

# Morning Glory

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

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## “We Would See Jesus”

**I**t was at least ten years after I had become a Pastor that I ever dared to preach on this text (John 12:20-23). One day I made up my mind that I would look up the interpretation of the last two verses of my text: *“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.”* I looked in every commentary of my library.

To my great surprise and disappointment I discovered some of them failed to make any comments, and others stated that “when I will be lifted up” had reference to Christ’s exaltation to the right hand of God, from whence He would send His Spirit to glorify him in the preaching of the gospel whereby people might be drawn to Him. Some of the cults used it as an argument that all people eventually would be saved. All of these interpretations, of course, are decidedly wrong.

The secret in understanding the Word right is to let the Word explain the Word. We find the right interpretation in the 33<sup>rd</sup> verse: *“This He said, signifying what death He should die.”* We can readily see that He is here speaking about the same “lifting up” as He did to Nicodemus when He said: *“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the son of man be lifted up.”* (John 3:14)

### **In what sense did Christ draw all men unto Himself when He was lifted up on the cross?**

We find the answer in Rom. 5:12-21: *“Wherefore, as by one man (the first Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. But the offence of one (the first Adam) judgment came upon all men to condemnation.”*

Now listen, as our federal head (the first Adam) took the whole human race with him into sin, condemnation and death, so did our substitute, our new federal head (the last Adam) Jesus Christ when He was lifted up on the cross, take the whole human race with Him. Jesus said: Now is the judgment of this world. The time had now come when the whole human race should be condemned to death for its sin in its substitute. It is in the light of this great judgment day that Paul says in 2 Cor. 5:14-15: *“For we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead, and that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again.”*

This is the way God reckons, this is the way God judges. Do you agree with Him? By faith in this glorious message of redemption you get a new life. Now you will also agree to give up your self-life and live only for Him Who died for you and rose again. You are no longer in the first Adam, in his sin and under his condemnation. You are in Christ Jesus, and therefore a new creature, old things are passed away, and behold, all things have become new (2 Cor. 5:17). You are clothed in the best robe; God looks upon you in Christ as if you have never sinned. There is therefore now no condemnation for them which are in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:1). What a wonderful place to be!

We who are saved are actually delivered from the awful inheritance of sin, condemnation and death that was transmitted to us by the first Adam; and we have through the last Adam received a new heritage. For our sin we have received His forgiving grace that is greater than all our sin. For our condemnation we have received His righteousness, and for

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our death His own resurrection life, a life that death has no claim on. What a marvelous change!

We are really better off now than Adam was before the fall. He had a righteousness and life that had to be tested. We have a righteousness and life in our last Adam which has already stood the test. What a glorious gospel! What a wonderful plan of salvation! It is perfect, it is divine, like God Himself.

When we have seen ourselves as sinful and lost in the sight of God, then we, like the Greeks, do desire to see Jesus more than anything else in the world.

A brilliant but unsaved preacher found a slip of paper on his pulpit one Sunday morning. It said: “We would see Jesus.” He got angry for a moment and said to himself: “Am I not preaching Christ?” He took the piece of paper with him home. As he was alone in his study it dawned upon him that he did not know Christ as his personal Saviour. How could he preach a Christ which he himself did not know. He got genuinely converted and what a difference in the preaching!

About a month later there was another slip on the top of the pulpit. This time there was written: “*Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.*” (John 20:20).

How is it today — when you and Mom and Dad go to the house of God? Do you see Jesus? Or is it only the preacher, the choir and your friends?

*Fix your eyes upon Jesus;  
Look full in His wonderful face’  
And the things of earth  
Will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.*

Taken from “*We would see JESUS*”  
by Pastor Lars Stalsbroten

The Heartbeat of the Remnant  
March/April 2006

## THE BULL SEEKS LUTHER

The papal bull took three months to find Luther, but there were early rumors that it was on the way. Hutten wrote to him on June 4, 1520:

“You are said to be under excommunication. If it be true, how mighty you are! In you the words of the psalm are fulfilled, “They have condemned innocent blood, but the Lord our God will render to them their iniquity and destroy them in their malice.” This is our hope; be this our faith. There are plots against me also. If they use force, they will be met with force. I wish they would condemn me. Stand firm. Do not waver. But why should I admonish you? I will stand by, whatever come. Let us vindicate the common liberty. Let us liberate the oppressed fatherland. God will be our side; and if God is with us, who can be against us?”

This was the time when renewed offers came from Sickingen and from a hundred knights besides. Luther was not unmoved, yet he scarcely knew whether to rely on the arm of man or solely on the Lord. During that summer of 1520, when the papal bull was seeking him throughout Germany, his mood fluctuated between the incendiary and the apocalyptic. In one unguarded outburst he incited to violence. A new attack by Prierias lashed Luther to rage. In a printed reply he declared:

“It seems to me that if the Romanists are so mad the only remedy remaining is for the emperor, the kings, and princes to gird themselves with force of arms to attack these pests of all the world and fight them, not with words, but with steel. IF we punish thieves with the yoke, highwaymen with the sword, and heretics with fire, why do we not rather assault these monsters of perdition, these cardinals, these popes, and the whole swarm of the Roman Sodom, who corrupt youth and the Church of God? Why do we not rather assault them with arms and wash our hands in their blood?”

Luther explained afterwards that he really did not mean what the words imply.

“I wrote ‘If we burn heretics, why do we not rather attack the pope and his followers with the sword and wash our hands in their blood?’ Since I do not approve of burning heretics nor of killing any Christian – this I well know does not accord with the gospel – I have shown what they deserve if heretics

deserve fire. There is no need to attack you with the sword.”

Despite this disclaimer Luther was never suffered to forget his incendiary blast. It was quoted against him in the Edict of the Diet of Worms.

The disavowal was genuine. His prevailing mood was expressed in a letter of October to a minister who was prompted to leave his post. Luther wrote:

“Our warfare is not with flesh and blood, but against spiritual wickedness in the heavenly places, against the world rulers of this darkness. Let us then stand firm and heed the trumpet of the Lord. Satan is fighting, not against us, but against Christ in us. We fight the battles of the Lord. Be strong therefore. If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Taken from “*Here I Stand*”

A Life of Martin Luther by Roland Bainton

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## COMFORT

*When your heart is sad and lonely,  
And your friends seem far away,  
Turn to Him Who is all holy,  
And He'll drive your cares away.*

*When a dear one seems to fail you,  
When for friendship true you long,  
Confide in Him Who is all true,  
And he'll right your every wrong.*

*Jesus' heart is your true refuge,  
To Him you can always flee,  
Even when your hopes are sinking,  
He will then a True Friend be.*

*He will soothe your lonely spirit,  
He will love and bless and say,  
“Come to Me and I will comfort  
You, today and every day.”*

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# A Proclamation by the President of the United States

*By The President of The United States of  
America:*

## *A Proclamation*

*For a Day of National Humiliation,  
Fasting and Prayer*

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

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

*And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; as we have vainly*

*imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us! It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.*

*Now, therefore, in compliance with the request and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1863, as a day of national humiliation, fasting and prayer. And I do hereby request all the People to abstain on that day from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of their religious statutes proper to that solemn occasion.*

*All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins, and restoration of our now divided and suffering country, to its former happy condition and unity and peace.*

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.*

*Done at the city of Washington this thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Inde-*

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*pendence of the United States the eighty-seventh.*

Abraham Lincoln

*By the President:*

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, *Secretary of State*

The above proclamation is preserved in the Library of Congress as Appendix no. 19 in volume 12 of the United States Statutes at Large. It was initiated by a resolution of the United States Senate, and was made official by Abraham Lincoln, as President, on March 30, 1863.

Taken from *Shaping History through Prayer & Fasting*  
by Derek Prince

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is clear from this official proclamation that our country was founded upon Christian principles. It is also clear how far we have fallen from this standard. Can you imagine a candidate running today on a platform of "Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer?"

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### Behave in Church!

One of the first lessons taught me in early childhood was a plain, kindly statement made at home that I must be a nice, quiet boy in church — that the attention of the people should under no circumstances be disturbed during worship.

Along with this instruction was the promise of severe punishment if I did not live up to the instructions given. "The dear little thing" lived up to the instruction!

It was not such a difficult thing to learn to behave in the church house. The habit soon became fixed, and with it came reverence and attention.

Wise discipline is good for the child. Unfortunate is the child who has his or her own way in church or elsewhere.

I have been ridiculed and sometimes abused because I will not allow either children or grown people to disturb the service when I preach, and I have no regret with reference to my attitude in this matter. I have frequently assisted pastors in revival meetings who seemed perfectly willing for their children to walk about the altar and in the aisles, disturbing the services, attracting the people's attention. Such a pastor and wife need not deceive themselves with the idea that the congregation is not displeased and disgusted with such conduct.

I well remember when as a boy sitting beside my aunt in church, I whispered to her that I wanted a drink of water. She whispered to me to keep still — that I could not have a drink of water. I whispered, "I'll die if I don't get a drink!"

In reply, she whispered, "All right, you can just die!"

That ended the conversation, and I not only lived through the ordeal, but somehow her positive answer seemed to allay my thirst.

By H. C. Morrison,

Taken from "The Sword of the Lord"

### REMEMBER

1. We are privileged to have a Christian gentleman located in Sun City West, Az. who is willing to lead informal home Bible Studies and encouraging Christian Fellowship.

2. We are privileged to have a Christian gentleman that lives in Fargo, No. Dak. who is will travel some distance to share God's Word with you for "House Meetings", etc.

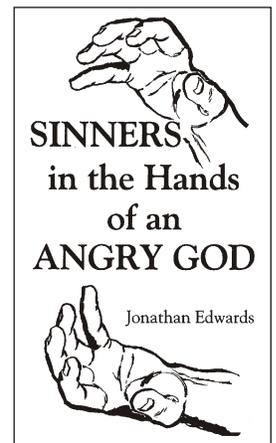
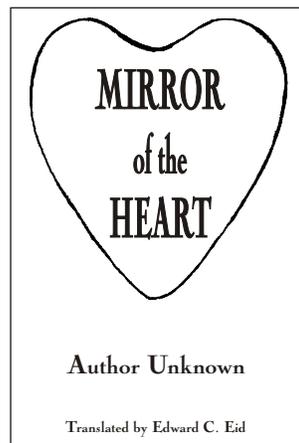
3. The Hauge Gospel Tent is available for **Evangelistic Gospel Meetings, or Bible Conferences, Vacation Bible School, etc.** (Please contact Mr. Paul Peterson of Kenyon, MN for use of the tent).

4. Lord willing: there will be evangelistic services in the Gospel Tent at Wanamingo, MN. This summer (tentatively in August).

5. We have men who love Jesus and are willing to travel into your area for evangelistic meetings, Bible Conferences, etc. IF you invite them, Lord willing!

6. If you are unable to attend the Winter/Spring Bible Conference (April 4-6, 2008) at Forest City, Iowa but would like to support the same financially, please mark such investments for the Conference.

7. We have two wonderful Christ-centered books that you can order on a donation basis to give to others: 'Sinners in the Hands of An Angry God' and "Mirror of the Heart." Suggested offering is \$3.00 for Mirror of the Heart + 75¢ shipping. Suggested offering is \$1.00 for Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.



# Alcohol – The Beloved Enemy

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## A Fading Flower

*Isaiah 28:1-4*

A fading flower is truly a sad sight. Eventually, the once beautiful flower will be discarded when its original fragrance and beauty are only a memory. In this brief portion of Scripture, God uses the descriptive phrase “*a fading flower*” in two verses (vv.1,4) to reveal the pathetic spiritual condition of backslidden Ephraim. These people chose to satisfy the flesh rather than to please the Lord and walk according to His Law. This decision resulted in the sad reality that their glorious beauty before Him was merely a condition of the past rather than a present reality.

One sin in particular that robbed them of their glory was drunkenness (vv. 1, 3). God had warned that “*wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise*” (Prov. 20:1). Nevertheless, Ephraim disregarded God’s clear warning, suffered the sad consequences and became “a fading flower.” Whatever robs the saint of sobriety inevitably strips him of his dignity as well as his beauty.

Drunkenness, a serious and debilitating sin, is one of the world’s most serious problems. The rise in the acceptability of social drinking in the professing church, which first appeared among theological liberals, has now impacted many evangelicals and even some fundamentalists. Only a few now seem to stand against the tide and faithfully declare God’s revealed will of abstinence. A social drinker can never be certain that he will not become a drunkard, for every drunkard began as a social drinker. The same is true for anything that is initially pleasurable but eventually ensnares and enslaves the believer. We must heed God’s warnings in order to avoid God’s judgments. MHR

Taken from “*Feature*”,  
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## College Student Drinks Herself to Death

Authorities are considering the possibility of criminal charges in the death of ..., whose blood alcohol level was nearly 0.46 percent — more than five times the legal driving limit — when she died after a night of drinking to celebrate her 21st birthday. [She] drank “copious amounts of alcohol in a short frame of time.”

...“The death of [this girl] is a tragedy that should have never occurred. Binge drinking ...is a very serious problem with devastating effects, as the death of [this girl] so clearly and cruelly illustrates.”

...About 1,400 students a year suffer drinking-related deaths, with fewer than 300 of those from alcohol poisoning or choking in their sleep, a 2002 federal study showed.”

[A friend said], “It bothers me so much that they tried to make an example out of [her] ...when she was merely [sic] doing what others have done on their birthday.”

Adapted from the *Star Tribune*  
November 10, 2007

## Cancer Risks Linked to Alcohol

A new study says that having more than three alcoholic drinks per day boosts a woman’s breast cancer risk by 30 percent — about the same increase as smoking a pack of cigarettes or more each day. The risk is the same whether the woman drinks wine, beer or liquor.

European Cancer Conference

## The Sobering Truth About Drunk Driving

Every 31 minutes someone dies in an alcohol-related traffic accident. Every two minutes, someone is injured in such an accident. In 2006, that amounted to 17, 600 people killed in alcohol-related accidents.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

In the time it takes you to read this newsletter, a drunk driver will kill someone. In the time it takes you to read this article, another drunk driver will injure someone. Will the victim be your mother, brother, grandfather, niece or child?

All states in the U.S. have a legal blood/breath alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08 percent. However, this does not mean that you can safely operate a vehicle at that level. Research shows that a much lower BAC level can affect coordination, judgment and other driving skills.

*Healthy Attitudes* from MEDICA  
Winter 2008

*Editor’s Note:* These alarming statistics don’t reflect the tremendous toll that alcohol also takes in terms of immorality, violence and other law-breaking activities. In order that a Christian not get dragged into this, or to be a poor witness for the new life in Christ that they have, the best position is one of Total Abstinence. Here is just a smattering of the Scriptures on this: Genesis 19:30-38, Leviticus 10:9, 11 Samuel 11:13, Proverbs 23:21, Proverbs 23:29-31, 23:33-35, Isaiah 5:11-12, Isaiah 28:1-3, 28:7, Ezekiel 44:21, Hosea 4:11, Habakkuk 2:5, 2:15-16, Romans 13:13, 1 Corinthians 6:10, Galatians 5:21, 1 Timothy 3:3, 8, 11

# LIKE THE SPARROW

## In The Morning

*Are not five sparrows sold for two pence? And not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not: ye are of more value than many sparrows. (Luke 12:6-7)*

Sparrows are not of great value. Nowadays we would not even pay two cents for five sparrows. In any case we would not take the trouble to catch them.

We do not think much of a sparrow. Of all the birds, the sparrow is the one we respect least — that dusty little thing which is hopping at our feet. But God cares for the sparrow.

*“Not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God.”*

The many, many millions of sparrows all over the world are included in the heart of God for daily care and love. One by one He thinks of them.

*“Not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God.”*

Then, what about a human being?

*“Fear not, ye are of more value than many sparrows.”*

How many sparrows make up the value of a man?

Nobody can tell.

Neither can anyone tell how deep and warm is the love and care of God for His dear children here on earth.

The smallest thing He knows. Even the hairs of the head are all numbered. Nothing that concerns His child, He counts as trifle. Nothing is so insignificant as not to make Him care. Nothing is so small as to be out of reach of His helping hand.

Then the child of God may be confident, reliant and glad. God the Father will take care of him.

## At noon

“Here I will make my nest,” the little bird twittered, sitting in the top of a tree, looking around on the green meadows. What a view my young ones will get peeping out of the nest.”

But then the bird suddenly grew silent. Far up in the air a hawk was eagerly watching the top of the tree.

Then the bird hid itself in a bush.

“I will make my nest here,” it twittered, looking around. “My young ones will be safe here.”

Then it kept quiet, listening. Some steps approached, and the branches were pushed aside by the hands of a little child.

Then the bird flew into the meadow, hiding itself in the grass.

“Oh, how beautiful,” it said. “I will build my nest here. When summer comes my young ones will be able to play here among the flowers.”

But the blades of grass were bent soundlessly, and a cat

appeared. The bird had a narrow escape, and hid itself in a thorn bush.

“Well, I must build my nest here,” it sighed.

“Though the thorns prick, this is the only place where I am safe.”

And so the bird made its nest in the thorn-bush. When summer came, the bird sat in the top of the bush and sang:

“No one has such a nice home as I have, and no one is living as safely and cosily as I. The thorns have become my best friends; they defend my young ones. And now God has covered my little home with the sweetest red roses. I thank the Lord for the thorns.”

## The poem of the day

He placed me in a little cage,  
Away from gardens fair;  
But I must sing the sweetest songs  
Because He placed me there.  
Not beat my wings against the cage.  
If it's my Maker's will,  
But raise my voice to heaven's gate  
And – sing the louder still!

## In the evening

*Yea, He loveth the people; All His saints are in Thy hand: And they sat down at Thy feet; Every one shall receive of Thy words. Deut. 33:3.*

It is with these words God greets you this evening. As you are sleeping you are surrounded by the love of God. His mighty hand is your defense.

*“All His saints are in Thy hand.”* Even you!

You are not hidden in a lonely corner, forgotten by God and by everyone else.

*“They sat down at Thy feet.”* You are very close to Him, and He is looking at you with loving care. Then be calm and rest well.

Taken from *“On Our Father's Knee”*

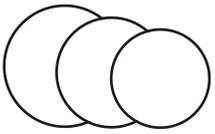
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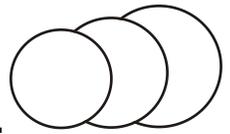
## Why Preachers Don't Like Preaching

Could it be that some are decrying great preaching today because they can't do it? Could it be that we are trying to do by other methods what we can no longer do by preaching because we will not pay the price to be God called, Bible-believing, Christ-centered, Spirit-anointed men?

Vance Havner



# From Our Fellowship Circle



**ES Hendricks, MN**  
Thank you for your publication which not only has wonderful articles for edification but also for information on what is going on in our time.

With regard to the Congressional Record article ...in the November issue, is it permissible for me to include this article in a letter to the editor of our local paper?...Enclosed ...check for MG.

**EG Stoney Plain, AB**  
Raised a Lutheran, but Jesus saved me...I am now in a full gospel church but I'm happy to read Morning Glory to hear the testimonies of faith among Lutherans. Please send me the two books: Mirror of the Heart and Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God. Pray for our family...my heart's cry is for renewal, as we need to have repentance before we can receive God's blessing... We need a fresh touch from the Lord. In Christian Love...

(Editor's Note) We gladly pray for our Morning Glory readers.

**CN Eden Prairie, MN**  
I look forward to every issue of the "Morning Glory". It has greatly blessed my life. Keep it coming. Gift enclosed.

**ES Wanamingo, MN**  
May you all have a Blessed New Year as you continue sending out the MG which is so good to read...Enclosed is a check to help carry on the work.

**GJ Austin, MN**  
Enclosed is a gift for the "Morning Glory". It has such good, worthwhile articles. Would you please include the following names on your mailing list: ...Your magazine is one of the best.

**LM Rolette, ND**  
I appreciate the Morning Glory very much. It teaches the good, old fashioned gospel that we heard when Clarence Walstad, Ole Barnes, Gisselquist, etc. traveled to our church as Evangelists. May God bless their memory.

**CP Northfield, MN**  
A ...gift to help with the publishing of the Morning Glory. This publication contains many spiritual articles and they help to strengthen one's Spiritual Life.

**Friends In WA**  
The article about modern Church music makes my stomach upset. I cannot 'stomach' the rock-n-roll so called Church Music. And putting the organ and piano aside is horrible. We left...and joined....They use the piano.....Please send me the books ...Mirror of the Heart and Sinner's in the hands of an Angry God. Enclosed ...an offering...Thank you.

**J & PT Antler, ND**  
Enclosed ...for Mirror of the Heart and ...Sinner's in the Hands of an Angry God. We appreciate getting the Morning Glory.

**V & JV Hetland, SC**  
We would like to share our Christmas giving with you. Enclosed.....In Christ's Love

## "Ashamed of My Tears!"

I remember how I wept as I preached when I first began preaching. This was wholly unlike the college debating, the commencement addresses and other public speaking which I had been accustomed to doing. The tears flowed down my cheeks almost continually, and I was so broken up that sometimes I could scarcely talk.

Then I grew ashamed of my tears and longed to speak more logically. As I recall, I asked the Lord to give me better control of myself as I preached.

My tears soon vanished, and I found I had only the dry husk of preaching left. Then I begged God to give me again the broken heart, the concern, even if it meant tears in public and a trembling voice.

I feel the same need today. We preachers ought to cry out like Jeremiah, "*Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!*" (Jer. 9:1)

John R. Rice  
taken from 'The Sword of the Lord.'

# Believable... Yet Unbelievable

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## Vatican: Muslim – Christian Unity Letter “Very Encouraging”

*Shocking and Disgusting:* The top Vatican official, Cardinal Jean Louis Tauran, said that a recent letter from Muslim leaders to Pope Benedict XVI and other global religious leaders “represents a very encouraging sign, because it shows that good will and dialogue are capable of overcoming prejudices.”

The letter, entitled “A Common Word between Us and You,” states that since Muslims and Christians make up more than half of the world’s population, that these two elements could be influential about bringing peace around the world. The letter was signed by 138 prominent Muslim leaders, politicians, and academics for all branches of Islam.

The letter was sent to the archbishop of Canterbury; heads of Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, etc.

See II Corinthians 6:14-18, Revelation 17:4-5, etc.

## Federal Government Tells Eighty-Five-Year-Old Grandmother Not to Put an Angel on Christmas Tree

The Plant City Living Center (Florida) has told Mrs. Arnold, an 85-year-old grandmother ...that federal law prohibits her from displaying any religious words or items associated with Christmas in the common area of her apartment building.

According to the Center, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a directive banning “any religious symbols or religious words associated with Christmas.” Under the guidelines issued by HUD, the elderly grandmother cannot place a small Christmas tree outside her door (because that area is a “commons area”) if it contains any religious symbols or religious words, even an angel!

If the residents want to have a Christmas party in their community room, they cannot call it a Christmas party. The Center says HUD directs residents not to use the word *Christmas* but to use the word “holiday.”

A Sunday school class from a church near Mrs. Arnold’s apartment comes every year to host a Hanging of the Greens and Christmas party for the residents. She said the highlight of their Christmas party comes at the very end of the Hanging of the Greens when someone places the angel on top of their Christmas tree. Their tradition is now banned by the

federal government.

The federal government is becoming increasingly active in banning Christianity from the public square. Earlier, the National Park Service removed the wording *Laus Deo* (Latin for “praise be to God”) from a replica of the cap of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. and the Veterans Administration banned the script of the flag-folding ceremony mentioning “Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,” and “Father, Son and Holy Ghost” at over 100 national cemeteries. Both of these were rescinded after AFA supporters sent e-mails to proper authorities.

AFA ActionAlert

## Planned Parenthood Pushes “Sexually Explicit” Book for Children

“How can anyone claim that this book is appropriate for 10-year-olds?” asked Jim Sedlak, vice-president for American Life League. “First, pixilated images and excerpts of the book were rejected by a state prison, and now video-streaming sites are censoring the content of a video containing those pixilated images as well.”

Sedlak was referring to the Planned Parenthood endorsed book, *It’s Perfectly Normal*, by Robie Harris

A few months ago, a Washington state prison rejected a letter that included censored images from the book for being “sexually explicit” and “obscene”...

“What an irony that censored content from a book intended for 10-year-old children is rejected by a prison, removed from video-streaming sites, and flagged for viewers over the age of 18,” said Sedlak. “We actually have no objection to the actions of the online sites and the prison. We agree that this is not appropriate content.”

“We are calling for libraries, schools and parents all across the country to take similar action,” Sedlak concluded. “Planned Parenthood should be denied access to our children at all times. The material it promotes is totally inappropriate and could be harmful.”

Christian Newswire

*“But evil will come upon you, which you will not know how to charm away; and disaster will fall upon you, for which you cannot atone, and destruction about which you do not know, will come upon you suddenly.”*  
(Isa. 47:11)

## New Jersey Governor Signs Law Forcing Pharmacists to Distribute Drugs

New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine has signed a bill into law that forces pharmacists in New Jersey to dispense all legal drugs, including those that might violate their religious or moral beliefs. The bill makes pharmacists dispense the morning-after pill and could open the door to dispensing abortion and euthanasia drugs ...

With the new law in place, the Garden State is the twelfth to force pharmacists to dispense all legal drugs despite their moral or religious views. Another four states, including Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi and South Dakota, protect the rights of pharmacists to opt out.

LifeNews.com

## Church of Norway Votes in Favor of Homosexual Ordination

*Christian Post, 11/19/07* The Lutheran Church of Norway has voted in favor of allowing members in same-sex partnerships to serve in ordained ministry.

The 50 - 34 vote on Friday came near the end of a difficult week of debate on the issue during the church body's General Synod meeting. The Church of Norway, to which 83% of Norwegians are members, remains deeply divided over the issue of homosexuality.

## Terrorists Set Up Shop In Mexico

*Israel Today, 11/05/07:* Washington believes Palestinian terror group Hamas and the Iranian-backed terrorist militia Hezbollah are looking to set up operations in Mexico with the aim of eventually infiltrating the United States, according to former CIA counter-terrorism official Robert Grenier. He told a press conference in Mexico the Muslim

terrorist organizations see the illegal immigration and drug trafficking networks in Mexico as the most effective way to move people and equipment into the United States. Genier said the Bush administration fears both Hamas and Hezbollah may already have sleeper cells in Mexico.

*Editor's Note:* Please **PRAY** for our 'leaders' of our great **USA**, Our Nation, Our military in all fronts, our 'enemies' at home and abroad that they might hear the **LAW** and the **GOSPEL** from God's Word (the Bible): that they might truly be converted and come to know Jesus as their personal Saviour as they too have an 'eternal soul', they will spend all **ETERNITY** in **Heaven or Hell; as will every one in our grand USA!** **PRAY** that **God's Love** may *flow in and through* YOU for **SOULS!**

## My Amazing Bible

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

Joseph Baldwin Haston  
The Sword of the Lord

## The Spirit of God

If we do not have the Spirit of God, it were better to shut the churches, to nail up the doors, to put a black cross on them and say, "God have mercy on us!"

If you ministers have not the Spirit of God, you had better not preach, and your people had better stay at home. I think I speak not too strongly when I say that a church in the land without the Spirit of God is rather a curse than a blessing.

C. H. Spurgeon

# Editorial

## RES *Temple*

*“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)*

MANY have the false opinion that you can do with your body as you want, as we claim we are independent and that it is *yours*. But such a theory is absolutely contrary to the WORD of GOD, especially IF you are a child of God! YES, we are all marvelously and wondrously **made**.

As a believer you cannot be a Christian without the Holy Spirit dwelling within you as we receive the Holy Spirit when we receive JESUS CHRIST as our personal Savior; for without the Holy Spirit it is impossible for you to live the Christian life. Are you abusing or misusing the body the Lord has *given* YOU? In our text, notice the ‘words’ “know, temple, from God, you are not your own, *you* are bought with a **price**, therefore glorify GOD, which are God’s”.

The following illustration I shall give with ‘reverence’ for God: When you ‘purchase’ something (like an automobile) then you are ‘responsible’ to care for it! JESUS says: “casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7.

Every **living** being that demands/needs nourishment – it has an appetitive for FOOD in order to exist. Thus for a person, IF there is no hunger for the WORD of GOD and Christian Fellowship, mark it clearly, there is NO Spiritual life either! That doesn’t mean that we do not need to practice/exercise priorities and discipline as we care for our well being. “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers” 3 John 2. How is your soul prospering?

Today we hear much about diets and nutrition which is fine – BUT we need to follow the same practice “Spiritually”. In Matthew 4:4 we read: “But He answered and said, ‘It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God’”. Here our Lord is comparing ‘bread’ with that which is indispensable to life. However strong a person may be, if he doesn’t eat, he will grow weaker, and he will die. If an illness prevents me from eating, I will die. It is the same with the Word of God. The Word contains a heavenly principle and works powerfully in those who believe.

Bread must be eaten. A person may know all about bread and may even give bread to others and have abundance of bread at the table; but will not help me unless eaten. Similarly, a mere ‘knowledge’ of the ‘Word’ will not suffice. BREAD must be eaten and definitely that should be DAILY. The Psalmist’s testimony is that he eats/mediates on it day and night. NOW it is our PRIVILEGE to read the Word of God and **let** the HOLY SPIRIT make it ‘bread’ for your soul!

WORRY is like a rocking chair — you don’t get anywhere and when I/we worry ‘we’ think we are in control, and when a child of God worries, we are *sinning*.

The word *‘temple/tabernacle* means “dwelling place”. So as a ‘believer’ your ‘body’ is a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. It is so easy for a believer to say, ‘Well I am just human’; but that is not Biblically correct – because the third **Person** of our Triune God dwells within you! “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” 1 Peter 1:18-19. Please read also Colossians 1:12-14.

By the way what does your ‘speech’ manifest? You know some talk the talk but do not walk the walk! Have you noticed that *seemingly* some ‘godly’ folk will use “slang” (and even worse) while proclaiming the incorruptible Word of God? **“You were bought at a price, do not become slaves of men.”** 1 Corinthians 7:23. Therefore use “sound speech that cannot be condemned” Titus 2:1-10. What about your ‘attire’ is it becoming as an ‘ambassador’ (Please read II Corinthians 5) of the King of kings and the Lord of lords? What do your eyes feed and feast upon? Remember, you are the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit! Psalm 101:3.

Be careful what you eat: ‘garbage’ IN results ‘garbage’ out! What a person ‘eats’ (sows) also (reaps)! Many ARE making “lies” their refuge, and under falsehood are having “itching ears” which are always wanting some *new* thing – Isaiah 28:14-15, 2 Timothy 4:1-8. A deceived heart and blinded mind causes people to seek refuge in lies and falsehood. Only unwise folk would think that making “a covenant with death, and with hell” (Is. 2:15) can provide protection from the wrath of a holy God. To compound the tragedy of such thinking, the very individuals who should have been warning the people about God’s wrath and inviting them to enter into His refuge were themselves seeking refuge in lies and encouraging others to make the same grave error. In 2 Timothy 3:13 we read “But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.”; BUT please read the entire third chapter of 2 Timothy.

Listen, the **“majority”** is not always right but **“Living”** *for/with JESUS today leaves a lasting legacy today and when we are gone!*

**“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”** Romans 12:1-2. I beg of you, please read (as usual) prayerfully Ephesians 4:17-32.

# *The Intrusion of Natural Life in the Service of God*

T. Austin-Sparks

**W**e have been at pains to show that Christianity has become very largely another Judaism, an outward system and a historic tradition. But it has become more than this. In its principles, methods, and means, it has largely become conformed to this world or age. Were we wanting to deal with the negative or defective aspect of things, it would not be difficult to write whole chapters on the weaknesses of present-time organized Christianity; but we would rather use our time and space on the positive line.

Let us, however, appeal to our brethren in responsibility to think again and seriously before the Lord as to the true nature and origin of much that goes to make up the means of propaganda and publicity of work for God. Let us take account of such things as the prominence given to human honors, glories, titles, reputations, distinctions. That men have gained these or been given them in various spheres of life – politics, philanthropy, industry, adventure, war, sport, entertainment, science, art, or education – may be quite all right in itself, but that those things should be so largely used as the ground of appeal may just imply that Christ is not sufficient as standing on His own merits, but must be surrounded by these natural embellishments. Must Christ be recommended or His servants accepted because of some human association of the word “great” in some earthly connection?

Again, let us be very careful, for the same purpose, of the encroachment of the entertainment feature of sacred service. “Lovers of pleasure” is an endtime characteristic, and the age is running head-long thither. Is it necessary to go with the age in order to attract? Is the gospel dependent upon this “make up” for its effectiveness and appeal?

Once more: let us watch that we are not carried away by the illusion of bigness. Many a once powerful instrument of God, personal or collective, has lost its spiritual value and impact when it has become big or popular. There is a Satanic snare in bigness, and we may by this illusion lose our very faculty for seeing just where God is doing His deepest work, and how. Often God’s truest work is hidden. It is becoming difficult, if not impossible, for many servants of God to believe or understand that anything of real account can be done unless it is well known and in the public eye.

When David put the Ark upon a new cart and things

went just so far and then came to an ignominious and tragic impasse, it was not due to a lack of sincerity, devotion, zeal, energy, or wholeheartedness, but because he had all unwittingly drawn up from his subconsciousness an idea and method which had originated with the Philistine diviners. Those diviners had once put the Ark upon a new cart to send it back into Israel. David had fled in an hour of weakness to dwell in the land of the Philistines and had been infected with the methods and means of that world. When God made the breach upon Uzzah that he dies before the Lord, it would have been too hard and severe, in the light of the zeal for the Lord, if there had not been some extra factor. That factor was the hand of another spiritual system back of “this present evil world” of which the diviners were the representatives and servants and whom God had already plagued and cursed. There was no reason why Uzzah should be spared and the Philistines destroyed if the same factor obtained in both cases.

No amount of zeal can save us in the end if the principles are false. But note how subtle it all was. There was not the remotest idea that things were basically wrong. The idea of bringing up the Ark (the Testimony) to its right and full place was right and according to God’s mind. The earnestness and utterness left nothing to be desired. The motive and its passion were wholly commendable. But somewhere, somehow, Antichrist (in principle) was hidden in the constitution of things, the energy of the flesh, the soul-life actuated or taken charge of by that which was not the Spirit of God.

If the soul, which is the natural side of man’s being, is predominant on any or all of its sides, intellectual, emotional, or volitional, then the door is wide open to deception; and deception, being what it is, does not mean that there is no zeal for God, but rather that it is zeal but not according to knowledge. It is only as the child of God lives in and is governed by the Holy Spirit through his renewed spirit, not firstly his soul, that he will be made aware of “the things that differ,” even in his service for God.

David was eventually shown what the Holy Spirit had indicated in the Scriptures as to God’s principles of service, and he found by tragic experience that spiritual principles are more important than zeal and en-

ergy, although these latter were no less when the true basis was established. Satan is very subtle and will espouse our zeal for God if by so doing he can eventually bring shame and dishonor into God's testimony.

God sees through it and would warn us of it. The trouble so largely is that, as in David's case, the drive and abandon associated with a great idea for God just ride rough-shod over quiet waiting upon God and inquiry of Him as to His mind concerning the means and methods to be employed. The point at which disaster will befall very much that is engaged in for God in all sincerity is that which leaves no time for quiet detachment, for unhurried waiting upon God. There may be prayer, but it is prayer with a drive of work behind it, instead of the other way round. The question is, Did you get that method, that means, that program in the secret place with God, direct from Him? Have you put everything back until all heat and hurry have been subjected to the judgment of the Holy Spirit? Or are you just getting on with it because it is for the Lord ?

Why must judgment begin at the house of God? It cannot be because of a greater or lesser degree of Christian goodness or zeal. There must be something more in it than that!

*The Heartbeat of The Remnant*  
March/April 2006

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### **Will a Man Rob God?**

*Malachi 3:7-8*

Sounds incredible, does it not? The Lord bluntly accuses Israel of being a thief. Now thievery against people would be bad enough, but only a fool would try to rob God. Yet the Jews of Malachi's day were failing to bring their tithes and offerings and, as a result, the temple ministry was suffering. Today, thousands of Christians, likewise are robbing God of that which belongs to Him. Just as Israel failed to recognize God's ownership and, in turn, their responsibility of stewardship, so, today, many who profess to love the Lord are living for self, oblivious to the fact that the Lord has a claim upon them. When challenged to face the fact that they have turned from God's Word, Christians will often say "Wherein shall we return?" (v. 7). Likewise, when convicted by the Holy Spirit, they may retort, "Wherein have we robbed God?" (v.8) and offer up evidence of their monetary offerings to the Lord.

Do not, however, make the mistake of determining faithfulness to the Lord only on the basis of material contributions. Even a casual study of the Scriptures reveals that God not only requires of faithful stewards an accountability

of their giving but other things as well. Our *time* belongs to God (Psalm 31:15; 90:12). Our *talents* (both natural abilities and imparted spiritual gifts) are to be used for Him (1 Cor. 3:4, 12). God's Word continually reminds us that our *testimony* should praise and magnify the Lord (Psalm 34:3, Col. 4:6; 1 Peter 3:15). Will a man rob God? Sadly, yes!—of many things. In view of this, we would do well to take inventory, allowing the Holy Spirit to search, convict and change us, that God may be glorified, not robbed (1 Cor. 10:31). JED

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### **George Washington Addresses Church And State**

If I could have entertained the slightest apprehension that the Constitution framed in the convention, where I had the honor to preside, might possibly endanger the religious rights of any ecclesiastical society, certainly I would never have placed my signature to it; and, if I could now conceive that the general government might ever be so administered as to render the liberty of conscience insecure, I beg you will be persuaded that no one would be more zealous than myself to establish effectual barriers against the horrors of spiritual tyranny and every species of religious persecution – for you doubtless remember that I have often expressed my sentiments that every man, conducting himself as a good citizen and being accountable to God alone for his religious opinions, ought to be protected in worshiping the Deity according to the dictates of his own conscience.

From a letter to United Baptist Churches of Virginia,  
Dated May 10, 1789

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### **Small Birds, Sweet Music**

Have you ever thought of it – only the smaller birds sing? You never heard a note from the eagle in all your life, nor from the turkey, nor from the ostrich. But you have heard from the canary, the wren and the lark. In like manner, the sweetest music comes from those Christians who are small in their own estimation and before the Lord.

Selected

# God's Remedy for Fear

A. W. KNOCK

“War on nerves” is one of the war propagandas carried on by many of the nations of the world. To instill deep, dreaded, and nerve-wracking fear into the hearts of the enemy is the intention. By whatever means possible, nations seek to diminish the strength and weaken the resistance of their opponents by keeping them in a constant attitude of fear.

Being so far away from the scene of carnage and from the possibilities (?) of attack by sea or air, is there no fear in our hearts? Are there not those around us who need to know of a remedy for fear? There are hearts made sad by the departure of loved ones for the camps and for the battle fronts. Others again are still more saddened by the news of the death of dear ones on the field of action. Will there be food enough? Will there be clothing and shoes for all? Will taxes be exorbitant in the future? Will the boys upon their return find work to do? Is there any assurance of an after-war peace? Will this terrible carnage be repeated within another generation? What of the great crime wave sweeping over our land? What of the moral break-down among the adolescent youth? What of the great delinquency problem? Who is master-mind enough to answer these questions? Who can dispel the fear they bring to men's hearts?

Is there no answer to these questions? Many of them. The wisest men of the day are seeking to solve the above problems, to dispel the fear of quaking hearts. But will they succeed? Words alone cannot supply the remedy. Idle promises, earnest and well-meaning as they may be, are not sufficient to calm distressed and troubled hearts not least of the children of God. They turn from helpless man to the wise and all-powerful God. With yearning hearts they ask: “Where is the word of Jehovah? let it come now.” And He has the Word; He does reply: “Oh fear Jehovah, ye his saints; for there is no want to them that fear him.”

Here is where the fear of God drives out the fear of men, circumstance and future. They who truly fear God need not fear anything else. Their present condition He knows full well and can provide for. Their future, too, is an open book, for He “knows the end from the beginning.” Not only does He know; He is also able to do “exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.” Having such a God; being permitted in Christ to call Him Father, why should we fear?

## He Answers Prayer

“I sought Jehovah, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears” (Ps. 34:4). The Psalmist had not turned to the Lord in vain. The Lord had heard and had answered. “He delivered me from all my fears.” What a blessing, what a

comfort, what a release! There is scarcely any greater enemy of our lives and our souls than fear, whether the cause for this fear be real or imaginary. Such fear destroys our courage, saps our strength, weakens our efforts, and obstructs the way to real progress. Why do we fear? Do we look at circumstances rather than God? Are we forgetting that God is greater than any circumstance? Or do our sins hide His face from us, causing us to fear? Is that why our conscience accuses? Then let us know “that if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our hearts and knoweth all things.” We need to be assured of forgiveness; for if we are not, the enemy of our souls will find occasion to accuse us. Being assured of right relationships to God and to others, resting in Christ for salvation, committing ourselves and our future to Him in prayer—that will remove our fears. True prayer, trusting in Christ, is the unfailing remedy for fear.

“This poor man cried, and Jehovah heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles” (Ps. 34:6). Troubles – who hasn't plenty of them? The Lord has not promised that His children shall not have troubles and difficulties. We live in a world where sin abounds, and where Satan is ever ready to distress and trouble God's children. But the Lord has promised to help His children in every difficulty and to be their strength and stay in the midst of trouble. “Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.” (Ps. 50:15) Days of deep anguish and dire trouble sometimes teach men to call upon the Lord. Fox-holes and life-rafts have seen many prayer sessions of late. But has He taught us yet? Or are we not in trouble enough yet to really cry unto the Lord?

## The Lord His Protector

“The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them” (Ps. 34:7). Observe “them that fear him.” They who in holy fear and love seek His face, live in His fellowship, they shall daily know the consoling comfort of His angel encamping round about them keeping them from all evil. How often the Psalmist had experienced that God's angel had watched over him. Many times he had been preserved from the attack of his enemies; many times imminent danger had been averted. We need to know the Lord in such experiences, so that we can bear testimony to distressed souls about us, that the angel of the Lord encampeth round about His own. Many of us, these days, have dear ones in the armed forces. They are exposed to the violent attack of the enemy. Let us not only pray for our dear ones that the Lord might encamp round about them, and keep them, let us also look with confidence into His word to

find the assurance that he will do so. When we write them, let us tell them to read Psalm 34. What a bulwark that will be against their fears, what a wall against the attack of the evil one. The Lord knows where our dear ones are. His arm is not shortened but that He can reach them. Let us earnestly commend them to the Lord, asking that His angel might encamp round about them and keep them, in life or in death.

### Radiant Faces

The result of this remedy for fear the Psalmist expresses thus: "They looked unto him and were radiant; and their faces shall never be confounded" (Ps. 34:5). They looked unto Him. Where do we look today? These are trying days, for us as individuals, and for us as a nation. Are our leaders looking to God for help, or are they trusting in the strength of machine and the strength of man? God's warning to His people of old can well be applied to us in our day: "Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help, and rely on horses, and trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek Jehovah" (Is. 31:1). As long as our leaders look to alliances with other nations for their strength, to the might of man and machines for their protection, rather than to God, there will be confusion and doubts and fears. How we need to speak to those we can reach urging them to look to the Lord. "There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: A mighty man is not delivered by great strength. ... Behold the eye of Jehovah is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his lovingkindness; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul hath waited for Jehovah; He is our help and our shield" (Ps. 33 :17-20). There was help given to those who looked unto the Lord. "Their faces were radiant." There was heaven-born peace upon them. This was reflected in their countenances. Do our friends see our faces fearful or are they radiant – because we trust in the Lord? Discouraged and fearful friends about us need the testimony of a radiant face which is aglow with the light of heaven's peace which shines upon and through it. That is being truly patriotic. That is building up the morale, not only for the national security, but above all for the peace of souls, and for God's glory. To those who look to the Lord for their help there is also the sure promise: "Their faces shall never be confounded," that is, "they shall never blush with disappointment." Looking to ourselves, to help from men, or comfort from circumstance, often leads to disappointment, over which we blush with shame. But looking to the Lord leaves our faces aglow with the peace from above and our hearts filled with calm confidence. "Looking unto Jesus"—we shall ever know the remedy for fear and witnessing of it to those about us. We shall be their "helpers" and thus serve to glorify God.

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## UpDate

### SPENDING OR INVESTING?

*"So teach us to number our days, that we may (gain) apply our hearts to wisdom"* Psalm 90:12.

One of our friendly neighbors will invite us to their place and he will say 'come over and kill some time!' But a person cannot kill some time without 'injuring' eternity! In the Psalm before 'us' the Psalmist understood the brevity of human life and man's need/privilege to make the most of his days. A person who lives 70 years has lived app. 25,568 'days'. Thus the Psalmist asks God to "teach us to number our days." The reason is 'clearly' stated why: and that is so that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. To 'number our days' means to consider each day of value. To "number" is to schedule, to measure out, to appoint to do that which is wise in order to fulfill the purpose and plan of God in our lives! When we discipline ourselves to number our days, likely we will apply our hearts unto wisdom and the 'fear' of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. To walk in the 'will of the Lord' brings about purpose and satisfaction in our lives.

Yes, the way we use our lives in time is an opportunity. Yes, the way we use our time reveals our values and priorities. We should purpose to manage our time wisely and invest it for the glory of God. Could it be that we will really understand the **value** of time/investments when it is no more? If so, by then, it will be too **late**! The clock of time runs out in this life! *Are YOU spending or investing your God-given time and finances?* "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope/expected end? Jeremiah 29:11. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21.

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## Another Privileged Opportunity!

The Winter/Spring Bible Conference of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation (Morning Glory) will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa on April 4-6, 2008, Lord willing. (Have YOU written these 'dates' on your Prayer Calendar and on your 'agenda' for attending?) We are fortunate in securing the following guest 'speakers' — Pastor Wayne Almlie, Pastor at Goldfield, Iowa and Mr. Townley (Toby) Knutson from Fargo, No. Dakota.

**Friday evening Service at 7 p.m.** – Pastor Wayne Almlie

### Saturday:

9:15 a.m. - app. 9:45 a.m. *Prayer Time*

9:45 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. - *Bible Hour, Mr. Toby Knutson*

10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - *Refreshments*

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - *Bible Hour, Pastor Wayne Almlie*

12 (noon) - *Catered Lunch at Trinity Lutheran Church*

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - *Bible Hour, Mr. Toby Knutson*

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - *Refreshments*

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - *Fellowship Time, Testimonies, Gospel Songs & Hymns*

7:00 p.m. - *Evening Service, Pastor Wayne Almlie*

*Refreshments following the service.*

### Sunday

Worship Service - Mr. Toby Knutson, Guest Speaker

### Greatly Appreciated:

Specific and earnest Prayer support that God might be 'glorified' and a sensing of the Presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst and lives.

Try seriously to attend and seek to bring some folk with you! IF convenient, please bring 'goodies' for 'Refreshment times'.

There are lodging accommodations in Forest City at the local Motel.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE and by God's Grace: **practicing the old time Christianity!**

You are 'urged' and very WELCOME to attend - regardless IF you have been to such a conference before OR this being your first experience – COME and be richly blest and THANK HIM, the giver of good and perfect gifts who changes not!!

## Another "Warrior" Gone Home!

There are many 'wonderful' things about being HOME! Mr. Harvey Erickson of Northfield, Minnesota went to meet the Captain of His Salvation on January 13, 2008. So definitely what is 'our' loss is Heaven's gain! He has fought the good 'fight' and henceforth there is a crown awaiting him as he has finished the 'race' with no turning back! IF Harvey would speak to us again, he would verify clearly that it is GRACE all the WAY in and through the Person of JESUS and it is worth it all (& much more) going through the (struggles/Spiritual Battles) on this side of eternity with Jesus!

Mr. Harvey Erickson was a faithful supporter of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation for many years and also served on the Hauge board for a number of years. He loved what we call 'layman's work' in the Kingdom of God and was active himself.

Many a time when God takes one of His children Home, I ask the question, "Who will take their place in the Lord's Work here on earth?"

Not only is blessed be the memory of Harvey, but may 'Dorothy' experience much GRACE and encouragement in the absence of her dear husband of many years!

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