



# Morning Glory

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

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## Those Days She Was Very Close to God

*Anjali remembers the day her husband's regional ministry leader interrupted the prayer meeting she was in to break the news her husband, Ugyen, was in prison.*

**I** was very shocked... The first thing I remember doing is talking to God,” Anjali says. “It was hurtful to learn my husband was arrested for telling people Jesus loves them.”

Weeks before, Gospel for Asia missionary Ugyen Tashi left on a month-long trip to tell people in the mountainous villages of their country about Christ. Anjali and their 18-month-old daughter stayed behind in her mother's house. The month of separation had been a strain, but now she didn't even know when she would see her husband again.

But both Ugyen and Anjali had known these risks when they decided to serve the Lord.

I had heard from older people who served the Lord (there) that sharing the Good News could be risking one's freedom and sometimes even life,” Anjali says.

Throughout her husband's court hearings, reinvestigations, appeals and delays, Anjali waited. Weeks passed—still, no answer. Finally, four months after he was arrested, Ugyen was sentenced. Anjali would have to wait three full years to be reunited with her husband.

### ***Rejecting Discouragement***

The sentence was a disheartening one that could have crushed Anajali's spirits and caused her life to fall to pieces. However, it was in these hardships that she found abundant grace. She was able to accept what the Lord had

allowed to come into her life and trust He had a purpose for it.

“My husband was suffering in the prison, but I always reminded myself that he had gone to the prison for a noble cause, and he was suffering for the Lord. I never regretted or wept over my husband's imprisonment,” Anjali remembers. “Those days I was very close to God.”

When discouragement tried to creep its way into her heart and mind, Anjali made a deliberate effort to rejoice instead.

“We have to learn to thank the Lord for what He has done in our lives, and then we have to move ahead for the Lord,” she says. “If we cry over our losses and hurts, we will not move ahead, and we will not see God's doings and miracles. We should rejoice in the times of persecution and trials. We have to have the joy of the Lord within us even during the trials and difficulties.”

### ***Devoting Herself to Ministry***

While she prayed and waited for her husband's release, Anjali devoted herself to serving the Lord. She was never idle. The Lord gave her opportunities to minister to the women around her, and from that, she drew strength.

“When I talked to women who shared their problems and difficulties, I forgot mine, and I would pray for them and minister to them,” she says.

One woman in particular whom Anjali spent time with was Rupali, the wife of pastor Ashu Suthar.

Pastor Ashu was attacked and crushed by a wild elephant in 2011. The ordeal left him in critical condition with a broken neck. After a year and a half of suffering, he went to be with the Lord in April, 2013.

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“Hearing all about Pastor Ashu through his wife made me forget my problems,” Anjali shares.

In addition, Anjali often spoke at women’s gatherings, exhorting her listeners to trust the Lord and be thankful for everything. And because her own life was a living example of this, many women were challenged and encouraged by her trustworthy words. She would tell them “I have given (all my struggles) to the Lord, and He is going to handle everything for me. The Lord is going to meet all our needs.”

## Encouraging Her Husband

Finally, after three years of imprisonment, Anjali’s husband was released, and the family was reunited.

Ugyen and Anjali, along with their now 4-year-old daughter, Nitya, continue to bring the love of Christ to those around them—and the threat of imprisonment continues. But Ugyen and Anjali rejoice in the call the Lord has given them, no matter the cost.

“It is a responsibility and duty of a wife to encourage her husband to fulfill his call from the Lord,” Anjali shares. “We have to pray for him and encourage him to serve the Lord faithfully. There are lots of hindrances and difficulties when we step forward to serve the Lord, but we have to overcome them. We have to move forward for the Lord. Although we get worried thinking about the risks involved in serving the Lord, we have to encourage them and pray for them.”

And though the future is uncertain, Anjali’s focus is as clear as it ever was.

“This life is a short one, and we have to redeem the time and bring Christ to people. We have to serve the Lord till we die.”

Taken from *Send* (Gospel for Asia’s News Magazine)

*Editor’s Note:* Each life is making a difference! “Remember the prisoners as if chained with them – those who are mistreated – since you yourselves are in the body also” Hebrews 13:2. “Then He said to them all, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me’ Luke 9:23.

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### Why Does a Bird Sing?

By Erwin Carlson

Recently, while hiking along White Rock Creek north of Dallas, Texas, I paused to enjoy the delightful, clear, slurred song of a cardinal, one of my favorite birds. What a combination of character, color and musical ability! Unlike most species, cardinals sing throughout the year.

The question occurred to me: Why was he singing?

Why does any bird sing?

Is it to please the ears of men? Most bird songs aren’t even heard by human ears. Too often we simply aren’t “tuned in.”

Is it the male’s attempt to attract a mate? Certainly not in the fall. Or do birds sing, as some poets insist, because they must express their sheer joy at being alive?

Ornithologists (those who study birds) claim that a bird’s chief motive of singing is to notify all others of his species, that this is his territory and that they are to keep out!

I believe that Psalm 148 gives us the real reason: “*praise the LORD from the earth, ... Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl*” (vss. 7, 10). A bird sings in praise to the Lord, his Creator. Even William Wordsworth, in his poem “To a Skylark,” wrote

*“Happy, happy liver,  
With a soul as strong as a  
Mountain River,  
Pouring out praise to the  
Almighty Giver.*

According to Psalm 148, God is to be praised by all creation. The psalm begins and ends with the admonition, *Praise ye the LORD!*”

If the birds upon the treetops sing their song, “Why shouldn’t I, why shouldn’t you, praise Him too?”

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### Jesus’ Everlasting Arms

When I fall, Jesus lifts me up!  
When I fail, He forgives! When I am weak, He is strong!  
When I am afraid, He is my courage!  
When I stumble, He steadies me!  
When I am broken, He mends me!  
When I face trials, He is with me!  
When I face problems, He comforts me!  
When I face death, He carries me Home!  
He is everything for everybody, everywhere,  
Every time, and every way.  
He is God, He is faithful.  
I am His and He is mine!

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### What It Costs to Be Faithful

USMC Chaplain Dennis Edward O’Brian

It cost Abraham the yielding up of his only son.  
It cost Esther the risk of her life.  
It cost Daniel being cast into the den of lions.  
It cost Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego being put in a fiery furnace.  
It cost Stephen his life by stoning.  
It cost Peter a martyr’s death.  
It cost Jesus His life.

What does it cost you? Or does it cost you nothing?

It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the soldier; not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag who allows the protester to burn the flag.

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**“The price of FREEDOM is eternal vigilance.”**

**Thomas Jefferson**

# Editorial

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## *The Lost Art/Virtue of Blushing!*

*“And I said: ‘O my God, I am too ashamed and humiliated to lift up my face to You, my God’ for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has grown up to the heavens.”* (Ezra 9:6)

This is part of Ezra’s prayer as he leads the people who **‘trembled at the words of the God of Israel’** assembled before him. This ‘prayer’ is at the evening sacrifice.

The sacrifice, and especially the evening sacrifice, was a type of the great propitiation.

The ‘leaders’ have informed Ezra that the people of Israel, the priests and the Levites have mingled/mixed with the heathen/unbelievers surrounding them and some have even inter-married! (They have not separated themselves from the ‘world’). YES, even the ‘leaders’ and ‘rulers’ have *been* ‘stumbling blocks/bait for the children of Israel.

In preparation of leading the ‘assembly’ in prayer; although he himself is not ‘personally’ guilty, he tore his garment and his robe and plucked out some of the his hair and beard (he had been fasting), and ‘I fell on my knees’ and prayed. His prayer is a penitent confession of SIN, not his own, but the sin of his people. (Like Daniel 9).

The tearing of the garments was a sign of deep affliction (Lev. 10:6, Josh. 7:6); but plucking out a portion of the hair and beard was an expression of violent wrath or moral indignation (Isa. 50:6, Neh. 13:25). Ezra realized that because of the ‘holiness of God’, that such sin(s) could lead to the captivity/judgment of God! As you see a man’s attitude toward God’s Word is one of the ultimate criteria of his spirituality. (Please read the entire chapter of Ezra 9).

To tell YOU that ‘immorality’ is rampant in ‘our’ beloved country and beyond is not NEWS! Anyone with a good sense of right and wrong can easily distinguish that; BUT ‘we’ are told to tell the TRUTH in love and lie not to one another. (Thus by the Grace of God ‘we’ of the MG/HLIF, seek to be ‘faithful’ unto ‘our’ Creator and Redeemer). (As an example: I sent out a ‘Hauge Letter’ recently (app. 140) with the following statement ‘A few folks have requested us to include all of their ‘Christmas card’ names on the Morning Glory (this is a great idea and motivation): but I can not necessarily verify the same))!

Hopefully you are aware of the realization that a spiritually alert and alive person deals with SIN like the waste products of your own human body and also it greatly ‘disturbs’ one when SIN has invaded the church and/or com-

munity! NOW I most certainly do not ‘fully’ understand LOT who vexed his ‘own’ soul and yet could sit at the ‘gate’ and also bargain his virgin daughters’ II Peter 2:4-11. It is crystal clear what happened to Mrs. Lot, as she turned into a pillar of salt and for eternity ???

*Seemingly* one of the ‘greatest’ sins TODAY is to name SIN by it’s name! BUT keep in mind/conscience that sin will take you further than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay and cost you more than you want to PAY; for what YOU sow YOU will also reap.

Please notice the introductory ministry of John the Baptist and JESUS and for all ministers. See John 1, Matthew 4:17, 3:7-8 and Luke 24:47 & Acts 17:30-31.

Almost without fail, *Immorality* doesn’t just take place ‘over-night’. *Likely* it ‘roots’ can be traced ‘way-back’ to pre-school years when immodesty began with clothing and apparel and watching Mom and Dad and TV/Computers. You see, long ago, TV has become the in home ‘baby-sitter’ and I don’t need to tell you that immodesty (Immorality) is not ‘foreign’ thereof. You know ‘sin’ seems so ‘harmless’ at first, just like how ‘cute’ baby foxes are, but a baby fox/ grows. Psalm 101:3.

Almost all ‘fashion’ has become the all-important clothing ‘apparel’ which is definitely of the ‘world’. Basically the ‘worldly fashion’ is scant or viewing of the human body and leaving just enough for the ‘observer’s imagination to ‘wonder/imagine’. (This is true for BOTH male and females: men pull up your ‘pants’ and carry on)! **JESUS says: “‘But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart’”** Matthew 5:28. This ‘sin’ has also invaded some ‘Christian churches’ with scant (and see through) clothing, music and body movements! NOW, how can a ‘conscientious Christian’ purposely cause ‘the thought life’ of another to sin and fuel ‘evil thoughts’ in another is very hard for me to ‘grasp’. 1 Corinthians 8:9-13, II Sam. 12:13-14, Matthew 18:7, Romans 14:13 and 1 Thess. 5:22. Martin Luther said in regards to ‘evil thoughts’ that you cannot keep a bird from flying over your head, but you can keep it from nesting in your hair’. So the conclusion in regards to this ‘phase’ in life is: What is more important to you: Fashion OR to cause ‘someone’ to SIN? **“Nor did they know how to blush... Thus says**

*the LORD; 'Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.' Also, I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen'"* Jeremiah 6:15, 16. A person most certainly can dress neat and attractive without being seductive!

Likely what will happen next is attending/participating in what is consider the *innocent Christian Dance!* NOW, the 'challenge' is yours. How can, for example, a male observe/participate in an atmosphere where there are 'body-movements' of the opposite sex without a 'sinful' thought? For example think of Samson, Lot, Demas, etc. By the way IF you still have question IF a 'Christian' should be on the dance floor; please prayerfully read Phil. 2:5-13. I personally cannot imagine JESUS on the 'dance floor' and touching the opposite sex.

*Likely* moderate drinking of alcohol follows the dance and easily leads to immorality.

Probably the climax of 'immorality' is 'same-sex marriages'; which is permissible (legally) in sixteen of the fifty states of our beloved USA. OH how we need to identify with EZRA, JEREMIAH, etc. and acknowledge openly before 'our' Holy God our SIN and plead for His continued **mercy and grace** upon our 'country'. II Chron. 7:14. (Notice: Four conditions & three Promises)!

When 'we' experience 'seasons of refreshing' from the Lord (Revival), both the saved and unsaved will become

more sensitive towards SIN and this is very true individually and congregationally and GRACE will no longer be a 'pillow' to sin upon! This is manifested in a Christians' life as that person lets the Holy Spirit be his 'schoolmaster' unto JESUS. To be 'filled' with the Spirit of God means to be 'controlled' by the Spirit of God. (LIKELY what 'godly' parents called sin is still SIN today as God's Standard will never change)! So if God's Law (in its sternness and fullness) in not preached in LOVE, SIN will gradually move in the individual's life and in the congregation/community.

As 'usual' the purpose/reason for this 'article' (Morning Glory) is because 'we' want the *best* for YOU both in this life and that which is to come. See 1 Corinthians 13:1-8.

For those of YOU who do not 'appreciate' this article; let me tell very plainly 'we' still want the best for YOU both in this life and in the eternal life to come which will be for us personally/individually EITHER **Heaven OR Hell**. Your 'choice' will make the distinct difference as No Man Can SERVE two Masters!

**LOVE "DOES NOT REJOICE IN INIQUITY, BUT REJOICES IN THE TRUTH"** I Corinthians 13:6.

NO SIN will ever enter into HEAVEN: only BLOOD (Jesus BLOOD) bought *forgiven sinners*. **"But there shall by no means enter it (Heaven) anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life"** Revelation 21:27.

### ***A Continual Supply***

*I praise Thee, Lord, and I am ever thankful  
To know my flour barrel ne'er shall empty be;  
And I am grateful that my cruse of oil  
Shall ne'er run dry, for 'tis supplied by Thee.  
Grant me assurance, Lord, that when supplies are lowest.  
When in my heart I need so much to know  
That every time I go unto my barrel  
There'll be enough, even though it may be low.  
And when I lift my little cruse of oil  
But fear to tip it o'er lest it be dry,  
Teach me to trust and simply turn it over  
To see once more Thy bountiful supply.  
Help me, O Lord, to never, never doubt Thee,  
For Thou dost graciously supply my need;  
And every day my barrel is replenished.  
And I have flour and oil enough indeed.*

(See **1 Kings 18:8-16**)

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### **That Book Speaks My Language**

All I know of good, truth, honesty, and idealism, I have learned from the Bible. In school I listened each morning as a chapter was read before classes started, and it was then that I came to know and respect the Holy Book.

I never have lost my regard for the Word of God, and if I had my way about it, a chapter of the Bible would be read every single morning in every school in this country. I feel at home in the pages of the Bible, for that Book speaks my language.

Henry Ford

# Mortified

*“For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.”* Romans 8:13

To mortify something means to put it to death. Paul taught in our text and in other passages that the “deeds of the body,” or its fleshly actions and appetites, all that pertains “to the old man,” should be mortified, or put to death.

This mortification is first of all judicial – Christ having been put to death in our stead. *“Our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin”* Romans 6:6.

But the mortification must not stop there, with only a positional death. It must also be an actual mortification in practice, for “they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit” Galatians 5:24-25. “For as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness” Romans 6:19.

Elsewhere, Paul identifies specific deeds and attitudes that must be mortified. “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence (or evil desires), and covetousness” (Colossians 3:5). The first four listed will be recognized as various “forms of sensual sins, indicating how detrimental this category of sin is to spiritual life. The fifth is covetousness, or inordinate love of money and material things. These five comprise deadly sins to men and women of any historical age – particularly our own. If they are not put to death, they bring death, *“for which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh”* (v. 6).

The choice is clear! It will be either death to the flesh, or death to the spirit.

John D. Morris, Ph.D.

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## Total abstinence

*“Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.”* 1 Peter 2:11

The command to abstain occurs only a few times in the New Testament, but there are three occurrences which are especially relevant for Christians today. One of these is 1 Thessalonians 4:3:

“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication.” The Greek word here actually applies to any type of sexual relationship outside of marriage, and the command is not merely for temperance or for “love” in one’s non-marital sexual relationships, but for total abstinence. This exhortation is perhaps needed

more today than at any time since the days of pagan Rome, even for Christians and, unfortunately, Christian leaders. But that is not all. In the words of our text, we are also urgently exhorted to “abstain from fleshly lusts,” since these carnal desires are in mortal combat with our very souls. One must avoid situations which might initiate or encourage fornication or its kindred activities.

But even that is not sufficient for the serious Christian man or woman. ***“Now we exhort you, brethren ... Abstain from all appearance of evil”*** 1 Thessalonians 5:14, 22. The word here means anything that in its outward form might appear to be evil, regardless of whether it is really wrong in itself or not. The Lord desires that we “adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things” (Titus 2:10) and that we “give none offense” 1 Corinthians 10:32.

A believer cannot afford to be careless in this warfare against his soul. *“Be sober; be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour”* 1 Peter 5:8. *“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God”* 1 Corinthians 10:31.

Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

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## Do you believe that I am able to do this?

Matthew 9:28

God deals with impossibilities. It is never too late for Him to do so, as long as that which is impossible is brought to Him in complete faith by the person whose life and circumstances would be impacted if God is to be glorified. If we have experienced rebellion, unbelief, sin, and ruin in our life, it is never too late for God to deal triumphantly with these tragic things, if they are brought to Him in complete surrender and trust.

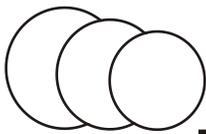
It has often been said, and truthfully so, that Christianity is the only religion that can deal with a person’s past. God “will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten” (Joel 2:25), and He is trustworthy to do it unreservedly. He does so not because of what we are but because of who He is. God forgives and heals and restores, for He is “the God of all grace” (1 Peter 5:10). May we praise Him and trust him. (From Sunday School Time)

*Nothing is too hard for Jesus  
No man can work like Him.*

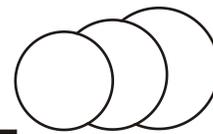
**We have a God who delights in impossibilities and who asks, “is anything too hard for me?”** Jer. 32:27.

Andrew Murray

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# from our Fellowship Circle



**E. H.** **Strum, WI**  
Greetings!

Just a note to tell you thanks for the *Morning Glory*. The articles are so good and the information of what is going on helps keep us up-dated. It is so very sad what has happened to the ...

I'm so glad that all of our children are out of there. But my husband and I still have close relatives in there and it seems that they have been inoculated against the truth and cannot see what is happening.

Our son is home on furlough... God is so faithful and has provided a very large amount, financially for his training ...

We have 16 grandchildren, which is a great blessing and many of them are home schooled and have trusted personally Jesus as their Savior! Yes, God has so blest us!

May God Bless you as we pray for you and Barb and that you are doing well and can keep up the good work.

**JN. T.** **Roland, IA**  
Thank you for your magazine of encouragement for my faith and awareness of the signs of the times which is happening all around us! May God have mercy on AMERICA!

**P. P.** **Naramata BC, Vohino, Canada**  
For many years I have been blessed to receive *Morning Glory* on the recommendation of my Grandmother, ...

However with advancing years I feel that I must ask you to cancel my subscription to the *Morning Glory*. Please find the enclosed \$... to help with the furtherance of this Work.

God bless you.

**A. S.** **Frederic, WI**  
We enjoy our *Morning Glory!* May our Wonderful Lord bless your work – Thank you.

**A. & D. H.** **Twin Valley, MN**  
Hello to all of you who are involved in the accomplishment of publishing the *Morning Glory!*

May each of you experience a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas and a truly Joyous New Year as we are writing in Jesus Name!

A few months ago we asked if you could add ... To the mailing list ... and also we want ... to receive the same; so

please check the records as maybe it is being sent to ...

I read the *Morning Glory* from cover to cover and re-read a lot of it and then we pass it on to others and tell them also to pass it on as well!

Thank you and may God richly Bless all of you! He really has – with His Only Begotten Son JESUS! All Praise, Honor and Glory to HIM.

Love and friendship in Christ Jesus.

**(Mr. & Mrs.) M. L. R.** **Lake City, IA**  
Your magazine is so packed full of inspiring articles, I don't know where to begin. Must read all the titles and then still can't decide – so just start anywhere – what a magazine! Many Thanks!

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*“to Him be glory both now and forever”* 2 Peter 3:18

Heaven will be full of the ceaseless praises of Jesus. To Him be glory. Is He not a “Priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek?” To Him be glory. Is He not King forever? King of kings and Lord of lords, the everlasting Father? To Him be glory forever. His praises will never cease. That which was bought with blood deserves to last while immortality endures. The glory of the Cross must never be eclipsed. The luster of the grave and of the resurrection must never be dimmed. O Jesus, You will be praised forever! Believer, you are anticipating the time when you will join the saints above in ascribing all glory to Jesus; but are you glorifying Him *now*? The apostle's words are, *“To Him be glory both now and forever.”* Will you make it your prayer today? “Lord, help me to glorify You. I have talents; help me to extol You by using them for You. I have time; Lord, help me to redeem it, that I may serve You. I have a head to think; Lord, help me to think of You. You have put me in this world for something. Lord, show me what that is and help me to work out my life-purpose. I cannot do much; but as the widow put in her two mites, which were all her living, I cast my time and eternity, too, into Your treasury. I am all Yours. Take me and enable me to glorify You now, in all that I say, in all that I do, and with all that I have.”

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# A HIGH MAN WHO CAME DOWN

(One of Three Questions in John 3), radio sermon by  
Pastor R. Norheim

## THE THIRD QUESTION

People who seek council should be prepared to receive rebuke as well as advice. Ministers of the Gospel should not be limited to pleasant preaching, comforting consolations and palatable plaudits. Putting the mildest form of construction of Jesus' question to Nicodemus one cannot escape the fact that He intended to rebuke this ruler of Israel. There might even have been a tint of ridicule in His words. Jesus knew his important position; so He was not interviewing him for a "case study; nor was He filling out a questionnaire. Nicodemus knew that. So he must have felt a certain sharp sting in this question:

***"Art thou a ruler in Israel, and knowest not these things?"***

For a moment or two he may have wondered if Jesus were treating him as a child. So far, Nicodemus had been asking all the questions; now the teacher asks the question.

This is God's usual pattern: the sting of the needle precedes the doctor's injection. The Law always prepares the way for the Gospel. Man must know pain before he can know pardon. The Lord wasn't a graduate with the back-slapper's class. *"He taught as one having authority, and not as the scribes and Pharisees."* Matt. 7:29. No wonder some modern psychologists are confused — and their patients are even more so. The customer must always be pampered and pleased; no cross-grain irritation allowed; he may not return! Jesus knew this better than anyone else, and still He didn't pamper Nicodemus. The Lord gives comfort where comfort is due; but He never puts the cart before the horse. There's a method to His seeming madness. In the words of Hosea, in chapter 6, verse 1, we agree: *"He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up."*

It is quite obvious that the rulers in Israel did not know these things pertaining to the new birth. Theologians, today, too, have highly differing interpretations of what Jesus meant when He said, *"Ye must be born again."* Modernists can use the same terminology true Bible believers use, but they mean something else, often just the opposite. "Conversion" becomes man's ability to make the right choice, instead of God's power in turning a man from sin to salvation. "Inspiration" simply means the Bible inspires me, instead of the fundamental fact that the Bible is God-inspired. It is God's Word whether it in-

spires or condemns me. So beware of words; some men are clever in the use of them. Whichever way the wind blows — they blow! But a truly born again person knows the meaning of Jesus statement in verse 5, *"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."*

He that is born of the Spirit is a miracle-moving man, *"Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new"* II Cor. 5:17. The first movement was toward Sinai, where the demands of a thrice-holy God made man tremble with realization that he was totally lost and could never become righteous by law observances. The second movement was to Calvary, where the demands of God were met by man's Substitute, the Lord Jesus Christ, where the blood of Christ was shed to atone for man's sin, where man and God were reconciled, where God can be both righteous and just in granting forgiveness to sinners who identify themselves as such. The third movement is the "going in and out" of John 10:10; or, in the language of Romans 8:14, *"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."*

**"Under Divine Control"**, is the three-worded motto of every person created by God the Father, redeemed by Jesus Christ and enlightened by the Holy Spirit. This does not make man a robot, without exercise of the will; but it does explain the fact that his spiritual life is a miracle: his movements are God-directed, and therefor God-accepted. *"That which is born of the flesh is flesh."* It may be dignified, religious flesh, but it's nothing more than flesh. Man's best efforts can never satisfy the just demands of God; therefore he must be born again.

Isn't it tragic that these truths are unknown to so many religious leaders? Why are there multitudes of preachers who preach everything and anything but the new birth? Evidently they can't express what they haven't experienced. A blind man can't explain the blue sky, the colors of the flowers nor the beauty of nature. He has never seen these things. ***"If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."*** Matt. 5:14. Therefore I must ask you, today, you who are leaders in your church — you pastors, Sunday School superintendents, teachers, elders, trustees and other leaders of church organizations, ***"Are you born of the Spirit?"*** If you will not be converted, the best thing you could do would be to resign from your position of leadership! It is not a small thing to mislead those who have placed their confidence in you, and look up to you as their spiritual leader. Jesus spake some terrifying words in Matt. 18:6,7 when He said, *"But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world*

*because of offences! For it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence come.*”

Yes, it is tragic to not know these things; tragic for you as well as for those you are supposed to help. But it is not only tragic: **it is an open transgression!** What right do you have to fill a place someone after God’s heart should fill? *“The Lord knoweth them that are his. And let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”* 2 Tim. 2:17. *“Thou therefore that teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? Thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? Thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking of the law dishonourest thou God? For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you.”* Romans 2:21-24.

The higher you’ve climbed, the farther it is to the bottom; the more you’ve been elevated, the greater the humiliation to be abased. I was a preacher’s son; but I had to come down at the altar of my home church, to request prayer for salvation. The Pharisee in the temple (Luke 18) was high and lifted up; he refused to come down. But the Publican “would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, “God be merciful to me a sinner.” But “this man went justified down to his house rather than the other; for everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”

Years ago, while serving as the Youth Pastor in our Brooklyn, N. Y. church, I heard a convert say in the Jerry McAuly Cremorne Mission: “The only way **up** is **down**.” He added, “The only way up into the arms of Jesus is down at the foot of the cross.” I’ve never forgotten this. It has been my repeated experience. It is my present abiding place: the place Jesus commended Mary for taking, and recommended for Martha. (Luke 10). If you are still up in a sycamore tree with Zacchaeus, do like he did: make haste and come down! If you think you are climbing Jacob’s ladder (Genesis 28), remember it wasn’t Jacob that ascended that ladder, but angels of God. God came down to us; but none of us can climb up to Him. Poor Jacob had to come down too. We see him lowest at Peniel, when he wrestled with God, and limped the rest of his life as one whom God had humbled. **“Come down! Come down!”** is God’s call to every creature. **You** are no exception. Come now, let Jesus come into your heart. Then, and then only will you be *“seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”* (Ephesians 1).

*“At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,  
And the burden of my heart rolled away,*

*It was there by faith I received my sight,  
And now I am happy all the day.”*

Lutheran Gospel Hour

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**“I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown.”** Rev. 3:11

THIS is the cry to us from Him who knows that we are quite inclined to compose ourselves in this world, and to grow fast on the edge of our grave. At times it also seems to us that He is not coming quickly, but it is nevertheless.

It is not only because a thousand years are to God but as yesterday when it is past, but also because life in this world runs away from us so fast. If we pause a moment in our haste, and think back over the time that we have lived, we realize that time has passed quickly. Everything is like a brief dream, as smoke in clear air, and like the path that a ship makes in the sea. After all, it is only the breath that we now draw that is ours: God owns the next. He can give us the next if He desires, but He can also refrain from doing so. So quickly may He come!

*“His time and hour no one knows,  
Blest he who always is prepared.”*

You who found the way, the truth, and the life, you who have embraced the cross and Christ, to you God says: Hold fast there! It is only over the cross that the crown beckons to us, and only they who hold fast to Jesus can win the victor’s wreath. There we shall be more than conquerors through Him that loved us. But to remember that life here is short is a great help to us in holding fast. When the thought of a long lie finds lodgement in the heart, it is easy to let go of the cross and to lose the crown.

*O Son of God, we wait for Thee,  
We long for Thine appearing,  
We know Thou sittest on the throne,  
And we Thy name are bearing,  
Who trusts in Thee may joyful be,  
And see Thee, Lord, descending  
To bring us bliss unending.*

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# The Ministry

*The Church – 1 Corinthians 3 & 4*

By (Dr.) O. Gornitzka

(Continued from last issue of the Morning Glory)

There are four terms used to designate the ministry in these chapters. a). Ministers or servants (3:5); b). God's fellow-workers (3:9); c). Stewards (4:1); d). Fathers (4:15).

## a. "What then is Apollos?"

And what is Paul? **Ministers through whom ye believed;** and each as the Lord gave to him." The Corinthians had made man the central figure in their faith. They were followers of one or the other of the servants of God. Now they are reminded that these men are but ministers, servants. They are **not in the field to gather about themselves but in cooperation to gather unto Christ.** And this service they perform *as God gives to each.* They can take and give nothing. It must be given from above and the gifts may differ. They are to supplement, not supplant, one another. One planteth, another watereth. These gifts bring results, however, only as God gives the increase. Therefore to Him be all the glory.

## b. "We are God's fellow-workers"

This term designates their relation to the temple. *Ye are God's building.*" God is the great master building. The temple is His own creation. It is the fruit of His planning from everlasting and His redemptive work in Christ. It is made possible through the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit. But He has chosen men to be His channels through whom He is working, men born again and made responsive to the guidance and leadership of the Holy Spirit. These are laboring on the temple walls, finding, fashioning and fitting stones into the structure.

What a glory! God working hand in hand with men! And what a wonder of His grace! Men made fit to receive His instruction and power to carry them out! Indeed there is nothing impossible with God.

But having received such honor and glory the workers must watch lest on the foundation they build with wrong material (3:12 – 15). If so, although they be saved they will lose their reward. In the fire of judgment their deeds will burn up. **This is being done if as fellow-workers with God we follow man-made plans and policies for the purpose of pleasing man, satisfying vain-glory, rather than to follow the guidance of the Spirit of God to glorify His name.**

c. *Let a man so account of us, ... as stewards of the mysteries of God."*

As co-workers together with God the ministers are stewards, responsible to God for their ministry. As workers on the temple the men are responsible, not to the temple, but to Him who has employed them. As such it is required of them that they be found faithful. They are in His employ whose eyes are as flaming fire and who can always say, **"know thy works."** *In his man-ward relation the minister has ample opportunity to sleep on the job and be unfaithful. But if he is conscious of his high calling he will always be kept awake by his tremendous responsibility toward God.*

Because of this unique position held by the ministry the members **are warned against premature judgment** upon his life and work. God will judge and from Him nothing can be kept secret. This warning is given because there always will be carnal-minded Christians of the judging type who take special pleasure in faultfinding. There are those who seem to have an honest doubt that a minister can be a true Christian. Let such members take heed from the Word of God. This has nothing to do with constructive, loving criticism which will always be pleasing to God and welcomed by His servants.

## d. Fathers

"In Christ Jesus I begat you through the gospel." This honor title can be assumed by those who through much struggle in prayer and spiritual agony have been used by God to bring souls into the kingdom. To them are born spiritual children. Such joy had come to Paul. He reminds his children of this as they seemed to be too quickly grown up in their estimation while as yet they were in such need of his fatherly advice and guidance.

**The Attitude of the Christian to the Ministry – Ch. 4:6-21.**

This may be summed up in the words "puffed up." Or, in others words, "SPIRITUAL PRIDE." This is one of the pitfalls into which many a young Christian has fallen. The danger is especially great where, as among the Corinthians, there is an abundance of spiritual gifts without the proper balance of true self-knowledge.

They were filled, had become rich, had come to reign without God's servants (4:8). They were spiritually independent. Yes, to the extent of going beyond that which was written (4:6). They were no more in need of any guidance. Theirs was a boasting Christianity, rich in words. They are therefore reminded that when Paul comes he will look not for words, but power. *Is the grace of God revealed in a life of victory over self and sin, or is sin and self shielded behind a flood of empty words? "For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power."*

Memory Verses

**“Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man destroyeth the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and such are ye”** (Ch. 3:16-17).

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**You have shown your  
people desperate times**

Psalm 60:3

I have always been glad that the psalmist said to God that certain times of life are desperate or difficult. Make no mistake about it, there are difficult things in life.

This summer someone gave me some beautiful pink flowers, and as I took them, I asked, “What kind are they?” My friend answered, “They are rock flowers. They grow and bloom only in rocks where you can see no soil.” Then I thought of God’s flowers growing in desperate times and hard places, and I somehow feel that He may have a certain tenderness for His “rock flowers” that He may not have for His lilies and roses. — Margaret Bottome

The trials of life are sent to make us, not to break us. Financial troubles may destroy a person’s business but build up his character. And a direct blow to the outer person may be the greatest blessing possible to the inner person. So if God places or allows anything difficult in our lives, we can be sure that the real danger or trouble will be what we will lose if we run or rebel against it. — Maltbie D. Dabcock

***Heroes are forged on anvils hot with pain,  
And splendid courage comes but with the test.  
Some natures ripen and some natures bloom  
Only on blood-wet soil, some souls prove great  
Only in moments dark with death or doom.***

God finds His best soldiers on the mountain of affliction.

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**Not of works, that no man should glory**

Ephesians 2:9.

WHEN we feel very seriously the need of fellowship with God, and the question of salvation becomes life’s greatest question, then the thought takes root in us, that if we are ever to be saved, we must first become different and better than we are now. Then we must conquer sin; and thoughts, heart, and disposition must be changed.

So we exert ourselves with all our will and all our might, and try to break the power of sin and evil in the heart. This manner of going at it is so deep-rooted in our nature that no one will escape it except by a God’s miracle.

Just as impossible as it seems to us to believe that we are saved just as we are, just so little are we able to improve ourselves in any domain. Then we forget, or more correctly, we do not see that it is just those who cannot become good by their own power, who need salvation. Those who are able to do nothing, those who in their own eyes become worse and worse, they who like a drowning man have not as much as a straw to cling to, it is they who must be saved by Another.

You who are living in this impossible toil and who think that you must become different and better before you dare believe that you are saved, you must get out of this false way. If you should be unfortunate enough to make your plan work as you wish, then you would again be pleased with yourself, and you would stand forth as a Pharisee instead of as a saved sinner. All those who desire to enter God’s heaven must travel by way of Jesus as helpless and lost sinners.

**“For by grace have ye been saved through  
faith; and that not of yourselves it is the gift  
of God.”**

*Nor alms, nor deeds that I have done,  
Can for a single sin atone;  
To Calvary alone I flee:  
O God, be merciful to me!*

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***“Socialism is GREAT — UNTIL  
you run out of other people’s  
money.”***

Margaret Thatcher

## Be still, and know that I am God

Psalm 46:10

Is there any note in all the music of the world as mighty as the grand pause? Is there any word in the Psalms more eloquent than the word “Selah,” meaning pause? Is there anything more trilling and awe-inspiring than the calm before the crashing of the storm, or the strange quiet that seems to fall upon nature before some supernatural phenomenon or disastrous upheaval? And is there anything that can touch our hearts like the power of stillness?

For the hearts that will cease focusing on themselves, there is “the peace of God, which transcends all understanding” (Phil 4:7); “quietness and trust” (Isa. 30:15), which is the source of all strength; a “great peace” that will never “make them stumble” (Ps. 119:165); and a deep rest, which the world can never give nor take away. Deep within the center of the soul is a chamber of peace where God lives and where, if we will enter it and quiet all the other sounds, we can hear His “gentle whisper” (1 Kings 19:12).

Even in the fastest wheel that is turning, if you look at the center, where the axle is found, there is no movement at all. And even in the busiest life, there is a place where we may dwell alone with God in eternal stillness.

There is only one way to know God: “Be still, and know.” “*The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him*” (Hab. 2:30). Selected.

*“All-loving Father, sometimes we have walked under starless skies that dripped darkness like drenching rain. We despaired from the lack of light from the sun, moon, and stars. The gloomy darkness loomed above us as if it would last forever. And from the dark, there spoke no soothing voice to mend our broken hearts. We would gladly have welcomed even a wild clap of thunder, if only to break the torturing stillness of that mournfully depressing night.*

*Yet Your soft whisper of eternal love spoke more sweetly to our bruised and bleeding souls than any winds that breathe across a wind harp. It was Your “gentle whisper” that spoke to us. We were listening and we heard You, and then we looked and saw Your face, which was radiant with the light of Your love. And when we heard Your voice and saw Your face, new life returned to us, just as life returns to withered blossoms that drink the summer rain.”*

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## What Began at Philippi

*“Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi ... Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.”* Philippians 1:1-2

The church at Philippi was birthed on one of Paul’s missionary journeys. He was summoned there in a vision by an unidentified man in Macedonia (now Greece) pleading for him to come and help them (Acts 16:9-10). Paul soon traveled to Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens, where he encountered much hardship and persecution. But the work he had begun in Philippi continued, eventually spreading throughout the continent. The intensely personal letter he later wrote to the Philippian church contains some of the most important doctrinal truths concerning Christ and our victorious life in Christ in all of Scripture.

God’s sovereign plan included Europe. He saw to it that the governmental roadblocks and personal opposition were ultimately unsuccessful. Today many individual Christians trace their ancestry back to Europe. Great evangelistic movements and worldwide missionary efforts over the centuries have European roots. The God-ensured preservation of the Scriptures primarily occurred there as well. Many of the important Bible study tools and preaching helps come through the Western church. Many seminaries and Bible colleges, as well as hospitals and humanitarian efforts, stem from the Western tradition.

Today, great numbers are thankfully turning to Christ around the world, but much of the Church’s work began in Philippi as a faithful witness fearlessly and sacrificially preached the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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*Editor’s Note:* GOD always honors His Word that will not return unto Him void. Many times, in a very special way, God has ‘honored’ His WORD in a series (Evangelistic) of meetings and/or during Bible Conferences where there is session after session.

Just think: IF YOU take a step of ‘faith’ and arrange for a series of evangelistic meetings or Bible Conference *it could be* the igniting of a ‘spiritual brush fire’ (Souls be converted and Christians revived) in your midst, and maybe God will fan the ‘flames’ by the Holy Spirit to bring about a ‘spiritual oasis’ in a barren desert land **and on, to His Glory!** We don’t know unless we prayerfully/earnestly TRY, do WE?

With that in mind, we do have evangelistic speakers available, and ALSO a Gospel Tent (for neutral ground, if so desired).

## Seek to Please HIM

K. P. Yohannan

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“I have a dream,” proclaimed Martin Luther King, Jr., in his most famous speech as the leader of the civil rights movement.

As a servant of God, I too have a dream! It is to see the Body of Christ changed and revolutionized in such a way that we no longer go to church to be entertained and get what we want. Rather, we meet the Living God and understand the purpose He has for our lives and pursue it.

So what is God’s purpose for us?

Is it that we pursue great accomplishments, have huge congregations, build fancy facilities and enjoy great entertainment (although these things in themselves are not wrong)? No, I believe God is looking for a Bride.

In his book ..., Paul Bilheimer describes how God created everything, seen and unseen, in order to find a Bride for His Son.

God is looking for a people who will seek what He seeks in order to please Him and who will prepare for the day when they will meet the Lord Jesus Christ face to face.

The world around us and much of modern day Christianity tell us we can do both, please ourselves and God at the same time.

They encourage us to live a life of compromise – instead of following Christ’s example, who surrendered to the Father’s will, chose the cross for Himself and asks us to do the same.

When we read in the Gospels what Jesus says regarding discipleship, we realize it is impossible to live for our own wishes and ambitions and at the same time follow in

*As you go to the ‘house of the LORD’ to Worship HIM , please ‘remember’ to dress in proper attire within your means; as you bow before the LORD of lords, and King of kings in ‘Spirit and in Truth’.*

Christ’s footsteps.

Jesus says, “*If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me*” (Luke 9:23).

Christ’s call to us, His Bride, is to be exclusively committed to Him and seek to please and obey Him.

The Apostle Paul wrote, “*he died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again*” (2 Corinthians 5:15).

So what is God asking from us, the Bride of Christ?

He is asking for an all-out, absolute surrender, not just of our personal life but of everything with it. It means denying *self*. That’s far different than denying ourselves *things*, like food or new clothing, as part of a spiritual exercise.

Denying self means you are no more your own. You take up the cross along with the pain, shame and rejection. It is losing your life for His sake and for the sake of the Gospel. It is surrendering soul, body and all to the Lordship of Christ. It is giving up every right to run your own life, even to the extent of asking Him, “Lord, where shall I go today? What do You want me to say to this person?” It is to be willing, much like Abraham who gave up Isaac, the promised son whom he loved.

If we seek to please Christ, we can no longer measure ourselves by what we see in others, nor can we copy what they practice.

Instead, we must look to Jesus and find out what He values and desires for His Bride. God’s Word reveals to us that He wants us to have a character like His and reflect His humility, obedience, love, compassion, holiness and kindness.

***“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son”*** (Romans 8:9).

In order for this transformation to take place, we must not only cooperate with the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, but we also must be willing to walk the small and narrow road Jesus talked about. Others around us will be free to live their own dreams and pursue their own goals, but we can no longer join them, for we have found something far more precious to live for. We want to spend every minute of our life on earth getting ready to meet Jesus, our heavenly Bridegroom. And we will be ready if we seek to please only God and walk away from the ever-present temptation of our culture that tells us it is OK to compromise.

Jesus is worth all of our love and dying to self. Believe me, in eternity we will never be sorry that we followed Him with a whole heart.

*Send* (Gospel for Asia’s News Magazine)

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***For many walk, of whom I told you often,  
and now tell you even weeping, that they  
are the enemies of the cross of Christ.***

Phil. 3:18

THE holiest war that a man feels, and the purest tears that a Christian sheds, are sorrow and tears that others may be saved. Much of what also the children of God weep for has, alas, its cause in a heart that is selfish and bent on earthly things. But those who have an unceasing sorrow for the many who are moving on toward the grave without hope, and who are struggling to win them for God, they have gotten some of the mind of Jesus.

Such sympathy is more than human. No one can enter into the fellowship of the sufferings of Jesus and feel holy sorrow for others without being laid hold on by God.

When the servant intercedes with prayers and tears for his master and mistress, when the refined lady cries out to God for her servants, when a believing man brings his worldly and contrary neighbor to God in prayer year after year, then the love from Christ has found a place in the heart. And when talented young people, who might have had a bright future among their own countrymen, bid farewell to everything, and go out to a strange people that try to kill them and wear themselves out there just to win others for Christ, then heaven has come down to earth.

We will praise God who gave us this desire, and we will confidently hold fast to the Word, that he who sows in tears shall reap in joy.

*Lord, Thou needest not, I know,  
Service such as I can bring;  
Yet I long to prove and show  
Full allegiance to my King.  
Thou an honor art to me;  
Let me be a praise to Thee.*

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#### WHEN AMERICA CRIED FOR BIBLES

*Even the U. S. Congress cleared a printing of Bibles,  
and American statesmen helped spread them throughout  
the land.*

The American Revolution was in full swing. The Bible, though more than one hundred fifty years of early set-

tlement in America, remained the base of her people's religious devotion, her education, her colonial government. These Bibles had been shipped in from England.

Now, suddenly the American Revolution cut off this supply, and the stock dwindled.

Here was America in its greatest crisis yet – and without Bibles! Patrick Allison, Chaplain of Congress, placed before that body in 1777 a petition praying for immediate relief. It was assigned to be a special committee which weighed the matter with great care, and reported: "...that the use of the Bible is so universal and its importance so great that your committee refer the above to the consideration of Congress, and if Congress shall not think it expedient to order the importation of types and paper, the Committee recommend that Congress will order the Committee of Congress to import 20,000 Bibles from Holland, Scotland, or elsewhere, into the different parts of the States of the Union.

"Whereupon it was resolved accordingly to direct said committee to import 20,000 copies of the Bible."

During the session in the fall of 1780 the need arose once more.

Robert Aitken, who had set up in Philadelphia as a bookseller and publisher of *The Pennsylvania Magazine*, saw the need and set about quietly to do something about it.

In early 1781 he petitioned Congress and received from them a green light to print the Bibles needed. The Book came off the press late next year, and Congress approved it.

So originated the "Bible of the Revolution," now one of the world's rarest books – the first American printing.

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**"The foundations of our society and our government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country."**

**Calvin Coolidge**

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**Forget not to show love unto strangers:  
for thereby some have entertained angels  
unawares**

Heb. 13:2

THE Word of God strongly emphasizes the fact that Christians should be given to hospitality. He who opens heart and home to his fellow men, at the same time opens the door to God's blessings. God has ordained the law of life that he who gives also receives. But he who is stingy and inhospitable loses God's blessing, and get a gnawing worm at the root of all his toil.

Those were great men at Abraham's table at the oaks of Mamre the day that he opened the door for the three unknown wanderers. And today too it may be our lot to have both angels and the Lord Himself as our guests, if we have the same mind as Abraham. But it is probably the hospitable disposition that is lacking. Everything is swallowed up in business and money; and the number of those who give people lodging and meals without pay seems to be growing smaller and smaller. But as hospitality decreases, money decreases, too. Angels and God's blessings pass by our door together with those that we refuse to give lodgings, and then we are left alone complaining about hard times and too little income. But in God's book it is written: "*For with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.*"

Just think, if we believed this and lived according to it!

Open the door for the Lord's friends, and be hospitable! He who asked us to do this, is rich enough for all. He never forgets what He has promised.

*How happily the working days  
In this dear service fly!  
How rapidly the closing hour,  
The time of rest, draws nigh!  
When all the faithful gather home,  
A joyous company,  
And ever where the Master is,  
Shall His blest servants be.*

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## Update

What Could be Worth More Than GOLD?

*"More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward"*.

"The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of coins of gold and silver." Psalm 19:10, 11; 119:72.

Once AGAIN let you and I face 'reality' that except for the Grace of GOD, you and I would be on the Broad and Easy ROAD that leads to Eternal Torment: provided you are 'saved' and know it!

Imagine the hopelessness of the human race (You & I) if GOD had chosen to walk away from His Creation after the 'fall' and never gave the promise of a coming Savior! That would that have been a horrible existence in endless darkness where there is 'weeping and gnashing of teeth. How gracious God was to tell us that one day we would see a great light. This precious promise was passed from one generation to the next – until that day ... The Eternal WORD of GOD (Jesus) is the greatest treasure God gave the human race (Psalm 119:89): which includes YOU and Me!

**BUT also prayerfully notice what GOD says in Daniel 12:4 & Amos 8:7-8.**

FORTUNATELY, we of the Morning Glory and the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation definitely believe the BIBLE is **God's WORD from 'cover to cover' for it is God's Inspired, Infallible, Inerrant Word! Proverbs 30:5-6, Psalm 19:7 – 14 & II TIMOTHY 3:16-17!**

BUT "we" desire to have YOU stand with 'us' IN Prayer, Finances, Encouragement as 'we' continue to proclaim the same through the Morning Glory, Evangelistic Meetings, Bible Conferences, Gospel Tent Meetings, Christian Literature, etc. By the Grace of God 'we' make NO Apologies for the Old Time CHRISTIANITY and seek to practice the same. CAN 'WE' COUNT ON YOU? **THANK YOU FOR CARING!**

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THANK YOU and may the Lord richly bless YOU in order that YOU may be even a richer blessing unto others!

## Hauge Spring Bible Conference

AT

Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church

Rural Cannon Falls, MN

(34289 – Co. 24 Boulevard)

*Host Pastor: Pastor Curtis Fox, (507) 875-2847*

ON

*March 28 – 30, 2014; Lord willing:*

THEME: ***Marriage Supper of the Lamb***

*Revelation 19:7–9*

(Friday Evening thru Sunday noon)

### **Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. = Rodney Stueland, Dilworth, MN

### **Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time

9:30 a.m. – Coffee/Refreshments

10:00 a.m. – Pastor Paul Tjelta, Westby, WI

11:05 a.m. – Pastor Jim Haga, Shoreview, MN

12:00 Noon – Meal Served at church with a Free Will Offering

1:15 p.m. – Missionary/Pastor Connely Dyrud, Maple Grove, MN

2:20 p.m. – Pastor Jim Haga

3:15 p.m. – Coffee/Refreshments

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

7:00 p.m. – Rodney Stueland

### **Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

First Session at 9:30 a.m. = Missionary Connely Dyrud

Closing Session at 10:45 a.m. = Pastor Paul Tjelta

***IT WILL BE WORTH IT ALL!***

***Remember:*** Throughout all Scripture they gathered to hear the WORD OF GOD and **GOD honors that!**

Motels in Cannon Falls, MN are: Best Western – (507) 263-7272 & Caravan – (507) 263-4777

***All are WELCOME: Please PRAY for, try to attend and invite others!***

P. S. IF convenient, please bring along ‘goodies’ for ‘Refreshment times’.

***Thank You & may our Living Savior be glorified!!***

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