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

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Transformed by the Word

The proprietor of a successful business, Nandak, gave all the credit to his gods. There used to be little hope in Nandak's life: his father had died when he was in the 10th grade, leaving Nandak's mother alone to provide for her two sons.

Nandak dropped out of school and took upon himself the burden of providing for his mother and younger brother.

He got married and started a business selling furniture. This venture brought in enough money to meet all of the family's needs. Attributing the success to their gods and goddesses, Nandak and his family worshiped them faithfully.

However, Nandak began spiraling down into a dark pit. He started spending time drinking with his friends. As this destructive habit grew worse, both Nandak's wife and his mother pleaded with him to stop, but their words fell on deaf ears.

It was during this time that Probhat, a Gospel for Asia-supported pastor, began taking a team of believers to share the Good News among unreached villages in the area. When Pastor Prabhat stopped at Nandak's house, the young man wasn't home. So Prabhat left a New Testament with Nandak's wife and mother. When Nanadak came home that evening, he noticed the Bible on the table. Not knowing what the book was about, however, he didn't read it.

Sleepless Nights Cause Him to Read the Bible

A few days later, Nandak came down with a sickness that left him bedridden for days. Demons tormented him

at night, robbing him completely of sleep. He went to a doctor and offered special sacrifices to the gods, but he didn't get any better. Stuck in bed, Nandak picked up the New Testament left by Pastor Prabhat and began to read. The stories in the book of Matthew amazed him. Reading about the many healings of Jesus, Nandak was impressed by Jesus' power, and he wanted Jesus to heal him too.

When news came that the pastor was back in his village, Nandak sent for him.

Pastor Prabhat was overjoyed to know that Nandak had been reading the Bible. He came and prayed for Nandak and challenged him to keep reading every day.

A Changed Life

This was not a problem for Nandak; he was learning so much. When he stopped worshiping the gods and goddesses of his traditional faith, the other villagers became upset. His mother and brother moved out, which saddened him. But Nandak noticed that the more he read the Bible, the better he felt. As Jesus began transforming his heart, he stopped drinking.

Within a month, people could see the positive changes in Nandak's life. His wife decided to follow Jesus too. The couple invited Pastor Prabhat to their home to pray for them, and they also began hosting a weekly prayer meeting.

As the whole village heard about the prayer meetings and the power of Jesus to transform lives, people's hearts began softening. Two more families decided to come to pray, and they have since embraced the love of Jesus — along with Nandak's mother and brother.

"I remember always trying to improve myself to earn love and respect from everyone around me," Nandak says,

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"I started drinking alcohol, I thought I was so cool. But in reality, I was mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually unhealthy. I thought I was just partying and having fun, but I was really destroying myself. I want to thank the Lord for the grace and mercy He showed in my life by sending His Word to my home through His servant."

Thank you for sharing God's Word with the people of South Asia! Through one New Testament, multiple families have found new life, and an entire unreached village has come to know about Jesus' love.

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Editor's Note: Yes, men, women, children across the world are experiencing the transforming power of God's Word in their lives! **Praise the LORD!** **PSALM 19:7 - 14, LUKE 15:6-7.** Spiritually IF you see yourself as a lost sinner: Try JESUS as HE saves, keeps and satisfies! **Luke 19:10.**

Why is
Common
Sense So
Uncommon?

Christ and the Four Thieves

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10

There were four thieves closely involved in the events surrounding the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ. The first of these was one of His own disciples. "(Judas) was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein" John 12:6. It was Judas, of course, who betrayed Christ, facilitating His arrest and conviction.

The second was not only a thief, but also revolutionary and a murderer. "Barabbas ...who had committed murder in the insurrection ...was a robber" (Mark 15:7, John 18:40). This convicted criminal, appointed to death, was released and Jesus condemned in his stead. Thus, Barabbas benefitted temporarily from Christ, receiving an unexpected and undeserved liberty because Christ was willing to go to the cross.

"Then were there two thieves crucified with him." Matthew 27:38. Their names are not given in the Bible, but their attitudes toward Christ, and therefore their ultimate destinies, were diametrically different. One of them berated Christ, saying, "If thou be Christ, save thyself and us" Luke 23:39.

The fourth thief, on the other hand, believed Christ, and therefore heard His saving words: "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" Luke 23:43.

All were thieves deserving punishment. One was a betrayer, ending his life in suicide; one was a beneficiary, though only for a time; one was a berater, destined for hell; but one was a believer, receiving salvation and eternal life. Jesus, who received the penalty for thievery, can save even the thief, for He came "that they might have life, and might have it more abundantly." Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

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A person, all wrapped up in themselves, makes a small package!

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

ARE you happy in the Lord?

I am not asking whether you are seeking God, praying to God, reading about God, hearing about God, talking about God, debating God, nor am I asking you whether you have an awe of God or whether you fear Him.

I am asking: Are you happy in God?

Perhaps you must answer in the negative.

Tell me one thing: Have you never wondered at this?

You enjoy other people. You enjoy animals. You enjoy nature and art. And you enjoy money. But God, your Creator, your Father, Him you do not enjoy.

Have you never said to yourself that this shows that there must be something wrong with you, in fact, something radically wrong? Have you never felt that this is abnormal?

Undoubtedly you know that the Bible says that you are an enemy of God. "The mind of the flesh is enmity against God, it says.

No doubt some people here and there are in their own minds quietly protesting against this and saying: "No, it cannot be said that I am an enemy of God, even though I am not particularly intimate with Him."

But some will acknowledge the truth and say: "I am not happy in God. I have tried to enjoy God, but I do not succeed. And I do not know what to do about it."

God will take care of that for you, my friend.

You just do what He asks you to do: acknowledge before God that you do not love Him. And He will forgive, for Jesus' sake, this great sin of yours, the most terrible sin of all! The basic sin, the sin for which Jesus shed His life-blood.

And when He has forgiven you your sin, He will give you His Holy Spirit. And an entirely new joy will enter into your life: rejoicing in the Lord. Rejoicing that your name is written in the book of life!

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Let the righteous smite; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me.

Psalm 141:5.

Editorial

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God's Personal Love Letter

*Please prayerfully read 1 Thessalonians 5:1 - 12
(ALWAYS ask the Holy Spirit to open the Scriptures to YOU)*

In a rightful sense ‘all of Scripture’ is a ‘love letter’ (God’s Grace) to you; but at times it is so very personal. HE tells things just actually as they are, because HE loves you that much!

Naturally there is no question of whom God has in mind as HE took holy men of old, by the Holy Spirit, and inspired them to write for our benefit. The entire BIBLE! With that in definite ‘focus’, there is no question of whom our text is especially for today. Did you notice the word ‘you’ eleven times, and the words ‘us’ and ‘we’ nine times, and the word Brethren three times? (Those of the household of faith).

Then please note when the very significant word ‘but’ appears in Holy Scripture and especially so when it says ‘but God’, for then a miracle is just around the corner.

Almost always on a new day of GRACE, one of the first things I do is check the ‘weather map’ to see what the weather forecaster predicts for the day and on. “*He answered and said to them, ‘When it is evening you say, it will be fair weather; for the sky is red; and in the morning, it will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening! Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times’* Matthew 16:2-3, 16:6, 11-12, 24:4-5, 24:24, 3:8, 7:16 - 20, etc.

As you notice God never wants His children to become complacent nor indifferent in verse one, but definitely want us to be spiritual ‘sign readers’: just like ‘spiritual fruit inspectors’, especially so in the latter days!

Now a sign is not the ‘event’ in itself, but an indication of what is going to day place (like a highway sign of an up coming curve or speed limit). Now in Scripture, a sign can be fulfilled at absolute minimum at least once. Everything will happen just as God said it would.

It is very interesting as Jesus speaks of His coming (rapture) as a ‘thief in the night’. For me there is a difference between a ‘robber’ and a ‘thief’; for a robber comes bold and brazen (openly) and a ‘thief’ makes his appearance unexpectedly and knows what he is coming for! Is is special as Jesus (the Bridegroom) is coming for His *blood bought bride* in the twinkling of an eye. A ‘twinkling’ of an eye is a very minute portion of a second.

This is mentioned in verses two and four.

From creation and on, every thing reproduces after its kind. IF you sow ‘wild oats’, you will reap the harvest of the same. When SIN is sown, it will reap a harvest that will keep you longer, take you farther, cost you more, and, as a result, you will end up where you do not want to go.

Sheep reproduce lambs and spiritually you and I are either walking in the light or darkness and ‘we’ reproduce after ‘our’ kind. For in verse five you are either walking in the light of day or the darkness of night.

Night is generally a time of sleep, and, while a person sleeps, such a person does not know what is going on nor taking place. You can not tell me exactly when you went to sleep nor what took place while you were sleeping; on your own. Basically a person is comfortable when they sleep. TRAGICALLY this happens spiritually. (For example: remember the ten virgins in Matthew 25)

Night (darkness) time is a cover up for: “*And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.’*” John 3:19-20, - John 2:11, Ephesians 5:11: contrast John 8:12, 12:35, 1 John 1:5, Luke 1:79, Romans 13:12.

“And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.” Whenever JESUS spoke of His coming again; He shares it not for speculating, BUT for admonishing us for ‘godly living’. In other words, we should make choices daily for godly living that conforms to our future dwelling place. *“Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts.* II Peter 3:3. ***Therefore, God intends*** this wonderful realization: Either through the valley of the shadow of death OR the blessed, purifying hope ***as an encouragement and comfort to us!*** For in verse nine we are not appointed to wrath. (*Editor:* This is one reason I am of the conviction and hope with the Pre-tribulationists; BUT regardless, I definitely adhere/propose/suggest/prepare to ‘prepare for the worst

and look for the better! Most of the time when you are in the midst of someone sleeping, it becomes more conducive to sleep yourself. That's one reason HE tells us to be watching, and to make certain that we have Christ's righteous robe applied to our own personal desperate Need (II Corinthians 5:17-21/armor - Eph. 6:10-21). A watch man who is sleeping on the job; is of a greater hindrance, as IF there were no watchmen at all. *1 Cor. 14:8.* God speaks of those who do not warn others as dumb dogs that can not bark OR blind leaders of the blind!

Have you noticed in the average Christian's worship service today that the songs are good, the order of service fine, the message good, etc. BUT doesn't there *seem* to be something lacking? Therefore it falls into the 'category' of ***II Timothy 3:5.*** Could it be that many people want and receive a 'warm, fuzzy, cozy, emotion' experience, but there os a lack the unction of the Holy Spirit? The Bible tells us **not to** '*quench, grieve*' the Third Person of our Triune God; who symbolically came in the form of a dove; which is gentle, sensitive and easy to frighten? May I suggest that possibly the same is being experienced today because there is too much concern of having a good 'attendance' than 'obedience' to the Word of God?

OR that there is way too much: **I, you, me, we** in the presentation of the Living Word in music and sermon? The **Bible says:** "*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up*" John 3:14, 12:32, Prayer John 12:13, Life 1 Corinthians 6:20. In other words: Could it be that there is way too much attention/attraction is focused on **I, you, me, we** (congregation, videos, free-movement, gathering, etc), AS God is a '*jealous God*'!

It has Never been, nor will it ever be '*easy*' to be a true

spiritual watchman (and the 'battle' is *intensifying*); but the Lord (Jesus) asks us to be found unto Him! (One reason there are so few prophets in the Christian Church today; is because it is a non-profit organization)

BUT do notice how a 'spiritual watchman' (Leader/Pastor) is described according to Jesus: "*And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you*" Verse 12. ***Galatians 6:1-10 & Hebrews 13:12-21.***

As **always**, it is our responsibility now to take 'God's Personal Love Letter' and put it into 'practice'. You see as an example: A Homemaker's recipe book is on the shelf and does absolutely no good for human nourishment, unless you put it into realistic practice; it does the physical body NO good!

Thus as we *practice* the recipe in our individual lives, it will it be a blessing unto others as well as for ourselves. The book of ACTS is not a 'book' of *resolutions*, but a 'book' of **ACTS!** (of the Holy Spirit through His servants).

You see it is you and I who are to not only forget those things behind, but also to press on to the high calling in Christ Jesus until we reach our eternal Home. This applies to others also. (This is one of the purposes of the *Morning Glory/HLIF*).

THUS according to the text today: we admonish, forewarn, nurture, edify, comfort one another in the light of God's 'Personal Love Letter.' ***HEBREWS 10:24-25.***

"O LORD, I have heard Your speech and was afraid; O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known; In wrath remember mercy." Hab. 3:2

One of Us

LISTENING TO THE WORD - LUKE 1:31-33

By Norm C. Nelson

I heard about a farmer who chose to stay at home while his wife and children went to a Christmas Eve candlelight service at a local church. He was an unbeliever and considered the Christmas story to be, at worst, nonsense and, at best, a harmless myth.

Well, it was a cold, windy night with light snow falling. As he looked out the window, he noticed a flock of birds who seemed to be suffering in the extreme weather, some were literally dropping dead.

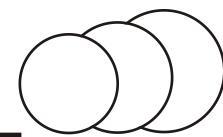
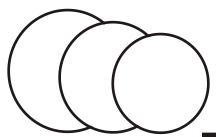
The man was anxious to help them, so he went out to open the barn door and get a smudge fire going for

warmth. But the birds wouldn't go into the barn. He tried, with a blanket, to shoo the birds in; but, no luck! He couldn't think of a way to tell them how to find safety and survival. Then he thought, "If only I was a bird, then I could tell them."

The impact of that thought rocked him. Suddenly he understood the Gospel of Christ for the first time. To communicate with us and save us, God became one of us. William Phelps says, "God speaks to me not through the thunder and the earthquake, nor through the ocean and the stars, but through the Son of Man, and speaks in a language adapted to my imperfect sight and hearing."

Remember this, the Gospel is wrapped up in three words: One of us!

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From Our Fellowship Circle

W. & S. L.

Byron, MN

Thank you so much for the ministry of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation & the *Morning Glory*. We are so blest by the articles in the M.G. and also the Bible Conferences, when we are able to attend.

We are so uplifted by the singing, testimonies and messages as we attend the conferences. PTL. I (we) need the spiritual food, as we ask God to give us an appetite and in-sight into His Word!

Enclosed is a check for the amount of \$...

May you be blessed by the Lord Jesus Christ, richly.

B. A. N.

Mc Callsburg, IA

I would like you to send the *Morning Glory* to me. I read some of the articles while I was getting my hair done. The (beautician) told me it was a voluntary cost. I am mailing a check to you to get started.

Thank you.

H. & M. H.

Fergus Falls, MN

Enclosed you will find our check to *Morning Glory*. Somehow we are not getting it and it could be because we moved into an apartment so our address changed as we now live at ...

We enjoy your paper and we have been able to read it as my husband's sister gets it and she lives in the same apartment complex as we do.

About three months ago you had an article about John Walker; who was Harland's grandfather and was very active in the Hauge Federation.

We are so thankful that your paper is still published with the clear Message of Salvation.

This month there were good articles on Martin Luther. Your article on Halloween was also so enlightening.

The month before there was articles from 'Streams in the Desert' which my parents used as devotionals for several years every day, so it brought back some wonderful memories.

You will never know how many lives *Morning Glory* touches. (*Editor:* And we don't need to know as it is His Work and our purpose is to glorify HIM!)

Please send *Morning Glory* to our son and wife also.

R. S.

Ferryville, WI

Thank you for sending me and my family the *Morning Glory*.

J. & J. H.

Ames, IA

Thank you for your ministry in reaching so many with the 'Good News' of Salvation.

We look forward to receiving the *Morning Glory* and reading the articles.

May the Lord bless you in this very wonderful work.

Enclosed please find \$...

M. B.

Bagley, MN

Please continue publishing the "Good News" in the *Morning Glory*.

R. M. C.

Enclosed is a note of expressions:

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not on book alone, but in every leaf in springtime." Martin Luther

"My garden beautifies my yard and adds fragrance to the air, it's also my Cathedral and quiet place of prayer. So little do we realize the glory and power of He who made the Universe lives hidden in a flower." John Weaver.

We are the Caretakers of the earth.

M. H.

Eagan, MN

I would like to subscribe to the *Morning Glory*. I do not know the yearly subscription cost, but enclosed is a check for \$... If it is not enough, please let me know – in case it is too much, please contribute the remaining to your on-going work.

God's blessings on you and your faithful ministry.

H. H.

Forest City, IA

Man has no greater need than Jesus Christ our Lord. God bless you all at *Morning Glory* and also please find a gift included for this service.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee

Psalm 119:11

The best defense against sin is the Word of God. When Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness, He used the sword of the Word to drive the tempter away.

The psalmist shows us the best way to victory: we must every day have a word of God hid in our heart. In that way we may escape sin.

We may have many a word of the Lord in our head. We may know a number of Scripture texts by heart. And that is valuable. But it is not enough in the battle against evil. We must have the Word of God hidden in the heart — a word we have made our own and which we live by. When temptations come, there is no room for evil desire. The heart is already occupied by the Word.

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Editor's Note: The more we hide God's Word in 'our' heart, the less room there is for sin!

The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over to death

Psalm 118:18

The psalmist reviews the dark days he has experienced. He looks upon them as the chastening of the Lord. This discipline was hard while it lasted. At time it felt as though the Lord was going to deliver him over to death. But there came an end to the time of trials. Now he looks back and exclaims; "*The Lord hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over to death.*"

Look upon your dark experiences as a discipline, not as revenge or punishment. Your heavenly Father knows you need discipline. "*Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth*" (Heb. 12:6). "*He chasteneth for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness*" (Heb. 12:10).

"*He hath not given me over to death.*"

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Editor's Note: When we know Jesus personally as our Savior and are walking in the Light of His Word, I like to say the difficulty/affliction we are going through is NOT sent by God, but Father filtered.

In other words, He has permitted it to come our way! Remember 'chastening' is either to help us see the need of knowing Jesus as our personal Savior OR it is permitted, so that we may grow deeper into His Word, so that our lives might be more fruitful unto His Glory.

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Dating With The Unsaved

I am dating an unsaved fellow. Will you please pray that he may be saved. Do you think it is all right to date unsaved kids? They are a lot nicer than most of the Christian kids in school.

I will, of course, be glad to pray that your unsaved boy-friend will be saved, because I would like to see everyone saved. It is not God's will that any should perish. However, just to pray that he will be saved so that you would feel better about going with him would not be the right motive, and I do not believe God would answer such a prayer. We will pray that he will be saved because Jesus died to pay for his sins and loves him.

I do not think saved kids should date unsaved kids because sooner or later there will be trouble. The unsaved kids want to do things that the saved ones cannot or should not do, and immediately there is a conflict. There is also the possibility of falling in love with each other, and then it becomes very difficult to obey God's command: "*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers*" (II Cor. 6:14).

It is a sad condition when the unsaved kids are nicer than the Christian kids. The Christian kids should realize that they are dishonoring the name of Jesus Christ and should change their actions. We should keep the future in mind as well as the present. An unsaved kid who acts nice on a date now may not act so nice a few years from now as a husband.

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Good Character, like Good Soup, is usually home made.

Should We Be Surprised?

“But evil men and impostaers will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.”
(2 Tim. 3:13)

On December 14, 2012, our nation suffered yet another mass shooting, this time in an elementary school in Connecticut. What made this shooting so bad was that 20 small children were gunned down mercilessly. People have tried to make some sense out of this terrible tragedy, and are asking, “How could someone do such a thing? What can we do to see that this doesn’t happen again?” In truth, they should be saying, “Should We Be Surprised?”

Our schools have removed any reference to God and His Word and standard from their teachings. Copies of the Ten Commandments used to be displayed in public schools. Now they are removed, and clubs freely propagate literature that promote safe sex and homosexuality. If people are going to defy God on the Sixth Commandment, “You Shall Not Commit Adultery,” are we surprised when people defy Him on the Fifth, “You Shall Not Kill?”

The commonly accepted teaching in many schools and universities today is the Big Bang Theory and evolution. This means that man is an animal because he evolved from the animals. When people are taught this, are we surprised when they behave like an animal? The rule of survival in the animal world is that only the strong survive and the animal world is ruled by killing and oppression of the strong over the weak. This is precisely what is happening in our society today.

People are taught today that there is no God and that, when you die, you die and that’s the end. They are taught that there is no final accounting before God of your life, or the possibility of an eternal punishment. Are we surprised when they live as though there is no tomorrow and take matters into their own hands, regardless of what that means or how it affects the person themselves or other people around them? God still promises us this: *“By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.”* (Prov. 16:6) When there is no Fear of the Lord presented in society and almost all of the churches, are we surprised when men do not depart from evil?

When society turns away from God and His Word, they leave themselves wide open for every satanic attack. When people proudly declared, “We will have no God rule over us!”, they never figured out that they would have one who would be more than happy to rule over them. When people freely take the lives of others, are we surprised when Jesus has told us, *“You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a mur-*

derer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it.” (John 8:44) The only thing that will keep a nation free from this satanic control is the blessings of God and His mighty protection and restraint. When this is openly rejected, don’t be surprised when there is senseless killing.

Many young people today play personal video games where killing is a central part of the game. There are war games where you kill people ruthlessly. When young people sit and play these things for hours, do they not get de-sensitized to killing others, and in fact get trained on how to kill? When society allows this to be sold and parents do nothing to stop this, are we surprised when young people can suddenly become trained killers?

There will be an outcry for gun legislation through all of this. There are already plenty of laws in place to try and prevent this sort of thing happening. Regardless of the laws that you pass, it will not stop this killing from happening. The guns used in the Connecticut shooting were legally purchased guns. The problem is not with the guns themselves, it is the people who deploy them for that which they were never intended. The problem is not with legislation, the problem is the evil that is growing in the hearts of mankind. God tells us that, *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”* (Jer. 17:9) Are we surprised when unconverted mankind does the most heinous acts?

What you see happening in society today is an end result of what they believe about God and His Word. When you reject God and His goodness and Love, which are found alone in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ, then why are you surprised when people behave so evil? As the Scripture at the top of the page says, they will continue to go from bad to worse. What you see happening today will only continue to greater and greater acts of evil.

What is the answer? There is only one answer, and it isn’t complicated. Our nation and society must return to God and the standard of His Word. Our churches must return to preaching and teaching the whole counsel of God and living the life of the Christian that Scripture dictates. If this doesn’t happen, don’t be surprised when things continue to spiral from bad to worse and out of control.

Pastor Jim Haga
Shoreview, MN

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

UN Monitored USA Elections

Did you know that 44 United Nations affiliated monitors were sent here to observe our presidential elections in November? It is outrageous that an organization, whose majority membership comes from nondemocratic countries run by dictators and tyrants, would be allowed to come here to watch over our elections. Yet that is precisely what happened.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), a United Nations partner on democratization and human rights projects, was asked to come by none other than the NAACP and the ACLU who suggested to Daan Everts, a senior official with the OSCE, that certain conservative groups threatened the voting rights of minorities.

Officials in Texas and Iowa informed the Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, that if the OSCE representatives set foot in any of their voting centers they would be arrested for a violation of state law.

From The Hill.com 10/21/12

Ten Commandments Judge Roy Moore Restored to Chief Justice of Alabama Supreme Court

Roy Moore, also known as the Ten Commandments judge, edged out his Democratic opponent (Nov. election) to win back his seat as Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court...

Moore won by a vote of 52 to 48 percent, garnering just under 100,000 more votes than...

Moore, who was previously removed from the bench for refusing to stop “acknowledging God,” had been believed to be the favored candidate since he began his bid for the Alabama Supreme Court, running far ahead of his previous challenger Harry Lyon. Lyon had been ousted by Democratic Party officials in August for making comments on Facebook against homosexual “marriage,” stating that it was “an abomination of God.” He had also opined that “only sick and perverted persons believe in homosexuality or lesbianism, though there are a lot of them.”

The Democratic Party then replaced Lyon with Vance, whose wife was one of the first attorneys appointed by Barack Obama after taking office...

Now that Moore has regained his seat as Chief Justice of Alabama Supreme Court, he said that while he won’t

display a monument this time, he will defend his right to acknowledge God.

“The true issue is whether we can acknowledge the sovereignty of Almighty God over the affairs of our state and our law,” he said.

ChristianNews.net

New Congress to Welcome First Buddhist Senator, Hindu Representative

When the new members of Congress are sworn in on January 3,... the new Senate will seat a Buddhist member for the first time, and the House of Representatives will have its first Hindu member.

Representative Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), who currently serves in the House of Representatives ... will be sworn in as the Senate’s first Buddhist. Hirono’s House seat will be filled by Tulsi Gabbard, who will become the first Hindu in Congress. Hirono will also be the first person born in Japan to be elected to the U.S. Senate.

ChristianPost.com

ELCA Joins In Petitioning Congress To Stop US Funding Of Israel

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) recently announced that it has joined with the National Council of Churches and other liberal mainline denominations in asking members of Congress to conduct an investigation into human rights and weapon violations by the State of Israel. Furthermore, they have asked the government to cut funding to Israel or base the funding on strict compliance regarding these matters.

The other denominations involved in sending this letter, which several prominent Jewish leaders have labeled as “a betrayal of the Jewish State,” include the Presbyterian Church (USA), the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ.

Not a word in their letter expressed concern about the billions of dollars the US is giving annually to the Muslim Brotherhood, the terrorist organization that now controls and governs Egypt, or about the vast sums given to the terrorist organization Hamas in Gaza.

Leaders from several Jewish organizations cancelled a planned ecumenical gathering with these liberal churches, scheduled for this past October, after learning about their efforts to stop US aid to Israel. In a statement, the Jewish leaders said, “It is outrageous that mere days

after the Iranian president repeated his call for Israel's elimination, these American Protestant leaders would launch a biased attack against the Jewish state by calling on Congress to investigate Israel's use of foreign aid. In its clear bias against Israel, it is striking that their letter fails to also call for an investigation of Palestinian use of U. S. foreign aid, thus once again placing the blame entirely on Israel."

The Vine and Branches, Winter, 2012

Editor's Note: Interesting as God's Word (the Bible) clearly states that HE (God) will bless those who bless Israel and curse those who curse Israel and that 'we' are to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Christian Convert from Islam Beheaded in Somalia

Islamic extremists from Somalia's rebel Al-Shabaab militants on Friday (November 16) killed a Christian in Somalia's costal city of Barawa, accusing him of being a spy and leaving Islam, Christian and Muslim witnesses said...

"His body was split into two, then carried away,"...a Christian source who witnessed the murder told Morning Star News.

Other witnesses, Muslims, independently described the same scene. They and the Christian witness told Morning Star News that the Islamic extremists accused (Farhan Haji) Mose of being a spy for foreigners and of embracing the "foreign religion of Christianity."

Morning Star News

Gay Marriage Passed in Washington State, Maine and Maryland

Washington....state joins Maine and Maryland in giving supporters of gay marriage a clean sweep. Voters in these same states also chose President Obama...

But supporters of traditional marriage knew they had their work cut out for them as each of the four states had heavy concentrations of Democratic voting blocs that would prove to be key if the measures were to be approved...

Gay rights activists were highly organized and had a significant funding advantage by an estimated margin of 10 to 1 over supporters of traditional marriage. Numerous wealthy business executives and politicians, such as Bill Gates of Microsoft and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, contributed millions to the cause.

ChristianPost.com

Editor's Note: In all three states, the vote margin was

small – three to five percentage points. Minnesota also rejected an amendment to modify its state constitution to define marriage as only between a man and a woman. Gay marriage seems likely to pass there after this defeat.

Arkansas Voters Reject Medical Marijuana

Arkansas voters, by a narrow 51% majority, defeated a ballot measure on Election Day that would have made their state the first in the South to legalize medical marijuana.

Meanwhile, Massachusetts overwhelmingly approved a ballot measure that made it the 18th state to legalize medical marijuana.

Baptist Press

The Underground Church In North Korea Is Praying For The Church In America

A very revealing and humbling report was recently given by the Reverend Eric Foley, an expert on underground Christianity in North Korea — The underground church in North Korea is praying for the church in America. When asked why, a member of North Korea's underground church told him: "Because you American Christians put so much confidence in your wealth and freedom that you don't fully know what it's like to be able to trust only in God."

Foley said, "We need to repent of the idea that, because we have more worldly goods and worldly freedom than the North Korean Christians, we are somehow in a more advantageous position to do ministry than they are. It turns out that our modern western way of making disciples and being a church is the historical oddity. The North Korean situation of empty-handed discipleship in the face of intense persecution is the norm. We can learn a lot from them."

Another example of life within the church in North Korea is seen from a testimony given at the Lausanne Conference in 2010, by Sung Kyung Ju, who fled to China from North Korea with her family when she was six years old. While in China, her family was exposed to Christianity, where her father was converted to Christ. He was sent back to North Korea and imprisoned for three years. After his imprisonment, he returned to his family in China, but later went back to North Korea voluntarily to witness the gospel. He was never heard from again. Sung Kyung Ju, who became a Christian after seeing Jesus in a dream, said her family believes her father was executed.

Sung Kyung Ju said, "I want to bring the love of God to North Korea."

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Editor's Note: Pray for the persecuted brethren around the world!

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Gipsy Smith's Conversion

Cornelius Smith, father of the great evangelist "Gipsy" Rodney Smith, became greatly impressed with his need of salvation.

On one of his journeys, he camped at Shepherd's Bush, and attending a service in a mission hall, he heard the people sing Cowper's stirring hymn:

*There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.*

And the chorus of another hymn:

*I do believe, I now believe
That Jesus died for me.
That on the cross He shed His blood
From sin to set me free.*

Soon the father claimed Christ by faith and left the meeting exclaiming, "I am converted!"

Reaching home, he told his motherless children what had happened, placed his arms around the five of them, kissed them and fell on his knees and began to pray.

That first prayer was never forgotten. Many years afterward, Gipsy Smith said, "I still feel its sacred influence on my heart and soul."

The next morning, the converted man was pleading with others, and thirteen gypsies professed to find Christ that day.

When Gipsy Smith was a little older, he attended a service in a chapel in Cambridge. A prayer meeting followed the sermon. When an invitation was given, the gypsy lad went forward. By a coincidence, the congregation sang the chorus which was sung when his father was converted:

*I do believe, I now believe
That Jesus died for me.
That on the cross He shed His blood
From sin to set me free.*

There and then he trusted in Christ, and from that time he rejoiced in Him as his Saviour. Selected.

Editor's Note: Why not try to have a series of evange-

listic meetings in your community: Church, School, Tent, Town Hall, etc. **What have you to loose??** You don't know what GOD wants to do in your midst unless you give HIM an opportunity! Don't be 'captured' by the obstacle of unbelief/hinderance!!!

We (HLIF/MG) want to be of a service to you as a vessel as we labor together in watering, planting and GOD GIVING the increase!! **Matthew 16:26.** Remember GOD is the same, the Son is the same and the Holy Spirit is the same: as yesteryear. Isaiah 55:10-11.

The Test of Expedience

"All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." 1 Corinthians 6:12.

Christians are saved by the grace of God, not by works of righteousness. Therefore, in a sense, they are free to do whatever they please. **All things are lawful unto me.** The Christian, however, is under a higher law, the law of love and of seeking to please and honor his Savior and Lord.

Therefore, when a question arises as to whether a certain act is right or wrong, the decision should be based on how the act impacts the cause of Christ. Does it help or hinder in the winning of the lost or in edifying the believer? Does it honor the Lord and His Word or bring reproach against His truth? For example, Paul concluded he could not afford to "be brought under the power of any practice (e.g., drinking, smoking, gambling) that might limit the power of God over his actions and decisions.

In a similar passage, Paul says, *"All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not"* 1 Corinthians 10:23. Thus, nothing is expedient for the Christian that does not edify (that is, "build up") spiritually either himself or someone else.

In a similar vein, he said elsewhere that *"there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean ... Let not then your good be evil spoken of.... Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another"* Romans 14:14, 16, 19).

This test of expediency, therefore, if applied sincerely by the believer in terms of advancing or hindering the purposes of God in Christ, can be of great help in decision making regarding doubtful issues.

Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

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Research

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Christian Mission

By Pastor Troy Tysdal, Fergus Falls, MN

To say that **John the Baptist** was important might be an understatement. Jesus himself said, “*Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist*” (Matthew 11:11). John had purpose. He was chosen by God to prepare the world for the Messiah, the Christ, and John was faithful to his call. In a world full of darkness, he was light. In a world rotting with sin, he was salt. John’s entire life, from the way he dressed to the words he spoke, pointed to Jesus, and John’s witness changed the world.

Luke 3:1 - 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar — when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene — during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “*A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God’s salvation’*”

Just as John was called to prepare Israel for the arrival of the Christ, we have been called to prepare the world for the Christ’s return. As Christians we know that we are not saved by our actions. We know that we are saved solely by the work of Jesus Christ, but that does not mean that our actions don’t matter. In fact the Bible tells us the opposite is true. The Bible tells us, as Christians, that we are to be the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13), (*Ed.* Look closely at verses 13 & 14, please ‘we are’?), to prepare and purify the earth by living out our faith in preparation for the day when Jesus Christ comes again. We are people with purpose, people who point others to Jesus Christ, and in so doing, change the world.

The life of John the Baptist looked different than the lives of the Pharisees, because John believed in the promise of God. John spoke by faith. He lived by faith. His life was a sermon. He was salt!

If we are to be salt, our lives will look different than the lives of those who don’t know Jesus. Our lives will point others to Christ.

Sometime ago, I was in Subway with my father. A family came in — grandparents, children, and grandchil-

dren, taking the place over, pushing tables, moving chairs. You know the type.

After they were seated, the grandfather looked down the row of tables, told his family to fold their hands, and right there in Subway, they began to pray. They gave thanks to God, not only for their food but for each and every blessing in their lives. As they prayed, I looked around the restaurant. People were watching! The actions of that family, although not directed toward the world, reminded the world that there is something bigger. That family was salt!

It’s a small thing, but small things that point others to Jesus Christ change the world. Jesus said, “*Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them*” (Matthew 18:20).

Inviting a neighbor to church — a small thing! Calling your son or daughter who has walked away from the faith, and encouraging them to return — a small thing. But small things that point to Jesus change the world.

John the Baptist lost his life for Christ. If we are going to live as salt in this world, we too will feel the wrath of the world. We will hear the world cry out “Hypocrite!”, and we will be guilty, because following Christ, living for Jesus, is hard. We can’t live like Jesus; he is perfect, we are sinners. That’s why we need him, and that’s why those who don’t know him need to hear about him.

We will hear the world accuse us of being intolerant, and we will again be guilty, because when we see people living in sin, we know the importance of pointing them toward repentance and salvation.

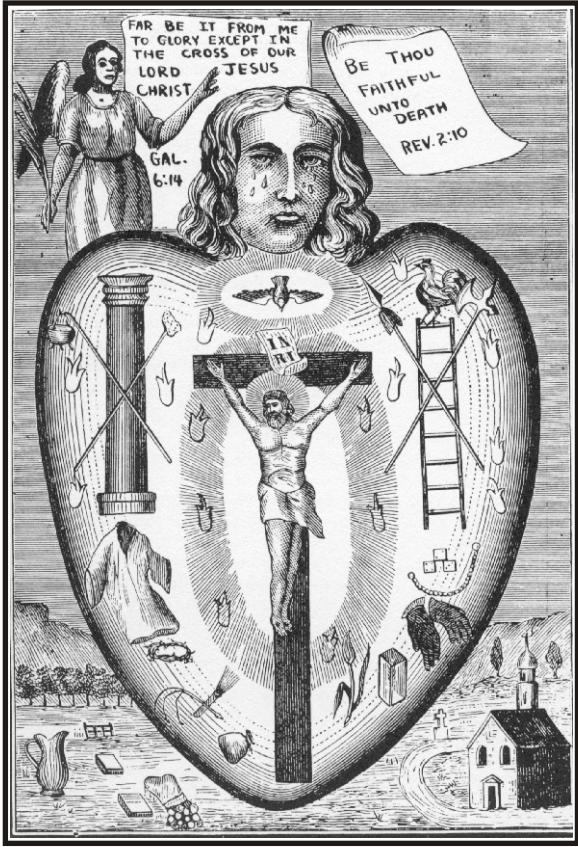
The world might cry out, “Guilty!”, but the voice of Jesus is the only one that counts. He is the judge, and he tells us, those who turn from the world, those who call on his name, we are children of God, washed white as snow, pure and innocent — and those are exactly the words you will hear when he returns in glory.

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Editor’s Note: **AMEN!!!**, *Also* the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory is a ‘mission’. Primarily ‘home missions’; but not exclusively as ‘we’ are fortunate in reaching out into a number of ‘foreign countries’.

The HLIF/MG is a ‘free movement’ that functions by ‘faith’ as the Lord provides likely through you. It is ‘team work’!

Further the HLIF/MG is biblically based, biblically pietistic and definitely biblically Lutheran in doctrine: yet available to any & all who biblically want to nourish and further the work of the Kingdom of God, by His Grace.



The Fourth Picture

A picture of the inner condition of a person who has been reconciled to God by Christ's merits, and knows nothing else than Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

In the fourth picture can be seen in the heart of the sanctified sinner only Jesus, the Crucified, and the sign of His suffering. The Holy Spirit, to whom he has surrendered, now rules his life. In no better way can He kindle love in the believer's heart than by constantly holding up before his vision the dying Redeemer on the cross in all His agony, and impressing upon his mind how much it cost Jesus to redeem him. The chief endeavor of the Spirit will now be to declare to him Christ's suffering and death so that he will say with the Apostle Paul: "*I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*" "*God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world*" (I Cor. 2:2, Gal. 6:14).

By the guidance of the Holy Spirit the believer finds such comfort and strength from the Redeemer's suffering and death that it fills his whole life. "*If God is for me,*" he says, "*who can then be against me?*" "*He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all how shall he not also with him freely give us all things*" (Rom. 8:32). The suffering and death of Jesus is the surety of God's fa-

therly love. In Christ, God reconciled the sinner to Himself, and does not impute his transgressions to him (II Cor. 5:19). Christ, the Crucified, is the basis for the trust in God. If God, the Father of eternal love, gave His Son for us in such suffering, what can He then deny us?

Since Christ in this manner became man's possession and dwells in his heart, he finds in Him the richest source of comfort, and strength to do that which is good. Because of his living faith in Christ, all the pleasures of the world, all the lust of the flesh, all the earthly glory, all perishable things, have become loathsome to him. It appears to him that Christ is calling: "*If you want to belong to me and be my disciple, then take up thy cross, deny thyself, and follow me*" (Matt. 10:38). His highest desire will then be to become like Christ, the Crucified. He exercises himself in the fear of God and strives to attain "*holiness without which no man shall see the Lord*" (II Cor. 7:1). He prays "*always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit*" (Eph. 6:18). He does not neglect "*to do good and to communicate, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased*" (Heb. 13:16).

The believer rejoices when he is found worthy to suffer for Christ's sake, who suffered persecution, shame, dishonor, and humiliation. He knows that if we suffer with Him we shall also be glorified with Him. For His sake who loved him and gave Himself for him, he wins victory over all things. He looks to the reward that will be given to all those who endure to the end. He that overcometh will inherit all things (Rev. 2:17, 26). Thus it re-echoes in his ears, as he is reminded of the words of Paul: "*This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*" (Phil. 3:13).

PRAYER

O Jesus Christ, Thou boundless love! Thou hast reconciled me to God. From now on Thou alone shall be seen in my heart. My heart shall be dedicated to the fellowship of Thy suffering and death, and my whole life sanctified. May Thy love, wherewith Thou hast loved me, permeate my whole soul, control all my senses and rule me in all things! May Thy love renew me after Thy image that I may be like Thee. May the fruit of Thy suffering and death be seen in my life. Give me a mind that will consider all the things for loss, which formerly seemed a gain. Yea, help me, that I may count all the things on which I built but loss for the "*excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ my Lord.*" Be Thou my all, and all other things nothing, "*that I may win Christ, and be found in him not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law; but that which is through the faith of Christ,*" which alone is

acceptable before God. Oh, “*that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.*”

Help me O Lord, that I may truthfully say: “*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.*” Yea, my beloved Redeemer, help me constantly to look up to Thee, “*the author and finisher of my faith,*” Thou, who for the joy which awaited Thee, chose the cross and endured humiliation. May Thy suffering be the sweetest nourishment of my soul, Thy cross my strength in the battle against sin, Thy death my refuge in life and in death! May I look up to Thee in every trial. In the hours of darkness, doubt, and anxiety, may Thy love be my sun, my light, and my shield. May I not become weak and weary, but “*run with patience the race that is set before me.*” AMEN.

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand:
All other ground is sinking sand.

When clouds and darkness veil His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace,
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil;
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand:
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand:
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come, with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found!
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand:
All other ground is sinking sand.

—Ed. Mote

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For Teenagers

By Tony Bazen

Time Is Running Out!

“*The days of our years are three-score years and ten; if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away:* “*Who knoweth the power of thine anger? Even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*” Psalm 90:10-12

“*The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.*” Jeremiah 8:20

I still remember the night like it was yesterday. It was a cold, rainy November night as we took the field at Spartan Stadium in Durham, North Carolina for our state football playoff game. We were certain that our team would bring the first state football title to our school.

We were undefeated, ranked number one and led the state in scoring. We had never been seriously challenged all year as we had mowed down one opponent after another. Even though our opponent was also undefeated and was ranked fourth in the state, we were confident that this team would face the same fate as all the other had.

A wet surface, however, can sometimes even the playing field. Even though we dominated the game statistically, we clung to a 14-13 lead entering the final quarter. We had the ball first down and goal to go on the one-yard line, preparing to score what should have been the game-clinching touchdown.

The game, our season and the football careers of many seniors took a dramatic turn. We fumbled the football, and it was scooped up by our opponent. They almost returned the errant pitch for a touchdown.

We were able to stop their drive, but they kicked a field goal with only a few minutes remaining to take a 16-14 lead. Finding ourselves behind for the first time all year put us in panic mode, and we frantically hurried downfield to try to win the game and keep our dream of a state championship alive.

With the clock ticking down, we found ourselves close enough to the goal line to try a field goal which would give us the victory. My heart sank as our kicker slipped on the wet surface, and his kick went sailing off to the right.

With our opponent now having possession of the ball and with no time-outs remaining, we could only watch helplessly as their quarterback took the snap and knelt down. I can still see the scoreboard in my mind as the seconds ticked away. The rain fell from the sky, joining the tears that streamed down my face as the scoreboard clock

finally read all zeroes. It was over.

It would do all of us well, especially young people, to remember that we live in a finite world. There is an unseen clock attached to all of our lives that is slowly but surely ticking down. One day this unseen clock will reach zero. Our opportunities, our potential and even our lives here on earth will end.

Time is Running Out for Soul Winning

Jeremiah 8:20 says, "*The harvest is past.*" Jesus compared lost souls to a ripe harvest.

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Matthew 9:36-38.

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

Revelation 14:15 makes it clear that "the harvest of the earth is ripe." Harvest-time is a time of reaping that follows sowing and growing. It is an opportunity to gather up ripe fruit before it dries up and dies on the vine. Sadly, harvest-time doesn't last forever — it passes.

Teen (all ages), please understand that it is harvest-time in your church. It's time to use every opportunity available to reach your generation with the Gospel.

It's also harvest-time in America. Don't believe those who say that nobody cares about God anymore. Many are hurting, hungry and hoping for something to fill the void in their lives.

It's harvest-time around the world. People all over the globe are looking for answers, and we know Him who is the Answer. His name is Jesus.

God has given us a great opportunity, the opportunity to reap a harvest in our church, in our circle of friends, in our country and around the world. God did not save you to sit, sulk and sour. He saved you to be a soul winner.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." - Proverbs 11:30.

This means that the Christian who does not go after souls is living a foolish life. Time is running out for soul winning.

Time is Running Out for Service

Jeremiah 8:20 goes on to say that "the summer is ended." Summer symbolizes youth, vitality and energy. It is a time when we roll up our sleeves and work. We try to accomplish important projects that winter will prohibit us

from accomplishing.

In the blink of an eye, however, summer passes us by, and it seems like we did not accomplish all that we intended to do. Summer ends, the days get shorter, and night seems to catch us off guard. Jesus said in John 9:4, *I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*" The Lord expects us to serve Him while we still have time. Summer is a time for service, but our opportunities to serve God will not last forever.

Time is Running Out for Salvation

Jeremiah 8:20 ends with these haunting words: *And we are not saved.*" Spiritually, there is a harvest-time in our lives, a time of opportunity when God's Word can be planted in our hearts. It can then be watered and take root. Teen, every year that you put off trusting Christ, it becomes more and more unlikely that you will ever be saved.

ON April 10, 1912, the Titanic set sail on its maiden voyage. Just before midnight four days later, it hit an iceberg. In just a few hours, over 1,500 passengers lost their lives in the icy waters of the Atlantic and went out into eternity. Following the sinking of the Titanic, the company that had built the ship, the White Star Line in Liverpool, England, placed a large board on either side of the main entrance to their office. On one board they printed the words: "KNOWN TO BE SAVED." On the other board were the words: "KNOWN TO BE LOST."

When the Titanic began its voyage, there were three classes of passengers. But by the time it ended, the number was reduced to only two: those who were "saved" by the rescue boats and those who were "lost" in the deep waters.

Teen (everybody), we are on a voyage aboard a ship known as **Life**. Reading this column are all types of "passengers" of different colors, classes, cultures and challenges. However, when this ship finally pulls into port, there will be only two classes of people — those who are "saved" and those who are "lost."

Someone said, "There are only two types of people in this world — the 'saints' and the 'ain't!' That may not be good grammar, but is the absolute truth.

10.....9.....8.....7.....6.....5..... the clock ticks down. Time is running out.

Taken from *Sword of the Lord*

Hauge Spring Bible Conference

The theme for the Conference is ‘Revive Us Again’,
Psalm 85:6.

At Elim Lutheran Church, Rural Osakis, MN, April 5-7, 2013.

Main Guest Speaker: Pastor David Barnhart, Canal Winchester, OH.

(Founder of *Abiding Word Ministries* and
Editor of *The Vine and Branches*)

Friday evening: 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker: Pastor David Barnhart, – Following: Refreshments/Coffee

Saturday: Prayer Time at the church at 9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Coffee/Refreshments

10:00 a.m. Pastor David Barnhart

11:05 a.m. Rod Stueland, Dilworth, MN

12 Noon Meal at the church, (Free will offering)

1:15 p.m. Jim Miller, Audubon, MN

2:20 p.m. Rod Stueland

3:15 p.m. Coffee/Refreshments

3:45 p.m. Testimonies, Fellowship, Singspiration

7:30 p.m. Pastor David Barnhart

Sunday

9:15 a.m. Pastor David Barnhart (Teens & Adults)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: Guest Speaker: Pastor David Barnhart

Directions: From Osakis to Elim Lutheran Church:
Take Hwy #27 East to Co. Rd. #4; turn right and go 3 miles to 141st Ave; turn left and go one/fourth mile.

Lodging:

Possibly the “Sportsmen’s Motel” in Osakis (telephone 320-859-5400)

Pray specifically for the Bible Conference, please:

The LORD gave ‘us’ a special conference last Fall

Expect great things from (Our) ***Living Heavenly FATHER!***

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TRY TEARS!

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy (Psalm 126:5). As your ‘heart’ and my ‘heart’ aches, as we observe (only in a small part) what is happening in this SIN INFECTED world, ‘we’ cannot help to ‘Cry out’ to the LORD, as HE has the ‘words’ of Eternal Life!

For some of you, you have prayed for years for a loved one, friend, neighbor, church, etc. and it seems as though they are further away from the Lord than when you first began ‘praying’ for them (nation).

Don’t give up as Satan’s **most well worn shovel is to just give up!** REMEMBER Jesus loves them infinitely more than you and I can even pretend. HE paid the ultimate ‘price’ (His very life blood), that they might be saved and it is paid in full.

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