



# Morning Glory

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

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## The Heart Of Christmas

By Wilbur E. Nelson

**“The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.” John 1:14**

Many elements go to make up our modern Christmas. Ancient customs come to us from the pagan midwinter festivals, with their bonfires, feasting and rites. It is sadly true that many people seem absorbed with the incidentals – the pleasant but not necessary features of Christmas – with little, if any, thought of the really important part. For the Christian, however, the very heart of Christmas is the wonder of Christ’s coming to dwell among us, full of grace and truth, and to die for us, full of love and compassion.

To explain Jesus’ incarnation has occupied the thought and time of the preacher for nearly twenty centuries, and it is not likely that I can do so in a few moments. However the Bible does clearly show us some things we can understand. Let us begin where our text does: **“The Word was made flesh ...”** The “Docetas” taught that He merely assumed the appearance of a man. Appolinarius held that He took to Himself a body, but not a human soul. Nestorius maintained that He, the Word, simply united with Jesus, the perfect man. But the Scripture says, He became flesh – He did not cease to be the Word, but He made the human life He assumed one with Himself, in one Person. The disciples said, **“Behold the man!”** That’s the way they began to know Him. It was no clever disguise He assumed – He became, literally, flesh for us.

Why did He do this? So that He might obey the law in

the same nature that had broken it. He came in the flesh so that He might die, and bear the curse of the law for us (see Heb. 2:3, 14).

Thirdly, He did so that He might have sympathy with men (Heb. 2:17). The Scriptures ascribe many things to Him which will not apply to His divine nature or agree with His human nature separately. For example, **“Unto us a Child is given ...”** doesn’t refer to Him as God, and **“His name shall be called Wonderful...”** does so refer. Though a perfect man, He never ceased to be perfect God. Thus the Eternal Deity is brought down to us in flesh.

The text continues; **“...and dwell among us.”** The literal translation would be: **“tabernacled”** or **“dwelt in a tent”** among us. Someone has said that three types of men dwelt in tents in Scripture: soldiers, sojourners and shepherds. It is more than mere sentimentalism to say that Jesus was and is: A soldier, the Captain of our salvation, bearing His arm, wielding the sword of His Spirit and truth in our behalf. A sojourner on earth – stepping onto a blighted earth on His way to the cross, with neither home nor bed of His own; Our Good Shepherd, Who alone may be trusted with the care of our souls.

Our text continues, **“And we behold His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father ...”** Some think John refers here to His glorious ascension; still others to what John describes in chapter one of the Book of Revelation. I believe that he was referring to the glory which was revealed in Christ always – the glory which burst through His humiliation – which shone through even the ugly and awful spectacle of the cross, for those with eyes to see it.

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Dress some kings as peasants and they would still have a kingly look – dress some peasants as kings and they would just look ridiculous. So Jesus wore the garment of flesh with the dignity and glory of God.

But something more than glory is needed, and our text supplies it – **“full of grace and truth.”** There are some who might fear to come to a Christ of glory alone. They might say, with Peter, *“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful creature ...”* But He is full of grace – full of truth! God has come to us in person, in Christ offering to us His grace and truth.

Now, how about you? Have you seen His glory? Have you received His truth? This is the very heart of the matter. God sent His Son, not merely to give us a holiday or even a holy day, but to give us a Saviour! Make Him your Saviour, now!

*Grace Broadcaster,*  
Christmas, 1978.

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# A Real Christmas

Please Read Luke 2:25-35

***This Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against.*** Luke 2:32

A quotation in our church's Advent devotional guide caused me to rethink my approach to Christmas.

"Let us at all costs avoid the temptation to make our Christmas worship a withdrawal from the stress and sorrow of life into a realm of unreal beauty. It was into the real world that Christ came, into the city where there was no room for Him, and into a country where Herod, the murderer of innocents, was king.

"He comes to us, not to shield us from the harshness of the world but to give us the courage and strength to bear it; not to snatch us away by some miracle from the conflict of life, but to give us peace – His peace – in our hearts, by which we may be calmly steadfast while the conflict rages and be able to bring to the torn world the healing that is peace."

When Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus to the Lord, Simeon said to them: "***Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against*** (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), ***that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed***" (Luke 2:34-35).

Christmas is not a retreat from reality but an advance into it alongside the Prince of Peace.

David McCasland

*Christ did not come to shield us from  
The grief and pain of life;  
But those who have His peace inside  
Can thrive within the strife. –Sper*

***Jesus came to give light to a dark world.***

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*Editor's Note:* "Innocent" not being sinless. REMEMBER we in reality do not 'worship' still a "Baby Jesus." As JESUS was born (Incarnation) to be 'Crucified' for your and my SIN and to 'rise' again for our justification – All who take 'refuge' under the BLOOD of HIM!

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## Understanding the Times

*"And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment." II Chronicles 12:32*

This chapter lists the numbers of men from each of the tribes of Israel who cast their lot with David in his conflict with King Saul. All these numbers are given except those of Issachar, but of these it was said that all their brethren followed their 2000 leaders in turning to David. The reason for their unanimity in this decision was that these leaders "had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do." It was time to "turn the kingdom" to David, "according to the word of the LORD" (1 Chronicles 12:23). God had given them a Benjamite, Saul, as king for a time, but now David had been anointed, and it was the time to give "the scepter" to Judah according to the prophecy of their father, Jacob, given over 600 years before (Genesis 49:10).

How desperately we need leaders today who are spiritual "sons of Issachar," understanding these times! Christ told the apostles: "*It is not for you to know the times or the seasons*" (Acts 1:7); it was more urgent that they proceed to witness for Him "*unto the uttermost part of the earth*" (v. 8).

Nevertheless, He would return to the earth in some generation, and that generation should be expected (when they would see all these things) to "***know that it is near, even at the doors***" (Matthew 24:33). They could understand the signs, and even though they should never attempt to guess the date, they could "*look up... for your redemption draweth nigh*" (Luke 21:28), when they would see "these things begin to come to pass."

The signs are everywhere, yet few of our leaders – Christian politicians included – seem to understand the real meaning of these times. Christ is "even at the doors!"

Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

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***All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.*** Isaiah 64:6

***Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*** Psalm 51:7b

After falling into a nearby sewage pond, a small boy came to his home expecting to be welcomed inside, but was instead sent by his mother to wash the filth away. The Bible tells us that nothing that defiles will ever enter into heaven (Rev. 21:27). We are defiled by sin and thus have no claim on heaven. But God still wants us there and the Lord Jesus has shed His blood to make us utterly clean and fit to enter. Have you come to Jesus and accepted His cleansing from sin?

Janet Fleming

## Afflicted and Mourn

*Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.* James 4:9

The modern world seems obsessed with pleasure, laughter, and “positive thinking.” Sadly, this shortsighted, now-centered thinking also infects the profession church. A shallow version of Christianity is popular today – short on substance and long on entertainment. What is truly needed is heartfelt sorrow over sin and repentance from spiritual apathy. A joy that is rooted in this world is baseless. True joy must be rooted in the Lord and His Word. If you are backsliding, turn back to the Lord by walking in the Spirit through prayer and the Word of God (Gal. 5:6). Humble yourself and He will exalt you.

K. R. Keyser

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## Holy and Blameless

*To present you holy and blameless (unblameable) and above reproach (unreproveable) in his sight.* Colossians 1:22.

The idea of blamelessness in the Old Testament means being purged to a point of clarity or pure transparency. God desired His people to be blameless (Deut. 18:13) and He loved to use people who were blameless to show Himself strong (2 Chron. 16:8-9). In the New Testament, God is still looking for blameless people. Graciously He enables us to be blameless before Him because of Jesus’ death (Col. 1:22). But he does more than that. He keeps us blameless (1 Thess. 5:23) and one day He will present us blameless to God our Saviour (Jude 1:24)! May God help us to live blameless lives before Him.

L. Devries

*I stand amazed in the presence, of Jesus the Nazarene.*

*And wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.*

Charles H. Gabriel

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*I will mention the loving kindnesses of the LORD.* Isaiah 63:7

*How excellent is Thy loving kindness, O God.* Psalm 36:7

*Hear me, O LORD: for Thy loving kindness is good.* Psalm 69:16

One modern rendering of “lovingkindness” is “**steadfast love**”. Unswerving, immovable, unchanging, such is God’s precious love towards us. David describes God’s lovingkindness as excellent – costly and precious. When he prays, he pleads that God would answer him according to the constant wellspring of that steadfast love. When the soul appreciates the worth of His love – it wants for nothing else.

Pete Smith

*The love of God is greater far,  
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star,  
And reaches to the lowest hell.* – F. M. Lehman

*Editor’s Note: BUT keep in mind and heart and practice: “does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth” 1 Corinthians 13:6.*

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**“To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him.” Daniel 9:9**

*Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation  
Enter every trembling heart.* – C. Wesley

**“O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our father, because we have sinned against You.” Daniel 8:8**

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**“For such are false apostles” 2 Corinthians 11:13a.**

Paul had been a faithful teacher to the flock at Corinth, yet somehow they had begun to follow false teachers. Times have not changed. False apostles are about today, just as they did in Paul’s day. We can be protected against them by making every effort to know the truth of God’s Word. Lies become obvious then. A greater commitment to studying, understanding, and applying the Scriptures is a necessity. We also need to realize that deception is not only found in the world but in the church. Not everything that names the name of Christ is of Christ. Vigilance is necessary with every trend and “truth”. Even within the church.

Norman Craig Funston

*Our foes are strong, but greater far is He,  
Whose arm is my strength and shield;  
We’ll conquer by His grace, and we will never yield.*

Fanny J. Crosby

# Editorial

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## THE BABY'S BIRTHDAY!

*"Thanks be to God for His indescribable/unspeakable gift!"*

(II Corinthians 9:15)

**GIFT(S)** are often given at 'special' times in a 'person's' life! Right?? A gift is something a person definitely doesn't deserve OR merit, BUT some one has expressed their love in word/deed as it manifests LOVE IN ACTION/REALITY! Love is an active reality; it can not sit idly by when it is their ability to give in word or deed – ACTION. The dictionary states: "Something that is bestowed voluntarily and without compensation."

For example: Children are an inheritance from the Lord! *"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward"* Psalm 127:3.

I realize that there are those who will 'debate' the actual date of God's Incarnation in and through His Son, the person of JESUS; but IF a gift/word of LOVE misses your 'birthday' by a period of time; that is insignificant as long as this person remembers you in LOVE! ***"Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem..."*** Galatians 4:3-5a.

WHEN a 'child' is conceived in its mother's womb, often one of the first things lovingly considered is, "What shall we Name this Child?" *"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold"* Proverbs 22:1. ***"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins"*** Matthew 1:21.

Notice in Galatians 4:3-5, that JESUS was born to die, while we are born to live EVEN though we "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins," Ephesians 2:1. In Ephesians two God not only speaks of you and I born spiritually 'dead'; but also rebellious towards GOD! (Death speaks of 'separation').

THANK GOD that with the 'call of God'; HE gives the gift to a person to respond (positively/the power/influence) the gift of Salvation (deliverance) in and through the Person of JESUS. Similar to when JESUS called dead Lazarus from the tomb OR the woman with the withered hand! *"Jesus answered and said to them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.' 'All that the Father give Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.'"* John 6: 29, 37; Revelation 3:20. (Re-read the explana-

tion of the Third Article of The Apostles Creed in Martin Luther's Small Catechism Explained).

MISTAKENLY, great many folk are still 'worshipping' a **BABY JESUS**; possibly maybe even some Christians!?!? (How Sweet to Hold a New Born Baby, BUT...) A person beyond a very few years: you don't still give one you LOVE 'a baby a Birthday card(s) or gifts! **YET JESUS WAS BORN TO DIE for your and my sin (blood atonement) and rise again for our justification and is coming again in the fullness of time!** A 'baby' was not hung on the 'tree' for your and my sin; but a grown Man (GOD Incarnate) whose name is **JESUS!**

A group of ladies were dining at a 'restaurant and an 'observer' noticed it was a 'special occasion' and inquired what was taking place? The answer was 'we are celebrating' a child's birthday! Observer asked: 'Where is the child'? Answer was, "At home"! *Ridiculous!* BUT you know many do the same thing at 'Christmas Time': for example take a conscientious look at your 'shopping Christmas list'! Is JESUS the first on your list? Do YOU possess as your very own this PEARL OF GREAT PRICE? God is the Giver, JESUS is the Gift, Holy Spirit is for the Recipient and almost/always instantaneous YOU should want to THANK the Giver for this ***"unspeakable GIFT"***! (Are you 'thanking' HIM and expressing your LOVE for HIM in different ways?

REMEMBER even 'born-again' folk 'we' are only 'stewards' of what the LORD has entrusted to 'us'! We brought nothing into this world and 'we' will take nothing out; but we can invest into ETERNITY for ***"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"***! Matthew 6:21.

By ***'faith'*** the 'wise-men' of old brought their 'treasures' and laid them at the feet of a child when JESUS was approx. two years old!

The Haugeans say to come to JESUS; which is the GIFT, is 'faith in action'. ***"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*** Luke 2:11. ***"We love Him because He first loved us"*** 1 John 4:19 – Our love for HIM is tested by our obedience to His Word/BIBLE!). THUS we are to do as they did of 'old'; The 'wise-men' followed the STAR – Isaiah 9:6, Revelation 22:16: Mary told the

Apostles 'He is risen' and others shared He is coming again and one day: **"that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"** Philippians 2: 10-11.

IN THE MEANTIME: May 'our' Living Savior, His name is JESUS, may He give 'us' who personally know this GIFT/JESUS as **'our' Savior: Love, Boldness & Courage in these latter days!**

AS 'we' sing **"Joy to the World the Lord has Come"**: The only place in the 'world' that this song is ONLY

sung at Christmas time is in America: other places throughout the year!

**Joy – Jesus First, Others – Second, Yourself – Last Spells JOY!**

P. S. *By the GRACE of GOD, when 'we' get to HEAVEN: WE will want to meet JESUS (God Incarnate) FIRST of ALL – for HE paid the price totally in our behalf that 'we' may enter therein!*

**JESUS made Heaven Poor; that 'we' might become RICH!**

*What a Birthday GIFT!*

**"In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, ...and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations".** Revelation 22:2

God would have all nations turn to Him for healing from the tree of life. Th nations today are sick with lust for power, hatred, and greed. May God help our land and all nations to turn to Him in repentance and faith.

A little girl was invited to a birthday party. Because she was poor, she could not afford to give an expensive present; she brought a book called "Leaves from the Tree of Life." This contained a Bible verse for each day of the year. The gift cost only twenty-five cents, and the little girl felt ashamed to think that she could not give a more expensive gift.

Twenty-five years later these friends met, and they began to talk about the past.

"Do you remember the book you gave?" asked the one woman.

"Yes, and I remember how ashamed I was because I could not afford a more expensive gift," was the reply.

"That book has been a great comfort to me." The other woman looked at the book and saw how worn it was. She thought of her mother who was in heaven, and who had been the one who had urged her to give that gift. Then she said, "How wonderful it is that the Word of God has healing for us all."

Have you been healed from your sin? The Saviour is waiting to be your Great Physician. Call upon Him today!

Dear Lord Jesus, heal us, strengthen us, make us bold in our witnessing for Thee. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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## A Strong Bible Stand

By Dr. Bruce Cummons

What would America become if her churches returned to God, to the preaching of the Bible, to red-hot preaching, and to old-time revival? We would be under God, a nation that could once again call herself Christian.

The world's churches cry, "We must give the people what they want, or we will lose our crowd!" You are losing them anyway, as well as condemning their souls to eternal Hell. When people are on their deathbeds, they want a preacher who can tell them how to be saved, not tell them a funny joke!

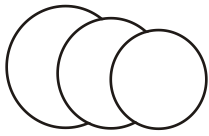
Most churches in my area are smaller than they were ten years ago, both in attendance and membership; and nearly all of them are dark and empty on Sunday night. Why? Because the church cannot compete with the world in amusement and in entertainment, and God never intended the church to do so! There, the unsaved worldling will go where the entertainment is better from his viewpoint!

I've never been concerned about losing a crowd for telling the truth, so long as the stand of the church is consistent with that truth.

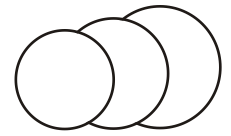
Brethren, let us pray that God will smile upon us once again with an old-fashioned, Holy Ghost revival across our land and with preachers on fire for God, rebuilding the altars and calling their people to prayer and repentance.

If the preachers and the churches do not do this then it will not be done. If it is not done, then surely we must be about the bottom of the toboggan slide. The night is so dark and it's going to be a terrible crash!

Sword of the Lord



# From Our Fellowship Circle



C. D. Minneapolis, MN  
Thanks for faithfully preparing and sending the very special "Morning" Glory publication!

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(Not questioning the above, BUT testimonies and material for 'Fellowship Circle')!

## A King or a Shepherd?

By Pastor Tim Townsley, Southington, Connecticut

The story of Nimrod details the failure of the first kingdom. Nimrod was a grandson of Ham through Cush, and his name means "rebel". He was a mighty tyrant in the sight of God, the first dictator.

He was the founder of the Babylonian Empire and the organizer of the enterprise that led to the construction of the tower of Babel. His first kingdom was a failure! A king reigning over a kingdom must be a godly spiritual leader if it is to be successful.

Consider the characteristics of a king:

- He reigns over a kingdom
- He is sovereign
- He has complete authority
- His word is final
- He has the power to take life
- He has the power to judge
- He answers to no one

Until Jesus returns and sits on the Throne of David, there will not be a righteous kingdom. Every kingdom is doomed to failure. God has given us a better plan to follow, and it is the method of shepherding.

Even in the Old Testament we find the shepherding model. Moses learned to be a shepherd and developed the heart of a shepherd while he was a fugitive in Midian Desert. God authorized Samuel to anoint David as king. Though David was a strong warrior, he always had the heart of a shepherd.

In the New Testament we learn that Jesus is "the good shepherd" (John 10:11).

Sheep and lambs are mentioned over three hundred fifty times in the Bible. "Shepherd" is mentioned nearly fifty times. The Bible states that the Good Shepherd knows His sheep, loves them, feeds them, protects them, leads them; and they follow Him

Also the Scripture states that He gives His life for them. The disciples were asked to follow His example of service as

a shepherd. Peter was specifically told to lead His lambs. Every example of successful ministry in the New Testament follows the paradigm of a shepherd watching over his flock.

Every pastor should have the heart of a shepherd rather than that of a king ruling over a kingdom. The word "bishop" in 1 Timothy 3 (referring to pastor) literally means "an overseer".

A pastor should watch over the flock and care for its well-being.

Furthermore, leaders of the church should learn to follow the example of the pastor and become servants with a shepherd's heart. The sheep tend to stray and are vulnerable to attack without the careful watch of the shepherd. The sheep have little to offer the shepherd, but the shepherd recognizes it is his duty to care for God's flock. The focus of a ... church is to win the lost, but the next step is to feed the sheep. (Ed. Personally, I believe first is to feed the lambs and sheep and then to win the lost!). Healthy sheep will reproduce after their kind. Unhealthy sheep will need constant care from the shepherd.

Building a strong church requires the pastor to have a heart for the members, teach them the Word of God, and train them to serve with a heart for others. No matter how small or large a church may be, the shepherd model is still God's plan for today.

Like David who had a heart for God, we also must have a heart for God and a heart for our church families.

Selected

## The Holy Spirit

By Kenny McCommas

The modern Christian is dwarfed, stunted and underdeveloped. The average spiritual diet served by the average preacher for the modern-day Christian does not provide necessary nourishment for proper growth and maturity.

They offer programs, parties and promotions; but power is conspicuously absent from the average church. Out of desperation and frustration, as the old prophet said, **they hew out cisterns which can hold no water** (Jer. 2:13).

We need to learn anew that it's "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD" (Zech. 4:6). The Lord said it's not by brawn or brain but by His Spirit. We can neither outwit nor over-power the Devil.

We have substituted organizing for agonizing, playing for praying, the supper room for the upper room; and instead of turning out spiritual giants in this power-crazy jet age, we are turning out Lilliputian saints. — Selected.

# Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

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## Imagine!

The President of the great Country of USA, whose mottos are Under God and In God we Trust: had, when the Pope came to the USA as a religious welcome committee homosexual Bishops and a Nun who upholds abortions; as the religious representation OR at least part of the welcoming Committee!?!?

At large 'our' country has FORSAKEN the One and Only Living GOD: as **70%** of (*supposedly*) Christians NOW believe that ALL religions/teachings are OKAY and leads ITS people the WAY TO Heaven?

COMPROMISE ALWAYS LEADS TO **Confusion!**

"...Another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel. Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger. They forsook the LORD and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel..." THUS is God removing the 'Candlestick' from our Gospel and indifferent beloved USA? PLEASE continue to pray earnestly for God's extended MERCY and forgiveness on 'WE the People' of this great USA and and that 'we' the people will return unto HIM in godly repentance! **GOD never** turns a deaf ear to godly repentance! **II Corinthians 7:10, John 14:6, Acts 4:12-13, 1 Timothy 2:4-6.**

## Who Could Have Gessed?

Who could have *gessed* that after the largest terror attack on America's Soil, the United States of America would take in a record number of Muslims?

This is exactly what we have done and are continuing to do!

It has been stated that the USA has admitted 3,000,000 Muslims each 9/11.

YES, pray for these 'folk' as well for they too are immortal souls who will spend eternity in Heaven or Hell!

BUT notice, as you see 'pictures' of Muslims moving into foreign countries, that fairly often they will be well dressed, have cell phones, etc. and approx. 70% are men!!!

## Watchful Eye

How you and I NEED to keep a 'Watchful Eye' on

Putin/Russia, in these *likely* latter days of what we call the 'Church's Age/Dispensation' – period of time; as *likely* it is later than we think! Don't forget the **bear coming out of the North**, according to God's Eternal Word, the Bible, found in Ezekiel 37, 38, 39!

ALSO, keep a "Watchful Eye" on the ecumenical movement of today: for example the Roman Catholic Church, the WCC, NCC and the Muslim (ISIS) movement in regards to especially Revelation chapter 17 & 18.

DON'T forget to keep a "watchful eye" on the economy of Today; worldwide and especially on the American Dollar and the World Bank!

ALSO, keep a 'watchful eye' on what is *happening* to the Second Amendment of the USA Constitution. I am not an outdoor sportsman/hunter; BUT keep in mind that among the first things 'Hitler' did in Germany was to have guns registered/confiscated and the same is true when the Communist took over China! A defenseless people are easy to control.

*IF Gun – Free Zones* Really Work, Then Let's Protect the President and other high government officials with a sign saying "No Guns Allowed"!?!?

MOST certainly, spend time in God's Eternal Book, the Bible, DAILY reading and meditating on this (**HIS**) WORD that is forever settled in Heaven!

## Very Clear!

The **BIBLE** addresses poverty a great deal, but to my knowledge, I don't know of one single Passage that says that the state – Civil Government – should tax workers to create programs to help the poor. This is the privilege and challenge of the individual and congregation to help the poor and in doing so, the LORD will bless!

The Old Testament has gleaning laws (Lev. 19:9-10, 23:22). These were not government programs. The poor were to do the gleaning (Ruth 2:2-3).

The Capitalistic (free) enterprise goes clear back to at least Cain and Abel!

**JESUS WAS NOT** and IS NOT A SOCIALIST, and the BIBLE is not a SOCIALIST Manifesto!

## Lesbian bishop: 'Remove crosses from church'

How soon until she gets an invitation to visit the White House? You'd think being able to read the Bible would be a requirement to be a bishop.

*Check it out:*



The world's first lesbian bishop of mainstream Christian denomination has put forth a call for one of the country's seaport churches to remove its crosses, so as to avoid offending Muslims.

Bishop Eve Brunne of the Lutheran Church of Sweden has proposed to remove the Christian symbols of the Seamen's Church in Freeport to make it more inviting for visiting sailors from other religions, according to a report by SVT.se, a Stockholm-based news outlet.

Her plan calls for removing crosses and other Christian symbols while setting up a prayer room inside the church that marks the direction of Mecca. The idea is to have rooms within the church that cater to people of other religions, thereby accommodating Muslim visitors. It would also make the church less offensive to the tens of thousands of Muslims entering Sweden from the Middle East and North Africa as refugees.

"Making a room available for people of other faiths does not mean that we are not defenders of our own faith. Priests are called to proclaim Christ. We do that every day and in every meeting with people," according to Brunne. "But that does not mean that we are stingy toward people of other faiths."

Sweden has "surrendered without so much as firing a shot," said Pamela Geller, author of "Stop the Islamization of America."

"Sweden has lost," Geller told WMD. "It is sacrificing its own heritage to accommodate immigrants who will not be as accommodating to native non-Muslim Swedes. The bishop is paving the way for the Islamization of Sweden."

The Church of Sweden is the largest Christian church in Sweden and the largest Lutheran denomination in the world. The primate of the Church of Sweden is Archbishop Antje Jackelen – Sweden's first female archbishop.

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**"Thus shall he speak unto my Lord Esau."**

**Genesis 32:4**

We are to tell others of the way of salvation as soon as we ourselves have received Jesus and eternal life through Him. It is not always easy to tell the simple story of Jesus. We are afraid of people's ridicule. We need to be bold for Christ.

A homeless Chinese boy was reared in a mission station in China. When he was fourteen years old he walked one day into a temple, and watched an old man as he burned incense, and fell down before a false god to pray. The boy thought: "This man is old, and he has only a short time to live. He does not know the way to heaven, but I am

only a child and I cannot speak to him."

The boy felt bad when he saw the expression on the old man's face. He went closer to him and said, "Would you please let a boy like me say something to you?" And the boy's eyes filled with tears.

"Why do you weep?" asked the old man. "Can I do something for you?"

"Sir," said the boy, "I feel sorry for you. You are old and do not know the way to heaven."

"Do you know the way, then?" asked the old man. The young boy then told him about Jesus. The result was that this young Christian boy led both the old man and his wife to know Jesus as their personal Saviour. Have you spoken to someone today about Jesus? Maybe, someone is waiting to hear you tell about our Saviour. Tell someone today.

Dear Lord Jesus, give us boldness to speak to others about Thee. Help us to bring someone to Thee. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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*Editor's Note:* Personally I know of a very young girl five or six years old asking an elderly man IF he loved JESUS and the elderly man turned the question around and asked the same question to this girl and she answered YES!

AS a 'little' testimony, would you like to have this 'family devotional book' as a token of your love for JESUS to someone? It can be yours for a donation of eight dollars and two dollars for handling and postage!

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***All that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD.*** Judges 2:10

***Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith.***

2 Corinthians 13:5

It is easy for a young person who has had the privilege of growing up in a godly home and a Bible believing assembly to rest on the faith of his/her parents and yet not know the Lord in a personal, life-changing way! Such faith will not stand. Eventually life will force you to stand alone and make your own decision regarding Christ and your relationship to Him. Only Christ Himself can satisfy the deepest longings of the heart. Before you drift away into a world of sin that will never satisfy, turn to Christ. Humbly trust Him as your Saviour and commit your life completely to Him.– David Croudace

*Now none but Christ can satisfy, no other name for me.*

*There's love, and life, and lasting joy, Lord Jesus found in Thee. – B. E.*

## God's Healing

**"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed."**

Jeremiah 17:14

**"I have seen His ways, and will heal him."**

Isaiah 57:18

IT is the sole prerogative of God to remove spiritual disease. Natural disease may be instrumentally healed by men, but even then the honour is to be given to God who giveth virtue unto medicine, and bestoweth power unto the human frame to cast off disease. As for spiritual sicknesses, these remain with the great Physician alone; He claims it as His prerogative, "I kill and I make alive, I wound and I heal;" and one of the Lord's choice titles is Jehovah-Rophi, the Lord that healeth thee. "*I will heal thee of thy wounds,*" is a promise which could not come from the lips of man, but only from the mouth of the eternal God. On this account the psalmist cried unto the Lord, "*O Lord, heal me, for my bones are sore vexed,*" and again, "*Heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.*" For this, also, the godly praise the name of the Lord, saying, "*He healeth all our diseases.*" He whom made man can restore man, He who was at first the creator of our nature can now create it. What a transcendent comfort it is that in the person of Jesus "*dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily!*" My soul, whatever thy disease may be, this great Physician can heal thee. If He be God, there can be no limit to His power. Come then with the blind eye of darkened understanding, come with the limping foot of wasted energy, come with the maimed hand or weak faith, the fever of an angry temper, or the ague of shivering dependency, come just as thou art, for He who is God can certainly restore thee of thy plague. None shall restrain the healing virtue which proceeds from Jesus our Lord. Legions of devils have been made to own the power of the beloved Physician, and never once has He been baffled. All His patients have been cured in the past and shall be in the future, and thou shalt be one among them, my friend, if thou wilt but rest thyself in Him this night.

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## Isn't He Beautiful!

Please read Isaiah 9:1-7

***Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given***

Isaiah 9:6

A group of children from our city were in a worship service, and we started to sing. Areli, age 7, leaned close to me and softly said, I love this song; it makes me cry."

The music and words about Jesus, her Savior, touched her heart: "Isn't He beautiful? Beautiful, isn't He? Prince of peace, Son of God, isn't He?"

Yes, the Lord Jesus is beautiful. We don't find a specific reference in the Bible describing Him that way, but His personal character is strong yet gentle, holy yet forgiving, majestic yet humble – all combined. Simply beautiful!

In his prophecy, Isaiah described Jesus and His coming in this way: ***Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace***" (Isa. 9:6).

Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor – giving us comfort and wisdom. The Mighty God – acting with power and authority. The Everlasting Father – providing for all our needs and protecting us. And the Prince of Peace – offering reconciliation with God and others.

Isn't Jesus beautiful! Worship Him. — Anne Cetas

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!*

*Son of God and Son of Man!*

*Glory and honor, praise, adoration*

*Now and forevermore be Thine!* —Seiss

**Jesus is the image of the invisible God.**

(Colossians 1:15.)

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## INCARNATION

A father who was on a trip to the Far East had a child at home over whose bed hung the father's portrait. Every morning the child looked lovingly at it, and one day said to his mother, "Mother, I wish father would come out from the frame!"

JESUS is the portrait of our Omnipotent Father and Friend as revealed in the Word of God. He is, God incarnate. "***The Word was made flesh and dwelt among.***" "***He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father.***" It is his place to "come out from the frame" and incarnate Himself in our lives. By that fellowship we are "**transformed into the same image from glory to glory.**"

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# Roles in the Home

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## **A Husband's Role in the Home – Ephesians 5:22-33**

God's Word lays down three functions of a faithful, Godly husband. First the husband possesses headship over the wife (v. 23). What is headship? It is authoritative headship, as demonstrated by Jesus Christ Himself, which purposes to bring honor and glory to Christ and seeks the edification of all. This is not "rulership" or "dictatorship." It means that in the home, the husband must make the final decision when both parties disagree on a decision that must be made. True, Biblical leadship seeks the best interest of all involved when decisions come into play (vv. 28-29). The second function or responsibility of the husband is this: The husband must love his wife (v. 25; Col. 3:19). Love is a vitally important ingredient in the marriage, for if the husband loves the wife, her best interests will always be in mind, just as Christ loves us and always has our best interests in mind. This *agapeo* love is a sacrificial love as well as a purifying love (vv. 26-27). The wife should be a better Christian and have a closer relationship with the Lord if her husband not only demonstrates headship and love, but also reverence and respect to his wife (read 1 Pet. 3:7). True reverence or respect is the result of truly loving one's spouse. The husband is to live with his wife and treat her according to "knowledge," that is, he knows her likes and dislikes and acts accordingly. Such respect and reverence demonstrates the fact that both the husband and the wife are equal in the eyes of the Lord, for both are "heirs together of the grace of life."

## **A Wife's Role in the Home – Ephesians 5:22-24**

The Word of God not only provides us with clear instructions regarding the function and responsibility of the husband in the home, but it reveals His will for the wife as well. First, we discover that the wife is to submit to the headship of the husband in the home (vv. 22, 24, Col. 3:18, 1 Pet. 3:1; Titus 2:5). To submit or demonstrate submission does not imply inferiority; rather, it means that the wife must recognize her role or function in the home and act accordingly. She must understand that God has given her husband a different function than her own. It is completely contrary to Scripture, and to the plan of God for mankind in general for the wife to serve as the final authority in the home. Second, God's Word reveals that the wife must reverence her husband (v. 33). To "reverence her husband" means not only to recognize his God-given position but also to respect that position and refrain from any gossip or negative speaking about him behind his

back. Such should never be the case in any Christian home. Third, God's Word exhorts the wife to love her husband (Titus 2:4). This love is a sacrificial love in which the wife desires the best for her husband and reveals her love by her actions. Finally, God's Word reminds the faithful, Godly wife to beautify herself through her actions and attitudes rather than focusing her attention exclusively upon her outward appearance (1Pet 3:1-4). If wives and husbands would take these responsibilities to heart, our homes would be places that honored and glorified the Lord. Men and women must fulfill their separate roles in order to walk according to God's will.

## **The Parents' Role in the Home – Ephesians 6:4**

Just as the husband and wife each possess specific functions and responsibilities to one another in the home, the father and mother each possess specific responsibilities to their children. Notice what God's Word says to those who are responsible to bring up their children "*in the nurture and admonition of the Lord*." If we desire to maintain happy, healthy, God-honoring homes, then we must necessarily look to the Lord and to His Word for instruction and guidance.

The Lord commands fathers to refrain from provoking their children wrathful anger. Our text, as well as Colossians 3:21, specifically instructs fathers to withhold any unnecessary or excessive words or actions that would bring a feeling of hatred or undue discouragement to their children. On the contrary, fathers are to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, that is, they must teach their children to do that which is right and provide proper discipline when they do that which is wrong. Fathers should discipline their children in the same spirit in which our Heavenly Father chastens us when we go astray (see Prov. 13:24; 29:17).

The Bible exhorts mothers to love their children and to guide or manage the home (1 Tim. 5:14; Titus 2:4-5). Godly mothers can have a profoundly positive impact on their children, an impact that will remain with them for their entire lives. A God-honoring mother will not only demonstrate her love for her children by compassionately meeting their physical needs, but she will make sure the home in which they live is an organized, clean, safe haven for them. This is God's will.

## **The Children's Role in the Home – Ephesians 6:1-3**

Children have just as much responsibility toward God and others in the home as do parents, husbands and wives. In fact, God's Word devotes several verses in the New

Testament specifically to the issue of child's responsibilities in the home. First, the Lord commands children to obey their parents (v. 1). Oftentimes when a parent gives a child a command, the child responds, "Why?" In today's text, God gives the answer to the question "Why?": "For this is right." When God says it is "right" for a child to obey his parents, God means it. No gray areas of compromise exist. To "obey your parents", in this context, literally carries with it the idea of getting under the parents' authority by listening to them and heeding their instructions. One author describes this obedience as "the foundational inter-personal relationship for a healthy society." How true this is ! When children are taught to obey and respect the authority of their parents, they will not have much difficulty obeying and respecting the other authority figures throughout their lives.

Notice God's second command: "Honor thy father and mother" (v. 2). While "obey" refers to actions, "honor" refers to attitude. Children must respect, love and care for their parents. Whether our parents fulfill their responsibilities in the Godly manner prescribed for them must not determine whether or not we obey God's Word in this regard. No, we must always honor and respect our parents, for this ensures God's approval (v. 3). As believers, we must purpose to make God the central figure in our homes and strive to obey and honor Him in all our family relationships.

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**For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy.** 2 Corinthians 11:2a.

We speak sometimes of loyalty, and then we speak of blind loyalty. The former is good, the latter is dangerous. The same can be said of jealousy. Protective, guarding jealousy is one thing – selfish, fearful jealousy is another. Paul combines the two positive qualities of loyalty and jealousy in the first six verses of this chapter. It could be described as a "zealous protection" of some very important elements of the Christian life. In Paul's case, he was jealousy loyal to the church of God, (vv. 2-3); the truth of God, (v. 4), and the ministry of God, (vv. 5-6). Like Paul, we too should strive to keep the church pure, as well as ensuring that nothing leads it away from the simplicity that is found in Christ.

Norman Craig Funston

*Faith must obey its Father's will, as well as trust His grace;*

*A pardoning God is jealous still for His own holiness.*  
– Isaac Watts

## Lying Is So Prevalent In Our Day

Tragically, EVEN among some *Christians*.

The story is told that an employee who asked his employer to have the next day off in order to attend his grandmother's funeral.

The employer naturally granted him that request!

The following day the employer asked the employee if he believed in life here after and in the Resurrection.

"Yes" was the response.

"That's good because your Grandmother was here yesterday and wanted to visit you!"

Another story: Four students decided to play hooky from school.

The following day the teacher was told the reason why they didn't make it to school was because they had a 'flat-tire' on their vehicle!

The instructor absorbed the 'reason' and told the four students that they were going to have a very brief exam and had each student sit in 'separate' corners of the 'classroom'.

"Now write on a piece of paper which tire went flat."

The above two stories are a little amusing: BUT **JESUS IS THE TRUTH**, the BIBLE is the same, AND **He expects** of His disciples/children to be truthful!

Editor

**A Heart's Cry of the Hauge Lutheran Federation Board – Morning Glory – Members, their Spouses and Staff to YOU!**

### A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*May you have joy ...*

*The kind of joy*

*That comes from God above*

*May you have peace ...*

*The kind of peace*

*That's granted by His love*

*May you find lasting happiness...*

*Each step along your way*

*And always know the best in life*

*Today and every day.*

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**May 'our' Living Savior richly bless YOU in order that you may become a richer blessing unto others!**

## Nazarite Vow

**“All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk.”** Numbers 6:4

NAZARITES had taken, among other vows, one which debarred them from the use of wine. In order that they might not violate the obligation, they were forbidden to drink the vinegar of wine or strong liquors, and to make the rule still more clear. They were not to touch the unfermented juice of grapes, nor even to eat the fruit either fresh or dried. In order, altogether, to secure the integrity of the vow, they were not even allowed anything that had to do with the vine; they were, in fact, to avoid the appearance of evil. Surely this is a lesson to the Lord's separated ones teaching them to come away from sin in every form, to avoid not merely its grosser shapes, but even in spirit and similitude. Strict walking is much despised in these days, but rest assured, dear reader, it is both the safest and the happiest. He who yields a point or two to the world is in fearful peril; he who eats the grapes of Sodom will soon drink the wine of Gomorrah. A little crevice in the sea-bank in Holland lets in the sea, and the gap speedily swells till a province is drowned. Worldly conformity, in any degree, is a snare to the soul, and makes it more and more liable to presumptuous sins. Moreover, as the Nazarite who drank grape juice could not be quite sure whether it might not have endured a degree of fermentation, and consequently could not be clear in heart that his vow was intact, so the yielding, temporizing Christian cannot wear a conscience void of offence, but must feel that the inward monitor is in doubt of him. Things doubtful we need not doubt about; they are wrong to us. Things tempting we must not dally with, but flee from them with speed. Better to be sneered at as a Puritan than be despised as a hypocrite. Careful walking may involve much self-denial, but it has pleasures of its own which are more than a sufficient recompense.

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## Weighed Down At Christmas

Please read Luke 4:14-21

***He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, ... to set at liberty those who are oppressed.*** Luke 4:16

During a December visit to New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art, I paused to admire the magnificent Christmas tree. It was covered with angels and

surrounded at its base by an elaborate 18<sup>th</sup>-century nativity scene. Nearly 200 figures, including shepherds, the Magi, and a crowd of towns people, looked in anticipation towards the manger or gazed up in awe at the angels.

But one figure appeared different from the rest – a barefoot man, who carried a heavy load on his back and looked at the ground. It struck me that this man, like so many people today, was so weighed down that he couldn't see the Messiah.

Christmas can be a difficult time for those who carry the burden of hard work, stressful family situations, and personal loss. But we should remember that Christ came into our world to lift up all those who are bowed down. Jesus used the words of Isaiah to announce His God-given mission on earth: *“To preach the gospel to the poor; ...to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed”* (Luke 4:18).

Jesus came to lift our burdens so we can raise our eyes to welcome Him at Christmas. —David McCasland

*Help us, Lord, to give our burdens  
To Your tender, loving care;  
Grant us faith to trust You fully,  
Knowing that each one You bear.* D. DeHaan

### To find true joy at Christmas, look to Jesus

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***“God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it”*** 1 Corinthians 10:13

*For trials none can be exempt,  
'Tis God's all-wise decree;  
Satan the weakest saint will tempt,  
Nor is the strongest free.*

***“Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”*** 1 Corinthians 10:12

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published in 1897 or before

## HANS NIELSEN HAUGE

(Continued from the November issue of the  
*Morning Glory*)

Editor's Note: AS many of you faithful 'readers; of the Morning Glory have experienced, so also Hans experienced II Timothy 3:12, John 15:18-21 many times! ACTUALLY he was jailed/imprisoned numerous times for practicing and preaching the LAW and GOSPEL in Norway. Singularly the greatest opposition came from the ordained Clergy of that day! One time Hans Nielsen Hauge was imprisoned for approx. ten years because he obeyed God's Eternal WORD, the Bible. Much of this period of time was in solitude, and so dismal was his living conditions, that it broke his strong health and he lost several of his teeth! He sought to be faithful in picking up his "cross" and following Jesus, out of LOVE for HIM who works JOY within!

"TEN years imprisonment, mostly in deep solitude were behind him. About all this time was removed from the outer world. Years went by, but no one was allowed to talk to him except the magistrate. It is told that one of his friends from the Bergen diocese, right after his imprisonment, went to Christiania to talk to him, his spiritual father, but this was denied him. Distressed he stood outside the house of detention and stared in. Then Hauge happened to see him and stepped over to the window and lighted a candle, held it up and trimmed it, so it could shine brighter. It was a silent and still expressive greeting to the friend and a sign to let the light shine for the people and cleanse the temporal desires. The traveler felt himself exalted in a high degree by this sign language and went home happy. Another time when Hauge saw one of his friends walk up and down outside the prison, he sang this hymn out through the prison bars: 'Watchful Jesus without slumber, with much labor, strife and grief,' etc. Thus some words and signs made their way out of the prison anyway. Later Count Moltke allowed one of Hauge's brothers and another of his nearest kin to visit him, though only in the presence of the jailer. It is outrageous how they treated him. That he for five shillings a day had to keep himself with food, laundry, etc., was the least. Worse it was that this man, who was used to motion and activity, had to spend days and nights within marrow walls. The first year he sat in the cellar of the prison; several of his teeth loosened and fell out, and he caught a host of diseases,... But the most terrible of all was, however, that it seemed that they would kill his soul also. No work, no book, no stationery should gladden him ...

The consciousness of his inner calling was deeply shaken, and as he had to be without any brotherly encouragement, his soul suffered beyond expression. For two years they gave him books to read, to be sure, but what kind

of books were they? Yes, it was publications of mockery and rationalistic books, which should cleanse his conceptions of religion and instill into him the eulogized education of the time. ... "I preserved in my soul that light, which originated with the Spirit of God, and the Word and the power from above." ...

To be continued one more time in the January, 2016 issue of the *Morning Glory*.

Taken from *Hans Nielsen Hauge, A short Account of the Life and Work of Hauge*, By C. B., 1890

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### The Light in the Prison Window

It was Christmas Eve in the year of Our Lord 1805. In a dark cell in the jail in Christiania, a prisoner sat with folded hands and looked wistfully into the dim light that fell through a little window looking out upon "Town Hall Street" (Raadhusgaden). He turned a pale, but exquisitely tender face towards the door, as he heard the key being inserted; then the door creaked open, and in the doorway stood the jailor, sword by his side and a lantern in his left hand.

"You must come with me," said the jailer, "the Chief of Police wants to talk with you."

The prisoner arose and followed, as he breathed a deep sigh.

They went the whole length of the corridor, when the jailer opened the door of the court room, and the prisoner faced the Chief of police and an Assistant Judge (Assessor), both sitting at a table.

"Come nearer," said the Chief of Police in a mild voice, and slowly the prisoner moved from the darkness near the door into the daylight of Christmas Eve which came in through the large window.

The assistant judge scrutinized the prisoner closely. He saw standing before him a man of about thirty-four years, well-built, broad-shouldered, not quite five and a half feet tall, with rather long, auburn hair, a pale face, but with large, tired, greyish-blue eyes, out of which a peculiar mildness of soul seemed to shine.

"So you are Hauge" said the judge in a dry voice, though some of its wanton aristocratic harshness seemed to give way before the calm look of the prisoner.

"Yes, I am he," answered the prisoner in his warm, rich voice.

After a moment of silence, the Chief of Police told Hans Nielsen Hauge – for he it was, this prisoner who on this Christmas Eve was taken before these two men – that Mr. Collett, the assistant judge, was to take the place of Mr. Wulfsberg, the chief of police, as a member of the Commission that should investigate the case of "Hauge the Govern-

ment of Denmark and Norway.”

“Your case is a very intricate one,” said the judge. “It will assume large proportions.”

“Yes,” answered Hauge calmly, “it is a big case, and it will grow ever bigger and bigger.”

Mr. Collett looked sharply at Hauge. “That is just what we fear,” he said.

Hans Nielsen Hauge made a step forward.

“That the Word of God takes hold of the people, is nothing to be afraid of,” he said. “If it had taken hold of the people all through Norway, I should gladly die right here.”

Hauge said this in a firm, but calm voice.

The two functionaries exchanged glances.

They began to experience a peculiar sensation. It dawned upon them that they were in the presence of a spirit stronger than their own.

“I understand that you have faith in your cause,” said Mr. Collett.

“Indeed I have,” said Hauge.

And you are not afraid of the result.”

Hauge smiled. “No,” he said, “I have too good a defender to fear anything”

The judge looked at the Chief of Police.

“What defender?” he said, as he turned to Hauge.

A wonderful light came into the prisoner’s eyes.

“Your Honor certainly knows that,” he said.

“No,” the judge retorted sharply. “I do not know who is to defend you.”

Hauge looked at the judge.

“That’s too bad,” Hauge said. “God is my defender and helper, Your Honor.” There was a peculiar charm in Hauge’s voice as he said this.

“Oh, well,” said the judge, “anyone may say that.”

“No,” Hauge answered, “everybody cannot say that. Would to God it were so!”

Mr. Wulfsberg looked down at the floor. The judge was silenced.

After a pause, Mr. Collett again spoke.

“I suppose you think we make rather slow progress with your case,” he said.

“Yes,” Hauge admitted, “time is long when you have nothing to do. But,” he added sorrowfully, “it is worse for those who are waiting for me. There are so many who need a little help.”

The eyes of the judge looked fiercely at Hauge.

“So you think you are the only one who can preach the Word of God in Norway?”

Hauge shook his head sadly.

“I am not as conceited as all that,” he answered. “But it may be that I am one of a few that know how to speak to the common man. I, myself, am but a common man, only a common farmer. I know the condition of the people, and

they understand my language.”

“Perhaps,” said the judge, “you would do more good if you worked as a farmer, and left the preaching of the Word of God to the ministers!”

An expression of deep sorrow clouded Hauge’s face as he answered mildly: “Yes, that is the way it ought to be; but too many of the ministers preach only a dead knowledge. For that reason there are so many empty churches throughout the land, while the dance halls and other indecent places are filled with our young people.” ...

Taken from *Hans Nielsen Hauge: The Trilling Story of a Great Christian Hero*, by Jacob B. Bull;

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## Mercy from the Word

*“Let thy mercies come also unto me, LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word.”* Psalm 119:41

The Hebrew word hesed, used here for “mercy,” has a breadth of meaning. Its basic connotation is “kindness” and is most often used in God’s patient dealing with the nation of Israel through their long, and often rebellious, history. The most frequent contextual use focuses on God’s **“withholding”** judgment during specific times or events, rather than executing the just sentence demanded by disobedience to His laws.

It is in that sense that “salvation” is often connected to mercy. God “rescues” a person or nation from the consequences of foolish or rebellious actions because He is merciful: *“While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”* (Romans 5:8).

This section of Psalm 119 clearly states that these mercies are according to the Word of God. No event dilutes the holiness of God. No judgment withheld violates the innate nature of the thrice-holy Creator. Mercy may delay judgment for the sinner, and justification through redemption will eliminate judgment for the sinner, but God’s holiness does not abrogate the law. The sentence is carried out – either on the sinner or on the Lord Jesus Christ in the place of the sinner (Proverbs 11:21).

The psalmist thus praised the basis for God’s mercies, told of his trust and hope in the Scriptures, and then gave a series of promises to the Lord that marked his own commitment for obedience (vv. 44-48). As the stanza closes, the psalmist promised he would lift up his hands in public praise of the Word and meditate in private as well.

Would God that all of God’s children emulate the heart of this dear brother from the past. – Henry M Morris, Ph.D.

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## UpDate

*Moses, Aaron, and Hur went to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.* Exodus 17:10b – 11:

Please read on!

CORDIAL CHRISTMAS greetings to all our Morning Glory/HLIF friends. We wish for you a joyful and blessed ‘holy’ Season and a New Year filled with God’s blessings. Many observe Christmas in unworthy, even profane, ways. Let us who are Christians remember His coming with praise and thanksgiving. Yet many who choose to do so may make Christmas a mere commercial episode or a series of festive activities.

In our text Israel is in another heated battle which involves either a life or death battle: and you and I are also in a heated ‘battle’ unto life or death as Satan is out to steal, kill and destroy for time and Eternity! Mark my word that we are in a very serious real spiritual battle, as it is real; but thankfully, by the Grace/Power (Holy Spirit) and the Word of God, we are on the victory side and the ‘battle’ is His through US as He uses basically cleansed vessels to work in His Kingdom/Battlefield.

While Joshua fought, Moses prayed. As long as Moses held up his hands in prayer, Israel prevailed in battle, but when his hands drooped, Amalek prevailed. This battle was not won by Israel’s fighting ability, since they were not experienced soldiers nor adept to warfare. The battle was won for God through Moses praying. What a reminder as to the value, power, and absolute necessity of prayer! This is an actual reality and need!

“We” of the *Morning Glory*/Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation stand in NEED of ***soldiers of the cross*** to hold up ‘our’ hands in specific/expectant PRAYER and financial support. Will you be willing to be one of those, as by the Grace of God we do not make any apology for the Old Time Christianity and *seek to practice the same!*

*Behold the throne of grace!*

*The promise calls us near!*

*To seek our God and Father’s face,*

*Who loves to answer prayer.* – John Newton

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The Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation Board has prayerfully decided to compile a book with personal testimonies of Jesus’ saving grace.

Would you be willing to share your personal testimony of how you came to Jesus as your own personal Savior? If you are willing to do that, you can submit it in writing to the editor: Rodney Stueland, 508 5th St. NE, Dilworth, MN 56529; or by email at: [haugerep@midco.net](mailto:haugerep@midco.net). The editor will then review them.

We would especially like to encourage anyone who came to salvation through the Innermission, or has had close ties with the Innermission, to share their testimony. It is not limited to only those individuals, but we are encouraging them to do so.

WHAT a wonderful opportunity for you to share your personal testimony and to seek to *glorify Jesus* for what HE has done and is doing in your life!

Will you prayerfully consider this and be obedient to the Holy Spirit? Your testimony could be something that could help someone else come to the Lord.