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

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Go out with a Message from God ...

By Pastor C. J. Olberg

I came to South Dakota in 1896. I had a call to be an assistant pastor for B. P. Strand. The field of labor was large and scattered. After Strand had to quit I was alone, but I had blessed help in some very fine and gifted laymen, ... were some of the brethren who enjoyed to serve God. Often it happened that they went out in God's name – 5-6 together with a message from God to the people, that they might be saved and be happy in the Lord. A number of those that were saved were added to the congregations. Glory be to God!

“For my own part it was very uplifting to work together with these lay-witnesses. We rejoiced together in God's work for many years. Since I myself was converted to God through T. Rettdahl in Norway at the age of 17, I have loved lay-activity. In South Dakota I found many of them who were my real friends in the Lord. God be praised.

“As I for a long time had 7 congregations and could not come around to them all so often, it was fine that I had these laymen to fall back on. The people of the congregations were also happy to come together with these lay-preachers, be edified and praise God.

“The brethren who went out with the message from God returned renewed and rejoicing. Let us pray God that He send out laborers whether they are ordained or lay-witnesses to work for the salvation of souls.”

“Now I will mention something out of the ordinary. In one of my churches there seemed to be such a desire to play ball, very often on Sunday afternoons. The Christians did not like this. It was decided to give them Saturday afternoon in which to play ball, if they would not do

it on Sunday. That solved the problem both for the old and the young.

“According to my call-letter, I was to have every other service on a week-day in the churches. As I came driving along for a week-day service, what did I see? Everybody was in the harvest-fields. I wondered what I should do. But before I knew it the people stopped working and just about the whole congregation came out and filled the church. After the service they went out to do their work again. ***Do you think they lost anything by it?***

“Those old days were blessed days, when the traveling lay-preachers came around with God's Word. ***“Out, brethren! Out — with God's Word!*** (That's what we of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation and Morning Glory are seeking to do: by God's Grace and obedience to His WORD. Thus we make no apologies for the old-time Christianity and seeking to practice the same! Will you be a team-mate with us?)

“Soon our life's journey is ended. See to it that you get someone along with you on the way to Heaven. I have been along in God's work since I was 17. Now I am 75. My experience is that the personal testimony in private touches the heart the most. Just think, if you should live a long life and not have won a single soul for God!

“Ask God for grace to speak to somebody about his soul. Before you go out, pray to God. Promptings by the Spirit often lead to revivals, when people obey the ‘still small voice.’ How encouraging is it not to hear: ‘It was you whom God used to bring about my conversion.’ God can use us. He often uses the humblest means and the most lowly Christians to do errands for him. To Him be

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all the glory.

“You who read these lines, come and be along and throw out the life-line to perishing souls.”

(And as a ‘watch-man upon the ‘walls’ in nurturing and edifying the Lambs and Sheep and as a ‘Trumpet-bearer’!) **HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE JESUS? FEED!!!**

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Editor's Note: **AMEN** to the above article!

How we want/desire to labor together for the King as His ambassadors in and with truly born-again pastors (clergy) and laymen. Martin Luther speaks of those who have experienced II Corinthians 5:17 and are walking in fellowship with JESUS as “*little-christs*”.

Actually, in the BIBLE you will not find a clear distinction of separation between what we call ordained pastors (clergy) and ‘laymen’. So regardless of what title you might carry, we want to work together as ‘team-mates’ in God’s Kingdom work here on Earth! As a respected difference in formal education, I would like to use the following illustration: There is a difference between a formally polished ‘boat’ and a ‘boat’ in the rough; but if they are ‘both’ seeking to rescue the perishing and care for the dying, as ‘both’ are using the Gospel-net, what really is the difference? Not competi-

tive, but working “together”(like a husband and wife working together, but with separate callings).

WE are not supporting or encouraging the false-ecumenical movement like the WCC or NCC which is setting the ‘stage’ for the Anti-Christ! The ‘false-ecumenical movement misunderstands John 17:21 as JESUS is praying that Christians would live in harmony/united obedience like HE and His FATHER OF LOVE are! That is the same calling/purpose/goal in mind: Obedience to the BIBLE.

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A Wife’s Hatred, A Savior’s Love

“The house you own is not fitting for human beings to reside in.” Those words struck Dheerendra’s heart like daggers laced with venom, especially because they came from the woman he loved, his wife.

The tension between him and his wife, Sadgari, seemed to escalate. Her words hurt – and she knew it. But she couldn’t bear having a husband who was a Christian. How dare he turn his back on the gods they and their forefathers had worshiped. She wouldn’t have it, so Sadgati wanted to make him pay.

Though Dheerendra’s marriage was falling apart, he loved his wife. But he also couldn’t neglect the new love he had found in Jesus. And the closer he drew to Christ, the more trouble he found himself in. There were days when Sadgati would run off to her parents’ home without telling her husband. Whenever Dheerendra would go to his father-in-law’s house to reconcile with her, Sadgati’s parents would beat him. Then one day, she decided to forsake her life with him altogether.

With no other choice, Dheerendra stayed with his mother.

But his troubles only worsened. Three of his cousins, enraged that a family member would choose to worship a different God, decided they would make Dheerendra’s life even more miserable. They’d bring liquor to Dheerendra’s mother when he wasn’t around in an effort to stir up disunity between mother and son.

They threw stones at his house hoping to destroy it. They set fire to the wood Dheerendra brought to repair his house. They’d steal his belongings. They even ruined the vegetable garden Dheerendra had planted to use as food for his family.

It was one thing right after the other, but Dheerendra never once thought about forsaking JESUS. He believed and trusted in his Lord to make a way where there seemed to be no way.

“Whatever may be the situation,” he said, “I will fol-

low my Lord all through my life.”

Dheerendra’s courage and his steadfast faith amazed and perplexed his neighbors and they wondered how he could withstand the cruelty of his family. But Dheerendra found a love worth living and fighting for and he’s willing to stick beside Jesus, knowing He’s with him as he walks through the fire.

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love.” 1 Peter 1:6-8.

Think About It

Deciding to walk with Jesus can be a lonely journey for some people. Friends and family you dearly love may suddenly see you as an enemy and begin treating you as such. Dheerendra has paid a heavy price, but his testimony has the potential to bring others into the love of Christ. Please pray for Dheerendra and those in similar situations, that they will have the strength to endure until the end. Pray they will have joy in having the deep, unmatched love of God though their family rejects them.

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Editor’s Note: Again and again the Bible is very crystal clear that as ‘we’ are enlightened by the Holy Spirit. God hates divorce: proof – **“For the LORD God of Israel says that He hates divorce, for it covers one’s garment with violence. Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously.”** Malachi 2:16.

Personally: I believe IF there was one actual practice to keep a marriage together(one male and one female), I would definitely state practicing FORGIVENESS to one another! By the way, when a divorce takes place, is there ‘forgiveness’ being exercised and especially when the previous ‘spouse’ is still living??? Keep in heart and practice: IF a person does not forgive, God says neither shall they be FORGIVEN!

As someone has said, there is no false advertising in the BIBLE!

Faithful Footsteps

By Frank Wright, PhD.

The Reformation was a call to the Roman Catholic Church to repent of unbiblical practices and to reform itself solely in the light of holy Scripture. That call began far earlier than many realize – more than 100 years before Martin Luther.

One of the central figures in that earlier movement was Jan Hus, a Czech priest, philosopher, and rector at Charles University in Prague. Hus rose in prominence in a time of controversy not unlike our own. 600 years ago Europe was rocked by a great power struggle and schism, with both Gregory XI and Benedict XII claiming the papacy of the Roman Church.

We are witnessing a secular power struggle and political schism in our own day, with radical elements refusing to accept the authority of a newly elected president, and with the news media becoming their tool and fomenting controversy at every point.

In his day, Jan Hus stood tall in the controversy, forthrightly denouncing the moral failings of clergy, bishops and even popes – leading to widespread resentment. Eventually, Hus' popularity in his native Bohemia worked against him, with the pope denouncing him and placing Prague under a papal interdiction.

Hus left Prague to protect the city and issued a remarkable statement – one that rocked the church world. Ignoring the human authority structure of the church, Hus appealed directly to Jesus Christ as the sole authority and head of the church.

While Hus spoke against indulgences and other church abuses, we could argue that this foundational proclamation – Jesus Christ alone is the head and authority over His church – was the first birth pang of the Reformation to come.

Before the Council of Constance, Hus expressed his willingness to recant, but only if his *“errors”* could be demonstrated to him from the Bible. Condemned to burn at the stake he was given one last chance to recant.

Tied to the stake with wood and straw piled around him, Hus declined with these words:

“God is my witness that the things charged against me I never preached. In the same truth of the Gospel which I have written, taught, and preached, drawing upon the sayings and positions of the holy doctors, I am ready to die today.”

And so he did. In July of 1415, Jan Hus succumbed to the flames. A little more than 100 years later Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of All Saints

Church in Wittenberg, and the Reformation began in earnest.

Like Jan Hus, Martin Luther would face his own trial, and when commanded to recant before the Diet of Worms he said:

“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience.” May God help me. Amen.

The Reformation was an outworking of the Spirit of Christ who reminds us that we walk in the footsteps of those who found God faithful – even unto death. The writer of Hebrews reminds us that our calling is the same as theirs:

“Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising its shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.”

And if our blood should be required, we will find Him faithful still.

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MARVELOUS!

MARVELOUS what God can do through one person who has experienced SALVATION of Grace Alone, Word Alone, and Faith Alone: Again referring to Martin Luther who not only led what we call “the Great Reformation”, but translated the Bible into the German language, wrote more than 500 pamphlets to large books, arranged a new order of service, a new system of church government, Catechisms for the common people and introduced singing by the congregation along with writing 125 hymns, YET a very definite persecuted soldier of the Cross. YES, basic only ONE person, but think of what GOD can do in and through the same! *Then think of the many ‘tools’ we have comparable to what he had.*

Editorial

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RIDICULOUS! EVOLUTION?

“Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind ...’”
(Gen. 1:24)

I never ‘*thought*’ I would be writing an ‘*editorial*’ dealing with ‘evolution’ for many folk to be reading and taking to heart; but I definitely have ‘biblical-convictions’ in regards to the same. Actually there are a goodly number of ‘folk’ more intellect than I am but...

Actually I will be using *some* Logic and definitely **Scripture**: even though Martin Luther clearly states that “Human reasoning is the greatest hindrance to a living faith!” So let **Scripture and the Holy Spirit enlighten ‘us’!** – and when there seems to be a contradiction, let ‘us’ definitely let Scripture be interpreted by Scripture.

Thus we need to take ‘our’ human reasoning in ‘captivity’ to the Eternal Word of God which is forever settled in Heaven.

BY Nature: Scripture even tells ‘us’ that there is One True and Living GOD! Why is it that ‘water’ is heavier’ than ‘earth’? All that need to dwell in ‘water’ can swim; What causes birds to fly South in the colder periods of time and north when the climate gets warmer? It is a God-given instinct! Why do some ‘birds’ fly hundreds of hundreds of miles and form a V and honk? Check it out!

WHY is the planet ‘earth’ round and in outer-space there is NO gravity?

Why do some ‘animals’ hibernate’ in the winter and live off of their excess fat? *By chance?*

How long did it take Camels in the ‘desert’ to develop ‘humps’ to actually carry ‘water’ for their survival?

IF ‘we’ left nature undisturbed, I am of the opinion that each ‘species’ has its’ own Natural Enemy – and ‘nature’ would balance everything out – but we humans pick and choose which species to attack.

It is interesting that a Mountain goat crawls on its’ front feet – and while most animals don’t crawl – those that do use also their hind feet – how did this happen, or was it by chance over many, many, many years? How did they survive in the mean-time of ‘*evolving*’???

By the way, the animals of the Rocky Mountains are diverse; similar to the wilderness itself. My favorite larger bird is a Bald Eagle and it likes to fly among craggy mountain ranges where Big Horn Sheep and Mountain Goats roam, to lowland streams and lakes and where the Beaver works! Personally, we were privileged to live in a somewhat rugged area in Wisconsin and across the valley is a flock of Bald Eagles (seasonally). In other words, it is apparent that animals, birds, etc. have adapted to their own environments in order to survive.

Some species of animals are completely dependent upon another for survival. For example: The Lynx, a predator, cannot survive without a flourishing population of hares (rabbits), who in turn require an abundance of vegetation.

How long did it take before a distinct difference between vegetables and fruit appeared?

It is interesting for ‘us’ human beings that a Spider’s only means of survival is its’ “spider-web” – which ‘web’ is developed by the Spider liquid fluid; which dries when it is exposed to ‘air’ and this is the means of the Spider catching its’ prey/food.

The same is very ‘similar’ with a hen who lays eggs! Actually when the ‘hen’ is ‘laying’ its’ ‘egg’ – the shell is soft as it leaves the ‘hen’ (exodus) and immediately when it meets the ‘air’ it becomes hard. Why not just give ‘credit’ to where ‘credit’ is due and take God at His Word that HE created all Creatures during the SIX-DAYS of CREATION? He did so after its’ **own kind** (species). Did you know that a ‘mule’ will never reproduce after its own kind as a mule is the result of ‘man’s intervention – “cross-breeding” of a horse and a donkey?

A Badger is an admirable ‘digger’ and can dig a hole faster than a farmer with a shovel. Each evening, the Badger digs himself a new place to sleep and does not really hibernate through the winter; but he hunts less through the winter and lives more off of the fat he accumulates during the warmer seasons and likely

from the state of Wisconsin.

A Porcupine has long, sharp, erectile quills interspersed with coarse hair. Contrary to what many believe, Porcupines cannot shoot their quills. The quills – modified hairs with barbed ends – are so loosely attached to the rodent's body that if he suddenly moves they can come loose and stick into a would-be predator's flesh. When a Porcupine is born he is covered with soft hair and limp quills that harden within the first hour of life.

As we learn about the different 'species' it seems to me to be rather 'confusing' that they have such distinct differences that this should evolve for many thousands or millions of years! How did they survive in the meantime? How did they 'decide' what form they wanted to take?

The Porcupine River is a river that is 448 miles long, rising in northwest Yukon Territory, Canada, and flowing north then west to the Yukon River in northeast Alaska. (We live very close the Red River which also flows north and thus we live in an area that can easily be flooded in the Spring).

Fascinating that the *evolutionist* must believe that over many, many, years the earth decided to have 'thunder' loosen the earthly 'soil' and the 'lightning' would add 'nitrogen to the soil; as that is actually scientific true; loosens, adds nitrogen to the soil!

In the 'Beginning' **GOD** – even our 'calendars' our based on the 'dating' found in God's Eternal Word the BIBLE. Look even at the Rotation of our Solar System It persists in orbit: such as the sun, moon, etc.

HUMAN BEINGS were given dominion of the earth. A large Country of which I will not tell by name; tried having the working-class folk work Ten Days in a row – and found out by experience that God's directive of working six days and resting the seventh was actually more productive. You know GOD is always right and HE seeks to look out for *our benefit*.

It is very interesting that mankind is intended to have 'dominion' over the 'earth and it's inhabitants – yet we humans are the most dependent of all animal babies when we come into this 'sinful' world – we humans. When and how did 'women' (females) decide they needed to develop 'breasts' in order to nurture the 'inheritance' (babies)? How many years did it take for them to decide that and how did Infants survive in the *mean-time*?

It is definitely against the will of GOD and thus definitely sin, no question whatsoever that same-sex marriages, homosexuals, lesbians are definitely going against God's plan for humanity. By the way: , how

are same-sex couples going to 'reproduce'?

Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7 – God Created Male and Female Humans for the '*miracle*' of conception – not only for 'humans' to reproduce, but the animal world as well. VERY INTERESTING: *Science can't find any compatibility of the DNA of any animals and human beings*; there is a distinctive difference between animal DNA and human **DNA**!

Our great country – USA – was founded on by faith in God and based on Biblical principles found in the USA Constitution and etched in the USA White House (Capital).

Needful for 'us' to know and practice what is 'right' and 'wrong'; but who decides what is right and wrong' – IF it wasn't for the Eternal Word of GOD which is forever settled in Heaven?

It is noted that Martin Luther said that unless we are willing to deal with SIN, the Bible is a closed Book! I agree!

Note through the BIBLE when GOD (Jesus) 'created' something; HE always makes all things **NEW** – not *aged*; even at the Wedding of Cana – John 2:1-11. (Definitely not fermented (aged) wine as is known today)!

I have been told by a 'special' person in my life that history states there have been 23 great persons named *Jesus*; which one of these, then, performed which miracle? OH, yes, Satan, the 'deceiver' can perform '*miracles*' too as an 'imitator/copier! BUT I know of **ONLY ONE** whose name is **JESUS Christ**, the 'only' begotten Son of the Creator (of GOD) who is my personal Savior! There is something very Precious about that 'name' JESUS! HE shed His very life-**BLOOD** for my sin, died, rose again, is coming again – AND His name is "Jesus" as found in Matthew 1:21, ACTS 4:12.

"Therefore God also has highly exalted him and given Him the name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" Philippians 2:9-11.

Even using straight forward Logic and *human reasoning*: What has a Christian to lose IF he were wrong in the light of Eternity; while how about the un-believer, evolutionist, etc?

There are a great number who believe in '*Evolution/reincarnation*' unless they have to face 'death' squarely – and for many of them it is too late! BUT in their 'wishful-thinking' it is attractive – the belief that after we die we come back to earth *again and again*.

Thus they think they can enjoy life's pleasures indefinitely.

The BIBLE, however, is very clear: Reincarnation/evolution is not true, and the life we are leading now is the only one we will ever live on this earth. Once we die, we go into Eternity – *either* to Heaven or Hell. Hebrews 9:27.

Revelation 22:18-19 tells us not to either add or

subtract from the Scriptures – but how will you answer when it comes to *omission*?

***What a day that shall be when Jesus I shall see,
When I look upon His face, the ONE who saved me
by His GRACE!***

The Founder and Maker and Preserver and Redeemer, – Colossians 1:14-18.

“And Jesus came and touched them and said, ‘Arise and be not afraid.’ And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, save Jesus only.” – Matthew 17:7-8

IT is easy to understand that the disciples were frightened when the waves beat over the boat, and when Jesus was taken in Gethsemane. But that they should be afraid on Mount Tabor, where it was so unspeakably good to be, that sounds unreasonable.

Nevertheless a deep Christian truth is found in all this.

If a Christian is long in the dark and in a hard struggle he becomes afraid. Then he asks himself:

“Can I be a Christian, I who experience so little of victory and joy in God?” But if he becomes happy again, and this happiness lasts a while and seems so great that he thinks that conflict, temptation, and doubt are far away, then also is he afraid?” “Can I be in the right spiritual state now when I have no struggle or temptation? Is it not the people of God that Satan tempts and is it not Satan that a Christian shall fight against?” And so he becomes afraid in the midst of his joy.

How can this be? It is this way, that a Christian cannot have a peace that is whole and full in anything else, save in Jesus only. There is no salvation in either conflict or joy: if we build on anything of that sort, evil will befall us. In wonderful, divine wisdom the Christian life is arranged so that nothing apart from Jesus, no matter how good it is, can make a Christian secure.

It was not only in Gethsemane that the disciples went to sleep; they went to sleep on Tabor, too.

It is ***Jesus, only Jesus, who can save us.*** With Him we are always safe.

***For, I shall see my Jesus,
He is my hope and stay;
The cross that me oppresses
Amen He takes away.***

***Then nothing more shall grieve me,
And no adversity
Shall of my joy bereave me;
Soon I shall Jesus see.***

Abstain from every form of evil. – 1 Thess. 5:22

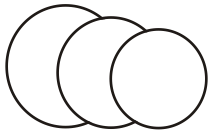
WHEN we have given our life to Christ, we have crossed the boundary into the kingdom where all sin must be our enemy. We must abstain from all that is evil, beginning with the most hidden thought in the heart, and on to the lie that is open to the gaze of all. We have not the right to let sin rule in our single instance. If this truth always stood clearly before us, many things would be different in our daily life.

Another domain where we Christians must be careful is the realm of what we are called “middle things,” or adiaphora, or things indifferent: acts that some people consider sin, and others not. Perhaps you can take part in many of these things without damage to your soul: you do not consider them sinful. But by taking part you may cause some other Christian to fall. Paul was so careful on this point that if he knew that anyone was caused to stumble by his eating meat, then he would eat no flesh “for evermore.” Among us Christians of today there are many who never taste alcohol, not because they themselves are tempted to drunkenness, but because they do not want to cause others to fall. That is a healthy, Christian view. That is obeying the Bible’s Word about being a good example for others.

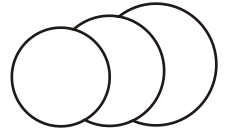
A Christian must also be on his guard lest he be deceived by that which in itself is good. When home, business, money, buildings, and land become dearer than God, then there is grave danger. Surely more people have fallen away from God through love for the world than by a sinful act.

***My soul, be on the guard,
Ten thousand foes arise;
And hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw thee from the skies.***

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From Our Fellowship Circle



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Richfield, MN

May God uplift you, strengthen you, and walk close beside you on this journey.

Thank you for continuing to send us *“The Morning Glory”* with its many good articles. I was especially drawn to “The Awakening of the Conscience.” Upon my Grandmother’s death I was, at age ... given her “God’s Word for Today”; it was through it that God spoke to me and brought me into a saving faith in Him at the age of 18 on June 2nd, spoke of exactly what I was then experiencing. Also “Prayer” by Hallesby is a book that has ministered to me.

God bless you as you continue in His service.

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Round O, SC

May the Lord ever keep you in His tender mercies. I love the magazine and share it. Thank you, Keep up the good work!

C. K.

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Please continue to send the Morning Glory to...a copy as well.

Enclosed is a check to help you keep up the Good Work of providing us with articles related to God’s Word.

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Chaska, MN

Your magazine is so right on!

Thanks for the wonderful articles and speaking the TRUTH.

M. J.

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Thanks so much for your excellent magazine and for your courage to speak the truth. May our Lord continue to bless you all till your cup overflows.

J. C. V.

Billings, MT

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The “Wails of the Damned” article was an “eye” opener. ...

Thank you for printing this type of article. People need to know the reality of Hell.

The Lord bless!

GOD’S MORAL STANDARDS

Even though professing Christians, at times, change their ‘convictions’; GOD’S Moral Standards do not change; because He doesn’t change and therefore His Word will never change! What He decreed in the Ten Commandments thousands of years ago is still in force, and will be to the end of time.

GOD has given us these ‘standards’ for ‘our benefit’ because He LOVES ‘us’, and He wants only the best for us!

Just then what happens when an individual or society or church which ignores these basic moral laws? What happens when breaking of these “standards” become common place? The result can be summarized in one word: *chaos* or **Sin**. Thank God that He cares about us so much that He has told us how to live.

A born-again (Believer) is removed from the Condemnation of the **LAW**, but is to be still in compliance to God’s Moral Law/standards: obeying them out of LOVE. That is as long as he/she is walking by faith with JESUS.

WHEN a Believer gets under God’s Law, such a ‘person’ will lose their joy in the LORD on this earthly journey and eventually their Salvation; because no-one can earn their Salvation by seeking to obey the LAW with good-works. AS you know, Salvation is a gift of GRACE, as JESUS paid/fulfilled it **all**, including fulfilling the LAW on our behalf. JESUS did not destroy the Law or bring it to an end. God’s Law is for a Christian who lives of this side of **Calvary**. Even when we break the LAW, in other ‘words’ – SIN– we are still to seek to live in compliance to the LAW.

“For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot of one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”
Matthew 5:18

“He who despises the word will be destroyed, But he who fears the commandant will be rewarded.” Proverbs 13:13

“One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.”
Proverbs 28:9

REVELATION 22:18-20.

Editor

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Remove 'The Star-Spangled Banner' as national anthem, California NAACP urges

The California chapter of the NAACP has called "The Star-Spangled Banner" a "racist" and "anti-black" song, and says it will call on Congress to remove it as the national anthem, The Sacramento Bee reported.

At issue is a portion of the third verse of "The Star-Spangled Banner" – which is rarely sung beyond its first verse at major sporting events – that reads: "No refuge could save the hireling and slave from the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave."

"It's racist; it doesn't represent our community, it's anti-black," Alice Huffman, the organization's president, told KOVR – TV in Sacramento. "This song is wrong; it shouldn't have been there, we didn't have it 'til 1931, so it won't kill us if it goes away."

When California lawmakers return to the Capitol in January, the state chapter of the NAACP will be seeking their support for a campaign to remove "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the national anthem...

GOPUSA Staff November 9, 2017, (11:55 a.m.)

Methodist, Catholic, Presbyterian, and United Church of Christ Groups Tell Senate to Fund Planned Parenthood

More than a dozen religious groups joined national organizations ...in opposing a U.S. Senate bill to de-fund the Planned Parenthood abortion business...

Lifenews.com

U. S. Doctors Take Official Stance Against Euthanasia

The American College of physicians (ACP) wrote in a position statement published September 19 in the Annals of Internal Medicine that the organization of 152,000 medical professionals stand against the legalization of physician-assisted suicide, "the practice of which raises ethical, clinical and other concerns"

"Control over the manner and timing of a person's death has not been and should not be a goal of medicine," the group concluded. "However, through high-quality care, effective communication, compassionate support, and the right resources, physicians can help patients control many aspects of how they live out life's last chapter."...

Samantha Gobba, BAPTIST PRESS

Tax Money Funding Terrorism!

While the Palestinian Authority teaches extreme hatred toward the Jews and incites acts of terror, the U.S. sends hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars each year in "aid" money that is placed in the hands of terrorist and their families. It's time for this flow of immoral "aid" money to stop. It's time for Congress to pass the Taylor Force Act and put an end to the PA's despicable "Pay to Slay" policy...

The Trump administration has announced its "strong support" for the Taylor Force Act, a bill that restricts U.S. economic aid to the West Bank and Gaza until the Palestinian Authority stops paying terrorists who are guilty of violence against Israelis and Americans...

LIBERTY COUNSEL

DEFINITELY NEEDED!

This 'ministry' is definitely in need of specific Prayer Support and Exposure; which ALL of you who know JESUS as your personal Savior can be of a great assistance! As you know, GOD answers prayer of His Children and very often uses the same as 'vehicles/vessels' in answering the same.

At the 'foot' of Calvary the ground is level and ALL can pray! Secondly 'we' NEED exposure and this also each one of you can do, and that help 'us' get exposure in getting the Morning Glory **out** into the hands and hearts of possible future subscribers.

Basically, 'we' all can do that and it will not cost you hardly anything – financially. So why not either ask for sample copies to be prayerfully distributed or send in names and addresses of possible future subscribers and a 'donation' to help cover the expense/cost?

Why not be a volunteer 'team-mate' and help get **God's Message** into needed/hungry hearts and be assured the LORD will bless YOU in doing the same – It **COULD EVEN BE A VALENTINE GIFT!**

"Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" Jude 3.

"Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong" 1 Corinthians 16:13 *and then read on, please!*

Our Greatest Weapon Is to Believe the Impossible

By K. P Yohannan

Thousands of people were pressing against Jesus while He was making His way to Jairus' house to pray for his gravely sick daughter. They all wanted to get a glimpse of the Man who could heal the sick and do wonders. Perhaps they would hear Him say something important or better yet, see Him perform a miracle.

And then, all of a sudden, Jesus raised His voice and asked the multitude, "*Who touched Me?*" (Luke 8:45). His disciples could hardly believe Jesus would ask such a question since everybody was crowding around Him. Yet Jesus said, "*Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me*" (Luke 8:46). Jesus was looking for one individual that touched Him differently than all the others – someone who touched Him with faith.

Finally, a lady came forward trembling and telling her tragic story of how she suffered 12 years from hemorrhage, and no one could help her (Ed. And she had spent all 'livelihood' on physicians). Hearing that Jesus was passing by, she said to herself, "*If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well*" (Matthew 9:21). And when she did, she was instantly healed.

Jesus responded to her: "*Daughter...your faith has made you well, Go in peace*" (Luke 8:48).

The only weapon this dear woman had against her hopeless sickness was her faith that Jesus can do the impossible.

This account from the Gospels teaches us a very important truth about our Heavenly Father: Though we are surrounded by more than **7 billion** people on earth, we are not lost to His attention, He knows us and the needs we have, and He will stop in His tracks to respond when we touch Him in faith.

Faith (Ed. Active, Living Faith) is the one thing God is looking for.

You can read through the entire Bible and search for events in which God acted in human affairs that didn't require faith. You won't find a single case!

In fact, Hebrews 11:6 tells us: "*Without faith it is impossible to please Him.*"

Hebrews 11 was written for our sake so we can learn from people like Noah, Abraham, Moses and a host of others on how to believe God to do the impossible on our behalf.

When God told Noah to build an ark because a flood would come and destroy every living thing on earth, Noah had no other weapon for his survival than his faith. So far, no human being had ever seen a drop of rain falling from the sky, much less a flood. For the next 120

years, while Noah was working on the ark, he must have told himself every day: "God has already figured everything out regarding the flood and my family's survival. I don't need to worry how He is going to pull this off. I believe He can do the impossible."

So often we quit believing that God will intervene in a hopeless situation we face or to fulfill a promise from His Word because we can't figure out how it could be possible.

Abraham too had to use this weapon of faith to receive the promises God made to Him. It started when God asked him to leave his home and all the securities he knew and travel to a land He was going to show him. Abraham's family and friends must have thought he had lost his mind to set out on a long and dangerous journey without knowing the final destination. But he had heard God's voice, and he put his faith in Him to lead him one step at a time.

Abraham's journey of faith continued throughout his life. He had to keep on believing until he was 100 years old to get Isaac, the son God promised him 25 years earlier.

As we read Abraham's story, we find the man was not perfect. He made some stupid detours, lied a few times and had several miserable failures. But through it all, he never quit believing God. And God never walked away from him. He took the detours and failures and turned them into valuable learning experiences that deepened Abraham's understanding of God and his trust in Him.

Finally, we see Abraham as the Father of Faith willing to sacrifice Isaac on Mt. Moriah, able to believe that God will do the impossible and raise his son from the dead.

God wants to tell us through Abraham's story that He does not expect perfection from us; He expects faith that doesn't quit and faith that believes God will do what He promised no matter how many mistakes (and SINS as long as they are repented of and brought under the BLOOD of Jesus Christ), we make on our journey.

My dear friend, our greatest weapon in the face of discouragement, sin, failures, regrets and impossible circumstances is our faith that believes all things **are possible with GOD**.

Whatever steep mountains you are up against in your life, I urge you to come to Jesus and touch Him in faith, and He will do for you what He promised in His Word.

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Editor's Note: This 'article' is both very challenging and convicting for me. BUT keep in mind, it is not talking about a 'dead-faith', but a 'living-faith'.

Embracing the Privilege to Suffer for Christ

By Daniel Punrose

Question: If I'm a Christian and I'm doing my best to follow the Lord, why do I experience difficulties and suffering?

There's a video I watched once that's about growing herbs. It says that if you're going to grow a plant indoors that you occasionally need to brush your hand across the top of the plants as they grow to mimic the wind. Pushing against it in that way strengthens the roots. You see, the wind is always moving stuff around loosening things up, which makes plants dig their roots deeper into the ground for stability.

When I think about our journey with the Lord over the many years and all the things God allows to happen in our lives, it's like He's brushing His hand across the top of us to strengthen our roots, our foundation in Him, our dependence in Him. If God did not allow us to go through certain trials or difficulties or whatever challenges in our lives, we would always remain the same, we would always be at the same level of maturity.

We find in Scripture that the men and women whom we admire a lot – the ones God used to do great and significant things for the Kingdom – were also the ones God allowed to go through challenges so their roots would go down deep. In a sense, He kind of brushed along the top a little bit.

The Lord has allowed us to peek into the hidden lives of these men and women in Scripture – with all their failings and struggles – so they would be an encouragement to us and not examples.

The Christian life is never without its difficulties and sufferings. We very clearly see that throughout Scripture. And as God allows us to go through some challenges in our lives, we have to fully trust Him and believe God's purpose for it is good.

Q. Do you have an example of one of these men or women whom the Lord allowed to go through suffering?

Let's look at Queen Esther. The account of her life is one of my favorites. We see she was put in a tough spot. Her people were in danger of being wiped out by a spiteful man, and her uncle – who had raised her as his own daughter – was encouraging her to risk her life for her people.

Queen Esther was a little afraid. If she went to the king uncalled for, she could die. If she did not, then her people would die – and she along with them. Then her uncle spoke these words to her: *“Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who know*

whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” Esther 4:13-14.

One of the things so powerful about what Mordecai said is this: God is absolutely faithful, and He has put you into that position right now for this purpose. You have been given something very difficult to do. It is not a simple task. If you take it, you have the incredible honor to be used by God to do something unbelievable. If you don't, God will raise up someone else, and you would have missed your chance to be used by God in such a significant way.

You see, Queen Esther lived in the king's palace and enjoyed the privileges of royalty, but she still faced difficulties and suffering that could have ended in her death or the death of an entire nation. She embraced the position and circumstances she was in as God's will – and at the end of that season of uncertainty, she and her people celebrated their freedom.

Like Esther, whenever we live for the Lord, there are great privileges and incredible things we get to see God doing. At the same time, we have the privilege, and I call it a privilege, to be able to enter into the suffering of Christ a little bit.

Q. How can I “enter into” the suffering of Christ?

Sometimes we think Jesus' suffering was only on the Cross, but the true test of suffering for Him was not on the Cross. Christ's entire life was filled with suffering, and it culminated in the Garden of Gethsemane. There in the Garden, He wrestled with the aspect of facing death for the first time, of taking the sin of the world upon Himself. He prayed: ***“O my Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will but as you will”*** Matthew 26:39.

That was not a simple prayer for Jesus. And not only does He pray once. He prays three times the same prayer. This was intense suffering that He experienced. Yet He embraced His suffering *“for the joy that was set before Him”* Hebrews 12:2.

Have you ever struggled with God for something so much that you found yourself praying the same thing over and over again? Jesus did. Serving God is a privilege and a blessing, but the suffering we embrace is also a blessing because there is no other way to be refined into the image of Christ. We cannot become more like Christ through mere intellect, it doesn't work that way. Like Christ, we can embrace the challenges and difficulties, trusting that the Lord's will in it is better than we can imagine – and we become changed by His power, not our own willpower.

If we think about believers around the world who are living in heavily persecuted areas, how do they trust God for their day-to-day lives? How do they trust God for their kids, especially when they are sending them to schools where they are being indoctrinated every single day to a set

of beliefs contrary to their own? How do they trust God for their husbands, not knowing if they are going to see them again because they could be killed? How do they trust God for their own lives as they travel to an underground church meeting, not knowing if they are going to come back or not? Somehow, they have such joy and excitement in being able to embrace a little bit of suffering for the Lord.

The point is: What is the attitude within our hearts as we go through suffering? It's not OK to wallow in our struggles, but is OK to struggle – like Jesus and Esther did.

Our mind-set should be: Yes, Christians go through bad things, really, really bad things, sometimes, but we trust God through it, knowing He is in control.

Q. How can I maintain a proper mindset when going through difficulties and sufferings?

The journey God brings us on makes life exciting. Unfortunately, including myself, it is difficult for us to see it from that point of view.

But we have Scripture that reminds us often of the joys of belonging to Christ and living in His love.

We have one another to offer encouragement in times of suffering and difficulties. We should remember that the sufferings we experience aren't meant to be kept to ourselves. The Lord wants our lives – all of it, not just the "good stuff" – to become examples and encouragements to others.

We have the Holy Spirit working in our lives, consistently pointing our hearts and our minds and everything else towards Christ.

We have the example of Christ Himself who has gone before us! "*Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered*" Hebrews 5:8.

We have so much that God has given to us. We have more than we can ever imagine, and the secret James tells us is to give thanks (see James 1:2). When we don't know what to do, give thanks. That's it. When you don't know what to do, give Him praise, and your heart will automatically be fixed on the Lord.

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION??

The Apostle Paul was under 'arrest' for proclaiming 'boldly' the Law and Gospel of 'our' Living Savior! And the Roman governor Felix had full authority either to release him or keep him in prison. Rather than 'flattering' Governor Felix or try to win his favor, however, Paul instead spoke openly to him about Jesus Christ. Finally Felix had enough – he ordered Paul to leave, promising to

listen to him at a more 'convenient' day.

Probably Governor Felix was hoping for a bribe (which Paul wouldn't give); Felix did at least send for him, as he promised. But two years later Paul was still in jail, and Felix was still an unbeliever.

Don't wait until a more convenient time to admit that in yourself you are 'lost' and need of a Savior (deliverer). YES, there are 'many' in Government leadership who NEED to be 'born-again' in our day; and 'we' are to pray for them also! BUT how about you, personally, do you know JESUS as your Savior today?

YES, the 'father of lies' will whisper to you that you are either good-enough the way you are OR you are so 'bad' that there is no hope for you! You can be sure the devil will make sure it never happens; as long as you listen to him!

"Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, 'Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you'" Acts 24:25.

ALMOST PERSUADED!

Notice!

Basically the 'question' is asked or hidden within a person's heart in these "Perilous Times" in regards not only one of the numerous 'signs' of Noah's Time – lawlessness – but today also "Lawlessness"; especially with *terrorist* crime tragedies taking place, often so unexpected.

NOTICE for example: Nehemiah's time – protection of the family while rebuilding the walls around Jerusalem (self-defense).

Then NOTICE the following: The Second Amendment of the USA Constitution (self-defense)!

NOW most certainly NOTICE the very words of Jesus found in Luke 22:36: "**Then He said to them, 'But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one.'**" (Self-defense).

ALSO: Notice when JESUS and His disciples were in the Garden of Gethsemane, that Peter drew his 'sword' and cut off the 'ear' of a soldier; but Jesus didn't reprimand him for having/carrying a 'sword' but not to use it at this time.

Question: Does this mean here in the USA, that 'security measures' should be put in place for the local congregation's activities: especially for 'worship services'? (Notice: I am asking the '*question*')!

Deception???

“Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” Daniel 12:4b.

“Always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.”

II Timothy 3:7 & 13.

When we can no longer trust one another – we the people of USA and elsewhere begin to lose Freedom as “we the people” in a ‘Republic’! Example: when one person is known to deliberately tell a **lie**; regardless if is a toddler, youth, adult or whoever; a person begins to question the reliability of such a one; unless knowingly this person is sorry and repents of the sin.

A ‘greeting’ – “How are you?” BUT in return really/slightly IF listening at all! YES, a thoughtful greeting; but totally in a way dishonest! (*A little ‘deceit: is that a ‘little-white lie)?*

Some more examples:

A ‘gentleman’ sends an ‘e-mail’ to me (MG/HLIF); basically stating they see we are in a financial crunch; and he is financially fixed and can help us out financially in fair size amounts. So I make contact with this ‘gentleman’ and a good share of the first part of the conversation sounds very encouraging (because actually we are financially hurting), but then comes the punch-line provided that we (MG/HLIF) are told we have to provide X number of volunteer as sales-persons to further their cause!

Another: A ‘clothing-store’ fairly close to where we live: (corporation) IF (the Heading) you purchase such and such of amount of dollars OR this much a bigger amount a greater discount percentage even more... Then when we seek to ‘purchase’ such an item: No the sale does not apply to such an article.

Filling stations in a given larger community: Almost ALL the Gas-stations, the price goes up or down at almost the very same hour; (almost a 100% of the stations) while ‘price-fixing’ is ‘ill-legal’ in USA – *to my limited knowledge*”.

At minimum it causes FRUSTRATION!

IS such on the ‘edge’ of *deception*? *Personally*, I believe it is!

In the rearing of raising the children the LORD entrusted us with; we tried basically to tutor the children IF you LIE and we as Parents find out the truth; the discipline will be more serious than otherwise. (Basically: an EXCUSE is a dressed-up LIE)

Global Warming: How can that be when ice is expanding?

Promises are not made to be broken: God always keeps all of His promises!

Even future events; are as sure as IF they happened yesteryear or today.

Christians are not to LIE to one another: *“Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds”* Colossians 3:9.

Vow/Promise: *“When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure in fools, pay what you have vowed – Better not vow than to vow and not pay. Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands?”* Ecclesiastes 5:4-6.

Much more serious is the DECEPTION that is taking place on the ‘religious’ and Christian front!

For example: Even in much of the ‘religious’ world; many call Alcoholism a ‘sickness’: then why is it necessary to have a ‘license’ to sell this sickness, money to purchase this sickness and IF should be in a bad vehicle accident, and someone is seriously injured or killed; the offender will likely be not only fined; but taken to court and penalized for this sickness?

Even among ‘evangelicals’ we often hear about ‘failures’ or ‘mistakes’; while in a ‘sense’ this is ‘foreign’ to GOD, as HE forgives SINS!

Another misconception is that we are no longer under God’s Law and thus do not have to “Remember the Sabbath/Sunday and keep it holy.” The Third Commandment was in practice long before God gave Moses the Ten Commandments; even God ‘rested’ on the Sabbath. New Testament ‘Sabbath’ was practiced as the first day of the week. How about the rest of the Commandments for example: “Stealing” and “Killing.” Keep in mind that JESUS did not chide/rebuke the Pharisees for keeping them: but SALVATION is not by ‘works’! Isaiah 64:6. Also Jesus tells ‘us’ IF we Love Him, we should keep/obey His commandments!

ALSO it *seems* apparent to me that some *must think* that ‘volume/loudness’ makes up for OR assists the ‘ministering’ of the Holy Spirit (Psalm 89:7, Hebrews 12:28) and where the Scripture speaks of ‘volume/loudness’ they fail to ‘research’ what the ‘setting’ was/is!

Then there is the **preaching/teaching** that you should *somewhat* live ‘close’ to the world to become ‘friends’ before you can ‘witness/testify’ to them: Where in ‘God’s Eternal Word (Bible)’ do they find that?

Please give-me some Bible verses that state that! How and why did the great majority of the Apostles meet ‘their/our’ last enemy – Death? That includes people like the apostle Paul, the Prophet Jeremiah, etc.

Misquoting Scripture and scattering doubt – exam-

ple Satan, Genesis 3:1, Matthew 4:1-11 & on.

Having a 'form' of godliness, but lacking the 'power' thereof – Worship Services where the Holy Spirit is missing or being quenched: Revelation 3:14-22 – Mechanics but No Power! II Timothy 3:5.

Among 'our three fold enemy, Satan is 'source thereof': 1 Thessalonians 5:19.

Seriously, Satan is the 'father of lies'! He is also a 'deceiver' Revelation 12:9.

CONFUSION IS NOT OF GOD

As he (Devil) is *stabbing at FAITH and scattering DOUBT!*

Martin Luther speaks of the fact that unless we are willing to deal with 'sin' the BIBLE IS A CLOSED BOOK to the same.

BEHOLD, BE ON WATCH, Leaven of the 'Pharisees', as SALVATION is not 'learned', but EXPERIENCED!

He/She who does not fear themselves, has the most reason to fear of all!

Take very 'seriously' as you and I are part of the 'whole world'. As 'our' hearts are desperately wicked and deceitful above all things. **Jeremiah 17:9.**

What is your definition of LOVE? "WE" are to tell the 'Truth' in

LOVE/Love/Love!!!

VALENTINES!

A golden opportunity on Valentine's Day to express and put into 'action' your LOVE for those whom you dearly love, starting with your Spouse in thought, word, deed and action: as a matter of fact every day of GRACE the Creator and Giver gives to you! Those you 'dearly love' are 'beloved' – Family, Friends, etc. (By the way what does the word Love mean to you)? Most certainly it definitely means commitment, action, loyalty, etc. – it is not what you get (receive) but can GIVE!

A true 'friend' can know all about you and yet thinks no less of you!

Imagine that you had a wealthy relative or friend, and one day this person's Attorney calls you to tell you that this 'beloved' one died (not passed-away) and left you a million dollars. The Attorney added, was now deposited in a bank in your name, and you could draw on it at any time; plus paid your entire 'debt' that in no way you could be 'debt-free'!

You'd act on it, accepting by faith that what the attorney had told you was absolutely true, and you are

now a millionaire.

IN a far much greater way God offers us a GIFT, a Pearl of Great Prize, the gift of Salvation found only in and through Jesus Christ; as HE has done everything possible in your behalf; except your will; all you must do is admit (repent of your sin) before our Holy God and accept/receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and HE will give you a New Heart – II Corinthians 5:17, all by FAITH which is also a gift from God, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:12 as your SINS have been 'nailed' to the CROSS: through HIS BLOOD Atonement on our behalf!

What a 'valentine' GIFT for this earthly life and for LIFE Eternal in HEAVEN; as long as you walk in fellowship with JESUS each day!

What a Friend we have in JESUS as He will stick closer to you than a brother!

And this is the testimony; that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have (Ed. Eternal) life. These things I have written to you who believe (Ed. trust/abide) in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe I the name of the Son of God." 1 John 5:11 – 13

What a 'valentine' Gift – ASSURANCE!

This is also the prayer, desire for each of you in behalf of the Morning Glory Staff and Hauge Board!

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers"
III John 2.

February is spoken of as "President's Month" - Birthdays!

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith, becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming, in every facet, an American, and nothing but an American... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else, also isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language.... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

Theodore Roosevelt, 1907

Bless the Lord

“He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.”

Psalm 103:10

Just about every Christian has got a favourite Psalm. Someone has likened the Psalms to a range of mountains in the middle of the Bible. Every mountain has some peaks that are higher than the others. So also in the one hundred and fifty psalms there are some that seem to reach higher heights of emotion and praise than others and are therefore more preferred than others.

Undoubtedly among these favourites is Psalm 103, the favourite psalm of D. L. Moody. Psalm 103 has no prayers or petitions, it is full of praise and thanksgiving to God. Based on this psalm, Henry Lyte wrote his great hymn “Praise my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring.” It was also on this psalm that the author based his song: “Count your many blessings, name them one by one...”

Years ago a lady supported our mission by her mission box. She called it her “blessing box.” Whenever she felt blessed she would put a coin into the box. Like all Christians, there were some days when she did not feel blessed. In that vulnerable moment it seemed as if the devil whispered to her, “Where is the Lord now?” When she was tempted to doubt God and His blessings she would rattle the “blessing box” and say, “Listen to that, you old devil. That’s how much God has blessed me.” Of course, the Mission was also glad for those blessings.

That is exactly what the Psalmist does in Psalm 103. He says, *“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.”* He begins to list those blessings and thank God for forgiveness, for healing, for redemption for satisfaction and for renewing our strength. However, he then remembers something that God has not done and for this he is grateful; ***“He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.”***

Grace and mercy – He spared not His Son, but He spared us.

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Israel

Dear Beloved Friend,

I trust you are well, pressing on, and rejoicing in the good hand of our God... But for now, please allow me to get right to the point.

I’d like to share something with you which, I believe, is a very dangerous and insidious movement spreading within some of our Bible-believing churches and within the minds of many Christians today. I’m very concerned as I sense shifting attitudes toward the Jewish people. More and more, I see some Christians drifting toward the idea that the nation of Israel has become irrelevant to their Christian experience – with Israel holding little or no place of importance in their churches and playing no significant role in God’s future plan for planet Earth.

Sadly, there are also a growing number of voices – people who call themselves Christians – who go beyond indifference toward Israel and they cross a line into personal contempt and outright hostility toward the Jewish state. Tragically, many within Christianity are buying into the idea that Israel and the Jewish people have lost their “chosen status” and have been cast aside by God because of their historical unbelief and rejection of Jesus at the Cross. The same groups which espouse this erroneous teaching (known as Replacement Theology or Supersessionism) believe that all of the blessings once promised to Israel have now been re-directed to the Church – thereby replacing Israel with the Church in God’s eternal plan for the ultimate redemption of humanity.

Let me respond to this as forcefully as I can: This teaching is absolutely wrong and nothing could be further from the truth! ...

The truth, which is largely misunderstood, is that God brought Israel into existence, not for Israel alone, but that through her “Seed” the Gentile nations of the world could be delivered from pagan idolatry and the kingdom of Satan.

In the unconditional covenant God made with Abraham, He said to the patriarch: *“In thy seed (Christ, the “Seed” of the woman) Gentiles from every kindred, tongue, and tribe could experience redemption.* To the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus said: *Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews”* John 4:22.

The Old Testament is nothing more and nothing less than the account of Israel travailing to give birth to the Messiah, the “Seed” of the woman, as the surrounding pagan nations under Satan were unwittingly being used to keep that “Seed” from being born. It is precisely for this reason that God said to Abraham: **“those that bless thee, I will bless; and those that curse thee, I will curse.”**

Excerpt from a Letter by the Heart of Marv and David Rosenthal, *Zion’s Hope*

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Multiplied Generosity

(Please read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9)

See that you also excel in this grace of giving v. 7.

Cheryl was in for a surprise as she pulled up to deliver her next pizza. Expecting to arrive at a home, she instead found herself outside a church. Cheryl confusedly carried the pepperoni pizza inside, where she was met by the pastor. "Is it fair to say life hasn't been easy for you?" the pastor asked her. Cheryl agreed it hadn't. With that, he brought out two offering plates that church members had filled with money. The pastor then poured over \$750 into Cheryl's delivery bag as a tip! Unbeknownst to Cheryl, the pastor had asked the pizza shop to send their most financially strapped driver over. Cheryl was stunned. She could now pay some bills.

When the first Christians in Jerusalem faced poverty, it was a church that rushed to their aid. Though in need themselves, the Macedonian Christians gave sacrificially, considering it a privilege to do so (2 Cor. 8:1-4). Paul (Ed. GOD) cited their generosity as an example for the Corinthians, and us, to follow. When we use our plenty to supply another's need, we reflect Jesus, who gave away his riches to meet our own spiritual poverty (v. 9).

Cheryl told all her customers about the church's kindness that day, and, following its example donated the rest of the day's tips to others in need. An act of generosity multiplied. And Christ was glorified.

Lord, You meet our needs in surprising ways sometimes. Use us to do that for others as well.

Our generosity meets needs and glorifies Jesus.

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