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

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Living with Abortion

Psalm 139:13

I had an abortion nine years ago. It still haunts me to this day. The abortion providers convinced me that abortion would fix my situation. They convinced me that it would open up doors to great opportunities. But really, it tore me apart to my core.

Before that day when I sat in the clinic with a positive pregnancy test, I had never heard the word abortion. Sure, I had no idea what it meant. They portrayed it in such an elegant way—as if it wasn't something that involves death, but will give you back the life you want. This is absolutely positively wrong.

I chose abortion out of fear. I was so focused on the fear of having a child that I never feared what I would feel after aborting my child. I made this decision very quickly.

It was scheduled for two days before my eighteenth birthday. I was not legally an adult and was still under my parents' guardianship. I went as far as presenting myself before a judge and making my claim of why I needed to be emancipated from my parents in order to have this process accelerated. We discussed my dream to go to college after high school and how that would not be possible with a child.

I was on a mission. I was so distracted by the process to abort that I never took the time to acknowledge the pregnancy as a human growing inside of my womb. I refused to look at it this way and I was not told otherwise. I made a decision prior to arriving at the abortion clinic that I would NOT look at the ultrasound. I wouldn't admit it at the time, but I know that if I saw the baby, I would NOT be able to proceed. I thought I had out-

smarted the truth.

As a woman, I have been designed to procreate. This involves my anatomy, but also my heart and mind. I left that clinic empty, alone and hopeless. The choice to kill my child in the womb should have been unthinkable. I wish I had known then what I know now. Abortion can and will destroy a woman's soul.

I never went on to college after high school. Instead, I became a drug addict my senior year of high school. I had lost all hope. I used everything I could get my hands on to numb the pain. My life completely spiraled downhill following my abortion. It took a lot of time, a great amount of courage, and some pretty amazing people to help me come to terms with the truth.

All I saw for years when I looked in the mirror, was a murderer. Five years after my abortion, I finally confessed my sin to God.

I believe God has taken my baby to heaven, but it's been four years since then, and I am still struggling to truly feel his forgiveness. Before my abortion, I never knew who Jesus was. But through desperation, I finally accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior of my life, and for that, I am forever thankful.

The Lord takes broken things and makes them beautiful. If there is one thing that I am sure of to this day, it is that women should be encouraged to choose life. Choosing life will empower women more than abortion ever will.

Anonymous

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“Even to your old age I am He and to gray hairs I will carry you; I have made and I will bear; I will carry, and will save” (Is. 46:4, RSV).

“Even to your old age,” declares God. This wonderful promise of the Lord is for the young as well as for the aged.

Each day brings us a step nearer the grave. The distance behind us becomes increasingly greater, and the remaining distance shorter. We change without being aware of it. The years leave their marks upon us which can never be removed.

But through all this the Lord remains the same—the same unchangeable, faithful God and Father. Never does He tire of us and never does He forsake us. His love is as tender, and His concern as untiring and faithful as ever. God is the same today as when we were children.

“Even to gray hairs I will carry you,” He says. “I have made, and I will bear; I will carry, and I will save.”

***The Person
Who Walks
with Jesus
(daily) is
Never
Alone!***

Inclusive?

Some churches today practice what they call “Being Inclusive.” This means that “everyone is welcome, regardless of who you are or what you have done. After all, Jesus loves everyone in the whole world – None are excepted. To draw limits on who can be part of the church would limit some people for whom Jesus died. The true Church of Jesus Christ knows no bounds and limits no one.” Those who practice this point out that even Jesus Himself went out of His way to talk to a woman of Samaria, who were a group of people despised by the Jews. After all, God loves people unconditionally.

On the surface, this sounds very good and Biblical, but a closer look shows us something completely different. When these churches practice being inclusive, they really mean those who are involved in perverted sexual practices. When they say that everyone is welcome, they don’t just mean that they can show up for a worship service without harassment. They mean that they can be active and practicing members of the church just the way they are. There is no acknowledgment that these practices are sin before God and there is no repentance and forsaking of these life styles that is required of them. Is this the pattern we see in Scripture for the New Testament church?

We have an example in the New Testament where the church had to deal with a similar incident. In I Corinthians 5:1-2, Paul said, *“It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father’s wife. And you have become arrogant, and have not mourned instead, in order that the one who had done this deed might be removed from your midst.”* In this instance, there was a man who was a member of the Corinthian church. He was involved in a perverted sexual practice. He was NOT welcome in the church – In fact, Paul commanded that they expel this man from their midst. In fact, Paul turned this man over to the devil to be destroyed that perhaps he might see his error and be saved. *“I have decided to deliver such a one over to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”* This was not the only sin that Paul singled out either. *“But I actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler— not even to eat with such a one.”* (I Corinthians 5:11) Does this list sound like a statement of legalism or a New Testament standard of Christian living? His final admonition in this matter is this: *“Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.”* (I Cor. 5:13) The New Testament Church was not inclusive, but rather exclusive in terms of church membership.

Why such a strong admonition?

Paul knew that if this example is allowed to stand, it will corrupt the entire church because everyone would then think that they can live any way they please and still be acceptable to God. So how do we maintain the difference between being inclusive in evangelistic preaching and exclusive in terms of church membership?

Everyone should be welcome to come to the church and hear the Word of God – regardless of their sin. Perhaps they might hear the Word and be convicted and repent and be saved. This is the attitude that Jesus took when he dealt with people with all manner of sins because the call to salvation is to come just as you are. But what is being overlooked today is that you must come in repentance. Jesus calls people out of their sins to a life of freedom. This would be the example of Jesus in John 4 because He did ask the woman at the well about her husband because she was living with a man without being married. On the other hand if they want to be part of the church, then there will have to be repentance and acknowledgment that these practices are wrong before God.

The Scriptures state this in I Corinthians 6:9-11, *“Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.”* When there is repentance of sin present, then there will be a change in the lives of people. The sinful life style is the way people WERE before conversion, not the way they ARE now after coming to Christ. If people are not willing to repent and forsake the former life of sin, then they should not be part of the church. It isn’t saying that they won’t perhaps struggle with particular sins, but there is an acknowledgment that these practices are not compatible with the being a Christian.

God loves people unconditionally as far as offering anyone salvation, regardless of who they are or what they have done. But God’s wrath is certainly conditional upon the behavior of people based upon what they do at any time in their lives. Jesus drove the money changers out of the temple with a whip (John 2:13-16) and called the scribes and Pharisees, “hypocrites, a brood of vipers and headed for hell.” (Matt. 23:29-33) This doesn’t sound very inclusive, does it?

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“Our soul waiteth for the Lord...”

Psalm 33:20

I am a soul – and I have a body! The body is the house in which the soul lives. When Oliver Wendell Holmes was in his 80th year, a friend hailed him and asked, “How are you?” “I’m fine,” said Holmes, “the house I live in is tottering and crumbling, but Oliver Wendell Homes is fine, thank you.” In this materialistic age, we often forget that the real, the abiding part of us is invisible. Much time, money, and effort are expended to perpetuate the physical part of us, and too many are unconcerned about their spiritual health and nurture. Hence doctors’ offices are overcrowded, and many ministers’ counseling rooms are empty. When God created man, He made him distinctive, different from the other animals. **“He breathed into him the breath of life and man became a living soul.”** He clothed him with intelligence, conscience, and a will. He made him like Himself – a companion, a friend of God. At the resurrection, this mortal shall put on immortality, and we shall be live with him, and be with Him forever.

Prayer For The Day:

What expectation is mine as I think of being with you forever, my beloved Lord Jesus!

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“We Have Access”

Romans 5:2

By Pastor A. E. Windahl

Troubled hearts be still. You feel that you are shut out – shut out from God’s presence and peace, from His fellowship and the communion of believers.

For you the cherubim with flaming sword is still guarding the entrance to Eden, to release, to comfort for your troubled mind, and to joy.

Do not listen to your heart. It is not telling you the truth. You must listen to the Word of God. But you say; “It is the very Word of God which is making me so miserable! I read; I weep, I pray, but there is no response. The sense of condemnation hangs over me.”

Perhaps you are permitting your emotions to speak more loudly to your soul than the Word of grace and life. Perhaps you have been confessing a specific sin in your life over and over again without believing that God forgives sin.

Jesus Christ opened the way back to God, to the very heart of the Father. When He died on Calvary the veil of separation was rent from top to bottom. The barrier between God and man was removed. By His blood, Jesus atoned for your sin and the sin of the world. Now the Spirit of God whispers of access – by faith, without works, without merit, without payment.

The Word speaks of access because of the **blood**, of cleansing in that **blood**, of justification because of the **blood**. And all this is for the ungodly who will heed the invitation to come. (Ed. – to come is faith in ACTION). It is for the burdened saint who is caught up in darkness and fear. We have access into grace with all our sins, at all times, in all circumstances, in spite of all enemies who would bar the way to salvation, to service and to a life yielded to the glory of God.

All you need to do is come! Some feel that they have no faith. The Words says that we “have access by faith”, and you complain “I have no faith.” But coming just as you are is faith.

Perhaps you have just received some stunning blow and you sit with your despair. You still *have access to the Father of all comforts, the God of hope and the God of peace.* Run at once through that open door into His presence and you will experience the second part of Romans 5:2 – **“We rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”**

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The Morning Glory/Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation **Stands for TRUTH as Retreat is not an option**

As revealing the “Truth” in a growing socialist movement, then Standing for the ‘Truth’ against the lies of a social movement, we are thus striving against this ungodly movement. This includes the horror of infanticide which is being touted in several states. We are seeking to help religious liberty be preserved across the Nations! May YOU and I stand boldly for Christ, as His radical witnesses, in the midst of a hostile culture!

BECAUSE

**Because HE first loved us,
we love HIM**

**Because HE is so faithful to us, we must
remain faithful and diligent in our service
to Him!**

Editorial

RES

TEMPTATION

“And lead us not into temptation.”

(Matt. 6:13)

In Matthew 4:1-11 JESUS was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil! AND was ‘tempted’ in at least three areas of temptation.

FIRST of ALL, keep in mind, heart and spirit JESUS had voluntarily become ‘limited’ in Divine Power to become flesh and blood like you and I; although HE still Is God Incarnate – (God indwelt) to be tested and tempted in all points: ‘yet without sinning’ to become our “propitiation”.

In what ‘we’ call the ‘Lord’s Prayer’ we pray, *“and do not lead us into temptation”*; basically because we ‘sinners’ are “prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love” 1 Corinthians 10:12-13.

Martin Luther basically says in the Catechism, which was intended to be used in the individual homes; likely led by the husband/father:

CRYSTAL CLEAR though that God’s Eternal Word, which is recorded in the Holy Scriptures (the Bible), temptation In itself is not SIN! It is when ‘we’ sinners yield to the temptation that it is sin! I like Martin Luther’s thought concerning evil thinking: “You cannot keep birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from nesting in your hair”!

In ‘our’ text JESUS was ‘tempted’ in at least three different areas of human life and that ‘Crafty-One’ and his demons are even using Scripture; but only parts out of context! ALSO the Deceiver, who is out to kill you, realizes that even ‘Christians’ can be and are being ‘deceived’ by using Scripture, as He also does great wonders and miracles. Often Christians fail to use Scripture to interrupt Scripture Or just out of context.

Pleasure

v. 2 – *“And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.”* Even the very Son of God (Jesus Incarnate) knows what it is like being physically hungry! To my knowledge, no one can live over 40 days without food.

Satan is out to ‘snare’ us any place, any time; but he definitely likes to take advantage when ‘we’ are weak physically, emotionally or spiritually.

You who are a pilgrim, the distance you seem to travel

will make great demands upon your strength – even the distance that stretches before you this day. BUT along the way, however, flows a stream of clear refreshing water and from it you drink and draw strength – Psalm 110:7.

Most certainly I am not against wholesome recreation and sports; but manifested right before our eyes is the fact of Hebrews *“choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin”* 10:25.

“Having a form of godliness but denying its power, And from such people turn away!” II Timothy 3:5

Satan is most certainly alive and active today and If you don’t think so; try opposing Him! He still likes to scatter doubt and cause questions in other words: “Stabbing at faith and scattering doubt”.

Popularity

v. 5 – *“IF You are the Son of God, throw yourself down, ...”*

Some folk look at Holy Scripture as though they were ‘window-shopping’, in other words, pick and choose what Bible verses you want to believe and which ones to discard and Satan ‘fuels’ this idea whole-heartedly! Folks who have “itching ears” = I Timothy 4:1, II Timothy 4:1-5.

We would be shocked if we knew how much activity/leadership/serving by percentage is done to be seen by men in our local congregation; even by Christians.

There is an unwritten ‘code’ of competition among Congregations to be able to experience who has the largest congregation or attends Sunday morning ‘Worship Service’. Which Congregation has the most entertaining/good feeling; instead of where is God’s Law shared in LOVE and our need to know the Great Physician? Instead of which congregation has people who are genuinely saved and have their Names Written in the LAMBS BOOK OF LIFE!

Some might call this ‘negative’, but keep in mind in the latter days, the crafty one is doing greater signs and wonders to deceive the very elect, if possible! **(Matthew 24)**

Power

v.6 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, ...'

You see Satan and his demons believe the Scriptures and TREMBLE! They also are well versed in God's Eternal Word and misquote Scripture or take it out of context.

How sad and tragic this SIN that is committed numerous times from behind the 'sacred-desk' – Preachers, Teachers, Missionaries, supposedly even Evangelists and even some laymen/women. Thus, giving multitudes a false assurance of their SALVATION. And I get so frustrated and disturbed as you hear folk say, just wait until their reckoning (accountability Day!) BUT then it is too late for scores, hundreds and thousands of people who have been deceived.

Satan transforms Himself as an 'angel of light'.

Witches are folk who have yielded themselves to the Great Deceiver and have an alliance with Him! One of the greatest singular parts of "worship" is reverence/respect OR in other words 'fall down and worship me.' Sad to say it is not only 'witches' who do this; but in reality, anyone or anybody who is not serving JESUS is a follower of the enemy of our soul. Jesus clearly states that each of us is either for Him or against Him!

GOD says in John 4:23 -24: ***"But the hour is coming and now is; when the true worshipers will worship the***

Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The word 'truth'; in a sense means the entire Bible, just like you cannot have only partially part of Jesus or part of the Holy Spirit; because they are a Person and you cannot 'divide' a person. Now how much you yield to that person is entirely up to YOU!

Also, you will notice as you read the same account in the Gospels; Satan is not only a LIAR, and the father of lies; but He does not give up easily as He looks for other opportune times to deceive anyone.

REMEMBER II Timothy 3:16-17, ***"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth"*** = II Timothy 2:15.

GOD, once again reveals His LOVE for you and me, in that the Incarnate ONE overcame all temptations on 'our' behalf as God's only begotten SON, willing to make Heaven poor that you and I might become rich! AND *"Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands"* Isaiah 49:16.

God here uses a beautiful image to make known to us a glorious truth.

What one writes on a piece of paper may easily be lost and forgotten, but what is written in the palm of the Hand will always be present.

Bury the Hatchet!

An American minister said to F. B. Meyer that he had pleaded with God for revival for many years, but no revival came. Finally, in despair, he gathered his congregation around him and rolled the burden of the anxiety on his people, saying, "I have done all I could; it is now for you to consider your attitude toward God."

Then there rose in that church meeting a gray-haired brother highly respected by all, who said, "Sir, I do not wonder that there is no revival here. There never will be so long as Brother Jones and I don't speak to one another." And before all the assembled people, the old man went to Mr. Jones and said, "Brother, forgive me. For ten years we have not spoken; let's bury the hatchet." Thus they made peace.

Then followed a great silence; and another, a deacon arose and said, "Pastor, there can be no revival in this place as long as I say fair things to your face and mean things about you behind your back. Forgive me!"

He was readily forgiven, and for the next twenty minutes, men rose to square accounts with their fellow

Christian men—and women with women and throughout, an awful stillness filled the place. Then the Spirit of God came in mighty power, bringing revival.

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Exercise for People Over Fifty

(or Who Feel Like They Are)

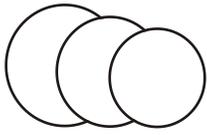
Begin by standing on a comfortable surface where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a five-pound potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can.

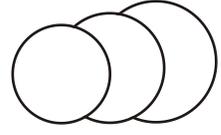
Try to reach a full minute and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks move up to ten-pound potato sacks. Then try fifty-pound potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a hundred-pound potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each sack.



From Our Fellowship Circle



B. L. L. C. Sunday School **Sisseton, SD**
Please find a check for the amount of \$... from our Sunday School.

Thank you.

Mr. & Mrs. T. K. **Easley, SC**
We've been getting the *Morning Glory* for many years! My husband's Dad first sent it to us in the 1960's.

We appreciate it and certainly want to continue it. Thanks and God Bless.

It was truly a privilege to have met a few of the old-timers of the Haugen Convictions.

For example: Pastors C. O. R. Norheim, R. P. Haakenson and then Adolph Tronien was certainly a good friend of ours, and to have met you as well. As you know, distance is a real factor. ...

Mrs. M. G. L. **Bismarck, ND**
Enclosed is a check \$...; which is long overdue.

I want you folks to know how much I appreciate your truthfulness about all is happening in or fallen/sinful world today. Isn't it marvelous to know and experience that God doesn't give us what we rightly deserve? He is so patient and we need to speak up for HIM, and by His Grace. I do.

My ...Church sends donations some times also, and I encourage them to be faithful servants of the Lord where His Word is Proclaimed.

God bless you folk and keep it up!

Oh, I don't think I'll ever get over the loneliness for my dear Husband, who has gone Home to be with Jesus as I miss him every day. But someday we'll meet again. Then we can sing Halleluiah together. What a Glorious Day that will be!

My prayers are with you folks. Thank you for your faithfulness with the Morning Glory, and I share it with others.

Editor's Note: Some years ago, my Spouse and I were privileged to stay in their home; while I was privileged to be the speaker for a series of Evangelistic Meetings. We closed the series of 'services' even though in my conviction and sensing, we were close to a Heaven-Sent Re-

vival.

How great was the Christian Fellowship as well!

How often do you think a series of Evangelistic Meetings are closed because that is all the time we humans have scheduled for with our many church activities?? The sin of omission and likely failing to obey the Holy Spirit's direction!

Nothing left but the Covers

A certain clergyman was called by a church to become its pastor. Having been strongly influenced by critical scholars who downgrade portions of the Scripture as myths, he himself doubted the authenticity of the whole Bible.

About two years after his coming, the pastor visited one of his members who was very sick. When he learned that the man had a terminal illness, he suggested, "Perhaps you would like me to read and pray for you."

"Yes," replied the man as he took his Bible and handed it to the minister.

When the pastor opened it, he was somewhat shocked at what he saw. Many pages were torn away, some chapters were missing, and a number of verses were actually out! It was a terribly mangled volume.

Reluctantly the pastor asked, "Haven't you got a better Bible than this?"

The dying man replied, "When you came to our church, I believed the entire Book. But as soon as you told us that certain sections were not true, I removed them. When you said that some stories were probably fiction and referred to them as fables, I tore them out. I think if I had another year under your teaching, I would have nothing but two covers left." Anon.

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO
SHARE OUR FAITH: BUT ARE
NOT EXPERIENCING OUR
FREEDOM!**

Believable ...Yet Unbelievable

220,300 Public School Teachers Physically assaulted by Students

A report jointly published in April by the National Center for Education Statistics and the Bureau of Justice Statistics reveals that record 220,300 public school teachers reported that they were physically attacked by a student during the 2015-2016 school year.

Sword Press Services

A Man Who Identifies as a Woman Wins Women's Sports Event

When Mary Gregory swept nine events at the Raw Federation match,...it shattered four world records in women's weightlifting. There's just one problem – Mary isn't a woman. Suddenly, the “accomplishment” – a biological man overpowering real females – isn't so impressive. In fact, competitors will tell you, it's a joke – an unfunny one. More Olympians are warning since it will almost certainly mean the end of women's sports.

If women care about the integrity of their games at all, 2004 Gold Medal winner Dame Kelly Holmes argues it's time “to boycott events.” Olympic swimmer Sharron Davies is on board. After all, she argued, “This is a trans woman, a male body with male physiology setting a world record and winning a women's event in America in powerlifting. A woman with female biology cannot compete...it's a pointless, unfair playing field.” Joining a chorus of athletes across the political spectrum, more girls are pleading with the culture to turn back from this genderless anarchy...

frc.org

Editor's Comments: When a fake “Mary” shows up at the women's bathroom, locker room or sports competition, the “real” Marys' have a real reason to complain. Such total nonsense this is!

Sword of the Lord

New Cancer-Fighting Tool

If a surgeon fails to remove all the cancer cells during surgery, this can result in the spread of lingering cells to other parts of the body. To address this issue, a team of Tel Aviv University (TU) researchers has developed a “smart probe” to help surgeons detect and remove all cancer cells. Using near-infrared technology,

it tags cancer cells to make them glow under certain light. During tumor excision, it gives the surgeon a kind of “bionic goggles” that paint cancer cells in fluorescent color to assist their removal, while leaving healthy tissue intact. “Our new technology can guide the surgeon to completely excise the cancer,” said lead researcher Prof. Ronit Satchi-Fairnaro.

Jns.org

Kill the Babies, Save the Caterpillars

On January 9, Virginia delegate Kathy Tran's priorities were on full display when she introduced Bill 2491 to repeal all restrictions on second and trimester abortions, up until birth. Then on the same day, she introduced Bill 2495, protecting certain caterpillars known as cankerworms. Babies even up to the point of birth can be killed; cankerworms must be protected.

Dailycaller.com

Next Step: Assisted Suicide

Only one week after the New York abortion bill was passed the same state legislature is considering Assembly Bill 2694, which would legalize physician-assisted suicide. Seeking to ride the momentum of the new anything-goes abortion law, a group known as Compassion and Choices has launched a publicity campaign to get the “medical aid in dying” bill passed, which would allow physicians to prescribe fatal medications to those who have a terminal illness. Physician-assisted suicide is currently legal in seven states – California, Colorado, Montana, Hawaii, Oregon, Vermont, and Washington – as well as the District of Columbia.

Christiannews.net

Editor's Note: “Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter.” Proverbs 24:11.

Georgia Governor Dismisses Hollywood Threats on Pro-life “Heartbeat” Bill Signing

As Georgia ... Governor Brian Kemp prepared to sign a pro-life “heartbeat” abortion bill into law... he reminded the Hollywood actors who oppose and threaten the state that he's not worried about what they think, ac-

according to the Daily Wire.

The bill, House Bill 481, would require physicians to look for a fetal heartbeat before performing an abortion and would legally prohibit the abortion if a heartbeat is detected, establishing personhood and all the rights thereof at the detection of a pulse.

Hollywood actors have threatened Georgia legislators with a boycott if the bill becomes law...

Governor Kemp signed the heartbeat bill into law in Atlanta (May 7).

Aaron Colen, theblaze.com

Abortion Activist Says, “That’s Not a Human Being Inside Her.”

The only possible way abortion activists can truly justify killing babies in abortions is if they wholesale deny the fact that abortion kills a baby in the first place. That’s just what liberal feminist Christine Quinn did during a CNN debate over abortion...

“When a woman is pregnant, that is not a human being inside of her,” the former New York City council member said...

Quinn is biologically inaccurate, as medical textbooks and science (have) said for decades that human life begins at conception.

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Editor’s Note: As you read and hear some of the comments (even by some political leaders) you marvel and wonder at how SCRAMBLED the human-mind can become!

The human-mind at one time was created in the image of our great Creator: OH, FOR THE GRACE OF GOD!

His Mercy is Great

By Pastor Rich Iverson

I was standing outside the abortion clinic in the fall of the year. It was Wednesday, abortion day, which meant about twenty women would enter the clinic and end the lives of their unborn children. We were a group of fifteen people, standing in protest outside this clinic, and praying against the injustice of what was happening inside. Some of us were urging these young women to change their minds, offering to help them make a life-affirming choice. One young woman approached the clinic, her head down, her hands covering her ears, as she walked toward a decision that she would live with for the

rest of her life. I felt such sorrow for this young woman. What voices does she hear as she lies down at night? Does she understand that the Lover of her soul has nothing but grace for her? I know the ‘destroyer of souls’ longs for her to remain in bondage to the lies of death and shame.

In a different venue, I listened as six post-abortive women shared their stories of loss and healing. They told how God had freed them from the lies that kept them in shame for years. It was painful and beautiful as these women told how the good news had set them free. Jesus forgives sinners!

One woman told how she had bought the lie that an abortion would solve her problems – that she would be able to continue on with her life as though nothing bad had happened. Satan was the deceiver, telling her that abortion was nothing to worry about, that she could get on with life as it was before, if she would just end her pregnancy. She remembers having that voice of deception as she was in the abortion clinic before she ended the life of her unborn child. Then immediately after the abortion, while recovering in the clinic, Satan, switched tactics and began to accuse her. She heard lies like, “You have done what is unforgivable” and “No one will ever love you.”

Never before had I heard some describe the work of our enemy with clarity and pain. It is what Satan does. First, he deceives us into sin and then he continues with his lies, accusing us afterward. He has come to kill and destroy, while Jesus has come to give us (eternal) life.

We speak against the lies of the deceiver because we love people. We refuse to buy the lie that to be pro-life means you are anti-women. We speak against the lies of the deceiver who says that the Cross of Christ is not enough for our sin. His mercy is great and his love is relentless. He loves us with passion – the passion of One dying for his lost children. We have the privilege of walking with others and telling them this freeing message of grace and truth.

Faith and Fellowship

*The Person (Christian)
(Male or Female) who can
Shed Tears is on the
‘right road’!*

The Gospel Ministry

“The Spirit of truth, he shall testify of me, and ye shall also bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.”

John 15:26-27

My witness—that not only refers to all believers, but particularly to all ministers of the gospel. This is the high calling, and also the only power of the preacher of the gospel—in everything to be *a witness for Jesus*.

This gives us two great truths. The first, that with all that the preacher and teacher from the Word of God, or according to the needs of his congregation, he must first of all place *the preaching of Christ himself*. This is what the first disciples did. “They ceased not in every house to teach and to preach Jesus Christ.” This was what Philip did at Samaria. “He preached Christ unto them.”

And so Paul writes: “I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified.”

The minister of the gospel may never forget that it is especially for this time that he has been set apart, to be with the Holy Spirit a witness for Christ. It is as he does this that sinners will find salvation, that God’s children will be sanctified and fitted for His service. It is thus alone that Christ can have His place in the heart of His people and in the world around.

But there is a second thought of no less importance. And it is that the teaching must ever be a personal testimony from experience to what Christ is and can do. As this note is sounded, the Holy Spirit carries the message as a living reality to the heart. This will build up believers so that they can walk in such fellowship with Jesus Christ that he can reveal himself through them. And it is this that will lead them to the knowledge of the indispensable secret of spiritual health—his prayer life in daily fellowship, in childlike love, and true consecration with the Father and the Son.

What abundant matter for a prayer union, to cultivate among believers and ministers that joy of the Holy Spirit in which, out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks to the praise and glory of our ever-blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Unity of the Spirit

We learn from Paul how the Christian communities in different places ought to remember each other in the fellowship of prayer.

Today there is a great need for the children of God throughout the world to be drawn close together in the consciousness of their being chosen by God to be a holy priesthood ministering continually the sacrifice of

praise and prayer. There is too little distinction between the world and the Body of Christ; in the life of many of God’s children there is little distinction from the world. It is a question of the deepest importance: What can be done to foster the unity of the Spirit?

Nothing will help so much as the separation to a life of more prayer, with the definite intercession that God’s people may prove their unity in a life of holiness and love. That will be a living testimony to the world of what it means to live for God. When Paul wrote: “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints,” he names one of the essential characteristics of the difference between God’s people and the world.

You say you long to bear this mark of the children of God, and to be able to pray for them that you may prove to yourself and to others you are indeed not of the world. Resolve in your life to bear about with youth is one great distinctive feature of the true Christian—a life of prayer and intercession. Join with God’s children who are seeking with one accord and unceasingly so to maintain the unity of the Spirit and the Body of Christ that they may be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might to pray down a blessing upon His church.

Let none of us think it too much to give a quarter of an hour every day for meditation on some word of God connected with His promises to His church—and then to plead with Him for its fulfillment. Slowly, quietly, and yet surely, you will taste the blessedness of being one, heart and soul, with God’s people, and receive the power to pray the effectual prayer that “availeth much.”

Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands (Is. 49:16).

God here uses a beautiful image to make known to us a glorious truth.

What one writes on a piece of paper may easily be lost and forgotten, but what is written in the palm of the hand will always be present.

Your picture is engraved in God’s hand; yea, in both His hands. This is His way of impressing upon you that you are always before Him. He is always active, and He is active on your behalf.

If God could speak in this manner to Isaiah, how much more does He not speak thus to us who know His pierced hands. Your image is engraved upon the nail-prints in the hands of Jesus. So near are you to Him. So tenderly does He feel for you. So rich is His blessing. So strong is His love—for you.

Shall Israel Be Destroyed?

Will Israel ever be overrun and destroyed? If so, when and by whom? If not, why? Will the P.L.O. gain power and crack the wall of Israel's strength and morals? Will Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, or others possess Israel's real estate?

Most of us know that Israel was recognized as a nation in 1948 after being without a "homeland" for more than 1,900 years. Now, the Jews have a place to call their own. "Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen...bring them into their own land. And I will make them one nation..." Ezekiel 37:21, 22A. We also have read scriptures that refer to Israel "budding" for as a fig tree in Hosea 9:10 and Matthew 24:32-36.

And we should know that we are in the last days of grace. Yes, even time itself, as we know it. We know this by such scriptures as Israel speaking Hebrew (Zephaniah 3:9), Israel scattered for 2,000 years (Hosea 6:2, Jeremiah 31:8-11), increased rainfall in Israel (Ezekiel 34:26) and Israel blooming like a rose (Psalm 102:16).

All of these different signs have come to pass, yet Israel is continuing in battle and is seated in the "hot spot" of the world. One has to wonder when will Israel be defeated?

To find the answer, let's look at Israel's track record; who has she fought against and the results and who is next?

1948 – Having just become a nation, Israel is attacked by Arabs. The attack was repelled.

1956 – Attacked again by 5 Arab nations, Israel came out on top.

1967 – The Six Day War. Israel's 2 million people took on 56 million Arabs. They won with unusually low losses.

1973 – Israel was attacked by Syria and Egypt, with Syria having the upper hand. Syrian troops stopped their advance, for some unknown reason, and Israel ended up with more land than before.

1982 – June – Israeli invasion into Lebanon to stop P.L.O. terrorists' raid on her northern areas.

PEACE – Is There, Or Will There Ever Be, True AND Lasting Peace in The Middle East?

When Israel has a peaceful northern border (from the P. L.O.), she will be surrounded by "paper peace." Now Israel has peace with Egypt (on the south), Jordan (on the east), control of the Mediterranean Sea border (on the west) and Syria and Lebanon (on the north). With the P.L.O. in power, Israel will be dwelling in safety.

For some unknown human reason, up to this point, Israel has come out on top as a winner... with more land,

fewer deaths and equipment losses than anyone she has come up against. Will it continue this way?

Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 talks about an attack on Israel that is yet to come. An attack that will be stronger and using ore soldiers than any other attack against Israel.

"... in that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely ...and thou (Gog) shalt come from thy place out of the north part, thou and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horse a great company, and a mighty army: and thou shalt come up against my people of Israel..." Ezekiel 38:14-16a.

There is very little doubt that Russia and her allies will mount a force and attack Israel with non-nuclear weapons. They want and need the oil-rich Middle East, minerals in the Dead Sea and year-round shipping ports. Any nuclear attack would make these unusable for many years.

It is reported that Russia is building a fleet of gigantic "blimps" capable of carrying thousands of troops in full field equipment plus 500 tons of cargo. They will be nuclear powered, keeping them airborne for 7 years (before refueling) Ezekiel 38:16.

HOW CAN ISRAEL FIGHT, MUCH LESS, WIN AGAINST SUCH A FORCE?

"And It shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in My face ..and I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains and I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood: and I will rain upon him and his bands, and upon the many people that are with him an overflowing rain and great hailstones, fire and brimstone." Ezekiel 38:19, 21-22.

Ezekiel 39:11-15 states that Israel will use visitor and tourists for 7 months to help bury the dead invaders. So many dead that is preparing ravenous birds of every sort to help devour the dead.

WHY? Why is God going to intervene and help Israel in time of war and invasion? Israel, a nation of people that refused to accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God. The answer, "*so the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God.*" Ezekiel 36:22.

When will Israel face "Gog" of the north? "*It shall be in the latter days.*" Ezekiel 38:16.

The main reason for knowing how close Israel is to war with a superpower is to realize how near we are to the return of Jesus. (I Thess. 4:16-18).

Are YOU ready to meet Jesus in the air?

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“Hold Outs”

By Pastor Bill King, Princeton, MN

II Corinthians 13:5

Across the world a large number of pagans, the devil-sponsored religions can be found. Besides the Bible, numerous books about Christianity are in existence. In the Christian faith and among its proponents there is a dichotomy of possessors and professors. We read in Scripture of the saved and the unsaved, believers and unbelievers, godly and ungodly, saint and sinner and the lasting goes on.

This article is dealing with what the writer calls “hold outs.” There is a large number of people who in the past have been exposed to the gospel message. This may have happened as a child in Sunday School or from childhood training. Or it could be that a loved one or friend shared spiritual truth with folk who are good and respectable.

Sadly, there has been a disconnect between head and heart. It is possible that they are living in denial when it comes to making a commitment to be a Jesus’ follower. While Christianity is their preferred religion, they may be nominal believers living in self-deception. Paul writes in Romans 12:2 urging his readers not to be conformed to this world. Far better it is to receive God’s work of grace by being “*transformed by the renewing of the mind.*”

As important as Baptism and catechism training is, they together fall short of fully meeting Biblical criteria for salvation, which is “*You must be born again*” John 3:3. Each person must recognize that all of mankind has sinned against their Creator. Since Heaven is a place of holiness, sin must be dealt with sincere sorrow and repentance to spend eternity there. By means of prayer, a person asks God to cleanse them from their sins, trusting in the blood of Jesus which He shed at Calvary, and believing in Christ Jesus for forgiveness. It is well then to make a pledge or promise to endeavor with God’s help to live a godly life of obedience and service as pointed out in God’s Word. II Corinthians 13:5 (NIV) says, “*Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourself... that Jesus Christ is in you...*”

In considering the status of a “hold out,” what might be some of the causes? There was a time in our Nation that we were known around the world as adhering to the Christian faith. It was not unusual at that time to be known as a Christian, at least in name. That is not presently true in our country. Yet some people like to be recognized at least as an adherent if not a practicing follower of Christ Jesus. In II Corinthians 5:2 (NIV) we

read of “...*Those who take pride in what is seen rather than what is in the heart.*” Paying lip service with a living faith does not please God. Living a Biblical lifestyle is in marked contrast to a conventional worldly and secular lifestyle. One can know about God and yet live an ungodly life.

The reason some people refrain from acting on what they know is simple neglect, failing to grasp the importance of doing so. They plan to be serious with the Lord at some later convenient time, delaying to do so. Others put off a commitment to Jesus Christ because they are not mentally ready, given their state of mind. This results in a hesitancy, and inclination to put on hold the decision to surrender their heart and life to the Savior. Not willing to respond, leaves an informed person without hope like those who may not be aware of the Biblical invitation to accept *God’s gift* of eternal salvation. Thankfully, the opportunity to be born again and transformed from sinner to saint is still available.

We are living in a nation where churches dot the landscape, media exposes the gospel to listeners and word of mouth by Christian believers sharing the Gospel. Yet there are large numbers of people who have not been given an adequate explanation of the salvation message. They are uninformed. The Bible book of Jude 4-5 says, “*The Lord comes...to convict all who are ungodly...*” This is necessary because as Jer. 5:4 explains, “...They do not have the way of the Lord...” Rom 3:17 declares, “*the way of peace they have not known.*”

This is not the case however, for those I call “hold outs.” We are told in Luke 12:48, “...Everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required...” This is God’s expectation for those exposed to Biblical teaching from those who “...speak the truth in love,” (2 John 3) to them. So all these will be without excuse before God, unless taking a stand based on what they understand.

We must not underestimate the influences of the world and the powers of darkness directed at those who have heard of God’s saving grace. Our spiritual arch-enemy, the devil, called Satan, and his demonic minions, will do all they can to keep a person “...Conformed to this world” Rom 12:2. Paul continues in Eph. 2:12, there is, “No hope without God in the world.” The apostle says in 1 John 2:15, “...If anyone loves the world the love of the Father is not in him.” James 4:4 asks this question: “Do you know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever wants to be a friend of the world, makes himself an enemy of God.”

A person doesn’t have to know and understand the whole Bible in order to have their sins forgiven and be-

gin living a godly life. Just a simple, sincere prayer requesting forgiveness of sin from God brings an immediate departure from the guilt of sin. Then comes great internal peace along with some joy added by our Creator. Furthermore, one's name is then inscribed in what the Bible calls "The Lamb's Book of Life." Then they will be prepared to die, leaving this earth. When it comes down to it, this world doesn't have much to offer a person: Titus 2:12 speaks of worldly lusts; I John 5:19 says that the world lies in wickedness. Hebrews 11:25 tells us that the temporary pleasures of sin are only for a season.

My challenge to a "hold out" as expressed in Col. 2:7 is that people "become established in the faith." I Cor. 11:32 says to endeavor to give priority to establishing a relationship with the God they know about intellectually, so that in the word of I Cor. 11:32, they will, "...Not be condemned with the world." James 1:22 says, "be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only." Then the "hold outs" will have no regret, changing their spiritual state and thereby gaining the favor of God.

The Church

By Gary Stenberg

A recent Gallup Poll reflected on the decline in church membership over the past two decades. It stated there was a 20% decline in membership during that time period. It seems to correspond to other sources that assert an increase in those who claim "no religion" as their preference. While we might be alarmed by these findings, we are not without hope!

It is good to be a part of like-minded individuals in time of corporate worship and study either as a member or not. The membership issue is not as important as the belief factor. Many choose to forego membership for their own particular reasons. The importance of gathering together is stated in Hebrews 10:25, "**not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.**" It is in a body of believers that we encourage one another, learn the teachings of scripture, lift one another in prayer, and enjoy the fellowship with other believers.

We must use diligence in choosing such a group. We must be assured that the church is based on solid biblical teaching and sound understanding of scripture. There may be elements of worship with which we are not comfortable, but they often are based upon a matter of preference. The underlying factor is whether or not they

violate with Word of God.

There is one church that continues to grow while others are in decline. Every day the true church of Jesus Christ continues to increase as souls come into a personal relationship with the Lord. People of all tribes, nations, cultures, and language groups around the world are realizing that they are not looking so much for a church as they are seeking a relationship with the Creator. They have found the love, comfort, peace and assurance with comes in trusting Christ alone for salvation. The gospel message, without the encumbrances that are sometimes a part of the doctrines of a particular denomination, holds a great attraction to them. The inerrant Word of God should always be the basis of our belief, without the influence of man's thinking or opinion.

The Bible tells us that someday the true church will gather together at the throne of God. Revelation 7:9-10 describes it, "...**after these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number of all nations, tribe, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'**"

It is not a matter of what church you attended that will include you in that throng, but what relationship is with Jesus Christ and your acceptance of His gift of salvation. What a wonderful day that will be!

Revival Tidings

Editor's Note: Personally, I have difficulty in believing that there is a Heaven-Sent Revival taking place and an Apostasy (*falling away*) at the same time! Unless, God is gradually removing the 'Candle Stick' from Gospel hardened, indifferent USA and Canada.

YES, in given smaller 'areas', which I like to think of as 'brushfires' God is yet able to reach and save lost sinners to fill the number of the saved sinners who are at the 'Marriage Supper' and who sit at the Banqueting Table!

It seems and appears to Me that the time of dispensation of GRACE for the Gentiles is close to the end.

How can there be a 'real-hunger' for the Word of God when sin, by specific name, is hardly mentioned from behind the sacred desk (the Pulpit)? God's LAW is to be used to bring/drive us to Christ.

The Attributes of God

This is the second in a series of articles about the character and nature of God. The church today has brought God down to a human level and consequently people view and relate to Him through strictly human terms and we have forgotten Who it is “with whom we have to do.” (Heb. 4:13)

The next attribute is that God is Omniscient – **He is All-Knowing**. He has perfect knowledge of all things. Nothing is hidden from His All-Seeing Eye. “*And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.*” (Heb. 4:13) Peter told Jesus, “*Lord, you know all things.*” (John 21:17) “*O Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me. Thou dost know I when I sit down and when I rise up; Thou dost understand my thought from afar. Thou dost scrutinize my path and my lying down, And art intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, Thou dost know it all. Thou hast enclosed me behind and before, And laid Thy hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it.*” (Psalm 139:1-6) God knows everything we think, say and act. He knows us even better than we know ourselves.

This Omniscient wisdom of God is not just for the here and now, but also for the future and even through all eternity. It says in the above Scripture, “*Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, Thou dost know it all.*” In other words, this Omniscient Knowledge of God knows what will happen BEFORE it ever takes place. God knows all things about us even before they happen. Before God even laid the foundation of the world, He knew what every person would do in their lives. He knew every free will choice they would make and ordained the entire future of the world based upon this.

This is absolutely staggering when you consider the multiplied trillions of people who will live from Adam to the last soul and everything they will collectively do in this world. God already knows who will make it to heaven and those who won't. “*Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’*” (Matthew 25:34) No wonder the Psalmist said, “*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is too high, I cannot attain to it.*” (Ps. 139:6) The Bible calls this Foreknowledge, or knowledge in advance of the fact. There is nothing that you can do, say or think that God doesn't know about it already in ad-

vance, and has done so before you were even born – before anyone was even born! God already knows what will unfold through the eons of eternity for everyone. “*But just as it is written, ‘Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him.’*” (1 Corinthians 2:9)

The next attribute is that God is Omnipresent – **He is everywhere present all the time**. This was first demonstrated at the creation of the world and the universe. “*And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.*” (Genesis 1:2) When the first mass of material was created, it was still lacking in proper order. The Spirit of God moved upon the entire surface of the world to bring about this proper order. He can do that since He is God and He is a Spirit. As such, He is not limited to physical limitations as we are. He can be everywhere all the time. Psalm 139:7-12 tells us, “*Where can I go from Thy Spirit? Or where can I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, Even there Thy hand will lead me, And Thy right hand will lay hold of me.*” God is everywhere present in the physical realm and the spiritual realm as well.

This means that anywhere that you may go, God is already there. If you try to flee from God's call and duty, you only flee right into God's presence, because He is already wherever you might go. Jonah learned this the hard way. Even when you leave the church building, God is outside the building as well. Even if you go off into the vilest iniquity known to man, God is already there to meet you. You can't go even to the remotest part of the sea, or even heaven, the grave, or even hell itself, without meeting God. “*Am I a God who is near,*” declares the LORD, “*And not a God far off? ‘Can a man hide himself in hiding places, So I do not see him?’ declares the LORD. ‘Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?’ declares the LORD.*” (Jeremiah 23:23-24)

The beauty of this is that since God is everywhere and knows everything that is going on, He can prompt you to pray for situations far off, even when you don't fully know what is going on. There are times when the Spirit of God will quicken you and someone or some situation will be strong on your heart. You can pray for this and trust the Spirit of God to fill in what you lack in your prayers (See Romans 8:26). This can happen in the day or some times at night when God awakens you to pray. It also means that God knows what lies ahead for

you because He is already there. He can avert you from impending disaster when He knows what is around the next turn. He can also lead you in the right way since He is already where you need to go.

Don't make the mistake of trying to figure all of this out mentally. God is beyond us and His thoughts and ways are as far above us as the heavens are above the earth. God doesn't ask us to fully understand how, but rather gives us the ability to simply believe it and trust in it, even if we don't understand it. That is the work of the Spirit of God. Praise Him Name Forever!

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PRAY PATIENTLY

BY Dr. Tom Malone

Noah's faith was patient in waiting.

One day God said, "Noah, it's going to rain." As far as we know Noah had *never* seen rain. The Bible tells us in Genesis 2 that the earth was watered with mist: "*There went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground*" (vs. 6). It may be that it had never rained until the flood.

God told him, "Noah, man's wickedness has become so great that I am going to destroy the world. You build an ark and bring your family into it. I will bring the animals that are to be preserved through the flood."

Think about how Noah had to wait before God fulfilled His Word. He was surely laughed at for the entire time it took him to build the Ark. Some of you will go to the plant or store or shop tomorrow and if you are laughed at, it will shake your faith and make you wonder about being a Christian.

People said, "I told you so" when It didn't rain. They said to their children, "Look at that old man! Look at that old fanatic! There comes that old fool!" But Noah waited many long years for God to honor his faith.

How many times for Christians – when it looked as if God as about to do something for them – was about to save their loved ones – was about to answer their prayers – have given up. Their faith grew weak and they let loose of the promises of God.

Read the life of George Müller, perhaps the most faithful, wonderful warrior of prayer since the days of the apostle Paul. Books are written about how he prayed, how he believed and how God sent through his hands millions of dollars to build orphanages. A mighty man of prayer was he and a great soul winner.

But there's something about George Müller that a lot

of people don't know. He says in his diary that he began in 1844 praying for five individuals to be saved. By the end of about twelve years, three had been saved.

He continued praying for the others until he had daily prayed for their conversion for well over half a century – but both were eventually saved! It took around sixty years of believing God to bring them into the family of God.

Noah's faith was patient in waiting!

Some of you have had your faith tried. You're asking God to save them. You've asked God to do something for you. God tries the faith of his people.

I don't know when He will honor your faith but I know that if you will believe God, He will someday honor your faith. It might be sixty years or sixty seconds, BUT GOD will keep His Word and honor your faith.

Sword of the Lord

Editor's Note: This article has been such a blessing and encouragement to me! How about You?

YES, God answers the prayers of those who are in the family of God; but sometimes HE says NO, other times YES and other times WAIT, and of course, being an individual of the family of God, the bottom line we want His will to be done, as that is the best!

IN the ministry of the Morning Glory and Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation; we stand in need of prayer warriors who will pray for this ministry specifically and consistently.

ALSO, pray for the Hauge Board and their families.

Hauge Annual Conference sessions available online

The Annual Conference of the Hauge Innermission was held at Garden City, Iowa in June of this year. Thank you to Stavanger Lutheran Church in Garden City, Iowa for hosting us. We wanted to make these sessions available to those who couldn't attend. We recorded each of these sessions and they are available online to watch. Just go YouTube and type in "Hauge Innermission" in the search bar at the top of the page and these sessions will come up. We also hope to post some past sessions and future sessions as well, so make this a favorite for you to visit.

Up Date

ENCOURAGEMENT!

After reading the following 'article' by Fredrik Wisloff and being so blest myself; I wanted to share with you who are investing in this portion of God's kingdom Work on Earth and for those who would like to do the same!

Consider the lilies of the field

Matthew 6:28.

"Thus, Jesus spoke to the Jews. To us, He would have said: Consider the daisies, the wildflowers on the prairies and in the woods.

"Consider the flowers of the field, *how beautiful they are*. Not even Solomon in all his royal splendor was arrayed like one of them. For they are clothed by God. The most excellent work of man is as nothing in comparison with the simplest work of God. Let God have His way.

"Consider the flowers of the field, *how they praise God*, just by being where He placed them. Nothing gives praise like His work. But we, too, are His workmanship (Eph. 2:10). Let us live to the praise of His glory.

"Consider the flowers of the field, *how free from anxiety they are*. They toil not, neither do they spin, but they rely on their Creator in whose hand is their life. Now, if God so cares for the flowers of the field, how much more does He not care for you. Be anxious for nothing.

"Consider the flowers of the field and remember *how short is their life*. Today they bloom; tomorrow they are cast into the oven. Use your time wisely, then. Praise God while you have an opportunity. Gladden the lives of those who are about you. Then, when the harvest comes, you shall rejoice when God gathers you into His garner."

I trust that YOU have been touched and blest in this short article, as He has mine and for you more so! PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW! James 1:17-18.

Please pray specifically what the Lord wants YOU to invest in this part of His Kingdom Work!

The total offerings received for the month of May were \$3,120.00.

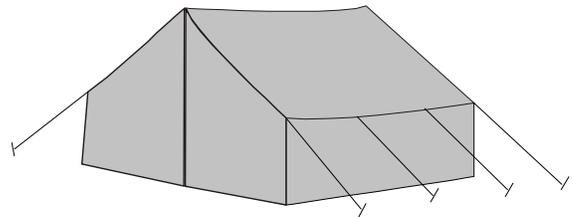
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Evangelistic Tent Meetings



Faith Lutheran Church of Running Valley of rural Colfax, Wisconsin, will be using the Hauge Innermission tent for evangelistic meetings. Pastor Jim Haga will be the speaker, along with special music each night. The meetings will be at the fairgrounds in Colfax. The dates for these meetings are August 25-28, 2019 and they will start each evening at 6:30 p.m.

Please consider who you might personally invite to attend with YOU and hear the WORD of God! Even if you can't personally attend, please undergird these meetings with prayer beginning now, and at the very time they are happening. Thank you for your faithful intercession.