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

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Sinking Ship – Does Jesus Care?

Alan Redpath

That is the question we asked, no doubt, in a spirit of complaint. “If you loved us, Lord, then rescue us.” How soon they began to doubt Him! How soon they were ready to rebel, even though they called Him Master! ...“Does God care? If He does, why doesn’t He rescue me? The waves are beating upon the ship of my life and it is full, and He knows I cannot take much more of this. Master, carest Thou not that we are perishing?”

...There is no such thing as a law of nature that operates on its own. Behind every law that operates is the power of God, and when we speak about the law of nature we are describing the way in which God works. ...God is permitting to continue to operate within the sphere of the human body the ordinary laws of destruction. ...He is behind every law that He ever made. That is why you will find that many a Christian who has gone through times of untold suffering and trouble has suddenly changed this question, “Master, carest Thou not that I perish?” and has been enabled to say, “This is the Lord’s doing; let Him do that which is good in His sight.” For he has come to see that God does not permit the overwhelming of the storm to touch one of His children except He has a purpose in it.

...Gold is poured into the furnace because it is gold and has to be refined; you do not put rubbish into that

kind of furnace. Corn is threshed because it is corn, but you do not bother to do that with weeds. A diamond of exceptional beauty and quality is going to undergo far more cutting than any other stone because the owner desires more of its beauty (Learning to Live, p. 50-52).

“Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me” (2 Corinthians 12:9).

The Heartbeat of the Remnant
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Does Jesus care when my heart is pained,
Too deeply for mirth and song
As the burdens press
And the cares distress
And the way grows weary and long?

Oh yes, He cares,
I know He cares,
His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary,
The long nights dreary,
I know my Savior cares.

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CHRIST FOR ME

*For me He left His home on high;
For me to earth He came to die.*

*For me He in a manger lay;
For me to Egypt He fled away.*

*For me He dwelt with fishermen;
For me He slept in cave and glen.*

*For me abuse He meekly bore;
For me a crown of thorns He wore.*

*For me He braved Gethsemane;
For me He hung upon a tree.*

*For me His final feast was made;
For me by Judas He was betrayed;*

*For me by Peter He was denied;
For me by Pilate He was crucified.*

*For me His precious blood was shed;
For me He slept among the dead.*

*For me He rose with might at last;
For me above the skies He passed.*

For me He sits at God’s right hand;

For me He’ll come at God’s command.

Unknown

His grace is sufficient
No one can exhaust it;
Be strong in that grace
Abundant and true.
Draw largely, continually out of
His fullness;
His grace shall be always sufficient for you.
~anon.

Listen to Jesus

James 1:19-22

Do we hear our Savior when He speaks? James tells us that if we are to live a life that is pleasing to God and worthy of reward, then we must be “swift to hear (and) slow to speak” (v. 19). From a physiological perspective, the definition of hearing is “the perception of sound.” To perceive something is to willfully become aware of its presence. If we are to truly listen to what Jesus is saying, we must be quiet and still, we must perceive His voice, and we must hear what He has to say to us through His written Word. We are living in a world wherein everyone wants to speak and no one wants to listen. Everyone seems to be clamoring for our attention: advertisers, politicians, commentators, sales persons. People everywhere think they have all the answers to life’s problems and want everyone else to listen to their opinions. Even many preachers fall into this category. They often are more concerned about getting their own personal agendas across to others than preaching what the Bible has to say.

Perhaps we, too, are often so caught up with wanting to be heard that we do not stop to listen to what our Savior has to tell us through our quiet study of His Word. Christ told the apostles that the Holy Spirit would give them words to write that would honor and glorify Him, and those are the very words that Jesus would have us to hear as well. Christ Himself told of the importance of listening to His voice (Jn. 10:27 18:33-38). Just as God spoke to Elijah in a “still, small voice” (1 Kgs. 19:12), He likewise speaks to us when we attentively study His Word, pray and wait for His leading in our lives. Let us strive to silence ourselves each day and perceive His voice alone. MDC

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The Christian’s Lifestyle: Our Gifts

“*But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gifts of Christ*” (Ephesians 4:7).

The grace that is given (Greek, *charis*) is a distribution by the Holy Spirit of gifts (same Greek word) to every believer (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). Seventeen different gifts are listed in three New Testament passages (Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-10; Ephesians 4:11), all of them intended by the Holy Spirit to minister to the church and to enhance her unity (Romans 12:3; 1 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 4:12).

Three reasons are cited for these gifts (Ephesians 4:12): The perfecting of the saints, a process that describes making

something useful or suitable that is not yet adequate. James and John mended their nets (Matthew 4:21). Paul prayed that he might supply that which was lacking (1 Thessalonians 3:10). The gifts of the Holy Spirit mend that which is lacking in the saints. The work of the ministry is a joint effort of service (11 Corinthians 6:3) that recognizes the public visibility of that service (II Corinthians 4:1-2) and steadfastly displays those gifts so that the ministry be not blamed (II Corinthians 6:3). The edifying of the body of Christ focuses the use of the gifts on the enrichment and betterment of the local assembly of believers (1 Corinthians 14:5, 12, 26).

The goal is to bring all (the saints) to a state of doctrinal unity (the faith) so that our maturity can be compared to the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13), eliminating susceptibility to every wind of doctrine, growing up unto him in all things, and building the body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:14-16). HMM

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Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, there came unto him a woman having an alabaster cruse of exceeding precious ointment, and she poured it upon His head, as He sat at meat. (Matt. 6-7).

JESUS will permit Himself to be anointed King before He seats Himself on the foal of the donkey and rides into Salem city. But He does not go into Israel’s national sanctuary, there to receive the homage of the most reverend priests, of the chosen and the learned men of the country, and to be anointed by them. No, He enters a poor home where saved sinners dwell, and there He permits Himself to be anointed by a thankful and believing woman.

The fact that this ointment brings a message about a grave must not cause us anxiety: the kingly crown lies on the edge of the grave. On Easter morning it was placed on His head by almighty God, and it shall never be removed.

It was a woman who brought sin into the world, but it was also the same woman who received the promise that her Seed should bruise the serpent’s head. It was a woman who poured the ointment on the head of the Savior of the world, and it was a woman who first brought the message that He was risen from the grave. Thus God rewards the sinner! In everything that He does He is different from us. When we expect judgment and punishment, He comes to meet us with

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eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord; and He redeems us from sin and judgment with grace for grace.

Come, let us, too, anoint Him and do homage to Him as our King! He who opens the door of his heart to Him and permits himself to be ruled by this King, he will find the way home again to the land where there is no unhappiness. There the redeemed will sing to the honor of Him who from the throne of grace helped us and brought us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child,
Make Thee a bed soft, undefiled
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

Taken from "*Thy Kingdom Come*" by Ludvig Hope

Rebellion Against the Lord

Jeremiah 28:12-17

Rebelling against the Lord is a terrible sin. To teach rebellion against the Lord is even more reprehensible. The false prophet Hananiah was guilty of both aforementioned sins, and God condemned him for causing people to trust in a lie (vv.15-16). Hananiah held a respected place in the hearts of God's people, and his message was well received. He claimed that he was sent by the Lord and that he had received his message from the Lord, but he lied. He deceived himself, and he certainly deceived others. He told the people, the priests and the rulers what they wanted to hear, not what God wanted them to hear. As a result of this compromise, the so-called prophet of God was popular among the people. But he caused the Israelites to trust a lie; he taught rebellion against God: he needed to be exposed and opposed by a faithful minister of the Lord.

Once again Jeremiah was placed in a difficult position. He had to face and openly rebuke the false prophet Hananiah. It was not easy to be a minority voice against the majority in that day, nor is it easy today. As increasing compromise stills the voices of many pastors and people who formerly cried out against false teachers and apostate churches, the task of faithful watchmen becomes even more difficult but also more important. The question in Psalm 94:16 – "*Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?*" – needs to be answered by every believer today: "By God's grace, I will." The theological wolves of our day wear such innocent looking sheep skins. Spiritual discernment is needed as never before to separate truth from error. If we hold to error, we are, in reality, rebelling against the Lord. MHR

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Africa Mission Update

"Many of our Bible schools, theological colleges, and other training centers have graduated record numbers of men and **women** this year. Most will now fan **out** into Africa as pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers. Each graduate is special. Some have overcome unbelievable obstacles in order to achieve this milestone. I wish I had time to interview each one and tell you how God provided for them. Of course that would be impossible, but I do want to tell you about Francis Ayul. Francis hails from Southern Sudan, one of the eight tribes inhabiting the oil rich region known as the Upper Nile District. Determined to exploit this area for its enormous wealth, the corrupt government has supported a campaign to either annihilate or dislocate these tribes from the area. This action has, of course, caused a world-wide uproar from peaceful nations, but to very little avail. The family of Francis Ayul was one of the targets.

According to AIM missionary Gregg Okesson, a professor at Scott Theological College, 'Francis is the only (person) of 13 siblings still alive.' In an attempt to repel this onslaught from Sudan's north, Francis enlisted in the Sudan People's Liberation Army. During the 13 years he fought he earned prestige for his fighting prowess. However, during one hot afternoon, in a vicious battle, he was shot twice in the stomach. For three days he lay among the dead, sometimes wondering if he was still alive. He had to constantly chase away hyenas and vultures as they devoured the flesh of his dead comrades. Finally on day three, rather than enduring this slow death, he held an AK47 to his head, planning to take his own life. But while he hesitated, he remembered the name of Jesus from a childhood sermon. Looking heavenward he prayed, 'Jesus, save me.' And even as the words were coming from his mouth he heard his comrades coming to see if any casualties were still alive. While recuperating he promised Jesus, out of gratitude, that he would serve Him the rest of his life. Today, Francis Ayul is still a soldier. No, not with the SPLA, but a soldier of the cross. His weapon of choice is no longer an AK47, but God's Word.

Ted Barnett. AFRICA INLAND MISSION newsletter

*God's Grace keeps pace
With whatever we face*

How to Get Assurance

Rev. Maynard Force

Editor's Note: This is the fourth and final chapter from Rev. Maynard Force's booklet entitled, "*Assurance*." The first chapter was printed in the September, 2007 issue of the *Morning Glory*, the second chapter was printed in the November, 2007 issue, and the third in the December, 2007 issue. If you would like a copy of either issues, please write to the editor.

The Word of God is full of examples of people who received assurance. We cannot find one case in the entire New Testament of a Christian who did not have assurance. Is it not then strange and peculiar that in our day there are many people who do not have assurance? All the New Testament Christians had a positive testimony of what Jesus had done for them. The blind man, for example, said, "One thing I **know** that, whereas I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25). What a positive assurance! The personal meeting with Jesus was such a glorious experience that nothing in all of life compared to it.

Jesus stated plainly, "I know mine own, and mine own **know me** even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father" (John 10:14, 15). Here in no uncertain words Jesus relates the true relationship between Himself and His own. He even compares our relationship to Him as that of the relationship that He had with the Father. If this is the pattern set before us by Jesus, surely we should not be satisfied with anything less.

Jesus Christ has not changed, for He "is the same yesterday and today, yea and for ever" (Heb. 13:8). It is the purpose of the Word to acquaint us today with this living Saviour, "whom to **know** is life eternal." Let us then seek from the Word to know Him. There is only one way. Remember the words of Christ when He said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). It is interesting to note here that Jesus is not only the way, but also the life. We want to know the way that leads us to the life. But this is the way of the cross, and it is not popular. Many ridicule those who take it. The one requirement to all who come to the cross is that they be sin-burdened. Self-righteous people are in no condition to be saved. They waste their time at the cross. They only find much there to criticize and ridicule. Their head is overstuffed with their own ideas about salvation until there is no room for God's great plan of salvation. Such self-righteous sinners can never receive Holy Spirit-wrought assurance; they must pass on and take to themselves false assurance. The sacred place at the cross is only for the lost. For Jesus "came to seek and to save that

which was lost" (Luke 19:10). It is those who have nothing but sin who come here. The law has utterly undone them; they realize what the Word means when it says "that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may be brought under the judgment of God" (Rom. 3:19). They have nothing good to say for themselves. They cry in despair like the publican of old, "God, be thou merciful to me a sinner." These are the Father's gifts to Jesus, for He himself once said, "All that which the Father giveth me shall come unto me." Such, in their lowly position beneath the cross, confess their sins. There they find the cleansing power of Jesus' blood, for "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). I praise my God for the day He took me out of the class of the self-righteous who needed no salvation and revealed to me my lost condition. What a revelation! I thought I was too good to be lost. I was a faithful attendant at church; I was a teacher in the Sunday school; I took Communion; I did not drink and carouse like many whom I knew. Surely I must be a Christian. But one day I saw clearly that in spite of all my religion and morality, I was lost. After three months of struggling to better myself, I found my way to the cross. I found that "the way" led to "the truth." I experienced the verse, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). I found out also that it led to "the life." Now I praise God that He knocked the false foundation from under me, so that I sank in despair. That is what led me to the cross.

It is at the cross that the Holy Spirit can reveal Jesus to us. We never see Jesus until we fall prostrate before the cross. Then the Holy Spirit, who is the Comforter, gently lifts our head and whispers, "Look." Jesus never appears more beautiful than to a prostrate sinner. A look at Him melts the hardest sinner. We begin to realize the price that He paid for our salvation. "Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21). What a wonderful Saviour! All of this He did because He loved us. It is because of Jesus' dying on the cross that we can be sure. Jesus himself cried out before dying, "It is finished." Nothing else need be done. He tasted death for every man. "He died for all" (II Cor. 5:15). The price of redemption was paid so that no one need go lost because of his sins. All who come to Jesus Christ, the Saviour of "the whole world" (1 John 2:2), can be saved. Our assurance is based solely on what Jesus has done for us.

It is at the cross that "*the Spirit himself beareth witness*

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with our spirit, that we are children of God” (Rom. 8:16). Only as we look to Jesus does the Holy Spirit bear this witness; no other One is good enough. It is while looking to Jesus in the Word that we are given faith to believe. Bible verses we have read many times previous now unfold to us like flowers. How living and real they become. A heavenly relaxation comes over us! “The old things are passed away; behold, they are become new” (II Cor. 5:17). Assurance is now our possession. Whereas we once “hoped” or “thought” we were saved, we now **know** that we are saved. A miracle has taken place. The horror of being lost has left us. We are “heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ” (Rom. 8:17). “The spirit of bondage” has been broken, for we have received “the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father” (Rom. 8:15). What a blessed day, that day at the cross, when “*the Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God.*” God then puts a new song into our hearts.

“Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.”

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SPECIAL NOTE!

To those walking
Contrary to HIS WORD

JUST A SUGGESTION: Whatever your ‘reasons’ might be: Write on a piece of paper why; and **WHEN** you stand before our All knowing, Almighty GOD – hand HIM your ‘reasons’!

“Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now perfected in the flesh?” (Galatians 3:3)

THERE are many paths that lead from a promising beginning in the Spirit to a dismal consummation in the flesh.

You made a good beginning. God overcame your old, passionately self-loving ego. You surrendered without condition to God, and your heart was filled with the love of Christ.

You lived for God and your fellow men, following Christ uncompromisingly and fearlessly.

Then a change occurred, during a period of spiritual weakness, perhaps as a consequence of spiritual undernourishment. You began to listen to the tempter’s words: Spare thyself.

Now you discovered many valid reasons for allowing yourself more consideration.

That was all that was necessary. You became solicitous about your own person. You provided minutely for your own comfort, your own advantage, your own enjoyment.

However, now, too, you would be a Christian. Therefore you want to do something for God and your fellow men. But always in such a way that you can make proper allowances for yourself.

It is thus that the pampered and unreal type of Christianity of which there is so much in our day develops, both in city and in country. A passive type of Christianity, without sacrifice, brings the soul neither joy nor sorrow but only that lukewarmness which the Lord spews out of His mouth.

My unhappy friend, would you be healed of this, then take up your cross again, enter into the *service* of the Lord once more and begin to make *sacrifices* for Him?

But now do not try to think of something great to do! Begin with lowly forms of service, those in your own home above all. This will bring about a definite break with your old nature every day.

Taken from “*God’s Word for Today*”
by O. Hallesby

Hymn History

*This is the account of the writing of the hymn,
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

This beloved poem, written to comfort one person, has brought consolation and help to millions of people the world over. The author, Joseph Scriven, discovered early in life how much he needed the friendship of Christ. Born in 1820 in Dublin, Ireland, he was graduated from that city's Trinity College and looked forward to a happy life with the Irish lass of his choice. But then tragedy struck. On the eve of his wedding, his fiancée was accidentally drowned. Lonely and unable to continue his training as a military cadet because of poor health, he left the Emerald Isle and came to Port Hope, Ontario, Canada when he was twenty-five years old. He became the local “Good Samaritan”—helping the poor and underprivileged. He often shared his food with the needy and even gave them his clothes. He would work only for those too poor to pay him for his services. All these good deeds, however, might have been forgotten by Christendom had not Joseph Scriven written twenty-four lines to comfort his mother during a time of serious illness. It had been ten years since he had kissed her goodbye and he was now unable to go back to be with her. So he produced this poem and sent it with the prayer that it would remind her of her never-failing Friend, Christ Jesus.

Scriven's copy of these immortal lines lay dormant in his bedroom until a neighbor found them and asked, “Who wrote these beautiful words?” He modestly replied, “The Lord and I did it between us.” Sometime later these words appeared in a periodical and were eventually seen by a German-American lawyer and composer, Charles Converse, whose simple but plaintive tune gave the wings of melody to Scriven's three verses. Thus an Irish-Canadian and a German-American were used by God to bless untold millions through this favorite sacred song. Scriven lived and died a socially lonely man. (His second fiancée died after a brief illness.) From the spiritual perspective, however, he was never alone because he knew, in a personal way, the Friend “that sticketh closer than a brother.” (Proverbs 18:24)

Taken from “Hymns of Faith”
Northwestern College Radio Network

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear,
What a privilege to carry,
Everything to God in Prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry,
Everything to God in prayer.*

BITS FROM BAJA — BY DON KISER

ABSOLUTELY AMAZING

As most of you know by now, I am working with the Youth Department at the main church in Rosarito. What a blessing that has become, seeing the response of the youth!

However, I have been VERY impressed with one 16-year-old girl, named ALMA. She is absolutely amazing because she was born with a cleft palate which was only minimally corrected. So, she does not speak well. But, that does not hinder her service for Christ. She is the “life” of the department. She is actually glowing and outgoing.

Last night, after the evening service while we were taking her and her sister home her story unfolded and I was touched to the center of my soul!

Born as she was, she suffered much mockery; but, she had a loving mother and father until the age of 9. Then, a tragedy took place. Her mother and sister were stabbed to death by the sister's boyfriend, IN FRONT OF HER AND HER SISTER. Her father went to the U.S. to work and Alma went to live with an older sister and her husband and was subsequently molested by the brother-in-law and they were put in an orphanage in Tijuana. This would prove to be the turning point of her life. It was a Christian orphanage! There she came to receive Christ as her Savior. She was there for seven years and then came back to Rosarito where she was invited to our youth department.

She has become a glowing witness for Christ wherever she goes, passing out tracts and witnessing for Christ without any inhibitions. God give us MORE ALMAS.

—Selected

Assurance of Damnation

WILLIAM POPE, who died in 1797, is said to have been of a company of infidels who ridiculed everything religious. One of their exercises was to kick the Bible about the floor to tear it up. Friends who were present in his death-chamber spoke of it as a scene of terror as he died crying:

"I have no contrition. I cannot repent. God will damn me. I know the day of grace is past...You see one who is damned forever...Oh, Eternity! Eternity!...Nothing for me but hell. Come, eternal torments...I hate everything God has made, only I have no hatred for the devil – I wish to be with him. I long to be in hell. Do you not see him? He is coming for me."

Taken from *Last Words of Saints and Sinners*
Herbert Lockyer

The Deadliest Sins

The story comes to us of a farmer whose flocks were menaced by a great old eagle. Always the eagle, swift as the lightning that strikes unexpectedly, evaded all snares and always stayed out of reach of every archer's arrows and every hunter's gun. Several times the farmer counted his lambs and knew the eagle had made the count less each day. And many times the farmer found hens and turkeys gone from the barnyard. Occasionally, too, pigs from the sty were gone.

One day the farmer, plagued by the bold and devastating thrusts of the old eagle who raided sheepcote and barnyard daily, decided to try a plan to catch the eagle. He put all the sheep under cover and fastened all barnyard doors so that no hen or pig could run around. Then he began, one plank at a time, to build a trap. One plank he put down. The old eagle, soaring aloft, gazed at it – then another plank each day, and then another and another until the trap was made. The old eagle, with eyes that saw clearly from a distance, sat afar and looked.

At last, over a period of days, the trap was completed. The deadly springs were placed and fastened; the trigger was sensitive and responsive to the slightest touch. The farmer killed a lamb and placed it before the dawn upon the deadly jaws of the trap, covering all with a thin cover of grass.

The old eagle, soaring aloft, viewed it. He swooped down and laid hold with eager, strong talons upon the lamb. There was a quick snap of the trap, a wild shriek from the old eagle and a nosy flapping of wings. But he could not lift the weight of the trap. With the sunlit peaks beckoning him, he

Assurance of Salvation

A few hours before Dwight L. Moody died, he caught a glimpse of the glory awaiting him. Awakening from a sleep, he said, "Earth recedes, heaven opens before me. If this is death, it is sweet! There is no valley here. God is calling me, and I must go!" His son who was standing by his bedside said, "No, no father, you are dreaming."

"No," said Mr. Moody, "I am not dreaming; I have been within the gates; I have seen the children's faces." A short time elapsed and then, following what seemed to the family to be the death struggle, he spoke again: "This is my triumph; this my coronation day! It is glorious!"

— Selected

fell victim to the farmer's revenge. By one trap, one plank at a time, the farmer caught the eagle – and laughed to see him die.

So by one sin Satan brings men to ruin and wreck, though all sin is ugliness, deformity, repulsiveness and monstrousness. Eloquence and appealing taste effectively disguise its native lineaments.

It does not appear as a locust, says Walkinson, but as a butterfly; not as a hornet, but as a hummingbird; not with the vulture's filthy, blood-befouled feathers, but with the peacock's train. With us, base things and practices contrive to steal heavenly sanction.

The deadliest sins don their Sunday clothes and are then most dangerous. The sacred name of friendship covers and excuses immoral relations. The lust of power is gilded with the sentiment of patriotism. Cruel selfishness smiles whilst yet a villain. The red hand of war grasps the sword still playing with the olive branch.

So, in various ways, evil becomes fascinating, flattering, mesmeric. It is full of diplomacy, legerdemain, hypnotism. It betrays "with studied, sly, ensnaring art."

When we are once mastered by that one sin, when it grasps us by the throat and grinds us under its hell, it no longer appears in fair colors; it no longer appears as harmless as a sleeping lamb at rest upon the grass. Let us once surrender ourselves to the power of that one sin, and we easily mistake a phosphorescent death's head for the face of an angel.

That one sin comes like Jael in the Old Testament – with milk and butter in a lordly dish, but also with the fatal nail and hammer.

R. G. Lee in 'The Rose of Sharon'

Taken from *The Sword of the Lord*

Editor's Note: Remember—Satan is out to **kill you** one way or another and we have a three fold *enemy*: Satan, the world and own flesh (self life, old nature).

Editorial

RES *Reminisce*

“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it: for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.” (Revelation 3:8)

Whoever thought that being a true ‘Christian’ was going to be easy? Wherever there is ‘life’ there are *struggles!* Spiritually a ‘Christian’ cannot stand still. Neither can he base his relationship on “yesteryear’s” experiences. Yes, personally EACH person who will arrive in HEAVEN **must be** “born again” by the Holy Spirit of God for his hope (blessed assurance), as “my hope is built on nothing less than Jesus Blood and Righteous, I dare not rest on anything less; than JESUS Blood and Righteousness.” Christianity is an ongoing *personal relationship* with JESUS!

Well, in a sense that is true of true Christian Ministries as well. YES, we have our “struggles”; BUT what marvelous GRACE as we seek to be true to HIS Holy WORD - not *necessarily* successful; but faithful!

The word “reminisce” is interesting. This means ‘To remember and tell of past experiences or events, and I am going to take the privilege and ‘reminisce’ a little in this editorial and, as I share, give the Lord credit IN HIS GRACE and FAITHFULNESS (in spite of our sins and failures). “That no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God - and righteousness and sanctification and redemption - that, as it is written, ‘He who glories, let him glory in the LORD’”.

The Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation (pietistic, evangelical, Biblically Lutheran free movement has had the privilege of publishing the *Morning Glory* for app. seventy-five years (just one arm of the same)!

As I recall or ‘reminisce,’ forty-five to fifty years ago the *Morning Glory* had 5,000 subscribers. Then we know that Satan loves to bring about dissension/disunity among fellow believers (co-workers). In my opinion/conviction this was one factor that took its *severe toll* in Morning Glory outreach ministry. Also there was too much emphasis on **I and We** (which is a realistic constant *struggle*) instead of on **HIM** (God/Jesus/Holy Spirit) and His Faithfulness.

Thus the subscription list was down to app. 500 - 600 twelve to fifteen years ago, and being published approx. four times a year, from being at one time a bi-weekly periodical. (RES/Editor, be careful here) “Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God” II Corinthians 3:5. We are now privileged and responsible to mail out between 1,600 to 1,700 issues each time. PRAY that GOD may be permitted to ‘minister’ to each individual who receives the MG. Praise the Lord as HE is faithful. Let US seek to keep in mind that it is **HIS Work!**

As many of you are aware, this issue of the *Morning Glory* is new in the sense that it is an added issue in the ministry of the the

Hauge Lutheran Innermission; as we take a step of faith - for we walk by faith and not sight. We are now seeking to bring you *ten* issues this year, Lord willing. Likely a ‘trumpet sound’ carrier is needed as much NOW or more than fifty years ago! Please for this ministry and all who are involved in making it a reality.

The *Morning Glory* has been a carrier of the Law & Gospel clearly printed and shared, because people behind the scene “cared,” but they were considered ‘negative’ by many. This is like the mechanic who would look at an automobile with burning oil, knocking engine, check engine light on; only to then cover the light, say ‘it’s OK, go comfortably on your way’ and charge you fifty dollars. Scores continue to go into a Christless eternity and only a ‘few’ dare sound an alarm for fear of being ‘labeled’ negative. Isaiah 59:1-2. (dumb dogs) 1 Cor. 14:6. You know the Medical field must be among the most ‘negative’ professions in the world; **IF** it were not for the reality that they “CARE”. They first must share the diagnosis your need before they can provide the REMEDY/SOLUTION and it may be painful.

Regardless of where SIN may thrive/survive it must be dealt with in order that God may be free to richly bless! SIN should be to us, like the waste product is to the human body! Eliminate!

As you more than ‘reminisce’, do you love JESUS **today** more than YOU did a year or years ago? **IF** there was a time in your life that you LOVED HIM more than **today**, you are in a backslidden condition! Are YOU living today with **eternity in view**?

As we ‘look back’ (reminisce) may it spur/encourage US to press on, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher (Captain) of our faith. WE can water and plant and GOD gives the increase! Let US make use of the “open door” while it is “open,” for night is coming when no man can work and the ‘day of Grace’ through ‘evangelism’ and ‘nurturing/edifying’ is over for ALL Eternity!

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Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

AS

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground
Is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

What to Do When the Roof Leaks

A man in the marines tells of a time when the barracks roof began leaking during a downpour. They called for one of the civilian employees on the base to repair it. In about thirty minutes a carpenter appeared, looked at the puddle on the floor, selected the largest drill from his toolbox and drilled a hole in the middle of the puddle!

What an illustration of doctoring the effects rather than getting to the cause! All people who tackle the sin problem by “drilling holes in the middle of the puddle” instead of repairing the roof are just as foolish.

John the Baptist saw the need of getting to the root of sin: “Now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees” Matt. 3:10. Man’s heart is bad (Jer. 17:9) - hence he needs the new birth: John 3:3, 5, 7). Outward reform is vain. To quit this sin and that sin will not solve the sinner’s problem; what he needs is a new nature.

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” II Cor. 5:17.

From *Christian Victory*
Taken from *The Sword of The Lord*

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Our Blessed Hope

By T.A. McMahon

Let us all be encouraged to keep *“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ”* (Titus 2:13)a.

I know I need that encouragement. But it’s not because my love for the Lord has cooled off; it’s because I get distracted, even drawn, from time-to-time, to the things of this world. (Editor’s Note: Interesting way of putting it; but I know for sure it is “easy” to leave that *first love!*)

When one considers the history of the church regarding its attitude toward its “blessed hope” through the Rapture, it’s easy to recognize the conditions that cause apathy. As true believers got comfortable with or began to preoccupy themselves with this world, they simply lost interest in the imminent return of Jesus for them, His bride, to take her to heaven.

That loss of interest had another dire consequence, one we tend to forget about when we think about the Rapture. The doctrine with its emphasis upon imminency has us expecting our Lord’s coming for us at any moment. Such an expectation has a purifying effect upon our lives, as the

Apostle John tells us: *“We know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”* (1 John 3:2,3).

Lord, keep our hearts and minds stayed upon You, doing what pleases You, and continually looking for Your appearing!

Selected

Editor’s Note: Notice verse 2:28: “And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.”

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Thou Shalt Not Steal

One day a man came to Mr. Moody and said, “I have taken \$1,500 from my employers, I want to become a Christian. What must I do?”

Mr. Moody asked if he had any of the money left. The man replied, “I have \$950 left. Can’t I go into business with that and make enough money to pay back that which I have taken?”

Mr. Moody said, “This money is not yours. You must return the \$950 to your employer.”

“But I may be put into prison,” said the man.

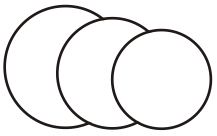
Mr. Moody said, “That does not matter. You must do the right thing. Go and confess your sin and give the money back to your employer.”

The man promised to do this. Mr. Moody went along with him. The man told his story, returned the \$950 and promised to pay the balance. The eyes of his two employers filled with tears, and they said, “We will gladly forgive you and give you time to pay back the balance.” There in the office the four men went down on their knees and prayed.

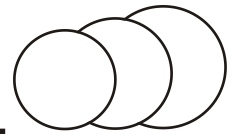
With the godly counsel of Moody, the man made restitution for the offense. He was also led to Christ by the great preacher and later was made an officer in the firm he had previously cheated.

The gospel works, and so does the great plan of God for doing things right.

W. Herschel Ford
Taken from ‘The Sword of the Lord’



From Our Fellowship Circle



B.S. **Budapest, Hungary**

Dear Brethren,

Thank you for sending me the "Morning Glory." The articles give us fresh biblical teachings and living testimonies about the crucified and living Lord Jesus. Thank you for the like-minded writings. I wish you a blessed Christmas. Yours in Jesus,

D. & J. V. **Billings, MT**

Thank you for your faithful adherence to the "Word". We are well aware of the ongoing struggle in the Lutheran Church. Thank you for your bold stand for "Truth."

D. H. **Forest City, Iowa**

In reading the *Morning Glory* November issue I saw you have available the "Mirror of the Heart" Book. Our son soon to turn 50 years old remembers sitting in my Dad's lap and he was showing pictures and telling him about our heart. He asked about the book a while ago so was happy to see it available.

I would like ...Copies for our children and I would also like ...Copy of "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God". We hear much about the loving God and He truly is, but we also know He hates sin and He requires our repentance and forsaking of our sin to be a child of His. I have been a Christian since Christmas of 1963 and have found Jesus to be my very special Friend and Saviour. I'm enclosing \$...to cover the cost and shipping.

F. & T. W. **Red Wing, MN**

Enclosed please find a check for the amount of...for the *Morning Glory* paper. We enjoy reading it and are blessed by the good news in it and the update on other articles of information. We wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

Fergus Falls, MN

Please add the following to the mailing list of the *Morning Glory*. A Blessed Christmas!

J. & G. Y. **Webster, So. Dak.**

Enclosed is a gift for the ministry of the *Morning Glory*. We enjoy reading the articles and stories in it, for they are interesting and have good meaning to them. May God Bless you richly in your work for Him.

J. & J. H. **Ames, IA**

Enclosed is our gift of \$...for the *Morning Glory*. We are blessed by the many articles and the messages from God's Word. May the Lord Bless you.

O. R. **Langdon, N.D.**

I am 84 years old and a widower living alone. I would like to give more than I am doing, but have limited means. Just the same please accept the donation of \$..... to help to keep going and get out the *Morning Glory*. This is indeed the best reading I can get as you tell the "Truth".

I have been fighting cancer on my back and at a church service an invitation was given for healing. I joined the prayer line and you don't have to guess what happened - my back wound was healed up very quickly. "Praise the Lord" Keep up the good work!

Editor's Note: Isn't it 'great' that the great **I Am** heals through different ways and other times. HE says 'My Grace Is Sufficient For Thee'.

Mrs. H. B. J. **Blue Earth, MN**

I've enjoyed the *Morning Glory* for many years and pass it on to others after I am finished reading it. I am ninety-seven years old and am waiting for the 'come Home' call.

G. H. **Waverly, IA**

A great Bible based publication and please find a gift enclosed.

E. M. E. **Moorhead, MN**

Grace and Peace! I am sending a check for the ministry of the *Morning Glory*, please send a sample copy of the same to... Thank you so very much.

A few snowflakes this morning reminds us "though your sins be like scarlet they shall be white as snow." How wonderful to be under the banner of God's love - We can never thank HIM enough nor do we know how as we should! "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us that we shall be called children of God."

My prayer for you and your family is that you will experience a very blessed special time with one another. God is so good and may HE richly bless you friends.

Believable... Yet Unbelievable

State court to decide on legal limits of spanking

When Shawn Fraser's discipline failed to rein in his 12-year-old son, he turned to his religion, taking a wooden paddle to Gerard's upper thighs and posting Bible verses on the refrigerator, Fraser's lawyer told the state Supreme Court on Wednesday.

But after 36 blows, delivered in 12- blow increments, the 195-pound boy called authorities. Now the state Supreme Court will determine when discipline of a child crosses the line into physical abuse that requires a social worker's intervention.

For an hour Wednesday, the court heard arguments from the lawyers for Hennepin County, the boy's guardian ad litem and the parents. Jill Waite, the attorney for Shawn Fraser, said the issue is, "How do we draw the line? How do we make it possible for parents to know what is OK and what is forbidden?" The case dates to 2005. After Gerard called authorities, Hennepin County determined he was in need of protective intervention. The District Court agreed that he and his brother, Caleb, needed help.

But the family appealed, and in July the state Court of Appeals reversed the District Court, determining the parents were not physically abusive.

The Court of Appeals determined that for the county's intervention to be justified, physical abuse requires the use of unreasonable force or cruel discipline that is excessive under the circumstances. The county appealed. [Now the State Supreme Court is deciding when spanking is considered physical abuse]...

Briefly referencing the federal debate about torture, Anderson said he had a hard time concluding that physical injuries must be present for punishment to cross a line.

Taken from the *Star Tribune*
November 29, 2007

Persecution Increases

"German police recently removed a fifteen-year-old Christian girl from her home because her parents refused to send her to a public school."

The girl was mocked for her faith. Her parents have been fighting for two years for the right to teach their daughter at home. The girl was sent to a psychiatric ward and then placed with a foster family.

Christian law groups in the U.S. are now working overseas in our fight for freedom. We've long heard of the persecution and even martyrdom of Christians in China, Russia

and elsewhere. When you pray, remember our Christians in other lands. The darkness deepens as our Lord's return nears!

—selected

Starbucks Coffee Sends A Message

Recently customers who ordered a cup of coffee at Starbucks got a little more than they were after. Coffee cups included messages that were anti-God and otherwise offensive to Christians. One woman in Ohio was shocked to read the message on her cup: "*Why in moments of crisis do we ask God for strength and help? As cognitive beings, why would we ask something that may well be a figment of our imagination for guidance? Why not search inside ourselves for the power to overcome? After all, we are strong enough to cause most of the catastrophes we need to endure.*" Another Starbucks coffee cup had these written on it: "*My only regret about being gay is that I repressed it for so long. I surrendered my youth to people I feared when I could have been out there loving someone. Don't make that mistake yourself. Life is too damn short.*" Still another Starbucks cup purchased in Lakeland, FL read: "*Heaven is totally overrated. It seems boring. Clouds, listening to people play the harp. It should be somewhere you can't wait to go, like a luxury hotel. Maybe blue skies and soft music were enough to keep people in line in the 17th century, but Heaven has to step it up a bit. They're basically getting by because they only have to be better than Hell.*"

Joel Stein, columnist for the *Los Angeles Times*
Taken from *WorldNetDaily*, 5/6/07 and 5/9/07

Will Women Be Required to Register For the Draft?

All the Democratic candidates stated at a July 23 debate said they favor a law that would require women to register for the draft as eighteen-year-old men must do today.

—Selected

One in Four Muslim Youth Defends Suicide Bombings

They called them "acceptable, at least in some circumstances." The observation came from a survey conducted by Pew Research Center.

—selected

School Board Refuses to Settle ACLU Lawsuit, Stands by First Amendment Right to Open Meetings With Prayer

The Indian River School Board has rejected a proposal to settle a lawsuit over school-sponsored prayer that was filed by the ACLU against individual members of the Indian River School District Board of Education. In rejecting the proposed settlement, school board members have opted to abide by their current prayer policy, which allows for prayer before board meetings....

The Rutherford Institute was approached for help in August 2004, after the Wilmington, Delaware branch of the ACLU demanded that the Indian River School District discontinue offering prayers at graduation ceremonies and school events, as well as at their board meetings. Despite ACLU pressure to cease, board members continued to open their business meetings with a brief prayer. The board also adopted a policy on prayer which states that in order to "bring solemnity to school board proceedings, it is the policy of the board to open its meetings with a prayer, sectarian or non-sectarian, or a moment of silence, all in accord with the freedom of conscience of the individual adult board member." The policy requires that the prayers be voluntary and that no school employee, student in attendance or member of the community in attendance be required to participate in any such prayer or moment of silence ...In August 2005, U.S. District Court Judge Joseph Farnan dismissed the lawsuit against individual members, declaring that opening a session of the legislature or other deliberative public body with a prayer is not a violation of the Establishment Clause and that absolute immunity extends to legislators at all levels of government, including school board members in Delaware....

"This policy is legal and non-discriminatory," said Thomas Neuberger, a Rutherford Institute affiliate attorney. "It recognizes the freedom of speech of all citizen legislators to open their meetings with religious speech in accord with their particular religious tradition and freedom of conscience."

RUTHERFORD INSTITUTE NEWS

Man Set to Be Euthanized Regains Consciousness

A Gulf War veteran who was set to die in an Arizona hospital was found to have regained complete consciousness ...

A decision to pull Jesse Ramirez, 36, from his feeding tubes ...had been reversed after a lawsuit filed by the rest of his family. The move has paid off now that the man is re-

sponding and is set to move to a rehabilitation center

...Ramirez was part of a serious car accident where he suffered multiple injuries and was put into a comatose state. He was placed onto feeding tubes where he received nourishment and water.

Ten days later, the man's wife, Rebecca, 33, asked doctors to pull him from the tubes after they explained that the accident would probably leave the man blind or in vegetative state.

For five days, the hospital withheld sustenance from the injured man, but restored the tubes after the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) – an Arizona-based Christian law firm – filed a lawsuit on behalf of the rest of the Ramirez family. Ramirez has regained many skills now, including hugging and kissing, nodding his head, responding to voice commands, and knowing his and his family's identity.

"The decision to withhold food and water was hasty and wrong under Arizona law," explained Byron Babione, a senior legal counsel for ADF.

According to a report from Rebecca Ramirez, who was also in the Toyota SUV when it crashed, the accident was a result of a heated argument in the car between the husband and wife.

—CHRISTIAN POST

Hindu Offers Prayer In Senate

A Hindu cleric, Rajan Zed, gave the opening prayer at the July 12, 2007 session of the United States Senate. It marked the first time a Hindu was asked to give the opening prayer in the Senate chamber.

Zed, a Hindu chaplain from Reno, Nevada, was invited by Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid. Zed offered the following prayer:

"We meditate on the transcendental glory of the deity supreme, who is inside the "heart of the Earth, inside the life of the sky and inside the soul of heaven. May he stimulate and illuminate our minds..."

Vine and Branches

Woe unto you who call evil good, and good evil...therefore. as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root will be rottenness, and their blossom will ascend like dust; because they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy one of Israel. (Isa. 5:20,24)

What About Israel?

QUESTION: Have you read former President Carter's new book, *Palestine: Peace, Not Apartheid*? Rabbi Marvin Hier of Simon Wiesenthal Center has said that Carter's book is "blatantly one-sided and unbecoming of a former President." I was wondering what your thoughts are.

Response: Yes, I've read that brazenly anti-Israeli book. Israel is blamed for everything, the Arabs are White-washed. Ararat is called "a strong leader ...well-educated ... (who) turned much of his attention to raising funds for the care and support of the refugees and inspiring worldwide contributions to their cause." No mention is made that Arafat and his PLO murdered thousands, or that he siphoned off billions for his Swiss bank accounts, lied continually, and never kept one promise that he made to Israel. Carter writes as an unabashed promoter of PLO and Muslim lies, which he passes off as the informed truth, for example: that Arabs, PLO, or "Palestinians" have never threatened Israel, have always wanted peace and have done all they could to effect it, and that the land of Israel belongs to them as descendants of the original inhabitants—none of this true!

Carter dares to say that the Israeli kibbutz dwellers in 1948, who had few and inferior weapons, were "better armed" than the regular armies of the six Arab nations (600,000 against 60,000) who attacked Israel with tanks and planes, of which Israel had none. He says it was "the continuing state of war between Israel and its neighbors [that] caused many Jews to flee Syria, Iraq, and other Arab countries to Israel." No, it was 1,300 years of perpetual persecution and murder of thousands that caused Jews to flee to Israel when it became a nation and offered the first refuge they'd ever had.

Carter's claim that in 1993 Arafat and his PLO "recognized the right of Israel to exist in peace and security...renounced the use of terrorism [and] those articles of the PLO covenant that deny Israel's right to exist" is not true. He blames "Israeli repression" of Palestinian rights for the terrorist attacks against Israel, exonerating the Arabs. He accuses Israel of imposing "apartheid" upon the "Palestinians" and says, "Peace will come...when the Israeli government is willing to comply with international law... by accepting its legal borders."

Carter is scandalously dishonest. In fact, Israel *accepted* the borders set by the UN in 1948. "Palestinians" could have been living in peace for the last 60 years, had they done likewise. Instead, the Arabs refused to accept the existence of an Israel of *any* size, attacked to annihilate her, and have sought to destroy her ever since. Any land Israel ever took was in self-defense against an enemy that will not recognize

her existence (no Arab map in the world shows Israel). Why should Israel retreat to the indefensible borders dictated by the UN in 1948 (as Carter advocates), which the Arabs refused to accept?

Never in history has an attack upon any country *other than Israel* been for the purpose of annihilation, which has been sworn repeatedly by the Arab world. Muslims must destroy Israel—or renounce their religion, Allah, Muhammad, and the Qur'an. Never was any nation *except Israel* blamed for failing to make peace with an enemy whose openly stated and irreversible goal was its total destruction. Never was a nation so pressured by the world to surrender territory taken in self-defense as has been Israel. Carter's book justifies the Muslim desire to destroy Israel in order to make "peace."

QUESTION: John Hagee says we should not witness to the Jewish people; God will take care of them. Is this biblical?

Response: Speaking at the last Pre-trib Seminar in Dallas, Hagee said he had never taught this. In fact, he has taught it a number of times. The *Houston Chronicle* (4/30/88, sec. 6, p. 1) quoted Hagee, "I'm not trying to convert the Jewish people to the Christian faith...trying to convert Jews is a waste of time." It only takes a few Bible verses to expose this serious heresy condemned by Paul in Galatians 1. The first Christians were all Jews. Peter preached the gospel on the day of Pentecost to Jews. The early Christians and apostles thought the gospel was *only for Jews* and preached "the word...unto the Jews only" (Acts 11:19). God had to give Peter a vision to get him to preach to Gentiles (Acts 10:9-16). In every town Paul entered, he first went into the synagogue, where he preached to the Jews, and only when they rejected the gospel did he turn to the Gentiles (Acts 9:20; , 13:5, 14-46; 14:1; 17:2, etc.). Why did he always offer salvation to the Jews first? Because, as we are clearly told, "the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation...to the Jew first..." (Rom 1:16).

QUESTION: Why should Christians care about the Middle East in general, and specifically about Israel?

Response: As stated ...this is the key issue upon which the future of earth and heaven — indeed, the entire universe — depends. God has tied His name and integrity to Israel. He is called the God of Israel 203 times and the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob 12 times. Depending upon what happens in the Middle East, God will either be vindicated or discredited. His name and integrity will either be upheld in perfect purity and power, or He will be disgraced as a liar who cannot make good upon His promises to His people Israel. That's how important the regathering and ultimate blessing of Israel is!

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Making no Apologies for the old time Christianity!

If the Muslims, UN, EU, et al., succeed in destroying Israel, the integrity of everything God has said throughout His Word would be placed in question. If “forever” and “everlasting” don’t really mean forever in relation to Israel (“all the land ...to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever” –Gen. 13:15; “I will give unto thee and to thy seed after thee ...All the land of Canaan (not ‘Palestine’ - there was no such place) for an everlasting possession” 17:8; “the covenant which he made with Abraham ...Isaac. ...Jacob ...Israel for an everlasting covenant, saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan” 1 Chr. 16:16-18, etc.), then how can we be sure that the promise of “everlasting life” (John 3:16, etc) means forever?

If Satan were stronger than God and able to make God a liar by preventing His promises to Israel from being fulfilled, then how could we ever be secure, even in heaven itself, from Satan’s schemes and power?

Such is the importance of Israel and what happens in the Middle East. There is a real battle going on between God and Satan for the eternal destiny of planet Earth and of all mankind. Wake up, pray for God to tear down the Islamic curtain (more vicious and impenetrable than the Iron Curtain ever was) so that Muslims can hear and receive the gospel without fear of being killed for their faith. Firmly oppose Islam and replacement theology, pray for the salvation of Jews and Muslims alike, and do all you can to bring the gospel to them and to the whole world.

Taken from *The Berean Call*

“I Know...”

“I Know Your ...Tribulation, And Poverty”

REVELATION 2:9

SEVEN TIMES IN HIS LETTERS to the churches of Asia, the Lord Jesus says, “I know” and usually those words are used in a favorable sense. “I know your works ...your labor ...your patience ...your tribulation ...your poverty ...and charity ...and faith.” In those words “I know” there is tremendous comfort and sympathy and encouragement for God’s people.

Lehman Strauss points out that when Jesus said “I

know,” He did not use the word *ginoske*, which frequently means to know in the sense of realizing through progress in knowledge. He used the word *oida*, which suggests fullness of knowledge” to know perfectly; not merely from observation, but from experience.

Though suffering saints are unknown and hated by the world” they are known to the Lord and loved by Him. Christ knows the persecution and poverty of His own; He knows how the world looks upon them. Many a tired, tried and troubled saint has been strengthened and encouraged by those two monosyllables, “I know.” Those two words uttered by our Savior touch our troubles with the smile of God, and make this world’s suffering “not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (Romans 8:18).

They are words of sympathy. Our Great High Priest knows what we are going through because He has been through it Himself. He is the Man of Sorrows and is acquainted with grief. He has suffered being tempted.

They are words of sharing. As the Head of the body, He shares the trials and persecutions of the members. “In every pang that rends the heart, the Man of Sorrows has a part.” He not only knows intellectually what we are going through; He knows it as a matter of present experience. He feels it.

They are words of promised help. As our Paraclete, He comes alongside to bear our burdens and wipe away our falling tears. He is there to bind up our wounds and to drive back our foes.

Finally; they are words of assured rewards. He knows everything we do and suffer because of our identification with Him. He keeps a careful record of every act of love, obedience and patience. One day soon He will richly repay.

If you are passing through a valley of sorrow or suffering just now, hear the Savior saying to you, “I know.” You are not alone. He is with you in the valley; will bring you safely through, and will lead you safely to your destination.

From *One Day at a Time*, by William MacDonald,
Gospel Folio Press, 1998, p. 337

Fortunate!

Maybe ‘fortunate’ is an inadequate word as we are ‘blessed’ in having an individual or individuals who are willing to travel some distance in encouraging YOU in having like a Bible Study in your home! This would be an individual or individuals who truly loves the Lord and secondly would encourage the emphasis and ministry of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation (Morning Glory). AVAILABLE - *now* the challenge is to express the need or desire or both! Let us hear from YOU and let us see IF this can be a **reality** in your midst and **individual life!**

UpDate

WONDERFUL!!

“Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!” “How sweet are Your words to my taste,Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way”
Psalm 34:8, 119:103a & 104.

Invariably sooner or later even the closest of friends will disappoint us; BUT isn't it “interesting” that for anyone who truly knows JESUS as their personal Saviour and are in living fellowship with HIM - they are **never disappointed with Jesus!** What a Friend we have in JESUS as HE is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. SALVATION IS NOT LEARNED, BUT EXPERIENCED! When we are “disappointed,” “we” either are looking within or around; But not unto HIM as the Author, Finisher, Captain of our Salvation.

The word ‘wonderful’ is very special and part of the definition is: Capable of exciting wonder, astonishing; marvelous: excellent, extraordinary and JESUS is exactly that and much more!

Once again Wonderful has been the response for the ingathering for the Lord's Work in and through the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation (Morning Glory) and once AGAIN we thank you for your obedience to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Most certainly the struggle/battle is not over as “we” continue to step out in *faith* to His Word. (Just a reminder we are *now* seeking to have ten issues of the Morning Glory in the year 2008, Lord willing). Increased publication means increased expense; but also increased blessings we trust, by the GRACE of God! Please continue to stand together (shoulder to shoulder) with “us” in **earnest prayer and giving.** Please pray with “us” that ‘precious Souls will genuinely be converted unto Jesus and God's children be nourished and alerted in the FAITH. JESUS is “wonderful!” Have ‘you’ tasted and seen’ that the Lord is good? *“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given, And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful,.....”* Isaiah 9:6.

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Good News!

Lord willing the Winter/Spring Bible Conference of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation (Morning Glory) will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa on April 4-6, 2008.

Please pray for the same, and make plans NOW to attend!!

More details will be forth coming!!!

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