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

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Full Coverage

Theo. Knutson, Norma, N. Dak.

Full coverage is a phrase often used in connection with insurance. Man loves to be secure; man loves to “play cinches,” so “full coverage” has a ring to it that really hits the spot in the hearts of fearful man.

The coverage may not always be as full as the large print of the policy seems to indicate. The comedians Amos ‘n Andy once quipped: “The big print gives it to you, and the fine print takes it away.” Not so for those who “dwell in the shadow of the Almighty.” There is and always will be “full coverage,” the fine print of the modernist crowd notwithstanding.

Does the Christian who latches onto his Master’s promises have “full coverage”? Well, what do you think? How mighty is an omnipotent God? What can possibly take place of which an omniscient God is not aware? Could our life’s calling possibly take us to where the omnipresence of our God was no longer our “shield and buckler”?

When William O. Cushing wrote the beloved hymn “Under His Wings I’m Safely Abiding,” he expressed a childlike faith that God would delight to find in the heart of every born-again believer. What a privilege it is to “cast all our care upon Him.” What a “peace of mind” to know that we are “a child of the King.”

But this privilege, this faith in “the God of the scriptures,” who indicates throughout His Word that His people are “the apple of his eye,” must of necessity be exercised lest the packages of carnal security so build up that they obscure “the hills from whence cometh our help.” Or to state it as bluntly as that great man of God, Jeremiah, did: *“Thus saith the Lord, Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the*

Lord. For he shall be like the health in the desert and shall not see when good cometh, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited” (Jer. 17:5, 6). And like all the prophets of God, he does not leave a job half done, but goes on in verses 7 and 8 and by way of contrast points out the blessedness of trusting in God, “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.”

Long before Karl Marx came up with his infamous philosophy, “from each according to his ability to each according to his need”; long before the Scandinavian peoples were taken in by satanic socialism with its “cradle to the grave” benefits and protections; long before our left wing politicians forced upon us compulsory Social Security and other “Welfare State” legislation, David, by the Spirit of God, declared: *“I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread”* (Ps. 37:25).

My grandmother, widowed at fifty, with two teenage dependents came to America with her Bible under her arm; otherwise, so to speak, empty-handed. She homesteaded on the bleak and uninviting prairies of North Dakota, and by the grace of God lived to the ripe old age of ninety-four without protection or benefit from any social program. A God-fearing individual with the blessings of God on her toiling hands and frugal mind has left guiding footprints in the sands of time. You see, Grandmother had “full coverage”

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because she lived in “the shadow of the Almighty.”

“*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you*” (Matt. 6:33). If you happen to be one of those who thinks this doesn’t make sense, there may be just a lot of people who agree with you. The question, however, is not whether or not it makes sense to a depraved mind. The question is, Is this the Word of God?

When Elijah asked the widow woman at Zerephath for the last morsel of food that she was about to prepare for herself and her son, she gave it to him knowing that he spoke the Word of God when he said: “*For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The Barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.*” Everyone knows the story: *Blind obedience to the Word of God does pay off.* Someone has correctly stated: “Our extremity is God’s opportunity!” And Luther said: “Our reason is God’s worst enemy.”

Again and again Satan rears his ugly head, from somewhere, out of the “tree of knowledge,” trying to get us to doubt all that does not seem reasonable.

There are so many in our day who seem to have an urge to get out and do something extra special for the Lord. Perhaps they will journey across five or six states to join in a “freedom ride” or other civil rights demonstration. One Lutheran minister did that and came back to find half of his congregation had left his church in protest. Another Lutheran minister was more or less kicked out of a synod for getting mixed up in a tongues movement. It must take courage to do these things – misplaced courage, though it was. Why don’t some young, energetic and dedicated Lutheran ministers get down on their knees and pray God for courage to “earnestly contend for the

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faith!” If all who are willing to admit in private that we are fast drifting toward Rome and would have the courage to wave their arms in protest from the pulpit they occupy every Sunday, the tide might soon be turned.

“*Seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not*” (Jeremiah 45:5). But if in dedication to the Lord of Glory you want to do something that will count for eternity, don’t run off to Selma, Alabama, or the Mississippi delta, or get taken in by some blue tongues glossolalia fanaticism! Rather, according to Ephesians 6:10-18 put on “*the whole armour of God*” (excellent coverage). Then you can defy an apostate church with all her carnal benefits and delicious living (Rev. 18:7) and be free of all her snares and entanglements that would drag you down to destruction.

And you “tongues” people, don’t look down your nose at those of us who do not have this gift. After all, there is a job to be done! Why then fritter away so much time with “the least of the gifts.” Tongues speaking may have its place, and so does laughter, but we don’t get a job done by standing around laughing all day.

What about some of the fearless men of Church History; these dauntless men who dared to face prelates, popes and worldly potentates with but one coverage, the full coverage of “the shadow of the Almighty”: Wycliffe, Huss, Savonarola, Luther, Knox, Wesley, Bunyan and Hauge. How much “tongues” activity was there among these men? Only the silver tongue of eloquence sparked by a dedication to the Lord of glory whose Gospel had then, as now, been distorted, explained away, or altogether set aside. These men were “earnestly contending for the faith.” These men knew the mouths of these apostate clergymen must be stopped. These men knew there was a job to be done and they went out and did it.

Carnal security looms large in the minds of impenitent and unregenerate men, and they are going to need all the protection man can concoct, especially so in the case of ministers, priests, and rabbis. Look at all the miles they have to go. There are conferences to attend, rallies, civil rights demonstrations, freedom rides, peace marches, sit-ins, lie-ins, and faraway places with their diabolical dialogues. And this is “in the Name of God” and “as the Holy Spirit directs.”

But “the brightness of his coming” will make all man-made protections grow strangely dim. The dens and rocks of the mountains will on that day be treasured far more as a protection to unregenerate man than all the pensions and insurance policies ever devised by man. “*For they shall say to the mountains, and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the lamb; for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*”

But the redeemed who have been walking in the shadow of the Almighty will stand before the throne and before the

Lamb, clothed in white robes and palms in their hands. Full coverage? Praise the Lord, we have it.

Taken from the *Morning Glory*, May 4, 1966 issue

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And having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it” (Matthew 13:46).

AMONG heathen peoples it never occurs to anyone not to be religious. It is as much a matter of course to share in the religious life of the people as it is to accept their other customs and habits.

Not until Christianity begins to affect the old religion of a People do we note any change.

However, if Christianity becomes the prevailing religion of a people, we observe the very remarkable thing that most of the people within the nation do not share in the religion of their people.

The reason for this is given us in this parable about the pearl.

The Christian religion makes demands that are unknown to other religions. It is a pearl of so great a price that most people give up owning it personally. Whereupon they proceed to provide themselves with imitations or to live entirely without the pearl of life.

We are told here how costly it is.

They had to sell all they had in order to come into possession of the pearl. This is a tremendous act of daring. Many conclude therefore that it is less hazardous to do without the pearl, for then they can keep what they already have.

But does it *cost* so much to become a Christian?

Do we not enter into the kingdom of God gratis? Is not the grace of God free? Can we not receive it without money and without price?

Yes, that is quite true. We need not *pay* anything to be saved. But there are things we must *sell*.

God does not need to receive anything from us in order to save us. But there are things He must persuade us to surrender. “If thy hand cause thee to stumble, cut it off.”

“Whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple,” Jesus says.

Taken from *God’s Word for Today* by O. Hallesby
Augsburg Publishing House

Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

Psalm 96:1-13

Much of what transpires in the name of “worship” today is certainly not “in the beauty of holiness” (v. 9) but in the crudeness of unholiness. It is easy to blame someone else for this sad situation, but we must consider what fills our own hearts and minds when we come to worship the Lord. Many churches are being torn apart today because those in attendance come only to criticize the preacher or to find fault with others in the church. Apparently these people cannot, for even one hour, bring their own lives fully in subjection to the Lord and His Word. For a worship service truly to be “in the beauty of holiness” (an attitude of reverence and godly fear), a spirit of genuine love and respect must prevail. How can we expect to share with unbelievers the joy of a personal relationship with the Lord if our own worship of Him is not in sincerity and truth? God will judge such unrighteous hypocrisy (v. 10).

God “shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth” (v. 13). He knows those who approach Him with wickedness or malice in their hearts and those who make the worship service a mockery. The Lord shall judge His people (v. 10) cf. Heb. 10:30-31). Only those who worship in the beauty of holiness can sing unto the Lord “a new song” (v.1). Likewise, only those who are faithful in this aspect of their relationship with the Lord can “declare His glory among the heathen” (v. 3) - the can live a life before the world that is above reproach. What kind of a testimony do we have before the lost when the content and the style of our “worship” are patterned after the world? The resulting impression certainly cannot be one of *holiness*. MHR

Feature

Notable Quotables

“The chief danger that confronts the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, heaven without hell.”

William Booth, founder of The Salvation Army, in late 1800’s

“As you leave the whole burden of your sin, and rest upon the finished work of Christ, so leave the whole burden of your life and service, and rest upon the present in working of the Holy Spirit.”

“Give yourself up ...to be led by the Holy Spirit and go forward praising and at rest, leaving Him to manage you and your day. Cultivate the habit ...of joyfully depending on and obeying him, expecting him to guide, to enlighten, to reprove, to teach, to use, and to do in and with you what He wills.

“Count on His working as a fact, entirely apart from sight or feeling. Only let us believe in and obey the Holy Spirit as the Ruler of our lives, and cease from the burden of trying to manage ourselves; then shall the fruit of the Spirit appear in us to the glory of God.”

Harold Wildish, British Bible teacher and missionary to Jamaica, in mid-1900s

“I have more respect for the devil than for some preachers I have met; the devil believes the Bible is the Word of God.”

“Most of the forces of hell are led by names appearing on the church roster.”

“The tango is the most degrading, God-forsaken, disreputable and degenerate outrage on humanity ever invented by the devil to create lust in youth.”

“Say, saloon gin mill, what is your finished product? Bleary-eyes, low-down, staggering men and the scum of God’s dirt, that have gone to be and taken the count. Go to the jails, go to the insane asylums, and the penitentiaries, and the homes for the feeble-minded. There you will find the finished product for their dirty business. I tell you, it is the worst business this side of hell and you know it.”

“Believe that God Almighty can do something. Don’t whine around as though God were a corpse, ready for the undertaker. God is still on the job.”

Evangelist Billy Sunday
Early 1900’s

Diligence

“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a forward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.” Proverbs 4:23-27.

Question and Answer

Question: *What is your opinion of Al Quada's threats to Pope Benedict XVI for quoting a Byzantine emperor who claimed that the teachings of Muhammad were "evil and inhumane" and who objected to "spreading Islam by the sword"? Muslims have reacted by throwing firebombs at churches and threatening the West: "We will break up the cross, spill the liquor and impose head tax, then the only thing acceptable is a conversion to Islam or be killed the sword"! Aren't they simply confirming what the pope quoted?*

Response: The Byzantine emperor whom the pope quoted spoke the truth: the teachings of Muhammad were and still are "evil and inhumane." The Qur'an, which Muhammad claimed he received by revelation from Allah through the angel Gabriel, has more than 100 verses commanding the use of violence and slaughter to take over the world, such as: "Slay the idolaters (i.e., all who reject Allah as the only god and Muhammad as his prophet) wherever ye find them ...besiege them, and prepare for them each ambush ..." (Surah 9:5); "O Prophet! Exhort the believers to fight. If there be of you twenty steadfast they shall overcome two hundred A hundred ... shall overcome a thousand of those who disbelieve ... (8:65). "It is not for any Prophet (i.e., Muhammad) to have captives until he hath made slaughter in the land" (8:67 - given "inspiration" to Muhammad when he needed justification for beheading captives, as Muslims still do today), etc. (for further documentation, contact TBC). [Note: Sura means "chapter"]

It is historical fact, as I document in *Judgment Day*, that Muhammad not only engaged in "spreading Islam by the sword" but that to do so remains a central doctrine and practice of Islam, as it has demonstrated for nearly 1,400 years. The unchanging goal of this "religion of peace" is to violently force the entire world into submission to Islam and to kill those who refuse to convert. In their conquest from France to China, Muslims slaughtered many millions (kill-

ing more in India alone than Hitler killed)!

For Muslims to insist that Islam is a religion of peace, and to riot, burn, and kill whenever the truth is exposed, is a travesty upon history, common sense, and human dignity. This hypocrisy is of such Himalayan proportions that it ought to be denounced by world leaders and media until Muslims prove their peaceful intentions by renouncing force! There ought to be an international outcry by government and religious leaders and media demanding the removal of Muslim nations from the United Nations until they renounce the violence that has always been and still is an integral part of Islam! Instead, Western leaders (including President Bush) grovel before Islam and apologize for speaking the truth lest Muslims go on more murderous rampages to prove how peaceful they are.

The pope's inexcusable apology for "offending" Muslims with the truth is a further example of how the West continues to be intimidated by Muslim threats, and encourages their hypocritical denial to themselves and to the world of the horrible truth about Islam. Muslims ought to be ashamed that their "god" promises rewards in Paradise for murdering innocent women and children.

One would be hard pressed to find terrorism anywhere in the world for which Islam and Muslims are not responsible. Yet they persist with their incredible lie equating Islam with peace and threaten anyone who tells the truth: "If you dare to criticize Islam as a religion of violence, we will kill you to prove that it is a religion of peace!"

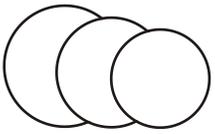
The shameful fact that Western leaders, from Bush to Blair to Chirac to Billy Graham and the pope, keep on praising Islam as a religion of peace because of such threats is a betrayal of their responsibility. This surrender to Islam's blackmail will inevitably result in the complete Islamization of the Western world with the loss of freedom we hold dear. In fact, Islamization has almost reached the point of no return in Europe and especially in Britain – and the United States is not far behind.

By Dave Hunt, Taken from "*The Berean Call*," November, 2006 issue

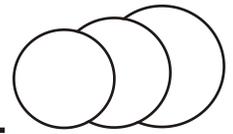
Editor's Note: "*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God.*" (Ephesians 6:10-13a)

Time Flies

*Every time the clock ticks, time
pulls the oars of your little
life-boat toward eternity.*



From our Fellowship Circle



TS **Forest City, IA**
...I enjoyed the meetings in our Church in April. I enjoyed meeting the Knutson's and enjoyed his message, it was very good. The Ezekiel portion is my favorite verse in the Bible and the 51st Psalm too. Enclosed a gift for the Morning Glory.

TW **Red Wing, MN**
Looking forward to attending the meetings at Aspelund, MN. (Good to see him and his wife at the meetings. Editor)

DE **Kenmare, ND**
Thank you for your faithfulness in sending your magazine. It is a blessing – uplifting and appreciated. Thank you for informing us on the false “religion” of Islam and your recent article on Iraq.

DG **Sebring, FL**
...We do appreciate Morning Glory and we did promise my mother we would subscribe to it...We want to please the Lord and we certainly pray you will keep on keeping on and we will try to continue to send a...gift. The annual conference @ Emmanuel Luth Church sounds so good and we pray it will be a blessing to many. In Christian love....

GS **Millcreek, WA**
We really appreciate your publication ministry. Keep up the great work. God Bless....

A Lutheran Pastor **WA**
Thank you for the encouraging words in the ‘Morning Glory’. Please continue my subscription. God Bless You!

HJ **Blue Earth, MN**
Enclosed is...for the Morning Glory. I've enjoyed the magazine for many years. I pass it on to somebody else. There aren't many publications now days that give the True Word of God. We're praying our nation will come back to God.

JD **Hemet, CA**
Today may everything that touches your life be a reflection of God's love. Thank you for the Morning Glory.

DF **Rudd, IA**
Thank you for your clear gospel message. We share our Morning Glory with friends in our congregation.

Friends in Florida
Please pray for our two sons. (Yes, this will be a privilege. Editor)

BH **Snohomish, WA**
Thank you for a great up-date every time. We read it from cover to cover.

Christian Streetwalkers?

Women in our society have adapted a very sensual dress. The sexual revolution of the 60's and 70's didn't effect just men, but women as well. Declining neck lines, raising hem lines and skin-tight clothes have become the norm of today. In fact, the standard of dress for many young women makes them look like a streetwalker, or a prostitute. There is very little left to the imagination (and it is a shameful thing to even have to write about something like this, but someone needs to speak out).

What is even more shameful is that confessing Christian women are even dressing this way! It is absolutely unbelievable that young women have no conviction about sensuality, and think nothing about dressing in a way that entices. What is even more unbelievable is that they dare come to the House of the Lord dressed this way, and think nothing about it! Did not David's adultery with Bathsheba start with simply a look? "...and the woman was very beautiful to look upon." (2 Sam. 11:2)

Dear Christian woman, it is a sin for you to dress in a way that leads men to look upon you with lust in their hearts. Jesus said, "*Whosoever looks upon a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.*" (Matt. 5:28) But Jesus also puts blame on those who cast the temptation, "*Offenses are sure to come, but woe to the one by whom the offense comes.*" (Matt. 18:7) Your illicit dress could be the stumbling block that could drive a man to lust, pornography, fornication and adultery. A woman can dress attractively without dressing enticingly. For the sake of your fellow believers and your testimony before a lost and dying world, will you dress like a woman of God, and not a woman of the street?

24 PROPHECIES FULFILLED IN 24 HOURS

Prophecy

Fulfillment

- 1) He was sold for 30 pieces of silver.
Zechariah 11:12; Matthew 26:14,15
- 2) He was to be betrayed by a friend.
Psalm 55:12-14; 41:9; Matthew 26:47-50; John 13:8
- 3) His disciples were to forsake Him.
Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 26:56; Mark 14:27
- 4) He was to be accused by false witnesses.
Psalm 35:11; 109:2; Matthew 26:59 - 60
- 5) He was to be smitten and spat upon.
Micah 5:1; Isaiah 50:6; Luke 22:64, Matthew 26:67-68
6. His visage was to be marred.
Isaiah 52:14; Matthew 27:29-30; 1 Peter 2:23
7. He was dumb before His accusers.
Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 27:12 -14; 1 Peter 2:23
8. He was wounded and bruised.
Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 27:26-29
9. His hands and feet were pierced.
Psalm 22:16; Luke 23:33, John 20:25-27
10. He was to be crucified with thieves.
Isaiah 52:12; Mark 15:27- 28
11. He was to pray for His persecutors
Psalm 109:4; Isaiah 53:12; Luke 23:34
12. The people were to ridicule Him.
Psalm 22:8; Matthew 27:41-43
13. They were to cast lots for His garments.
Psalm 22:18; John 19:23-24
14. He was to cry, “My God, why hast thou forsaken me?”
Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:40
15. He was to thirst.
Psalm 69:3, 22:15; John 19:28
16. They were to give Him gall and vinegar.
Psalm 69:21; Matthew 27:34; John 19:31-36
17. He was to commit himself to God.
Psalm 31:5; Luke 23:46

18. His friends were to stand afar off.
Psalm 38:11; Luke 23:49
19. His bones were not to be broken.
Psalm 34:20; John 19:31-36
20. His side was to be pierced.
Zechariah 12:10; John 19:34-37
21. Darkness was to cover the land.
Psalm 22:14; John 19:34
22. He was to be buried with the rich.
Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60
23. His death was to be voluntary.
Isaiah 53:12; John 10:17-18
24. His death was to be substitutionary.
Isaiah 53:4-6; Daniel 9:26; Matthew 20:28; 1 Cor. 15:3
– Selected

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Deuteronomy 33:26-29

The prevailing philosophy of our day is characterized by an emphasis on self-esteem, self-assertion, self-dependence, self-worth, self-confidence – every kind of “self” that one can imagine. The continual focus is on oneself and all the corresponding “I wants.” Supposed experts tell us that before we can love someone else, we must first learn to love ourselves. They assure us that unless we can adjust to this new way of thinking and living, we will be in continual turmoil. Is this true? Is it scriptural? Of course not! God’s Word teaches exactly the opposite. We are to have no confidence in the flesh (Phil 3:3b). The Bible is clear in this regard: “*Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall*” (1 Cor. 10:12). Those who follow the psychologically oriented self-esteem programs popularized by leaders such as Norman Vincent Peale, Robert Schuller, James Dobson and a host of others are doomed to suffer disappointment when the fleshly litter dims and reality sets in.

Our text and many other portions of Scripture make it clear that rather than depending more on self, we need to depend *completely* on the Lord. His everlasting arms (v.27) provide us with all the strength, love, security and effectiveness in ministry and relationships with others that we will ever need. Yes, the Lord has work divinely suited to each of His children, and He will do His work in us so that we can truly stand firm and truly love and help others. When we come to the Lord for help, He promises not only to give us rest, but also His enabling grace and sufficiency to do all He wants of us. His yoke is easy, and His burden is light (Matt. 11:28-30). See for yourself. MHR

Feature

**FREEDOM IS NOT THE RIGHT
TO DO AS YOU PLEASE, BUT THE
LIBERTY TO DO AS YOU OUGHT!**

Editorial

RES

FOUR UNTOUCHABLES???

SIN is enticing, attractive, inducing, pleasurable for a 'season'!!! Be honest - it is, isn't it? JUST look at that 'cute', innocent little *fox*; it appears so 'innocent', harmless and cute - you could just hold it in your 'hands' and cuddle it! Or those 'weeds' in the flower garden or vegetable garden seem so insignificant, let's just 'turn our head the other way' or ignore them/close our eyes; AND not be **negative!** After all, there are a lot of good flowers/vegetables and we should look at the whole 'picture' more **positive!** BUT we 'often' forget that SIN (little foxes, weeds) knows how to *grow and multiply!* After all, the 'great majority' will say be '*tolerant and loving*' and let it be! Well, how much 'poison' do you want in your meals? After all, sooner or later it brings about the same resulted end AS 'little foxes, weeds' will bring about in the end – strangulation and DEATH as it grows and devours! **Scripturally**, sin not dealt with in our 'individual' lives has the same effect in the congregation!

SIN doesn't just go away on its own or by itself!

Let me change subjects for just a little while: Countless remedies and programs promoting weight loss exist in our world today. Diets, fasting, exercise, cleansing formulas and every weight control fad imaginable are available. For some they get help; but there is another weight epidemic many people have overlooked and that is spiritual obesity. This 'weight' bears down upon the entire human race, and many are not concerned with it even though it is killing them. This spiritual obesity is the cancerous growth called SIN. It spreads and grows, yet many fail to recognize or address its presence or impact. This spiritual obesity is the cancerous growth called SIN. "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus ...Hebrews 12:1-2a.

That's why we NEED to PRACTICE the following **four untouchables, and more**, IN doing God's Work, in God's Way, and in order to receive (Grace) God's Blessings!

The **first** untouchable that I will mention is conspicuous in its' absence of practice: Church Discipline! Has the church become so pure that the 'big fox and weeds' are taking over. Why? Basically because the 'church' is in competition and we 'fear' IF we exercise/practice 'church discipline' they will go to another church! Is God pleased with that thinking? For example: HE cleansed the church/temple twice during His physical earthly ministry! "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness (humility, love) considering yourself lest you also be tempted." **Galatians 6:1, I Corinthians 10:12-13, I Corinthians 5, Matthew**

18:15-20, II Thessalonians 3:5-6, 13-15, II Timothy 2:14-19.

Secondly: Where is the 'congregation' in regards to **modesty?** TRAGICALLY a person can go to some 'worship services' and see live porno! YES, with lack of cloth covering the 'temple of God' and body movement with the drums blasting away - you don't have to go to an "X" rated movie, TV program, casino, dance hall, etc. for you can 'cast' your 'eyes' on the same in the name of 'Christianity'! Many years ago a 'movie promoter' suggested just take off enough 'clothing' so the 'imagination' takes over and you will have a great following! Then, accompany that with supposedly 'Christian rock music' we see the results that a person/congregation SOWS and they will REAP also! (By the way, 'rock music' came out of the sixties and seventies as a 'rebellion' thrust). WHY can't the 'church' have in place/practice a standard/guidelines in regards to the 'worship service,' etc.)? The 'secular' world definitely has it in some corporations/businesses (dress code) and definitely in sports (guidelines) in order to be participants. **II Timothy 2:22, I Timothy 2:9, I Thessalonians 5:22, Psalm 101:3, Matthew 5:28, II Timothy 6:11 - 16, I Corinthians 8:9**

As you realize, when we assemble together to Worship our KING in 'spirit and truth', we are in a sense gathered upon 'holy ground'. We are gathered not to draw attention to ourselves or any human being; but HE who is the Creator and Redeemer.

When Joseph in the Old Testament was being set free to appear before the *king*; he wanted to be clean shaven and wear clean clothes. It is often said that man looketh on the outward appearance while God looketh on the heart, which is absolutely true; but HE also says out of the abundance of the 'heart' proceed these things.

As you recall in regards to the person who was demon possessed, living in the cemetery that when he experienced the miraculous power of our Saviour (transformation) and in his right mind, he was clothed.

To come and be in the presence of the King of Kings and with fellow heirs of the KING; what a responsibility and privilege (Amazing GRACE!). JESUS SAID HIS HOUSE IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER! **Isaiah 56:1 - 12**

Thirdly: It's a touchy subject to speak about: The Practice of GIVING **money** to the Lord's Work. EVEN professing Christians can become very offended; and YET GOD, in HIS GRACIOUS GRACE and MERCY, gives US an opportunity to invest in HIS Kingdom's Work for time and eternity! Remember, God is not a 'beggar' nor does HE need our 'coins', for HE is the owner of the 'cattle upon a thousand

hills'. YET **JESUS** speaks about 'stewardship' (which involves much more than just money) in the New Testament than any other subject! Why – because Jesus talked much about 'money' matters, because 'money' matters, for where your 'treasure is' there will your heart be also! HE says that it is more blessed to give than to receive! Correct? **Proverbs 3:5 - 10, Malachi 3:8-10, Luke 6:38, 11 Corinthians 9:1-8, Galatians 6:6-10**

Fourthly: What happened in addressing the desecration of the 'Day of Rest'? I recall how, many years ago, the neighbor of our church property would work in the 'field' near the same on the 'Sabbath'.

On another occasion, a truly godly Pastor was on his way to a 'worship service' in a rural congregation, and there were so many people working in the field that he pulled his car over to check on a calendar to be sure he had the right day to conduct a 'worship service'. As you observe how the 'Lord's Day is used in our beloved USA, it shows us how 'we' think we know better than God's Word! **Isaiah 58:11 - 14, Exodus 34:21, 22:23-31, 31:12-18, Jeremiah 17:21 - 23.**

Definitely every day is a gift from our Creator and

should be lived for HIM; but let me give you several reasons why we especially 'worship together on **Sunday**. **JESUS rose** again on the first day of the week, we are to experience a 'day of rest' each week, Pentecost took place first day of the week,

The Lord Jesus should definitely be first in our lives and service. We are told to lay aside (financially) the first day of the week. John received the revelation to write the Book of Revelation the first day of the week (Inspiration) and the Apostles gathered together the first day of the week.

Let it be crystal clear that No One is Saved by following the above stated 'truths' NOR any other reformation or set of do's or don'ts; but SALVATION is by Faith Alone, Grace Alone, the Word Alone! For by GRACE are we saved through the finished work of Jesus! JESUS is the Only Way!

IF some one or ones can be kept from 'slipping' closer to Hell or escaping Hell by sharing the above "Four Untouchables" in this Editorial, it will be worth it all!

P. S. To those of YOU who take your "Christianity" very *seriously*; would you please prayerfully read the **Bible references?**

TOMORROW'S TERRORS

Read Hebrews 13:1-8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8.

Peter Marshall, whose dynamic preaching attracted crowds of people, died suddenly on the morning of January 25, 1949, at the age of 46. In one of his sermons he had said: "When the clock strikes for me, I shall go, not one minute early, and not one minute late. Until then, there is nothing to fear. I know that the promises of God are true, for they have been fulfilled on my life time and time again. Jesus still teaches and guides and protects and heals and comforts, and still wins our complete trust and our love."

Do you and I share that same fear-dispelling conviction? Can each of us, like David, say to our Lord, "My times are in Your hand"? (Psalm 31:15). Are we confident that God holds us in His almighty hands? Can we boldly say, "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:6).

True, we may have concern about the days ahead. As Scripture reminds us, we "do not know what will happen tomorrow" (James 4:14). But we do know that whatever happens He will always be with us (Hebrews 13:5). That knowledge can lighten any burden of worry about the future.

Some anxiety about the process of dying is normal. Yet, by the grace of God and by the comfort of His Spirit, we can face tomorrow's terrors with courage. - VCG

*I don't know about tomorrow,
Nor what coming days will bring;
But I know my Lord is with me,
And His praise my heart will sing. - Fitzgugh*

Worry can do a lot of things to you;

Prayer can do a lot of things for you.

Radio Bible Class, Our Daily Bread,
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Editor's Note: As long as we are IN **JESUS** we are secure!

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In the straight and narrow way the traffic is all one way.

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A person may be almost saved yet entirely lost.

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The longer one carries a grouch the heavier it gets.

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Most old and cantankerous people started out by being young and cantankerous and developed many years of experience at it.

We're far too easy on drugs and drinking

Let's stop letting kids use these substances – period.
Let's not be fooled by the ads.

By THOMAS M. GREANEY

Knowledge dispels ignorance. And when it comes to underage drinking and other drug use, society is astonishingly ignorant. The sky is falling on our teens and young adults, and there is plenty of responsibility to go around: from permissive parents who think it's better to have their teens drink at home than risk drunken driving to colleges and universities turning a blind eye to binge drinking on campuses and at local bars.

If Americans knew that 13,000 tweens and teens take their first drink of alcohol everyday, could we any longer be blind to the epidemic in our midst? If more teens were aware that regular marijuana use at age 15 or younger makes one susceptible to a range of mental-health issues, from major depression to schizophrenia, would pot be the substance of choice for many teens? If parents and grandparents, whose medicine cabinets are chock full of narcotic pain medicine and other addictive prescription medications (such as sleep aids) understood how teens steal these meds to get high and sell them to peers, would the felony thefts continue?

Don't be fooled. There is no silver bullet for the addiction issues we face. It will take education and nationwide zero-tolerance laws with automatic license revocation for teens who drive after drinking or using drugs. Let's advocate a police presence, armed with Breathalysers, outside bars at closing time and a government crackdown on advertising that targets children and minimizes the deleterious effects of beer and liquor.

Advertising that purports support for "responsible drinking" and designated drivers is a farce. The pandering of the industry reached new heights more than 20 years ago, when research provided a sudden boon of increased consumption. After the numbers showed that teens traveling with a designated driver drank up to five times more alcohol, beer companies suddenly became outspoken proponents of designated drivers.

There is more to consider: According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, alcohol misuse cost America \$220 billion in 2005, more than the cost of cancer (\$196 billion) and the tab for obesity (\$133 billion).

The center's research also indicates that teens who drank regularly at 15 and younger were four times more likely to become alcohol-dependent than those who waited until 21 to drink. Most worrisome is that 26 percent of underage drinkers are abusing or dependent on alcohol, a figure three times that of the adult population.

The alcohol industry also does not want us to know that 13,000 to 17,000 people are slaughtered on our highways and back roads each year at the hands of drunken and drugged drivers just out to "have a good time." With the summer season upon us, let's all re-double our efforts to address the scourge that alcohol and other substance abuse represents. School may be out, but we have much more to learn.

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SOURCE OF POWER

By J. Hudson Taylor

"God hath spoken once; Twice have I heard this, that power belongeth unto God" (Ps. 62:11)

God Himself is the great source of power. It is His possession. "Power belongeth unto God", and He manifests it according to His sovereign will. Yet, not in an erratic or arbitrary manner, but according to His declared purpose and promises. True, our opponents and hindrances are many and mighty, but our God, the living God, is Almighty.

Further, God's power is available power. We are supernatural people, born again by a supernatural birth, kept by a supernatural power, sustained on supernatural food, taught by a supernatural Teacher from a supernatural Book. We are led by a supernatural Captain in right paths to assured victories. The risen Saviour, ere He ascended on high, said: 'All power is given unto Me. Go ye therefore'.

Again, He said of His disciples: "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." Not many days after this, in answer to united and continued prayer, the Holy Spirit did come upon them, and thy were all filled. Praise God, He remains with us still. The power given is not a gift from the Holy Spirit. He Himself is the power. Today He is as truly available, and as mighty in power, as He was on the day of Pentecost. But since the days before Pentecost, has the whole Church ever put aside every other work, and waited upon God for ten days, that that power might be manifested? We have given too much attention to method, and to machinery, and to resources, and too little to the source of power.

The Heartbeat of The Remnant, July/August, 2006

Rome's Attempt to Exterminate Christianity

History reminds us that during the most intense times of persecution, untold thousands lost their lives. Around the turn of the first century, Pliny the Second, a Roman naturalist and writer, "seeing the lamentable slaughter of Christians, and moved therewith to pity, wrote to [Roman Emperor] Trajan, certifying him that there were many thousands of them daily put to death, of which none did anything contrary to the Roman laws worthy of persecution."

After Trajan, Adrian brutally persecuted Christians with the same vehemence. In this new round of persecution, such influential Christian leaders as Alexander, bishop of Rome; his two deacons; many prominent Christians and their families; and at least 10,000 others were put to death.

A time infamously referred to as the Era of the Martyrs was incited by Galerius, Emperor Diocletian's adopted son. Provoked by his pagan mother, he continuously badgered Diocletian to begin a major persecution of Christians. Diocletian finally yielded; and February 23, 303, was declared Terminalia: a day the pagan world hoped to exterminate Christianity.

Churches were stormed and sacred books seized and thrown onto fires. Not content with merely burning the books, Diocletian and Galerius had a church leveled, ordered the same for all other churches in the empire, and declared Christians outlaws. As a result, "All the Christians were apprehended and imprisoned; and Galerius privately ordered the imperial palace to be set on fire, that the Christians might be charged as the incendiaries and a plausible pretence given for carrying on the persecution with the greater severities."

Entire households were burned in their homes. Others were chased from their houses, tied together with stones fastened around their necks, and driven into the sea. In some cases, whole villages were slaughtered and burned because the inhabitants refused to renounce their faith in Christ.

Wrote John Foxe: "The persecution became general in all the Roman provinces, but more particularly in the east; and as it lasted ten years, it is impossible to ascertain the numbers martyred, or to enumerate the various modes of martyrdom."

Not even the Roman military was immune to persecution. A remarkable account of courage is recorded about the Theban Legion, composed entirely of Christians. Maximian

ordered a pagan sacrifice requiring the legion not only to participate but also take an oath of allegiance swearing to eradicate Christianity from Gaul. The entire legion refused and so enraged Maximian that he ordered every tenth man killed. When the remaining 90 percent still refused to comply with the order, every tenth man again was killed. When those still standing refused to recant, Maximian, in a fit of rage, ordered all surviving 5,400 soldiers executed. The sentence was carried out by other troops who hacked the Christians to pieces with their swords.

In the final verses of Hebrews 11, the author recounted people of faith who braved almost every conceivable abuse. Summarizing, he said they "obtained a good testimony through faith," demonstrating fearlessness despite intense persecution (Heb. 11:39-40). He continued: "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (12:1).

The witnesses are those who were persecuted, as cited in the previous chapter. They are *witnesses to us*, providing an unswerving testimony of courage, endurance, and faith in the face of the ultimate trial.

There is no way to ascertain how many hundreds of thousands have perished for their faith in Christ through the centuries of church history. Nor is there space here to rehearse the myriad perverse methods used to torture and kill them. What seems obvious, however, is that these Christian martyrs took to heart the words of Jesus Christ who warned, "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Mt. 10:28).

In this age of political correctness, the words of Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, should encourage believers not to fear men but to fear God alone. Condemned as a Christian and transported to Rome for execution, he declared, "I care for nothing, of visible or invisible things, so that I may but win Christ. Let fire and the cross, let the companies of wild beasts, let breaking of bones and tearing of limbs, let the grinding of the whole body, and all the malice of the devil, come upon me; be it so, only may I win Christ Jesus!"

By Charles E. McCracken
Friends of Israel, January/February 2008

Believable ...Yet Unbelievable!

Competing Bible Study Groups in California Capitol

(The February 27 edition of the) Sacramento Bee (newspaper) carried a story about rather nasty competition between two separate Bible study groups for California lawmakers. At the center of the controversy is former UCLA basketball player Ralph Drollinger who now, as an evangelical chaplain for Capitol Ministries, teaches a legislators' Bible study. As Drollinger explains it in a blog posting, several years ago two disgruntled participants started a competing group that uses a "share-your-thoughts" format instead of one that involves a lecture by the group leader. Drollinger writes:

"The fellowship group makes everyone feel okay, no matter what spiritual direction they are coming from. They are made to feel okay about their rejection of salvation in Christ alone. It is apparent too that these lost (spiritually speaking) legislators have been made to feel superior to me in their progressive religious tolerance ...

Although they are pleasant men in their personal demeanor, their group is more than disgusting to our Lord and Saviour. What the fellowship group offers is Jesus of Nazareth, a good, moral teacher who loves everyone without distinction. This is a deadly lie. There is no true fellowship without first being reconciled to God (i.e., repentance ...and faith in God through the work of Jesus Christ the Messiah.)"

Assemblyman Rick Keene, who sponsors the competing group, says that both he and Drollinger think they are doing the right thing. Senator Darrell Steinberg, who will serve as Senate president pro-tem next year, was less charitable, calling Drollinger's statements "offensive," "intolerant," "troubling" and "deplorable."

Howard Friedman

Editor's Comments: The battle between truth and error is evident everywhere these days. The scenario in Sacramento is typical of the situation in the churches in your own hometown. There are probably any number of these modernistic churches with their rock bands and watered-down messages. They preach tolerance of everything and being non-judgmental – that is, until someone shows up preaching sin, repentance, salvation and other Bible doctrines. At that point they find the messenger of God's truth to be "offensive," "intolerant," "troubling" and "deplorable."

The Sword of the Lord

Editor's Note: Pray for 'spiritual eye discernment' that brings honor and glory to our precious Saviour and for 'spiritual hearts' open to the leading of His Word by the Holy

Spirit; which results in *OBEDIENCE!*

Living Twins

New Castle, Pa. – A Pennsylvania family, ignoring pleas from doctors to abort their twins because of birth defects, is celebrating life as their two perfectly healthy twins advance into toddlerhood.

The Doctors Were Wrong!

According to an article in the New Castle News, doctors told Bobbie McIlwain that her in-utero twins faced serious health concerns since one tested positive for Down syndrome and the other had a bilateral cleft lip and-or palate. Despite repeated attempts to convince the McIlwains to abort, the couple insisted they would love their babies regardless of their condition.

When the twins arrived, there was no sign of Down Syndrome with little Ava Marie and the second girl, Emily Grace, had a cleft issue which has already been surgically repaired. "The tests were wrong, the doctor's were wrong, the genetic counselor was wrong, but my God was right," the mother said.

Minnesota Christian Chronicle

WAR ON THE CHURCH

(By Dr. Hugh Pyle)

"The Gospel of Excess" is an article in U.S. News expounding on the huge financial enterprises which call themselves "churches," sometimes called "megachurches." Shown is a colorful picture of a woman preacher (forbidden in Scripture) with one arm around an excited worshiper, while a crowd of women is shown with hands raised with Joyce Meyer who obviously has whipped them into the frenzy. After all, this female "evangelist" grossed \$95 million last year – a pretty generous take for a preacher.

Her worshipers are promised Rolls Royces, Dresden vases, vacation homes, lavish jewelry and private jets, among others toys. Meyer herself has received two Rolls Royces from the "church." Senators are investigating, and the IRS is getting interested in Meyer, Kenneth Copeland and Benny Hinn, among others, as memories of the Jim and Tammy Bakker scandals and Kenneth Hagin are awakened.

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One of Hagin's disciples is Joel Osteen of Houston, who has perhaps the largest megachurch in the U.S. Using words from the new "Bibles" makes their interpretations more appealing. Satan's war on the church is easier because of such shenanigans.

The Sword of the Lord, 4/18/08

Church or Family?

Leadership magazine, a publication of *Christianity Today*, revealed that a growing number of families would rather spend their free time together than at church. An astonishing number of families are dropping out of church, because when they are required to choose between church, sports or school activities, church is at the bottom of their list.

Scientists at it Again

Here's the latest: Scientists are reporting that fox size, deer-like animal that lived on what is now the Indian sub-continent might have been a link to ancestors of modern whales. **Background:** Scientists who study evolution have long believed that whales must have had ancestors that lived on land. Fossils of the *Indohyus* show it has the same bone in its ear that whales have, the scientists report."

The Patriot News

Ninety-Six Catholic Universities Have Pro-Homosexual Clubs

Catholic universities across America are rapidly giving place and prominence to a homosexual clientele. While Catholic schools have embraced a code of traditional moral values, that is now changing.

Moral values are being undermined on many Catholic campuses, and the principles that once guided (them) are being ignored. The secular model has invaded, allowing moral relativism to run wild. As a result, the sexual revolution is making its way into Catholic academia ...

For example, Georgetown University, the nation's oldest Catholic university, recently agreed to open and fully fund a new center for homosexual students in addition to the already existing pro-homosexual club on campus.

To determine the scope of the crisis, TEP (Student Action) volunteers examined the official web sites of 211 Catholic universities and colleges listed by *Granley's Catholic Schools in America*. Their research discovered that 45 percent have pro-homosexual clubs. Many of these clubs share in the movement's radical goal – to force social acceptance of unnatural vice on Christian America and gag expressions of free speech that oppose the movement's ideological agenda.

–telladf.org

Seeker-Sensitive Church gone Mad

"The Next Level Church" of Matthews, North Carolina, near Charlotte, is conducting a 'give us a shot' campaign to increase attendance. Staff members are visiting bars and distributing shot glasses that bear the slogan 'real church for real people.' A shot glass holds 1.5 ounces of liquor. The pastor, Robbie McLaughlin, says his objective is to impress people who don't go to church. No doubt it will. It will impress them that some churches are as worldly as they are. We wonder how many bar patrons will be encouraged to drink a few more rounds to the 'cool church?' Just 6 shots of liquor can make the average man seriously intoxicated, and about 20 shots can kill him. Do they not see the wretched message they are sending by this gimmick? Have they no concern for the holy reputation of the church of Jesus Christ? **Is there no end to the 'Seeker Sensitive' madness?"**

Friday Church News Notes via Christian News

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Hymn History

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

The day after his conversion to Christ, Charles Wesley wrote his first hymn. From then on, scarcely a day went by that he did not use poetic rhyme and meter to express his deep spiritual feelings.

At one point, he heard the Moravian leader, Peter Bohler exclaim, "Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Him with all of them." He then used that as the inspiration for his stirring song, "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

Hymn writing came easy to him – anytime, anywhere – in his garden, his study, or on horseback! Christendom still sings such Wesley compositions as, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" and many others. He wrote a staggering total of six thousand five hundred hymns!

His most popular hymn is "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" written two years after his encounter with Christ as Savior. It is interesting to note that Charles' illustrious brother, John, the founder of Methodism, felt that the word "lover" was too sentimental for a spiritual song and refused to include it in the Methodist hymnal of 1780. In fact, it was never included in a Methodist hymnal until 1797, nine years after Charles' heavenly homegoing!

No one knows for certain what one experience prompted the writing of his favorite hymn. Some have said that a bird flew into Wesley's room for refuge, giving him

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the idea of flying into the Lord's bosom for protection. Others say a terrible storm at sea motivated him to pen these lines.

Whatever did or did not happen, Charles Wesley wrote a prayer-poem which found a responsive chord in the hearts of tens of thousands.

The music is by an American, Simeon Butler Marsh. The melody came to him while on horseback. He dismounted and jotted down the notes. Thirty years later, his tune and Wesley's words were joined together, and no man has put them asunder!

Taken from Hymns of Faith
Northwestern College and Radio

*Jesus, Lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life is past.
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!*

Will Israel Perish?

Editor's Note: This article is from a man named "Zvi," who is a Christian Jew and lives in Israel. The following is an excerpt from a discussion he had with some Muslims regarding the future of Israel. It is taken from "*Israel My Glory*," January/February 2008." Iranian President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has vowed that he will destroy Israel.

"Our Muslim neighbors are doing all they can to begin a new war. If they succeed, it will not be the first time. I have lived in Israel 60 years, and it is like living on an active volcano. Our enemies are a mighty majority that refuses to rest. Why? Because they see this tiny nation is still on the map and they cannot erase it.

"Because they are great in number – 1.5 billion – and we have only 6 million people, they believe they can achieve a great victory over us. I have many Arab neighbors and have lived here a long time and speak their language, so they speak with me often. They boast of their strength and tell me

that soon Israel will be wiped off the map. Every day they wait for our destruction.

"Recently I told several of them, "You spend your lives thinking about how you will destroy us. But take a good look. Read what is written in the Bible." And I gave them an Arabic-language Bible so they could read Exodus 15:4 and 19: "*Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea. For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them. But the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.*"

"So they read. When they learned what happened to Pharaoh and his army during the days of Moses and the Exodus, one man asked, "Who was this One who did these things and hurled the chariots into the sea?"

"Ask your great sheikhs," I replied. "Perhaps they will know." But they wanted to know immediately. So I told them, "The Lord God Almighty." "That happened many years ago," another said, scoffing. So I explained. "You can see for yourself that we are like a poor, little worm [Isa. 41:14]. And you are like the mighty locusts. Yet we are still here. So who is on our side?"

"After thinking awhile, someone replied, "That was a long time ago, but no more. These are only stories about Israel's many victories." Now we had come to the point. I told them about the many wars they started against us, determined to destroy us: 1948, 1956, 1967, 1973, and many others. "But we are still here," I said. "We won all these wars against you."

"No," he said. "This cannot be! You are believing fairy tales!" So I showed them my certificate of discharge from the Israel Defense Forces and told them that I did not put my faith in foolish stories; I saw with my own eyes because I fought in all these wars. "This is impossible to believe," one said. But now they began asking many questions. "How could it be that you defeated us in 1948? You were only half-a-million people and had no weapons, and we were a multitude from five Arab countries. How could you win such a big victory over us? How could this be?"

"We had finally arrived at the most important issue. "I will show you," I said. This time I opened the Bible to the book of Psalms and read for them Psalm 124:1-8 where it is written. "*If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, let Israel now say- "If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us alive. "Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth (vv. 1-3,8)."*" "Here we are," I said. "And you, with all your mighty power of 1.5 billion people and 56 Muslim countries, you are the ones who are lost and living in a fantasy. We are only 6 million, but look who is on our side! If this were not so, where would we be today?"

AMERICA IS ...

*A pizza at a baseball game,
A parade, a marching band;
America is an apple pie,
A 10-cent hot dog stand.
America is a crowded beach,
A picnic in the park;
America is a football game
Or a drive-in after dark,
American is a little girl
Hugging her teddy bear;
America is a dad and son
Playing ball somewhere.
America is a graduate -
His diploma in his hand;
America is a soldier
Returning to his land.
America is the privilege
To worship as we feel best'
The privilege of sharing convictions
Without fear of arrest.
But to all she offers freedom,
Which she fought for long ago;
Her people gave their very lives
For the freedom we now know.
America is pioneers
With a cabin made of sod'
America is a nation
Richly blessed by God.
May we always love her
And fight to keep her free,
For America is people;
America isYOU AND ME!*

Kay Solum
Heaven and Home Hour News Bulletin, 7/78

**“Two natures beat within my breast.
The one is foul, the other blessed.
The one I love, the other I hate.
The one I feed will dominate.”**

Anonymous

UpDate

“In one of his journeys, the 18th century evangelist, George Whitefield, was told of a large family whose landlord had seized her furniture as security and was about to sell it, unless her rent was paid. Whitefield’s purse was never great, but his sympathy was large, and he immediately gave the five guineas (about \$15.00) which the helpless woman needed. The friend who was traveling with him hinted that the sum was more than he could reasonably afford; to which the reply was give: ‘When God brings a case of distress before us, it is that we may relieve it.’

The two travelers proceeded on their journey, and before long, encountered a highwayman, who demanded their money, which they gave. Whitefield now turned the tables on his friend and reminded him how much better it was for the poor widow to have the five guineas than the thief who had just robbed them. They had not long resumed their travel, before the man returned and demanded Whitefield’s coat which was more respectable than his own. His request was also granted, Whitefield accepting the robber’s ragged garment till he could procure a better.

Presently they perceived the robber again galloping towards them most furiously; and now fearing that their lives were threatened, they also spurred their horses, and fortunately arrived at some cottages, before the highwayman could stop them. The thief was thwarted and, no doubt, was immensely mortified; for when Whitefield took off the man’s tattered coat, he found in one of its pockets a carefully wrapped parcel containing one hundred guineas (about \$300.00). Selected.

Editor’s Note: Obedience is a expression of LOVE and it always pays to obey the Word of God. NO, we don’t give in order to get; but Luke 6:38 and other Bible Verses are very interesting in this regard: **“Give, and it will be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”**

“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 6:20-21.

Bible Prophecy Conference

To be held in the *Fargo/Moorhead* area on October 9-11 at the Elim Rehabilitation & Care Center Chapel.

Elim Rehabilitation & Care Center is located at 3534 S. University Dr. (approx. 16 blocks south of I94) in Fargo. Pastor David Barnhart will be the main speaker. Pastor Barnhart is the Founder of Abiding Word Ministries and the Editor of *'The Vine and the Branches'*. Lord willing, the conference will start on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. We want you to be in PRAYER for this Conference and seriously consider attending; especially IF you live somewhat in this area. ALL are very welcome to attend. There will be sessions Thursday evening, during the day on Friday and Saturday, and also on Friday evening.

We will seek to give you more information as we prayerfully move forward. Feel free to call 701-364-9208 or 218-287-5586.

P.S. There is a possibility of a piano concert with personal testimony also on Thursday evening.

This Conference is being promoted by friends of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/*Morning Glory*.

WELCOME!!!

Evangelistic Tent Meetings

Emmanuel Lutheran Church of rural Wanamingo, MN will be using the Innermission tent for evangelistic meetings. They have secured Pastor Mark Olson for these meetings. The meetings will be at the Wanamingo Truck Stop.

The dates for these meetings are August 24-27, 2008. They will start each evening at 7:30 p.m.

Perhaps your church or fellowship group would like to use the Innermission tent for evangelistic meetings. Would you commit this in prayer to the Lord and see what He would like you to do?

Annual Conference of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation

Isn't God Good! So undeserving and yet so blest we were once again privileged to gather around that Precious Person and Name of JESUS! Again we were blest with the Presence of the Holy Spirit as we gathered around the WORD and PURPOSE of our Creator and Redeemer. Granted, we would have liked to have seen and been in fellowship with many more of you dear folk; but where two or three are gathered in HIS Name, there HE has promised to be in the midst thereof.

Fortunately we have also been blest that all bills are paid and we are in the black at the closing of this fiscal year. Praise the Lord and thank you for your support.

With the election taking place, those whose terms were up were re-elected and Mr. Clifford Nelson of rural Cannon Falls, MN was elected to fill the remaining unexpired term on the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Board of the recent death of brother Charles Albertson.

Thank you to Emmanuel Lutheran Congregation of rural Wanamingo, MN for hosting the annual conference of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation.

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