a crime for groups not only to refuse to pay for abortion coverage – but to refuse to hire a pro-abortion activist. Of course everyone is familiar with the first part of the measure, thanks to the ObamaCare mandate. But ordering groups like ERC to set aside (their) beliefs and hire members of the opposition? That’s as unconstitutional as it gets!

Imagine if Congress passed a law demanding that Muslim organizations hire Jews! Or that an atheist group put Christians on the payroll! It’s the same concept here – but the D.C. council has somehow bypassed the controversy in the name of “tolerance.” Or so it thought.

FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL

800,000 Children Displaced by the Islamic Terrorists Boko Haram

One year after Boko Haram kidnapped 276 school-girls from Chibok, Nigeria, more than 800,000 children remain displaced by the Islamic militant group’s onslaught in Nigeria and neighboring countries... The number of displaced children – among 1.5 million people forced to flee their homes in the region – has more than doubled within the past year in northeast Nigeria, Cameroon, Niger, and Chad...

Boko Haram, in targeting students and teachers, has damaged or destroyed 300 schools, killing at least 196 teachers and 314 school-children through the end of 2014.

BAPTIST PRESS

Savagery

The **Savagery** of the Islamic militants continues unabated. In the early morning hours of April 2, four of them stormed into a university in Kenya. They targeted the Christians and new converts to Islam. When the ordeal was done, they had killed 147 and injured 79 others. Police killed the four perpetrators. – (Sword Press Service)

**We know the sins of others,
but do we know our own?**

To Know More About Jesus, Make Much of the Word

B. R. Lakin

You read geology books if you want to know about the age of the rocks. You read botany books to learn about flowers. You read books on astronomy to know about the stars.

When you read this Book, you'll not know about the age of rocks (Ed. YES, you will); you'll know about the Rock of Ages.

When you read this Book, you'll not know merely about botany; you'll know the Lily of the Valley and the Rose of Sharon.

When you read this Book, you'll not know about the constellations and the stars yonder; you'll know about the Star of Bethlehem.

Jesus said that *"in the volume of the book it is written of me"* (Ps. 40:7). He is to this Book what the blood is to your body and the letters are to the alphabet.

If I am to know more about Jesus, then I must make more of the Book that tells about Him, for it is in the volume of this Book that He unfolds Himself and lets us know about Him.

Selected

A PROPHET

By Vance Havner

Once in a while God creates a prophet, and He begins, as with Jeremiah, before his birth. Such men have a special and peculiar attitude toward many things.

They have slight regard for forms and ceremonies, are disgusted with the age in which they live, and are disturbing to all who seek only to preserve the status quo. They are misfits in the order of their time, and probably nobody misunderstands them more than the contemporary clergy.

Amaziah is horrified by Amos at Bethel. Prophets are anathematized in their day – and memorialized a generation or so later. Their motives are maligned, their messages scorned, their manners ridiculed.

They are a strange and solitary breed with few intimate friends and are driven thereby to a close walk with God. Lean and hungry, they belong like eagles to the crags and not to cages. They are without honor in their own houses, as the Greatest of them said, ostracized by the religious establishment, and feared by evil men in high places.

For the work of a prophet, let no weaklings apply. For

that sort, there are comfortable posts with fringe benefits and old-age security assured. For the prophet, there are the ravens of Cherith, the widow of Zarephath, and the hatred of Jezebel.

But of all men, these successors to Elijah know how to sing at the finish, *"Swing low, sweet chariot."*

Prophets cannot be produced in run-of-the-mill schools; they are born with a bent or ordained of God – a makeup that is the despair of all preacher-makers on the conventional assembly lines. Nobody understands them but God, and often they are driven almost to despair under the juniper. Only God knows what to do with a prophet.

History owes an incalculable debt to these lone dissenters, and it will be paid in the coin of the age to come of which they preached and for which they lived.

Editor's Note: AND to my knowledge a true 'Prophet' sent from God is to be 100% correct in his prophecies – 100% of the time!

The Least of These

Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me Matt. 25:45.

Alas! Our sins of omission. Among the darkest pages in our life's daybook are those which contain the record of the things we did NOT do. In fact, EVERY day is marred by the hideous blots of our sins of omission.

The world is shivering from cold. The only ones who are capable of bringing true love and warmth are those who belong to God. But what happens to the warmth? Do you radiate cold or warmth?

The world is dying. It is without God and without hope. You who possess God also possess life and hope. Are you doing your utmost that the world may become a partaker of the same glorious hope?

Who will bring men a word concerning Jesus – in everyday life? Who will seek to bring to a closed but yearning human heart the comfort of God's mercy? Who will reach out a helping hand to little children and lead them to Jesus? Who will bring a ray of sunshine to one who is ill? Who will clothe the poor and feed the hungry? Who will bring light to the millions who sit in the darkness of heathendom?

Are you willing to pay off a part of the debt of your sins of omission? If only you are willing, the Lord will grant you strength.

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Who Will Stand In The Gap?

By Walter Knight

“And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.” Ezek. 22:30

Disaster and deportation would not have befallen God’s ancient people if God had found among them men who stood before Him regardless of suffering or death. Sodom’s destruction would have been averted if God had found ten righteous men in it.

God still searches for such men. He wants Spirit-filled (Ed. ‘Controlled’) men, men divinely called and divinely sent, men who know no fear other than the fear of incurring God’s displeasure, men who willingly endure self-sacrifice, men of unimpeachable Christian character.

Today there is an alarming shortage of willing workers. The need for dedicated workmen was never greater: *“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few”* (Matt. 9:37).

God is looking for better men, not better methods: ***“There was a man sent from God whose name was John”*** (John 1:6). The Holy Spirit empowers not a method but a man – a man utterly emptied of self who seeks only God’s glory.

Never have our churches been more highly organized and methodized than they are today. Never were they wealthier than they are today. Never were they manned by more highly educated men. Yet they greatly lack power.

Often they must say to a morally and spiritually confused world, *“Silver and gold have we in abundance, but such as you need we have not.”*

Oh, that there was less organizing and more agonizing before God! *“For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children”* (Isa. 66:8). Amen! — Selected

For What His Love Denies

*God does not give me all I ask
Nor answer as I pray;
But, oh, my cup is brimming o’er
With blessings day by day.
How oft the joy I thought withheld
Delights my longing eyes,
And so I thank Him from my heart
For what His love denies.
Sometimes I miss a treasured link
In friendship’s hallowed chain,
And yet His smile is my reward
For every throb of pain.*

*I look beyond where purer joys
Delight my longing eyes,
And so I thank Him from my heart
For what His love denies.
How tenderly He leadeth me
When earthly hopes are dim
And when I falter by the way
He bids me lean on Him.
He lifts my soul above the clouds
Where friendship never dies,
And so I thank him from my heart
For what His love denies.*

—Fanny Crosby

“Made perfect.” – Hebrews 12:23

RECOLLECT that there are two kinds of perfection which the Christians need – the perfection of justification in the person of Jesus, and the perfection of sanctification wrought in him by the Holy Spirit. At present, corruption yet remains even in the breasts of the regenerate – experience soon teaches us this. Within us are still lusts and evil imaginations. But I rejoice to know that the day is coming when God shall finish the work which He has begun; and He shall present my soul, not only perfect in Christ, but perfect through the Spirit, without spot or blemish, or any such thing. Can it be true that this poor sinful heart of mine is to become holy even as God is holy? Can it be that this spirit, which often cries, *“O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this sin and death?”* shall get rid of sin and death – that I shall have no evil things to vex my ears, and no unholy thoughts to disturb my peace? Oh, happy hour! May it be hastened! When I cross the Jordan, the work of sanctification will be finished; but not till that moment shall I even claim perfection in myself. Then my spirit shall have its last baptism in the Holy Spirit’s fire. Me-thinks I long to die to receive that last and final purification which shall usher me into heaven. Not an angel more pure than I shall be, for I shall be able to say, in a double sense, “I am clean,” through Jesus blood, and through the Spirit’s work. Oh, how should we extol the power of the Holy Ghost in thus making us fit to stand before our Father in heaven! Yet let not the hope of perfection hereafter make us content with imperfection now. If it does this, our hope cannot be genuine; for a good hope is a purifying thing, even now. The work of grace must be **abiding in us now** or it cannot be **perfected then**. Let us pray to “be filled (controlled by) with the Spirit,” that we may bring forth **increasingly** the fruits of righteousness.

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Religious Experiences

Hans Nielsen Hauge

From early youth until my twenty-fifth year, I, Hans Nielsen Hauge was of an outwardly quiet temperament. I had no desire to fight and little inclination to join in the merriment of my companions. Rather, I became depressed when I went to parties and saw and heard the mosey gaiety. I was especially grieved when people started quarreling. My father had warned me against cursing and misusing the name of God, so from childhood I had a deeply instilled dislike for such things. I never danced, cared little for games or music, and would not go to taverns. But when somebody told stories or talked about religious or spiritual things I was deeply interested.

Because I did not show any fondness for the follies of youth, I was looked down upon by those of my own age, often ridiculed, and sometimes regarded as stupid. Indeed, I had a lower opinion of myself than others did. When some respected man mentioned my name with praise, I felt unworthy of it. For intelligent and able people I had high regard, and was glad when I had the opportunity to work for them. On the other hand, proud, wanton, and contentious people, and drunkards were an abomination to me. Still I felt pity for those who were enslaved by drink and desired very much to help them back on the right track.

When rumors of pestilence and war arose, I began to have fear of death. Often it seemed as if I was surrounded by something mysterious. My heart was disturbed and I used to weep when I saw dead people or was reminded of death or the hereafter. I thought about death and eternity a great deal, and wondered whether people I knew were living in such a way as to have any hope of being saved or whether they did not rather have more cause to expect to be eternally lost. In my sleep at night I dreamt at times of heaven and at times of hell and other horror. But when I prayed to God before I sought repose, I found rest and did not dream of dreadful things. This practice became so usual that almost every night before going to sleep I would say various prayers and make supplication, using the Lord's Prayer and ...

During this time I heard some people talking with my father about various religions. This awakened a new anxiety within me, a doubt as to whether our religion was the right one. For even though my parents and others said it was, I was still in doubt when I heard how pious some of the adherents of other religious faiths were.

I also read about their great zeal and how much some of them had suffered because they confessed the name of the Lord and labored faithfully for the salvation of their

fellowmen. On this account they were mocked, persecuted and made to suffer harsh, even cruel, punishment. I concluded from such reflections that we did not live as they did, but were indifferent in our worship of God and evidently were not able to endure the suffering they had endured. This placed me in even greater anxiety and I believed that I would not be saved...

I still remember my confirmation day. It was the custom on this day to dress with particular care. But since up to this time I had not wanted to be like the vain and the gay, I had not intended to be any different on this day than I usually was. But one of my sisters took it upon herself to fix me up a little. On the way to church, one of the other confirmands said to me and the others who were in the group, "Today even Hans Nielsen has combed his hair!"

"Yes," I answered, "and if we have improved the outward appearance of our bodies today, it is to be hoped that we have not forgotten our immortal souls, but have rejected upon the great promise that we are to make today, namely this: *to renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways, and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*" I can still remember the very spot on the road where this conversation took place.

Even though I was kept from gross, open vices by the remembrance of the reaffirmation of my baptismal promise and through the reading of godly books, still love of the world and other sins were not overcome. Just as I grew older as time passed, so too I became more conformed to the world.

It is true I acknowledged my sins when I communed, but my worldly carelessness, instability and disobedience to my parents disturbed my conscience. Often, after remorse over sin and a renewal of good intentions to walk the way of the blessed, I was well satisfied, found my pleasure in God, sang spiritual songs, and so forth. By chance I had found an old almanac that contained morning and evening songs.

To be continued (Lord willing) in next issue of MG

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Woe unto you who call evil good, and good evil...therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root will be rottenness, and their blossom will ascend like dust; because they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy one of Israel. (Isa. 5:20,24)

What's An Infidel?

The author, Rick Mathes, is a well-known leader in prison ministry. The man who walks with God always gets to his destination. If you have a pulse you have a purpose.

The Muslim religion is the fastest growing religion per capita in the United States, especially in the minority races.

Last month I attended my annual training session that's required for maintaining my state prison security clearance. During the training session there was a presentation by three speakers representing the Roman Catholic, Protestant and Muslim faith, who each explained their beliefs.

I was particularly interested in what the Islamic imam had to say. The Muslim gave a great presentation of the basics of Islam, complete with a video.

After the presentations, time was provided for questions and answers. When it was my turn, I directed my question to the Muslim and asked:

'Please, correct me if I'm wrong, but I understand that most Imams and clerics of Islam have declared a holy jihad (Holy war) against the infidels of the world and, that by killing an infidel, (which is a command to all Muslims) they are assured of a place in heaven. If that's the case, can you give me the definition of an infidel?'

There was no disagreement with my statements, and, without hesitation, he replied, 'Non-believers!'

I responded, 'so, let me make sure I have this straight. All followers of Allah have been commanded to kill everyone who is not of your faith so they can have a place in heaven. Is that correct?'

The expression on his face changed from one of authority and command to that of a little boy who had just been caught with his hand in the cookie jar.' He sheepishly replied, 'Yes.'

I then stated, 'Well, sir, I have a real problem trying to imagine The Pope commanding all Catholics to kill those of your faith or Dr. Stanley ordering all Protestants to do the same in order to guarantee them a place in heaven!.'

The Muslim was speechless.

I continued, 'I also have a problem with being your friend when you and your brother clerics are telling your followers to kill me! Let me ask you a question: Would you rather have your Allah, who tells you to kill me in order for you to go to heaven, or my Jesus who tells me to love you because I am going to heaven and He wants you to be there with me?'

You could have heard a pin drop. Needless to say, the organizers and/or promoters of the 'Diversification' training seminar were not happy with my way of dealing with

the Islamic Imam, and exposing the truth about the Muslims' beliefs.

In twenty years there will be enough Muslim voters in the U.S. to elect the President. I think everyone in the U.S. should be required to read this, but with the ACLU, there is no way this will be widely publicized, unless each of us sends it on! This is your chance to make a difference.

Submitted by Gaye Harris, Detroit Lakes, MN

Editor's Note: *IF, IF, IF there is not already a Muslim in the USA White House and some in the USA Cabinet as well; Today?!?! As difficult as it may seem at times, we are to PRAY for our Leaders, Muslims, etc., especially for their salvation.* They also are an immortal SOUL that will spend eternity in Heaven OR Hell!

Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.

Luke 1:38

Such words of trust coming from the heart of this young girl, Mary. Her eyes were focused on what the Lord God had asked of her. She didn't stop to weigh what it would cost her or how it would affect her life. No, her heart's desire was to be used by the Lord. And oh how He was going to use her! How blessed we are to have a witness of such a willing heart. Lord, give us a heart like this handmaiden of the Lord and in doing so, may we know the joy that comes from trusting you.

V. Gaynier

The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice. Proverbs 23:24

Charles Spurgeon once said, "A man's deeds are reckoned as dollars, his words as pennies." This was evidenced by a survey regarding local church attendance. If both parents were in attendance regularly, research showed their children had a 77% chance of remaining faithful spiritually. If only Dads attend there's a 55% chance the children will follow the Lord. But if only Mom is in attendance the odds drop to 15%. The importance of a father's influence should be motivation for spiritual leadership at home and in the assembly of believers. God commended Abraham of the Old Testament as being a man He could trust to command His children. If his example is followed, blessing will result. E. Dyck

*Standing by a purpose true, heeding God's command,
Honour them, the faithful few! All hail to Daniel's band.* — Philip P. Bliss

Doing All To God

And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17.

SOME people have misunderstood the sayings of Jesus about idle words.

They have taken them to mean that they should say nothing more than that which is absolutely necessary. Anything beyond that they consider idle. The result is, of course, that they become reticent and taciturn. Eventually it becomes difficult to live with them, even though they otherwise are good, conscientious people.

God has given us the gift of speech in order that we might do good with it.

In daily life, for instance, to chat with one another has a salutary effect upon us, whether we are working, relaxing, or visiting with one another. The things we say need not always be profound or weighty. It is the free, spontaneous conversation which makes the home such a good, cozy place. Only let us be careful lest gossip enter stealthily into these quiet, confidential chats.

Furthermore, God has given us the gift of speech for the promotion of *friendliness*. Remember that friendly words are among the best things that you can give to those with whom you associate. Make it a rule to speak in friendly terms to all with whom you speak.

Moreover, try to speak *encouraging* words to those with whom you associate. There are many things that weigh people down, annoy and irritate them. A word of encouragement does a great deal of good. Yes, even though you must reprimand someone, do not do it without, at the same time, saying something encouraging.

And turn the conversation into spiritual channels. Say a little about the great things the Lord has done for you. Not only to the unconverted, but to believers also. How we need it! I have learned to love more than any others those people who, by speaking a word to me in my daily life, help me in the accomplishment of the most difficult of all tasks, that of living as a Christian.

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Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness; for they have been ever of old

Psalm 25:6

A. W. Tozer reminds us, "We do not need any enlarging adjectives when we speak of God, or of His love, or mercy. God Almighty fills the universe and overfills it because it is His character – infinite and unlimited." Thus, speaking of

God's "great" love or mercy implies that there are degrees of His love and mercy, but there are not. Our adjectives are helpful to acknowledge our earthly benefits, but when speaking of God there are no such measurements: "**God is love**" and God is not less merciful or more merciful; He is full of *mercy*. Whatever God is, He is that in its fullness. Praise His Name! — W. A. H.

The Lord is greatly to be praised; His greatness is beyond our thoughts.

From age to age the sons of men, shall tell the wonders God has wrought.

The Psalter, 397

Afraid to Understand

"For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day. But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him." Mark 9:31-32.

When the Lord Jesus told His disciples about his coming death and resurrection, He could hardly have spoken more plainly, yet they "understood not." Not willing to believe that He meant what He said (with all its uncomfortable implications for their own futures), they were "afraid to ask Him" what He meant, lest He confirm that His words should be taken literally.

This was not the only time. Again and again He told them that He would be crucified and then rise again, but they could not (or would not) understand. On one such occasion, Peter even rebuked Him, and said: "*Lord, this shall not be unto thee.*" But the Lord answered, "*Get thee behind me, Satan*" (Matthew 16:22-23). A refusal to take God's Word literally, at least in this case, was said by Christ to be inspired by Satan!

Modern evangelical Christians no longer doubt the reality of His sacrificial death and bodily resurrection, for the evidence has become overwhelming, and these truths have become the glory and power of the gospel. Nevertheless, fearful reluctance to take God's Word literally is still a great problem among some "Bible believers." Whenever such a stand might become costly, many Christians eagerly accept non-literal ways of "interpreting" Scripture to fit their own preferences. This approach, of course, is especially widespread in modern accommodations of the creation/flood record of Genesis to the philosophies of modern evolutionary humanism. We should remember always that, just as in Christ's predictions of His death and resurrection, God always means exactly what He says in His Word.

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A Righteous Heart

“And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel.” 1 Kings 11:9.

The Scriptures have an interesting commentary on Solomon’s life: “When Solomon was old . . . his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God” (1 Kings 11:4). How is it possible to start well and end sadly?

WE Must Guard Our Heart:

“Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life,” Solomon admonished in Proverbs 4:23. The Hebrew word for “keep” is natsar and the main verb for “guard” or “set a watch.” Psalm 119 uses natsar 10 times to demand our careful “watch” on our obedience and use of the Word of God. The promise is: *“Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart”* (Psalm 119:2).

Store the Good Treasure:

In one of his many confrontations with the Pharisees, Jesus gave several illustrations about the impact of the “heart” part of our nature. Jesus spoke of binding the “strong man,” noting that a tree produces the fruit it was grown for, and that snakes are always snakes. Then Jesus makes this observation: *“A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.”* (Matthew 12:35)

Others Will Try to Turn Your Heart:

Jereboam (1 Kings 11 – 12) led Israel in rebellion against Judah and against God. He “devised of his own heart” (1 Kings 15:34) liturgical practices that “made Israel to sin” (1 Kings 15:34). Peter warns: *“Beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness”* (2 Peter 3:17).

We must guard our hearts, *“for out of it are the issues of life”* (Proverbs 4:23). Henry M. Morris III, D. Min.

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Editor’s Note: “Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God” Matthew 5:8. The word “pure” here doesn’t mean sinless; but an undivided ‘heart’. “For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to him.” 2 Chronicles 16:9a.

In Every Generation

Please read Psalm 100 – *The LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.* V.5

It may seem surprising when children don’t follow their parents’ example of faith in God. Equally unexpected is a person with a deep commitment to Christ who emerges from a family where faith was not present. In every generation, each person has a choice.

Samuel was a great man of God who appointed his two sons, Joel and Abijah, as leaders over Israel (1 Sam. 8:1-2). Unlike their father, however, they were corrupt and *“turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice”* (v. 3). Yet, years later, we find Herman, Joel’s son, appointed as a musician in the house of the Lord (1 Chron. 6:31-33). Herman, Samuel’s grandson – along with Asaph, his right-hand man and the author of many of the psalms – served the Lord by singing joyful songs (15:16-17).

Even though a person seems indifferent toward the faith so precious to his or her parents, God is still at work. Things can change in later years, and seeds of faith may spring to life in generations to come.

No matter what the family situation may be, we know that *“the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.”* David Mccasland

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But now it is come upon thee, and thou faintest; it toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.

Job 4:5

In the previous verses Job was commended for instructing, upholding and strengthening others. But now sorrow and grief had touched him and he was deeply troubled by it. Isn’t this just how we react? We try to encourage, strengthen and comfort others by the precious words of Scripture, but when sorrow touches us, all too often we reel and falter. We need to go back to those very verses that we showed to others, apply them again and be strengthened by God’s Holy Spirit. M. Robins

*Tho’ I may see but one step at a time,
As up the pathway to glory I climb,
Yet I believe in the promise divine,
His grace is sufficient for me.* – C. H. Gabriel

Come to Me

Please read John 20:24-31

***Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have believed.....v. 29***

Charlotte Elliott wrote the hymn “Just As I Am” in 1834. She had been an invalid for many years, and though she wanted to help with a fund-raiser for a girl’s school, she was too ill. She felt useless, and this inner distress caused her to begin doubting her faith in Christ. She wrote “Just As I Am” as response to her doubt. The crux of her distress is perhaps best expressed in these words:

*Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come!*

Three days after His death and burial, Jesus rose from the grave and invited the disciple whom history has nicknamed “Doubting Thomas” (Ed. Also should be thought of as “HONEST Thomas”) to examine the marks of His crucifixion (John 20:27). When Thomas touched Jesus’ wounds, he finally believed in the resurrection. Christ responded, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed*” (v. 29).

As Christians today, we are the ones who have not seen but still believe. Yet at times our earthly circumstances create serious questions in our souls. Even then, we cry out: “*Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!*” (Mark 9:24). Jesus welcomes us to come to Him just as we are.

Jennifer Benson Schuldt

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The Good Pastor

*“I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep,
and am known of mine.” John 10:14*

The Greek word used here for “shepherd” is the same as for “pastor.” The Lord Jesus, therefore, was saying, in effect: “I am the good pastor: the good pastor giveth his life for the sheep (that is, ‘for His flock’).” A good pastor is, thus, one who leads his flock into good pasture, who knows his flock, and who is known by his flock. A good pastor would even give his life for his flock (vv. 1-16).

However, this is not merely a term for the leader of a church congregation. The term and the concept are suffi-

ciently broad to include all those individuals (teachers, military officer, parents, etc.) who have leadership responsibilities.

In all such cases, our guide and example is our good shepherd, our good pastor, our good leader – the Lord Jesus Christ. With this in mind, consider some of the other biblical references to our good shepherd: “*Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away*” (1 Peter 5:2-4).

Note also Hebrews 13:20-21: “*Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.*”

Most every Christian, at least on occasion, must assume the function of a spiritual shepherd, and every Christian, always, is spiritually a sheep. The Lord Jesus is our good shepherd, and we do well to follow Him in all things.

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**Preach the word; be instant in season,
out of season. 2 Timothy 4:2**

My husband was driving to work one morning when a man waved him down and told him that the road around the corner had slipped away. Sure enough the road had subsided into the harbor. Recently someone told of a man who had trusted Christ. When he returned to his workplace he mentioned to his friend how he had become a Christian. “That’s great news,” the friend replied, “I am a Christian too,” to which the first man replied “**Then why have you never told me the way of salvation?**” Today people are heading to a lost eternity and we must warn them of what lies ahead before it is too late. Janet Fleming

*Perhaps today a friend may pass into eternity,
Who never heard the gospel call or knew he could be
free,
I had the chance to speak to him, tomorrow not today,
But sadly with the setting sun my chance had slipped
away. – J. F.*

A Dead Dog

“What is thy servant, that thou shouldst look upon such a dead dog as I am.”

2 Samuel 9:8

IF Mephiboasheth was thus humbled by David’s kindness, what shall *we* be in the presence of our gracious Lord? The more grace we have, the less we shall think of ourselves, for grace, like light, reveals our impurity. Eminent saints have scarcely known to what to compare themselves, their sense of unworthiness has been so clear and keen, “I am,” says holy Rutherford, “a dry and withered branch, a piece of dead carcass, dry bones, and not able to step over a straw.” In another place he writes, “Except as to open out-breakings, I want nothing of what Judas and Cain had.” The meanest objects in nature appear to the humbled mind to have a preference above itself, because they have never contracted sin: a dog may be greedy, fierce, or filthy, but it has no conscience to violate, no Holy Spirit to resist. A dog may be a worthless animal, and yet by a little kindness it is soon won to love its master, and is faithful unto death; but we forget the goodness of the Lord, and follow not at His call. The term “*dead dog*” is the most expressive of all terms of contempt, but it is none too strong to express the self-aborrence of instructed believers. They have weighed themselves in the balances of the sanctuary, and found out the vanity of their nature. At best, we are but clay, animated dust, mere walking hillocks; but viewed as sinners, we are monsters indeed. Let it be published in heaven as a wonder, that the Lord Jesus should set His heart’s love upon such as we are. Dust and ashes though we be, we must and will “*magnify the exceeding greatness of His grace.*” Could not His heart find rest in heaven? Must He needs come to these tents of Kedar for a spouse, and choose a bride upon whom the sun had looked? O heavens and earth, break forth into a song, and give all glory to our sweet Lord Jesus.

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No Compromise

“Thus saith the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’S house, and speak all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word.”

In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim, Jeremiah was commanded to go to the Lord’s house and preach all

God commanded him (vv. 1-7).

When he had done so, “*the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die*” (vs. 8).

But Jeremiah told them that God had sent him to prophesy against the house and city and exhorted them to amend their ways and do to him what seemed good to them (vss. 12-15).

The princes interfered, and his life was spared.

Thence today there are prophets, priests and people who want an abbreviated, abridged and diminished Gospel and many who want no Gospel.

- 1) By Denying the Divinity of its Author
- 2) By Denying the Inspiration of the Bible
- 3) By Denying the Existence and the Heinousness of

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- 4) By Denying the Existence of a Personal Devil
- 5) By Denying the Fact of Eternal Punishment
- 6) By Denying the Fundamental Doctrines of Salvation
- 7) By Denying the Efficacy of the Blood
- 8) By Denying the Power of the Gospel (Rom. 1:16)
- 9) By Denying the Imminent, Literal Coming of the

King

Conclusion

The people may deny the TRUTH; and they may oppose the preacher (Ed. ANY Christian); but when the preacher stands to preach, he simply must “*diminish not a word.*” Selected

Editor’s Note: Again notice what God says: to whom ‘we’ will give an account One Day! Deuteronomy 6:1-9, chapter 8, Psalm 19:7 -14, Proverbs 30:5-6. Notice again: “*For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*” Revelation 22:18-19.

Notice again, the serious danger of SINS of commission, but also Omission! PREACH, TEACH, LIVE THE WORD! “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 any be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” II Timothy 3:16-17. “*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord*” I Corinthians 15:58.

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Perhaps you might have heard the words on the tombstone of the Earl of Devon. ***“What we gave, we have. What we spent, we had. What we left, we lost.”***

A rich old man was visited by a pastor to give a gift. The old man was obstinate. He wasn't going to give a penny. The minister, rebuffed, started to leave. As he got to the door he said, **“Tell me, sir, why do you take so much care of your money? It can't be of much use to you in this world, and you can't take it with you to the next. Even if you could, it would only melt!”** Selected from James Humes

Our LORD says: ***“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*** Matthew 6:19 – 21.

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