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

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A Meeting With Jesus

(Read John 18:33-40)

“Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now my kingdom is not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king, to this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.” John 18:36-37

Pilate just had to meet Jesus. He would much rather not do so, but there was no way around. The moment finally came when he had to stand face to face with the Savior of the world and either condemn or release Him. This was undoubtedly the most serious event in the life of this Roman procurator.

Every person who has been instructed in the Word of God, and whom the Holy Spirit has thus touched, is bound to take sides for or against Christ. Like Pilate, many are not able to take a clear-cut stand for or against the Savior. They struggle along between two opposites, and find peace neither in the world nor with God.

These are the most miserable people on earth. In the company of sinners they feel God's judgment over them; yet they do not feel at home among Christians. They are at a loss either way. They neither go wholly over to Christ's side, nor do they dare to reject Him completely.

Why is it so difficult to take a stand for Christ? We believe Him to be good and that He has our welfare at heart; should it be so difficult to choose such a one?

Yes, it is, when that good one is *Jesus*.

Why precisely when it is He?

It is because His Kingdom is not of this world. He claims us for another world and a new life. He requires that we unite ourselves with Him alone. This is the last thing we earthbound human beings want to do.

Who would have failed to respond if Jesus had cried, “Come unto me all ye who desire money; I will give you as much as you want. Come all ye forgotten and neglected ones, and I will give you honor and power. Come ye who seek entertainment and amusement; this I will provide without money and without price.”

There would have been a mad scramble to be first. People will stand in line long hours, sometimes all night, for an opportunity of being entertained for a couple of hours. But Jesus does not promise to give these things; consequently people conclude that there is no joy or satisfaction in His company.

Who can be more warped than a human being? Today we live, and tomorrow we may be gone; this world cannot offer us a shred of comfort in the hour of death. Yet we love this world so much that we dismiss Him who alone can sustain us as we pass through the valley of shadows.

A young lady had been moved mightily by the Spirit of God at church one Sunday evening. Upon reaching home, and still in great stress, she confided these things to her mother; she thereupon urged her daughter to give her heart to the Lord. But the girl had a date for a dance the following Sunday night, and promised that she would become a Christian after that date. At the dance a week later she fell in a swoon and was brought home in an unconscious condition. She regained consciousness just long enough to speak these despairing words, “Eight days too

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late.” Thus she died.

Many have chosen as she did, because the Kingdom of Christ is not of this world. They have lost everything. Shall this be your fate? Shall your once precious life be lost?

*Death may come to the cotter's hut,
Kings heed his behest;
In vain we try to suit the door
'Gainst this unwelcome guest.*

*Jesus knocks in love so gently,
Closed remains the door,
Turning, He leaves you sadly
Death will leave you nevermore.*

What help has the world to offer you then, you who reject Christ?

One would think that since it is such a difficult thing to take a stand for Christ, it must be an easy matter to get rid of Him. Such is not the case, however. Every time we try to get away from Jesus we are disturbed as Pilate was; a voice within tells that it will prove to be our everlasting misfortune to get away from Christ. We can never quite rid ourselves of that thought. We know that it is best for us to continue as Christians. We know that if we leave Him we are headed for a lost eternity. So in spite of temptations to leave our Lord we are strongly constrained to remain with Him. We cannot quite get away from Him, nor rid ourselves of His presence.

It is true that it is a costly affair to follow Jesus. The path in His steps is not a smooth and easy one. But it is also true that it costs to depart from Jesus.

The longing soul cries out from its prison for Jesus. Even in the depths of his sin the sinner is compelled to listen to that plain-

tive cry from the soul. The sinner must face Jesus. The words that Paul heard on the Damascus road, "It is hard for thee to kick against the goads," meet many a person today also when he tries to get away from Jesus. The goad is lodged in the heart; every time we kick, the goad hurts us.

*Why in your sins do you tarry,
A stranger to God remain?
The world doth deceive the unwary.
Come to your Savior again.*

Then no goad shall prod you; your peace shall be like a river, and your righteousness as the mighty waves of the sea.

Pilate's great mistake was that he counseled with the enemies of Jesus. Every time that he was at the point of releasing Jesus he sought their advice rather than to follow his own convictions. Three times he faced the Savior, was gripped by Him, and was ready to dismiss the charges against Him. But each time he conferred with Christ's enemies, and with each time his fear of man increased. Finally he compromised on his convictions.

The same thing happens today. Young people glance questioningly in the direction of their friends; the wife wonders if her husband will be pleased if she becomes a Christian; and the business man fears the disapproval of his business associates. Finally the desire to be saved yields to cowardice, and the fear of man treads with an iron heel upon the soul that longs for Jesus.

"Release unto us Barabbas!" This is the cry of the godless mob that wishes to live as it pleases. "We have a law, and according to that law He must die." This demand rises in the hearts of those who have been overpowered by sin and who seem to enjoy their liberty apart from God. "Release Jesus, and you are no longer the friend of Caesar." Thus was Pilate bound by the fear of man. By an irrevocable law this same thing happens to all who begin to walk upon this road.

There will come a time when you for the last time will face Jesus and have an opportunity to choose life. The next move will be His. He will judge you according to your works of refusing His salvation.

For Christ's sake and your own, depart from this dangerous path. Be warned by Pilate's example, and give Christ the power in your life. Place yourself on the side of your Savior, and heed not the taunts of the godless throng. Then He will deal with you in grace, and you shall find life eternal.

Taken from "Spirit and Power" by Ludvig Hope, 'A Meeting with Jesus'.

"I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Ps. 84:10

We like to do things our own way because we are stubborn, selfish and sinful. See how easily you choose the wrong thing sometimes! A child may sometime wish he could run and play instead of being in Sunday school an hour. But, that is not the way it works when you learn to know how blessed and good it is to be a child of God.

A Christian man from Scotland went to work for a rich farmer, but he stayed there only a very few days. A friend of his asked him: "Have you left your job again?"

"Yes."

"But why? Was it too hard?"

"Didn't you get enough pay then?"

"Oh, yes, the pay was good enough."

"But then, why did you leave?"

This was his reason. He said: "There was no roof on that house!"

What did he mean? He meant that in that house there was no family devotion and no godliness, and he could not endure it.

Maybe there is nothing great in your home, but your family loves Jesus. How thankful you should be for a dear home where Jesus is the honored guest. Then you can say:

"I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

Dear Lord Jesus, make us very, very thankful for our home, our church, and the little things in life which are so great. May Jesus be with us always. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*I love Thy Kingdom, Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.*

Taken from the devotional book: "Altar Steps"
by Pastor R. P. Haakonson

Editor's Note: This fine devotional book is available from us and it is especially 'good' for families with 'children' in their midst. The suggested donation is five dollars plus a dollar for handling and shipping.

"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in profound obscurity."

Daniel Webster, American Statesman, 1782 - 1852

At Ease in Zion

“Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!” (Deuteronomy 33:26).

Zion (or Jerusalem) was the capital of Judah, the southern kingdom, and Samaria was the capital of the northern kingdom, Israel. Despite the ungodliness rampant in both nations, as well as suffering due to drought and other judgments sent by God, the leaders in Zion and Samaria were still living in decadent luxury, and most of the people were following their example. The rustic prophet Amos was thus called by God to pronounce coming judgment on both nations and especially on their leaders.

God’s nature and God’s principles do not change. *“For I am the LORD, I change not”* (Malachi 3:6). If God was angry with those of His ancient people who were living in affluent ease while indifferent to the sin in the nation and in their own lives, must this not be true also in modern “Christian” America? Have evangelical Christians today become *“lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God”* (2 Timothy 3:4)? One should at least raise the question when their churches become cathedrals and their homes become show places, when their music stirs their feelings but not their souls, when they spend more time in “rest and recreation” than with the Lord and His Word, and when they begin to allow “the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches (to) choke the word” so that they become “unfruitful” (Matthew 13:22).

God was longsuffering with Israel, but judgment finally came to them. Perhaps He has been calling to us in the earthquake and the hurricane, the drought and the flood, the famine and the pestilence, telling us that judgment is coming. Are we at ease in Zion, saying, *“Soul, ...take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry”* (Luke 12:19)? If so, may God stir us to repentance and rededication!
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Taken from “Days of Praise” by
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Read Revelation 6-8

The exile of John on Patmos, and the suffering taking place in Smyrna (Revelation 2:8-9), are examples of the persecution that was intensifying throughout the Roman Empire.

In today’s reading, we are thrilled to view *a great multitude which no one could number, from all nations ... These stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palm (branches) in their*

hands. They cried with a loud voice, saying, (we owe our) salvation to our God, who is seated upon the throne, and to the Lamb (7:9-10). Eternal life is the point of focus for this white-robed, palm-bearing multitude, who overcame Satan, and are, at last, in the presence of their Lord. All who have experienced salvation through Jesus Christ will rejoice with the hosts in Heaven throughout eternity. This revelation was not only comforting, but strengthened the faith of first-century Christians who faced fierce opposition from a hostile world.

Each generation of believers discovers that the opposition is strong, the wicked numerous, and the deceptions so subtle that, in our human strength and wisdom, we would easily lose heart or be led astray. Down through the ages, those who have had their hearts set upon living for Jesus have always been a small minority. As Jesus foretold: *Narrow is the way that leads to life, and few are those who find it* (Matthew 7:14). However, as the heavens were opened on Patmos, we realize that the total population of Heaven will continue to increase until Jesus returns. These faithful Christians may not have had much of earth’s pleasures, but now they are praising the Lord *with a loud voice ... Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen* (Revelation 7:9-12).

Glory describes the splendor of His true nature. *Wisdom* reveals the supremacy of His knowledge which is available to us through His Word (1 Corinthians 1:30; Colossians 2:3; James 1:5-6). *Thanksgiving* is a natural expression of our gratitude to the Lord for all His bountiful blessings. He alone is worthy of our highest *praise* (Revelation 4:11). *Power* points to the supremacy of God over both good and evil forces, and His unlimited ability to fulfill His promises (Ephesians 3:20).

The concluding *Amen*, which means “so be it,” signifies the full support of the innumerable host of people who stand before the throne. *They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more ... For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them to living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes* (Revelation 7:16-17).

Life is exceedingly short compared to eternity; and the trials we are now passing through will seem insignificant compared to the glorious privilege of soon being in the presence of the King of kings and singing His praises.

These victorious ones *have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb* (7:14). God deserves our highest praise for what He is in Himself, and for His great love in giving us eternal life.

Therefore they are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His Temple (Revelation 7:15).

Taken from “Bible Pathway”, December, 1999

Editorial

RES

GOD HAS THE FINAL WORD!

“Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.” “...but the word of God is not chained. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes...” (Psalm 119:89, II Timothy 2:9 and Romans 1:16)

A friendly acquaintance of ours will graciously invite us to visit and using the expression: “Come over and kill some time”. But the bottom line is that you can not kill time without hurting eternity! Time is a gift from God and ‘we’ are accountable how we invest it! Even ‘our’ ‘words’ we are accountable for! *“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment”* Matthew 12:36.

Being now is the month of February I am thinking of the story of the gentleman who is expressing in a letter to his ‘girlfriend’ how much he loves her. In this letter he shares that just to be with her in her presence, he is willing to go through hail, storm, cold weather, etc. and then states if it is warm and sunny he will be over to see her. (Sounds like a *fair weather Christian* - IF there is such a thing) Really our love for JESUS is tested by our obedience to His Word!

Isn’t it *marvelous* that God knows ‘my’ heart like an open book; that He knows my very intent and motivation, and as a ‘believer,’ it is more *marvelous* that with repentance and confession, I have ALL my SINS brought under the Blood of our crucified and risen Savior, and thus **forgiven and forgotten by Almighty God for eternity!** *“This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself”* II Timothy 2:11-13.

“You have dealt well with Your servant, O LORD, according to Your word. Teach me good judgment and knowledge, For I believe Your commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Your word” Psalm 119:65-67.

As we ‘contend for the faith’ (Jude 3), we need to be aware of the fact that ‘liberalism’ creeps in wherever it gets a chance. Could it also be true today when frequently at ‘Bible Studies’ etc. we hear: ‘I think’, or ‘that’s how I feel’, or ‘how do you think so and so felt back in the Bible times?’ By NO means am I seeking to quench free input into a Bible Study or a Fellowship gathering: BUT in one sense of the WORD who cares

what you and I think, feel - but what does **the WORD say** for after all that is the ‘*Final Authority*’! Be careful though as *“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth: for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak: and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you”* John 16:13-14. *“If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you”* John 14:15-17. As Hans Neilsen Hauge stated: *“A believer (Christian) is removed from the condemnation of the Law, but not compliance to the Law.”*

I realize that some folk don’t like to ‘hear’ sound doctrine based on the Holy Word of God as they have ‘*itching ears*’ (II Timothy 4:1-5); but that’s ‘their’ problem! (Likely we have some *even* among our ‘readers’ of the *Morning Glory* who don’t like to be told the TRUTH: but we are to tell the Truth in love! (Ephesians 4:15)

Our house dog, Mickey, a Lhasa Apso, so often reminds me of our struggles/battles between the ‘old nature’ and the ‘new nature’ (II Cor. 5:17) as he has such an affectionate, loving manner, and yet he sees how far he can stretch his freedom and yet be in good standing with his master. Actually you don’t have to do anything to *drift!* An admonition especially for the believer is found in Hebrews 2:1-3; *“Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation,...”* The song writer of *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* so wisely put it in stanzas three:

“O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I’m constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wand’ring heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above."

Isn't it something that the 'old nature' actually grows: "that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts" Ephesians 4:22 and thus the spiritual recipe is **Ephesians 4:17-24**. But some will say: 'that I am just human' which is not true if you are a child of God! "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" I Corinthians 6:19-20.

According to God in the book of James; for an example states: "**Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead**" James 2:17. (Ephesians 2:8-10).

If I am not mistaken Martin Luther states that a 'living faith' always struggles and ends up at Calvary.

No doubt there will be some of you who will say in essence that this indeed is a heavy editorial (which is true) and after reading this I don't *feel* much like a Christian! By the way, how is a Christian supposed too *feel*? Well, let's go again to the Final Authority! Romans 10:4 has been such a blessing to me of late. "*For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes*".

Remember, God's Word, the Bible, is GRACE and God wants only the very best for you and I in this life and in the life to come; through His Infinite **mercy and love!** That's why I need to submit to God and His Word **Yet** every one of us will stand one day individually before God and hear either those dreadful words 'depart from me' before the Judgment Seat of Christ; and hear that we have been laboring in the flesh, or in obedience to the Holy Spirit/Word of God. **After all, HE has the FINAL WORD.**

Ecclesiastes 3:17, Romans 14:10, II Corinthians 5:10 **OR** Revelation 20:11-15.

GOD HAS THE FINAL WORD!

ENCOURAGEMENT

By Pastor Paul Larson,
Detroit Lakes, MN

Christians need encouragement. Our lives here on earth are filled with trials and spiritual battles and it is easy to get weary. No wonder the Bible speaks often of encouragement. In Hebrews 10:24-25 we read, "*and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*" Jesus said things like, "Come unto me ...And I will give you rest", (Matt. 11:28) "Let not your heart be troubled" (Jn. 14:1) and "take courage son, your sins are forgiven." (Mt. 9:2)

I believe if Christians are going to follow His example we need to be encouragers. Be positive rather than negative, say kind things vs. negative things, etc. I think the best way to encourage someone is to remind them of what they have in Jesus. Sin is forgiven, eternal life is gained; we have hope in the midst of a dreary world. All because Jesus died and rose again! Of course the hope is offered to those who believe; the end of the unbeliever is not one that can be encouraged. Without Christ there is no forgiveness, no hope and no eternal life.

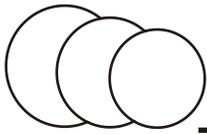
Believers should be filled with hope and that hope should be seen in encouraging others. What Hebrews 10:25 is telling us is that as we near the time of Christ's return we need to be encouraging each other more, not less!

Every Christian can be an encourager, if they choose to be one! This is not a special gift or talent. It is a mind-set. You determine in your heart if you are going to encourage someone or discourage them. Then, as the old advertising line says, "just do it". The amazing thing about being an encourager is that it begins to affect your own spiritual life.

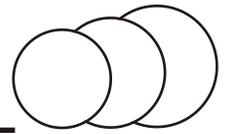
Encouragers are joyful Christians. As you encourage others you find yourself being uplifted. I have often told people who are suffering depression to go out and do something for someone else, encourage someone else. One of the causes of depression is that a person focuses on self rather than others. When you reach out to help or encourage others it will lift you out of your depression.

There is another reason to be encouraged. A discouraged Christian is a weak and defeated Christian, one who can easily be tempted. Christians, take courage, your sins have been forgiven, you have a Savior who is with you always and is waiting to help you in every situation. He is willing to forgive you when you fail and help you get started on the right path again. Isn't it encouraging to know that Jesus never fails? He wants you to be encouraged by the truth that you are forgiven. Now go out and bring that good news to others.

Taken from 'Revival Tidings'
January-February 2011



From Our Fellowship Circle



V. & J. V.

Hetland, SD

We would like to share some of our Christmas blessing with you! The *Morning Glory* has been appreciated for many years and we pray that it may continue for many more years; if the Lord tarries.

E. & M. T.

Northwood, ND

Thank you for faithfully sending the *Morning Glory*. It probably is 50 years since I was inspired by attending your Bible Conference in Minneapolis.

Your little paper has one purpose in mind, and that is that sinners will find the Lord and that believers may be nurtured and edified; and may that never change nor let up.

I am now 93 years old.

Anonymous

This check is given in honor of Mr. ...80th Birthday. God Bless You.

Mrs. D. K.

Hiawatha, KS

Thank you for your wonderful stories and lessons in the *Morning Glory*.

I use some for devotions that we do on the telephone.

Praise God for *Morning Glory*!

M. J. J.

Hixton, WI

Thank you for your "*Morning Glory*" publication. I will pray you will be able to continue to send it out as there are so few places to read the Truth in this day and age. So many people wish to have their ears tickled or choose to not to hear at all. Please continue to stand strong in the Faith. God bless your ministry.

Mrs. G. J.

Austin, MN

Enclosed is a gift for the *Morning Glory* and the work you are doing as we so appreciate the magazine. It always contains such good and encouraging articles.

I would appreciate extension of the *Morning Glory* to those whom we requested before. Thanks so much.

J. C. J.

Pelican Rapids, MN

A good thing to do is drop you a note and thank you for staying true to the WORD! I enjoy the *Morning Glory* and

have for years.

Please find a check enclosed to keep sharing the WORD.

N. H.

Nevada, IA

Enclosed is a check for the *Morning Glory* publication. God Bless you for your faithfulness for sending out the Good News of the Gospel.

B. H.

Blooming Prairie, MN

Thank you for being faithful to the Lord. Your reward is waiting for you in eternity. May your heart be encouraged by Jude 1:24-25.

I believe the catching away of the 'Church' is near! (*Editor*: So do I!)

J. & J. H.

Ames, IA

Enclosed is our Memorial gift to the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/*Morning Glory* in memory of Mr. Lester Hinderaker, who is my cousin as our fathers were twins ...

Thank you for your ministry through the *Morning Glory*. We look forward to receiving it and reading the articles.

God Bless you. Enclosed is a check for \$... in Lester's memory.

L.V. T.

St. Hilaire, MN

This was a poem I got this Christmas and it was written by a friend; who knew ...also. She went to our church TRF; but haven't seen her for a long time.

I thought you might like the poem for the *Morning Glory*. I asked her if it would be OK to send it to you.

Enclosed is \$... for *Morning Glory* which is a good paper.

"History fails to record a precedent in which nations subject to moral decay have not passed into political and economic decline. There has been either a spiritual awakening to overcome the moral lapse, or a progressive deterioration to ultimate national disaster."

General Douglas MacArthur

The “No Mores” of Revelation

By A. J. Gordon (1836-1895)

You will observe how the happiness of our glorified state is described entirely by negative terms - no curse, no pain, no death, etc. Thus God tells us what the eternal glory shall not be, rather than what it shall be. Does not the photographer use a negative with which to take your picture? The principle is precisely the same.

The negatives are used in order to show us the positive. We know what suffering and pain and death are; show us their opposites, and we shall have the best possible idea of the perfect state. These negatives are given to us in seven terms:

1. *No more sea (Rev. 21:1)*
2. *No more sorrow (vs. 4)*
3. *No more crying (vs. 4)*
4. *No more pain (vs. 4)*
5. *No more curse (22:3)*
6. *No more night (v. 5)*
7. *No more death (21:4)*

1. No More Sea!

How did Christ describe the present disturbed and troubled state of things in His sermon on the last things? He speaks of wars and persecutions and distress and then adds, “*The sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth*” (Luke 21:25, 26).

Twice our Lord was with His disciples on the stormy sea. The first time, He calmed the waves; the second time He calmed their hearts in the storm before calming the waters. The latter is what He does now. He gives to His people peace in conflict, but not yet peace from conflict. “*In the world ye shall have tribulation,*” He says in John 16:33. But in the same verse, He says, “*In me ye might have peace.*”

During this whole present order of things, there will be tumult and disorder and strife. “*The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt*” (Isa. 57:20). In the midst of all this storm and upheaval, it is possible for us to sink into Christ that we might have calmness and quietness of spirit, so that “*the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep (our) hearts and minds through Christ Jesus*” (Phil. 4:7).

Christ calms the heart now, but only when He comes in glory will He calm the sea. Then, stretching His nail-pierced hands over the great deeps of the world’s sorrows, He will say, “Peace, be still.” All the waves will be hushed into silence, all turbulence stilled, all strife ended;

and there will be only that peace which is like a river flowing forth from the City of God to all earth’s weary nations.

2. No More Sorrow!

We take no melancholy view of things, but we believe that a perfectly candid estimate compels the conviction that the sum of human misery in the world vastly outweighs the sum of human happiness. Job gave in a few words the inspired estimate of human life: “*Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble*” (14:1).

Those whose outward lot is most fortunate confess that they are haunted by a strange melancholy at times, a kind of home sickness, as though somehow they had wandered away from their father’s house.

Notice how the psalmist expresses this: “*Oh that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away, and be at rest*” (56:6); but as the dove sent forth from Noah’s ark found no rest for the soles of its feet, so it is with the restless human spirit. It may change the scene, but it escapes not the sorrow.

There is no place to build its nest where it cannot be reached by the storm and shaken by the tempest. “*Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?*” asks the prophet (Isa. 60:8). It is the Home-going of God’s saved. The windows of the New Jerusalem are at last open; man’s long-lost home in Paradise is restored to him. He hears a word uttered that was never spoken since Adam was thrust forth from Paradise – “*There shall be no more sorrow.*”

3. No More Crying!

Tears are the outward emblem of sorrow, and now God has wiped away all tears from the eyes of them that mourn. And there shall be “*no more ...crying.*” Do you know of any promise anywhere like that?

We hear people talk about the blessed release of death, but the death that gives you release opens a fountain of sorrow that years cannot close in the hearts of those whom you leave behind. “*Put thou my tears into thy bottle,*” prays David (Ps. 56:8).

We have read that in ancient graves in the East, they have found vials laid away with the dead – supposed to be those in which their mourning friends gathered their tears for the departed and treasured them up. Whether or not the fact is literally true, it is symbolically true.

From the time of the first death in the human family, there are few out of the myriads who have died who have not had some person to mourn for them. A vial of tears has

been put into every grave. Tell me, can you conceive of any statement so expressive of the infinite triumph of peace and blessedness as this: “*And there shall be no more ...crying*”?

4. No More Pain!

It is a pathetic fact that as we advance in refinement and culture, we become proportionately more susceptible to pain. The more perfectly the nerves are tuned, the more sensitive they are to discord, so that the difference between a saint and a savage is as the difference between a Cremona violin and an Indian tom-tom. The latter, because it is discord itself, knows no discord; and so the savage has only a dull apprehension of the highest pain.

But let the soul be tuned by the hand of God, and how sensitive it becomes to the suffering of our great humanity – how it thrills with pain at the anguish of the world! Therefore, instead of being lifted above pain by the Gospel, we are only brought into accord with it. And so God must change the world before He can blot out pain. And this He will do – wipe out the last vestige of sin and woe; then, and then only, will He wipe the tears from all faces.

5. No More Curse!

The earth, the man and the woman – this trinity of sufferers from the Fall – will be lifted up into final and inseparable fellowship with God.

6. No More Night!

“*They that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night*” (1 Thess. 5:7). “*Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him*” (4:14) when He comes.

The cemetery, the sleeping place, will be untenanted of all the saints when Jesus comes. Weeping endured for the night, but now it is morning, and joy cometh in the morning. No more night because there is:

7. No More Death!

All hope, all deliverance, all victory is contained in that word. We say that now of Christians, who die a triumphant death. But such language is true only in a figure. It can be really true only when the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible.

Now, when one dies, life is swallowed up in defeat; now, death is the last ending. But then will come our glorious Friend who shall pluck us out of death’s power. Not patient submission to the grave, not the disembodied state or the unclothed spirit is our supreme attainment. We await the time when death itself shall die and the grave shall be forever buried.

Taken from ‘*Sword of the Lord*’

“Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life”.

II Corinthians 3:6.

The letter kills, while the Spirit gives life. One can be as clear as crystal on doctrine and just as cold and hard in applying it to others. That fact, however, is no excuse for disregarding sound doctrine, but a reminder that truth is to be spoken in love, while not compromising. Of course there are peripheral matters upon which there can be disagreement – but not when it affects the salvation of souls. Unfortunately, a false gospel is being preached today, and Paul said that those who do so are under God’s curse.

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“My soul trusteth in Thee; yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge, until those calamities be overpast” Ps. 57:1.

Here we have an illustration from the world of nature; a young bird is learning to fly. Above him soars a bird of prey. The sound of the powerful wings of the large bird frightens the young bird. But the mother bird is watching. She spreads her wings, and under them the frightened fledgling seeks refuge. There the young bird is safe. The bird of prey may keep circling overhead, but the young bird is no longer afraid. He has taken refuge under the mother’s wings.

In like manner, a human soul may be aware of evil forces hovering overhead, dangers which threaten. Anxiously the soul turns in every direction for deliverance; and the deliverance is found with God: “*My soul trusteth in Thee; yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.*”

Taken from “*Rest A While*” by Fredrik Wisloff

The Bible!

*We seek to do what Ezra and other teachers did as they taught the Israelites in Jerusalem: **They read in the Book of the Law of God distinctly, and gave the sense** (explained its meaning, by the Grace of God by the Holy Spirit), **and caused them to understand the reading** (Nehemiah 8:8). We recognize the BIBLE as uniquely God’s Book to prepare us for eternity!*

The Blessings That Remain

*There are loved ones who are Missing
From the fireside and the feast;
There are faces that have vanished,
There are voices that have Ceased;
But we know they passed forever
From our mortal grief and pain,
And we thank Thee, O our Father,
For the blessings that remain.*

*Thanksgiving, oh, thanksgiving
That their love once blessed us here,
That so long they walked beside us
Sharing every smile and tear;
For the joy the past has brought us
But can never take away,
For the sweet and gracious Memories
Growing dearer every day,
For the faith that keeps us patient
Looking at the things unseen,
Knowing Spring shall follow Winter
And the earth again be green,
For the hope of that good meeting
Far from mortal grief and pain –
We thank Thee, O our Father –
For the blessings that remain.*

*For the love that still is left us,
For the friends who hold us dear,
For the lives that yet may need us
For their guidance and their cheer,
For the work that waits our doing,
For the help we can bestow,
For the care that watches o'er us
Wheresoe'er our steps may go,*

*For the simple joys of living,
For the sunshine and the breeze,
For the beauty of the flowers
And the laden orchard trees,
For the night and for the starlight,
For the rainbow and the rain –
Thanksgiving, O our Father,
For the blessings that remain.*

Annie Johnson Flint (Sword of the Lord)

LONGING FOR HOME

An old Scotsman who had been a soldier in one of the European wars was sick and dying in one of our American hospitals. His one desire was to see Scotland and his old home and once again walk the heather of the Highlands and hear the bagpipes of the Scottish regiments.

The night that the old Scottish soldier died, a young man, somewhat reckless but kindhearted, got a company of musicians to come and play under the old soldier's window; and among the instruments there was a bagpipe.

The instant the musicians began, the dying old man in delirium said, "What's that; what's that? Why, it's the regiments coming home. That's the tune; yes, that's the tune. Thank God, I have got home once more!" "Bonny Scotland and Bonny Doon" were the last words he uttered as he passed up to the "Highlands" of the Better Country.

Hundreds and thousands are homesick for Heaven – some because there are so many bereavements, some because there are so many temptations, some because there are so many ailments – but they are homesick, very homesick, for the fatherland of Heaven. At our best estate, we are only pilgrims and strangers here. Heaven is our home. Death will never knock at the door of that mansion, and in all that country there is not a single grave.

How glad parents are in holiday times to gather their children home again! Oh, how glad our Heavenly Father will be when He gets all His children home with Him in Heaven. And how delightful it will be for brothers and sisters to meet after long separation! Once they parted at the door of the tomb; now they meet at the door of immortality. Once they saw only through a glass darkly; now it is face to face, not corruption but incorruption, not mortality but immortality.

Selected

Origin of the Races

“These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.” (Genesis 10:32)

This is the concluding verse of the tenth chapter of Genesis, known as “The Table of Nations.” It tells us that all the original nations of the world were formed from the descendants of Noah. The basis of this worldwide division was their dispersion at Babel (Genesis 11:19), “*every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations*” (Genesis 10:5; see also 10:20 and 10:31). Lest anyone think this list of original nations is simply folklore, he should remember that William F. Albright, probably the greatest archaeologist of the twentieth century, called it “an astonishingly accurate document.” Many ethnologists still speak of Japhetic, Hamitic, and Semitic peoples and languages.

But what about the origin of races? One searches the Bible in vain for this information, for neither the word nor the *concept* of “race” appears in the Bible at all! There is no such thing as a race – except the human race! Skin color and other supposed racial characteristics are mere recombinations of innate genetic factors, originally created in Adam and Eve to permit development of different family characteristics as the human race was commanded to multiply and fill the earth (Genesis 1:28; 9:1).

“Race” is strictly an evolutionary concept used by Darwin, Huxley, Haeckel, and the other nineteenth-century evolutionists to rationalize their white racism. But from the beginning it was not so! “*God that made the world and all things therein; ...hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth*” (Acts 17:24, 26). “*Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother?*” (Malachi 2:10). HMM

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A Doctor and a Pastor

A medical doctor mockingly asked a pastor, “You preach in order to win souls; have you ever seen a soul?”

“No.”

“Or heard it?”

“No.”

“Or tasted it?”

“No.”

“Or smelled it?”

“No.”

“But you have felt it?”

“Yes.”

“Therefore, of the five senses, four testify against the existence of the soul.”

“You are a doctor,” the pastor rejoined. “Have you ever seen a pain?”

“No.”

“Or heard it?”

“No.”

“Or tasted it?”

“No.”

“Or smelled it?”

“No.”

“But you have felt it.”

“Yes.”

“You note then that of the five senses, four testify against the existence of pain. What would you say if someone, on the basis of this, would try to prove that there is no pain?” Selected

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“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life” John 5:24.

“Do I know I am saved because I am living a good enough life? It is true that John writes, “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked” (I John 2:6). That is the standard - but who would dare to say that he walks as Christ walked? We are not to sin, but at times we do; indeed, we deceive ourselves if we deny that. But Christ never sinned, so how can a sinner be said to walk as Christ walked? Assurance doesn’t come by the life I live, for then I could not have my assurance upon receiving Christ, but only after I had lived for Him long enough to ‘Prove’ that I was a real Christian. Paul says that one who doesn’t have even one good work is yet truly saved if he believes on Christ. John 5:24 says of those who believe, that they have “passed from death unto life.” This happens at the moment of believing on Christ.”

The Berean Call

“*He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already; because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.*” John 3:18 & 36.

Editor’s Note: To ‘believe’ is to come and to come unto **Jesus** is believing in action/a living faith.

Read Matthew 5-6

Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, but He grew to manhood in Nazareth of Galilee (Matthew 2:22-23). He left Galilee to be baptized by John the Baptist in Judea; but, *when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, He departed into Galilee; And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is on the sea coast (of Galilee). ...From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand ...And His fame went throughout all Syria ...And there followed Him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from ...Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan (4:12-13, 17, 24-25; see Isaiah 9:1-2).*

Near the Sea of Galilee, Jesus was followed to an open mountainside where He sat down and, as King of His Kingdom, proclaimed ten basic principles to guide the conduct of those who choose to be citizens of His Kingdom. We know this proclamation as the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7).

He began by saying: *Blessed are the poor in spirit (5:3)*. No one born into this world is “poor in spirit” by nature. Instead, our natures are completely opposite. We are born with the proud, self-willed nature of Adam, and the world does its utmost to encourage our pride. The basic foundation for the true believer is a desire to be emptied of self-confidence and self-will. Such persons acknowledge their sins and recognize that, without the Lord, they are truly poor and destitute of spiritual life, as Jesus said: *Without Me you can do nothing* (that has any eternal value) (John 15:5). Consequently, they never take credit for achievements, but praise the Lord for His enabling.

Jesus identified His true disciples by saying that true followers *hunger and thirst after righteousness* (Matthew 5:6).

Our supreme desire, above everything else in life, is to become more like Christ, to be a fellowship with Him, and to accomplish the purposes for which He created us. Far too many professing Christians have not truly made Christ as Lord of their lives; they merely *hunger and thirst* for His present blessings and eventual salvation. They seek miracles, health, wealth, and material prosperity. However, *hungering and thirsting after His righteousness* is the supreme motive of all true children of God, who, above all, *seek first His kingdom and His righteousness*, knowing that Jesus promised: *All the things* (necessary for life) *shall be added to them* (6:31-33).

There is something unique and satisfying about the Word of God, since it is also our source of spiritual strength. Christians *desire the sincere milk of the Word, that they may grow thereby* (1 Peter 2:2).

If therefore your eye be single, your whole body shall

be full of light. But if your eye be evil, your whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness! (Matthew 6:22-23).

The eye determines the intentions of the heart, what we do and think about. A single eye has just one primary focus or aim, if our desire is to glorify God and seek His honor. Paul said: *To me to live is Christ* (Philippians 1:21); and, if that is the unwavering conviction of our hearts, then *the whole body will be full of light*. In contrast, it is said of the unregenerate: *The eyes of man are never satisfied* (Proverbs 27:20).

If, while we profess to be a Christian, we are merely devoted to seeking our own goals in life, then, *how great is that darkness!* To illustrate, the majority of the religious leaders of Jesus’ time were longing for their Messiah. However, their concern was not in worshiping and submitting to Him as Lord of their lives, but in His restoration of Israel’s kingdom, which would free them from Roman rule. Our character is conformed to that which we treasure most. *As a man thinks in his heart, so is he* (Proverbs 23:7).

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Suffering

“The sufferings of this present world are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” Rom. 8:18.

Suffering has a peculiar ability to make a person self-centered. One who suffers is apt to become taken up with himself and his suffering. Many sufferers are egoists; and the more they permit their mind to dwell on their suffering the less blessing they derive from their affliction.

Suffering must be viewed in the light of eternity. Only then is the riddle of suffering solved; and not until then does the sufferer receive strength to bear his affliction. “The sufferings of this present world are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” When the sufferer is able to fix his eyes upon eternal things, and when his thoughts become occupied with the glory which awaits him, then he is released from all self-pity and learns to forget himself and his pain. And what is more, in the midst of suffering he experiences a blessed joy and a heavenly strength. And thus the light of hope is kindled even in the darkest night.

Taken from “Rest A While” by Fredrik Wisloff

“Ask, and it shall be given you.”

Matt. 7:7

One of our magazines brings us a thrilling story of Lt. Miller who was wounded when the ship “Strong” went down on July 4, 1943. “Landing on an island,” Miller says, “I lay down there to die . . . So I held a little conversation with the Lord, lying there on the edge of the jungle that evening. I told Him that if He would give me a little water, I would get up and do something about this situation. Then I went to sleep. About 9 P.M. it started to rain. The water just poured down.”

Oh, yes, God can answer prayers even now if we dare to pray.

Lt. Miller used a palm leaf to catch water. He was refreshed, and after many days he was rescued. Would he have been rescued if he had not known how to pray? “Ask,” says Jesus, “and it shall be given you: seek and ye shall find: knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth!”

Dear Lord Jesus, teach us how to pray. So often we do not dare to ask great things of Thee because of our little faith. Like Lt. Miller may we ask even when things look hopeless. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Be not dismayed whate’er betide, God will take care of you:
Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.
God will take care of you, thro’ ev’ry day, o’er all the way:
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.*

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by Pastor R. P. Haakonson

DON’T FORGET

We have three very basic and Scriptural pieces of Christian literature that are timely ‘gifts’ any time of the year or for any occasion – very economical and yet they continue to ‘minister’ on for a long time. For suggested donations we have the following available: The year-long devotional book “**Altar Steps**” (\$5), “**Mirror of the Heart**” (\$3), and “**Sinners in the Hands of An Angry God**” (\$1). Please add \$1 ‘donation’ for shipping of each item requested .

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I Could Sing Again

As I was walking along the busy street of my home-town today, I heard someone singing above the noise of the traffic. It wasn’t noisy singing – almost like someone singing to himself – but I heard it. Then I located the singer. He was pushing himself along through the crowd in a wheelchair by the power of his two arms, the only useful limbs he had left. As I caught up with him, I said, “A man in a wheelchair singing gives everyone who hears him a lift.” He answered, “When I stopped looking at what I had lost and began looking at all I had left, I could sing again.” Selected

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JESUS

*He came to us a tiny babe.
He gave His Life our souls to save.
He lived to show us how to live.
He arose and brought victory ‘oer
The grave.*

*Rejoice
And
Bright hosannas sing ...
The **Savior** is
Our Risen King!*

Poem by Carmen Gustafson

The Priority of Hard Work

*Do not him who is houseless pull down
the house of another; but let him labor
diligently and build one for himself,
thus by example assuring that his own
shall be safe from violence when built.*

Abraham Lincoln

Jesus Christ Our Hope In This World

Colossians 1:26-27, 2:6-10

Townley (Toby) R. Knutson

Do you have hope in your heart today? As we look into God's infallible Word, we see the Apostle Paul writing to the church at Colassae and to you and me. The question I raise to you today is, do you have hope in your heart? Now, I am not talking of a hope that is kind of a "hope so". Kind of like, I hope it rains today, or I hope I don't get the flu this winter. But the Word of God speaks of a hope for eternity and thru this truth our hearts are lifted up in hope today.

Have you ever been really hoping for something or that someone would do something for you and then you were crushed because you were let down? Yes, this happens in this world, but today lets look at the One who will never let us down and He is our true hope for all eternity.

Come with me, right back to the basics of all spiritual life:

A. Verse 2:6 - "*As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, ...*"

1. This verse is speaking to the born again believers, those who know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.
 - a. John 1:12 "*But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.*"
 - b. Are you one of these believers?

B. Verses 1:26-27 "*Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you (or among you), the hope of glory:*"

C. Verse 2:6b "*...so walk ye in Him;*"

2. Friends, if you know the Lord Jesus on a personal basis, walk in His truths, walk in His footsteps. He only is the source of the hope that we all need.
3. You may ask, how do we "... walk in Him?"
 - a. I want to tell you that the Pilgrim walk with our Lord is not a cake walk, so to speak. There are trials, sufferings, persecutions and heartaches, but praise God, Jesus has overcome the world and all of its sufferings and gives us hope for eternity.
 - 1) I Peter 2:21 tells us, "*For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps.*" Yes, walk in Him!!

D. Verse 2:7 "*Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*"

4. How are Christians rooted and built up in Him?
 - a. Studying His Holy Word, praying, meditating on His Word, being in Bible studies, fellowshiping with other believers, serving others and yes, coming to Chapel services.

E. Verse 2:8 "*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*"

5. Dear friends, please listen carefully. The Bible tells us there are false teachers that would like to bring a false gospel to your ears. Always hold all teaching and preaching up to the Word of God, including the message you are hearing today.

F. Verse 2:9 "*For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.*"

6. Jesus Christ is our all in all. We must be careful when someone would say that, for salvation, we need to do our part. No, No. Jesus Christ alone has paid for our redemption.
7. This verse is not just empty wording, but Jesus Christ is in reality our only hope in this sin cursed world. He is our Creator, Redeemer, Saviour, Messiah, Jehovah, Lamb of God, God Himself and yet He is fully man as well. He is our blessed hope. Praise His Holy Name!
8. Do you know Jesus? If not, do you want to know Him?

G. Verse 2:10 "*And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power:*"

9. Complete: lacking none of the parts.
10. We bring nothing to the table of salvation apart from our sin and shame.
11. Ephesians 3:19 tells us, "*And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.*"
12. Ephesians 1:22-23 "*And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church. Which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.*"

Dear friends, because Jesus is the fullness of God, He is our Redeemer, Creator, Sanctifier and He alone took away the penalty of our sin, why would anyone want to try to go anywhere but to Jesus Christ for his hope. Jesus is

our only hope you know.

We see in Ephesians 2:12 what our cause was like before Christ came to live in our hearts, "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:"

Also, now in closing we want to again see the source of our hope, "Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace." Yes, He provides good hope and only thru His grace thru faith. Amen.

"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst" (John 4:14).

JESUS knew the human heart. He saw its thirst. It is sin that has left this burning thirst. Sin has closed our hearts to God. And it is the resulting vacuum within our souls which is constantly crying out for something, knowing not for what it cries.

It turns therefore first to one thing and then to another in the hope of quenching its thirst. Men begin with diversion, then turn to pleasure, then to amusements; many even resort to the muddied waters of vice – their souls are so thirsty!

But none of these things help; they afford only momentary relief. Like an anesthetic. But when one comes out of an anesthetic, one is as thirsty as ever, and nauseated besides.

Thereupon many turn to other sources of relief.

They throw themselves into their work. They become useful, even outstanding, prominent in their fields. And their souls feel relieved for a while. "This was something really worth living for," they say.

Whereupon they proceed to fill their souls with love of honor, gain, or the desire for power.

But the more they drink, the more thirsty they become. And while men praise them for their abilities, in dire distress their tortured souls cry out for help.

It is God for whom you are thirsting, my friend.

You yourself have understood this. At least now and then. This has been the worst feature of it, too, as far as you have been concerned. For you would not go to God. You knew that if you did go you would have to live a different life.

As long as you yourself insist upon drinking *poison*, Jesus cannot help you.

But if you this day are willing, Jesus will quench your thirsting soul.

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Update

Making A Difference in Time and ETERNITY!

Faith without works is dead. For a long time I have been intrigued and amazed at the statement in the Holy Bible: "Jesus Saw/sees Their Faith"! How did 'Jesus see their faith'? *By their reaction!* Faith is not only a noun, but a verb, **action/response!**

It is indeed with 'joy' that we are privileged to report to 'you' that the financial income' the last number of months has been very encouraging. Praise the **LORD** from Whom all blessings flow – **James 1:17** is so encouraging to know and realize that we have a 'congregation of readers' that are receptive and do take 'challenges' seriously. We believe this is definitely of the LORD and thus HE is continuing to place before 'us' an open door that is serious and needed in these days of *Apostasy* (falling away).

Let 'us' not minimize the authority and power of the Word of God. "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands..." Isaiah 55:10 - 13.

Thank you for your *prayer support* and financial support as the 'Spiritual Battles' continue on. You invested your time and resources in something that makes a significant difference in the lives of a significant number of people.

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" Ephesians 6:17.

Please continue to pray for the HLIF Board Members and their families, each aspect of this ministry and for the salvation of precious souls and nurturing of the blessed little flock that Jesus calls His own! Please also pray for the Hauge Spring Bible Conference to be held at Kasson, MN on March 18-20. Thank you again and may each of 'us' be 'steadfast' in seeking and following the Lord's direction. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" 1 Corinthians 15:57-58. **By the Grace of God, making no apologies for the old time Christianity and seeking to practice the same. TEAM WORK!**

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HAUGE SPRING BIBLE CONFERENCE

March 18 – 20, 2011 (Friday evening untill Sunday noon)

AT *Mt. Sion Lutheran Church, Kasson, MN*

Pastor Lyle Aadahl, Host Pastor

SCHEDULE:

Friday, at 7 p.m. – Opening: Instrumental Music and Singspiration

7:30 p.m. Evening Gospel Service: Pastor Willmore Gundersen, Fergus Falls, MN

Refreshments/coffee following evening service

Saturday

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. – *Continental Breakfast at the Church* – Hosted by the Local Ladies of Sion Luth.

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. – Prayer Time

10:00 a. m. - 11:00 a.m. – Pastor Rueben Unseth, Rochester, MN

11:05 a.m. - 12:00 – Rodney Stueland, Dilworth, MN

Noon Meal at the church – Hosted by the Local Ladies of Sion Luth.

HLIF Board Meeting during noon break (Tentative)

1:15 p.m. - 2:10 p.m. – Pastor Willmore Gundersen

2:15 p.m. - 3:10 p.m. – Pastor Jim Haga,

3:10 p.m. - 3:40 p.m. – Refreshment/coffee Break

3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Testimonies, Fellowship, Hymn/Gospel Song Singspiration

5:00 p.m. – Supper at the church – tentative

7:00 p.m. – Evening Gospel Service: Pastor Willmore Gundersen

Refreshments/coffee following evening service

Sunday (Encouraged to stay & attend)

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class before Worship Service

Worship Service (*Mt. Sion Lutheran – Kasson*) at 10:45 a.m

Pastor Willmore Gundersen, Guest Speaker

Noon Potluck Meal at the Church & YOU are very welcomed as Guest(s).

Worship Service (*Zion Lutheran – Dexter*) – at 9.00 a.m.

Pastor Willmore Gundersen, Guest Speaker

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class following

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Lodging and Restaurants are very convenient in Kasson for those attending the Hauge Lutheran Spring Bible Conference. The Motel in Kasson is: Americinn.

Please **“PRAYERFULLY”** consider attending & inviting/bringing *others* with YOU!

“Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name.” Malachi 3:16.

P. S. IF convenient: Please bring ‘goodies’ for ‘refreshment/coffee times’. Thank you!

May we be ‘sensitive’ in regards to the Lord’s Presence!