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

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God Became Man!

By Dr. Robert G. Lee

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.”

John 1:1-2

Jesus, having glory with God before the world was, loved by the Father before the foundation of the world, was virgin-born.

When Mary, overshadowed by the power of the Highest, went down into the mysterious land of motherhood in Bethlehem's barn, she came back holding in her arms the eternal Son of God!

His every muscle was a pulley divinely swung; His every nerve, divine handwriting; His ever bone, divine sculpture; His every heartbeat, divine pulsation; His every breath, holy whisper! God's thought, God's will, God's purpose, swathed in mortality, was He.

Christ's virgin birth, on which rests the credibility of the Scriptures and the sinlessness of Jesus, is the alpha of our Christian Faith. Accept that, and all else rightly follows.

But reject that – accept the impious conclusions of modern skepticism that Jesus was earth-born, not Heaven-born – then, with this bar sinister stained across His birth hour, Christianity is falsehood, civilization is delusion, all history is a fathomless riddle, the whole story of Jesus is assailable.

Jesus, Son of Man! Jesus, Son of God! And both in one!

As man, He got tired; as God, He said, *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”* (Matthew 11:28).

As man, He got thirsty; as God, He gave living water.

As man, He got hungry; as God, He fed thousands with a lad's lunch.

As man, He was tempted in all points like as we are; as God, He was without sin, baffling His enemies with the question, *“Which of you convinceth me of sin?”* (John 8:46).

As man, He sorrowed over separation from friends; as God, He promised never to leave them comfortless and to come to them.

As man, He was despised of men; as God, *“all let the angels of God worship Him”* (Hebrews 1:6).

As man, He wept at Lazarus' grave; as God, He raised Lazarus from the dead.

And this marvelous Christ, who was *“made of the seed of David according to the flesh”* (Romans 1:3), was *“made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law”* (Galatians 4:4, 5).

He was made under the Law which was made for sinners and not for the righteous. His incarnation brought Him under our condemnation – who had no cause in Him for condemnation.

The cause of condemnation was in us who had sinned and *“come short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23), in us who had *“turned every one to his own way”* (Isaiah 53:6), in us who like sheep had gone astray, in us who preferred darkness to light because our deeds were evil.

So for us who deserved death, Christ was made under the Law and died under the Law; but His death was the *“end of the law for righteousness”* (Romans 10:4). Made under the Law, He bore the penalty of the Law, grievous as

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it was.

It is joy superlative to know that the Lord has fully dealt for us with the Law's claim. Legal satisfaction is forever taken out of our hands by Christ.

Jesus Himself dealt, in the sinner's interest, with the Law, honoring its holy claims to the uttermost under the human conditions which He so freely undertook so that, by faith, the relationship between Jesus and sinners is real, a community of their debt on one side and Christ's merit on the other side!

Selected

Controversy May Be a Duty!

Controversy in a religion (Christianity) is a hateful thing. It is hard enough to fight the devil, the world and the flesh without private differences in our own camp. But there is one thing which is even worse than controversy; and that is false doctrine tolerated, allowed and permitted without protest or molestation.

Away with such trifling. There are times when controversy is not only a duty but a benefit. Give me the mighty thunderstorm rather than the pestilential malaria.

The one walks in darkness and poisons us in silence, and we are never safe. The other frightens and alarms for a little season. But it is soon over, and it clears the air. It is a plain scriptural duty to *“earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints”* (Jude 3) J.C. Ryle

“This Means Prison For You!”

Hans Nielsen Hauge had begun his mission as a witness; he began in his own home. During the summer of 1796 the whole family had turned to God, simply, earnestly. His father, who had always been a serious-minded man, was the first one to understand Hans, and he was more eager than any of the others to support him and encourage him in awakening spiritual life among the bonder or farmers.

When the mother now and then was worried how it was going to turn out when a young and unlearned man was going to preach the Word of God to others, Niels Mikkelsen reminded her that the apostles had been unlearned fishermen, and “a bonde ought to be just as good as a fisherman,” he added with a smile.

“Not to be a fisher of men,” the mother used to answer.

“But to sow God’s seed throughout the land,” injected Hans, who often listened to these discussions concerning his future. When people in the parish and relatives came to Niels Mikkelsen and expressed fear as to what might happen to Hans, he always answered: “Oh, we don’t need to worry about Hans.”

At this time Hans became sorely perplexed concerning predestination. The words, “Many be called, but few chosen,” were written as in letters of fire before his inner eye, day and night. Was it really so that God had beforehand chosen some and rejected others? What good would it then do those who had been rejected to try to turn them from sin? And what good would it do for him to preach the Word of God?

In his great perplexity he turned to this verse in the Bible: “He (God) willeth that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.” This gave him peace again.

Excerpt taken from *Hans Nielsen Hauge: The Thrilling Story of a Great Christian Hero*, by Jacob B. Bull, Translated from the Norwegian by N. N. Ronning.

Editor’s Note: Hans Nielsen Hauge was born in 1771 and he died at the age of 53.

His parents were fairly well-to-do-farmers, also Bible-reading, hymn-singing, and praying folk. Hans was a peculiar boy, given to meditating deeply in the Bible and devotional books and tried to think things through for himself. He attended no school after his confirmation.

At the age of twenty five, Hauge, while plowing his father’s field, had a wonderful spiritual experience of coming to know Jesus as his personal Savior, and he received a divine call (as you and I who know Jesus as our personal Savior) to preach and testify with the Word of

God to both the high and mighty and the meek and lowly.

During the next six years he traveled on foot more than 10,000 miles, visited almost every nook and corner of Norway, preaching from two to four times a day and published 36 books, several of them written by himself. The LOVE of and for JESUS constrained him to press on in obedience to God’s Inspired Book, the BIBLE. He taught people to start mills and factories, and even started a cooperative factory for people who could get no other employment.

A law against ‘lay-preaching’ was in effect and the combined effort of both the State and church to persecute him. He was arrested and placed in prison time and again and his final imprisonment lasted ten years. When finally freed upon having to pay a heavy fine, Hauge was broken in health and his public ministry had almost come to an end.

His adversaries did not succeed in crushing the spiritual movement which Hans Nielsen Hauge was instrumental (as a vessel) in starting. It spread from area to area, as it made for a spiritually, economically and politically new Norway.

Directly or indirectly, this is the source/foundation of the biblically based, pietistic Lutheran Free Movement of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory – God’s leading and directing as we function/operate as a faith ministry!

“Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution” II Timothy 3:12. For *“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”* Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus” Acts 4:12-13. PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM COMES GRACE AND EMPOWERMENT TO CONTINUE ON IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS WORD!

TIME

I have only just a minute, only sixty seconds in it. Forced upon me – can’t refuse it, didn’t seek it, didn’t choose it; but it’s up to me to use it. I must suffer if I lose it, give account if I abuse it. Just a tiny little minute – but eternity is in it!

IN GOD WE TRUST

Eight Reasons State-Sanctioned Atheism Is Out of Step with Our American Traditions

By Jerry Newcombe, D.Min.

No one can deny the rise of the shrill atheistic voices of our time.

But dare I say that the idea of state-sanctioned, and in some cases state-mandated atheism, is absolutely out of step with the traditions of America. Here are eight reasons why:

1. At the time of our founding, 99.8 percent of the population were professing Christians. Ben Franklin, himself a bit of a skeptic, said in 1794, when writing about America, “Atheism is unknown there, infidelity rare and secret, so that persons may live to a great age in that country without having their piety shocked by meeting with either an atheist or an infidel.”

2. The founding fathers (not just the settlers, like the Pilgrims – whom even the ACLU will admit were Christians) hired chaplains to say prayers – virtually always in the name of Jesus – for the military and the legislature. The tradition of prayers at the opening of the legislature goes back as far as 1619 when the Jamestown colony had the first congress of any kind in America.

3. The symbol of America’s founding is the Liberty Bell, and it has a Bible verse on it — **“Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitant thereof”** (Leviticus 25:10).

4. The foundational education for the founders was Christian – even those who later may have lost their faith or some aspects of it. As Dr. Donald S. Lutz, author of The Origins of American Constitutionalism, once told me, they all knew the Bible “down to their fingertips.” For those who are biblically literate, it is easy to see this influence.

5. In addition to the above point, all the colleges in North America were thoroughly Christian.

Those who attended Harvard, for example, learned at an institution with the motto (in Latin) **“Truth for Christ and His Church.”** Only centuries later, did the Harvard trustees sever truth from Christ and His church. Madison learned his wise politics from the then-thoroughly Presbyterian College of New Jersey. We know it today as Princeton.

6. Since 1956, our national motto continues to be **“In God We Trust.”** But sometimes you wouldn’t know that. It was suggested by Francis Scott Key, who wrote our National Anthem. The first verse, beginning with **“Oh say, can you see...”** is well-known. But note what he says in the 4th verse, which I wish we would sing more often:

Blest with vict’ry and peace, may the Heav’n-rescued land

Praise the Pow’r that hath made and preserved us a nation!

*Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto, “In God is our trust!”*

7. Every state constitution mentioned God. Most of them still do. For example, here is the opening to the constitution for my home state: “We, the People of the State of Illinois – grateful to Almighty God for the civil, political, and religious liberty which He has permitted us to enjoy and seeking His blessing upon our endeavors....”

8. The single biggest reason that state-sanctioned atheism is out of keeping with our American tradition come from our national birth. The Declaration of Independence says that our rights come from the Creator. Therefore, these rights are not up for grabs. In contrast, what the state gives, the state can remove.

This is only the tip of the iceberg on the issue. In America, atheists are free to share their unbelief. Great. I just wish they would extend that freedom to the very traditions that extended that freedom to them in the first place – the Judeo-Christian heritage.

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“The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.” Psalm 25:14

*The Lord shall make him know
The secrets of his heart.
The wonders of his covenant show,
And all his love impart.*

“No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

John 15:15

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Editorial

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REFORMATION OR TRANSFORMATION??

“THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH!”

(Habakkuk 2:4 and Romans 1:17)

As you know, at the beginning of a New Year a lot of ‘resolutions’ are made and hardly before the ‘ink’ gets ‘dry’; they are amended or broken!

Just a couple of months ago, we should have paid attention to what is called Martin Luther’s Reformation Day, which is very significant; but what a contrast there is between reformation and transformation! The one is centered around *three persons*: Me, Myself and I, which basically equals PRIDE – it is for my benefit. Transformation is centered IN and through a NEW HEART that JESUS gives you, when you accept Jesus as your personal Savior – a ‘heart transplant’! God gives people a New heart: Jeremiah 24:7, 31:33, II Cor. 5:17. *“Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God”* Ezekiel 11:19-20.

Our old hearts are deceitful, corrupt, depraved and sinful! All the things happening in this sinful world that discourage us and cause despair and discouragement come from the human heart. Our hearts, Jesus says, are a storehouse of evil (Mark 7:21).

Our hearts (the old nature) are far from God (Matthew 15:8). Many people go to church and outwardly live a good life and if anything, reforming to a better life-style; but they are living for themselves basically, instead of for our living God, who gives the gift of life – both physically and spiritually. Regardless if you are saved or lost, every breath and heart-beat you take is given to you because of the graciousness and mercy of GOD; and a fact IF you believe it or not! Thus we need to pray with the Psalmist, “...so teach me to number my days that I may get a heart of wisdom.” Psalm 90:12

For clarification, what is the “heart” we are talking about in this editorial? Clearly, not the physical magnificent pump called the heart! – but a person’s intellect, emotions and will.

Ultimately, the Bible says the devil is the source of all temptation; as he is called “the tempter” in Matthew 4:3.

Thus Satan whispers to the unregenerate soul,

“Wait for a more convenient time,” or either “YOU are good-enough the way you are” or “YOU are too bad of a sinner to get saved.”

For the lost sinner who has been found by the one and only Savior; when Satan comes as a hacker; the one with this New Heart relies on Jesus to give him strength, by the power of the Holy Spirit to resist temptation. And in His encounter with the Deceiver, he uses the truth of God’s Word to counteract Satan’s lies, as it is vital to be under the Blood of Jesus for victory. As mentioned, Satan is a “hacker” as he also quotes Scripture – at least the part to his advantage – and his ‘aids’ will do the same. Naturally they don’t use Scripture to interpret Scripture; but pull out portions of Scripture to allure and deceive.

Also today some of “Christianity” has fallen into the trap of improving your life-style for a better life and God’s GRACE becomes a pillow to sin upon.

For example: Moderate drinking of Alcoholic beverages, gambling, or living in the sin of fornication. **Hebrews 13:1 – 9 & Jeremiah 6:13 – 19.**

Why is it that society speaks of drinking in moderation and yet permits/builds these ‘drinking-holes’ next to highways? By the way, I would rather meet a person smoking in a back alley than a motorist under the influence of alcohol on a highway. Basically, a smoker is only *possibly* harming himself (Oh, I know second-hand smoke is not good). God states abstinence ... to not even look upon it. (See Prov. 22:31) Every alcoholic started with the very first drink. Then those who are living together outside of marriage are often moderately drinking or smoking.

TODAY there are many seeking direction and guidance from many different sources; but fail to check-in to what the Bible says – even professing Christians and Congregations! We wish that were not so, for as we know there is no false advertising in the Bible. *Eternity is too long to be wrong!!!* Let us ask for the Holy Spirit’s enlightenment/understanding/conviction through His Inspired Word, the Bible, for His Word is forever settled in Heaven.

No doubt there are many Christians with whom we would ‘differ’ on *secondary doctrines*: for example –

“eternal security”; but it appears to me some of such believers seem to live upon GRACE as a ‘pillow’ to sin-upon – sort of a semi-worldly life and not what God wants of a biblical, pietistic life-style in word and action!

Until you see yourself spiritually lost, you will never be found either. Luke 15:10 Good works can never forgive or cover SIN! Until you first see yourself LOST there is no hope of reaching Heaven.

Imagine that you had a wealthy relative or friend, and one day this person’s attorney called to tell you that this person had died and left you a million dollars. The money, he added, was now deposited in a bank in your name and you could draw on it at any time.

You’d act on it, accepting by faith that what the attorney had told you was true, and you were now a millionaire.

In a much far greater way God offers us a **Gift** – the gift of salvation (New Heart/Transformation) in Jesus Christ. Christ has done everything possible to provide it for you and all you have to do is admit your spiritually lost condition and receive His Gift of a New Heart. **“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 life.”** 1 John 5:11-12

Then that new transformed life has begun; but needs regular nourishment in order to survive and JESUS and His WORD are that vital source of this nourishment. In order for any life to continue to exist, it must be nourished or else it will die. This is also one of the vital functions of the ministry of the Morning Glory/HLIF – to help nourish YOU! It is not, “If you have never accepted Jesus,” but “What is your relationship with HIM today?” CHRISTIANITY is a present-tense Relationship with our crucified and risen Savior who is coming again! *“Beware, brethren, lest*

there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God, but exhort one another daily...” Hebrews 3:12-13a. (Revelation 3:1-6 & 2:4 & Jeremiah 3:12-15).

What is the opposite of LOVE? It isn’t hate (although it can become that). The exact opposite of Love is selfishness. When a husband and wife are concerned only about their own individual desires, the stage is set for self-centeredness (selfishness). (1 Cor. 13:4-5) True LOVE (Agape) can not idly stand by why souls are perishing – yet Christians are becoming lukewarm while apostasy is taking place. MATTHEW 16:26.

“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers” 3 John verse 2 and then read verses 3-4, please.

“But you are a chosen a generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy, Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul” 1 Peter 2:9-11.

BLESSED ASSURANCE JESUS IS MINE!

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering to ward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” II Peter 3:9.

*“His word of promise is my food,
His Spirit is my guide;
Thus daily is my strength renewed,
And all my wants supplied.”*

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Astrology

One reason Christians shouldn’t practice astrology is, quite simple, because the Bible tells us not to. Astrology and other forms of fortune-telling were very common in the ancient world, but the Bible writers called them **“detestable practices”** (Deuteronomy 18:12).

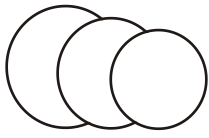
Christians don’t follow astrology because we don’t need to. God has given us everything we need to know about the future in His Word. Of course, the Bible doesn’t tell us what will happen next week or next year; if it did, we would never learn to trust God or seek His

guidance.

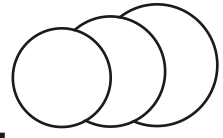
**The heavens declare the glory of God;
The skies proclaim the work of His hands.**

Psalm 19:1

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From Our Fellowship Circle



L & L H. Piedmont, SD

Here is trusting that all is well with you and I am doing pretty good; but notice older age is creeping up on us!

In Jesus, we have a bright future, after this earthly journey is over with all its trials.

God bless this conservative Biblical emphasis that is expressed in the *Morning Glory*.

C. L. Viroqua, WI

I enjoy the *Morning Glory*. I usually read all article and pass it on to others.

Enclosed please find a check for the amount of ... to help with continuing the same, as we need to continue to hear more about JESUS and His saving Grace.

B. H. Milton-Freewater, OR

I enjoy your *Morning Glory* very much, as you tell the Truth and the Truth is that we have a God that forgives, and it is only by His Grace that I have been born-again.

Financially, if you need more money to continue the ministry of the Morning Glory paper, please let me know as I am willing to go without so that you can keep publishing the *The Morning Glory*.

God most certainly answers prayer; not necessarily in our timing, but in His.

A. & J. L. Souris, ND

Thank you for speaking with me on the telephone in regarding our questions on the ... sending Seminary students on to the Missouri Synod Seminary for further education.

I did make a call to the ... Headquarters and they basically said the same as you stated.

(Ed. That's really the most correct way; go directly to the source)! Most certainly this means a lot to us: but this only makes things confusing, when a church body isn't standing for what they once did, as on the Word of God.

Thanks for listening, as I wanted to share our concerns and as we know our Lord grieves over the 'apostasy' that is taking place today.

We can't thank you enough for your faithful service with the *Morning Glory*, that you keep on the Word and feed

and warm souls!

B. N. Bismarck, ND

I appreciate and enjoy the *Morning Glory*.

I am disappointed with my ... Pastor who seldom speaks in regards to current events from the pulpit; your monthly paper does.

I believe children in church benefit to hear from over the pulpit/classes things that confirm subjects they hear and discuss in their school and home.

I would like to share a larger amount by check; however, I will strive in the future to be more faithful in my support...

A. T. Seattle, WA

Surely America is at the 'cross-roads', as I never thought I would see the day; as the devil is working overtime and trying to destroy our Land. Thus we need the *Morning Glory* as there is not much is most other publications. May the Lord continue to bless you and the ministry HE has entrusted to you friends!

J. G. B. Austin, MN

The *Morning Glory* is among the best of all the reading I get.

I wish I could afford to make the enclosed check larger, as I do want to encourage the circulation of the same and I don't want to miss receiving the *Morning Glory*.

Editor's Note: God/Jesus never promised an easy road in being a faithful follower of Him.

This is also true of the ministry of the Morning Glory and Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation.

The spiritual battles are very real and we struggle, especially at times; but we also know and experience that greater is HE who is in you than he that is of this world! God also promises that His Word will never return to Him void and His WORD is forever settled in Heaven!

Our basic Bible verse is found in Jude 3. ***"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"***.

Luther on Works

Luther went nearly to death with his good works to try and earn forgiveness of his sins. He learned of justification by grace through faith apart from good works through study of Romans. Luther then went on to write a lot about justification by Grace Alone, Faith Alone and Scripture Alone. Because of Luther's emphasis, many people who follow his teachings feel that good works are not part of Lutheran theology or of Biblical mandate. This isn't true.

In the introduction of his commentary on the Book of Romans, Luther spoke about the relationship between true faith and good works:

“Faith, however, is a divine work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God (John 1); it kills the old Adam and makes altogether different men, in heart and spirit and mind and powers, and it brings with it the Holy Ghost. Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith; and so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly. It does not ask whether there are good works to do, but before the question rises; it has already done them, and is always at the doing of them. He who does not these works is a faithless man. He gropes and looks about after faith and good works, and knows neither what faith is nor what good works are, though he talks and talks, with many words, about faith and good works.

“Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man would stake his life on it a thousand times. This confidence in God's grace and knowledge of it makes men glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and all His creatures; and this is the work of the Holy Ghost in faith. Hence a man is ready and glad, without compulsion, to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, in love and praise to God, who has shown him this grace; and thus it is impossible to separate works from faith, quite as impossible as to separate heat and light fires. Beware, therefore, of your own false notions and of the idle talkers, who would be wise enough to make decisions about faith and good works, and yet are the greatest fools. Pray God to work faith in you; else you will remain forever without faith, whatever you think or do.” *

It would do each one of us well to examine our life and our faith to see if it is genuine and living, because,

even according to Luther himself, a true, living faith will produce a life of good works – it is impossible not to.

This introduction to Romans was being read when John Wesley felt his heart “strangely warmed” at a meeting on Aldersgate Street, and became one of the greatest evangelists the world has seen.

* Quotation taken from *Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans* by Martin Luther. © 1954 by Zondervan Publishing House, p. xvii.

Coming to the King as a Beggar

A great monarch was accustomed on certain set occasions to entertain all the beggars of the city. Around him were placed his courtiers, all clothed in rich apparel; the beggars sat at the same table in their rages of poverty.

Now it came to pass that on a certain day one of the courtiers had spoiled his silken apparel so that he dared not put it on; and he felt, *I cannot go to the king's feast today for my robe is foul.*

He sat weeping till the thought struck him, *Tomorrow when the king holds his feast some will come as courtiers happily decked in their beautiful array, but others will come and be made quite as welcome who will be dressed in rags.*

“Well, well,” said he, “so long as I may see the king's face and sit at the royal table, I will enter among the beggars.” So, without mourning because he had lost his silken habit, he put on the rags of a beggar and saw the king's face as well as if he had worn the scarlet and fine linen.

My soul has done this full many a time when the evidences of salvation have been dim, and I bid you do the same when you are in like case. If you cannot come to Jesus as a saint, come as a sinner; only do come with simple faith to Him, and you shall receive joy and peace.

Spurgeon

**What if our hands are busy
With other work than His?
What if our feet are walking
Where sin's allurements is?
What if our tongues are speaking
Of things His lips would spurn?
How can we hope to help Him
And hasten His return?**

Annie Johnson Flint

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Winston Churchill's Warning to the Western World About Islam

WND.com (July 18, 2016) reports an article by Bill Federer about Winston Churchill and Islam...

"Churchill...penned a two-volume work, The (Nile) River War, in which he wrote, 'How dreadful are the curses which Mohammedanism lays on its votaries! The fanatical frenzy, which is as dangerous in a man as hydrophobia in a dog ...Insecurity of property exists wherever the followers of the Prophet rule or live ...A degraded sensualism deprives this life of its grace and refinement; the next of its dignity and sanctity.'

"Churchill continued, 'The fact that in Mohammedan law every woman must belong to some man as his absolute property, either as a child, a wife, or a concubine, must delay the final extinction of slavery until the faith of Islam has ceased to be a great power among men. Individual Muslims may show splendid qualities ...but the influence of the religion paralyzes the social development of those who follow it.'

"Churchill concluded, 'No stronger retrograde force exists in the world. Far from being moribund, Mohammedanism is a militant and proselytizing faith. It has already spread throughout Central Africa, raising fearless warriors at every step; and were it not that Christianity is sheltered in the strong arms of science, the science against which it had vainly struggled, the civilization of modern Europe might fall, as fell the civilization of ancient Rome.'"

Churchill understood the threat to Western civilization better than his contemporaries because he had an astounding knowledge of history and the ability to apply that knowledge to the issues of his time...

If Churchill were alive today, there is no doubt that he would be warning Britain and the United States to take drastic measures to curtail this Islamic invasion before it's too late.

RETURN AMERICA FOUNDATION

Belgium's Cathedral of Our Lady Chimes out 'Hatikvah' for Visit by President of Israel

This past June, one of Belgium's largest Roman Catholic churches, the Cathedral of Our Lady, played the Israeli nation anthem on its bells in honor of a visit by Reuven Revlin, the president of Israel. Revlin was

deeply moved by the gesture.

In a speech, Revlin mentioned the terrorist attack in Belgium this past March that killed 32 people. "Today we know that there is a link between anti-Semitism against Jews and jihadi terror that kills innocent people of all religions," Revlin said. "We must not wait for anti-Semitism to become terror; we must fight it from the beginning together."

Revlin added, "Israel is concerned about the activities in Belgium of the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement."

Information from Arutz Sheva, 6/22/16,
The Vine and the Branches

Amazing Terrorist Cell Discovered Near Jerusalem:

After a bomb exploded at an intersection just north of Jerusalem, Israeli authorities discovered that it had been planned and carried out by a terrorist cell in Abu Dis (an East Jerusalem village), by three doctors and a male nurse. They also found 65 pipe bombs hidden in a dental office.

Selected

Oil In The Dead Sea:

A drilling license for a 36-square mile area of the Dead Sea has been approved by the Israeli government. The tract holds reserves estimated at 7 million barrels of oil worth about \$300 million.

Selected

Bill Nye Calls Ark Encounter "Disturbing" After Visit

Bill Nye, "the Science Guy," reflected on his recent visit to Kentucky's Ark Encounter, the life-sized Noah's ark theme park built by Young Earth Creationist Ken Ham, by calling it "disturbing," arguing that on the Ark's third deck, every single one of the science exhibits is "absolutely wrong."

Nye, who has debated Ham on the topics of evolution and creationism in the past, visited the Ark Encounter on July 8 (2016) and was given a tour of the biblical attraction by the Answers in Genesis and Creation Museum president.

Nye told NBC News in a report....that he was very alarmed by what he saw. He said the Ark Encounter was an “eye-catching attraction” but then described the experience as “much more troubling or disturbing that I thought it would be.”...

Ham also talked about Nye’s visit in a Facebook post and said that it turned into an “almost two-hour debate: as they walked through the three decks of exhibits at the Ark.

“...Bill challenged me about the content of many of our exhibits, and I challenged him about what he claimed and what he believed,” Ham explained.

“It was a clash of world views,” he added, noting that he prayed for Nye at the Ark and that they ended with a “friendly handshake.”

Stoyan Zaimov for ChristianPost.com

Editor’s Comments: No doubt Mr. Nye finds what he saw to be “disturbing.” Anytime an evolutionist is challenged by a well-versed creationist, the evolutionist is going to be “disturbed.”

Sword of the Lord

The Church of England

The Church of England has launched a new congregation, especially for the Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transsexuals (LGBT). The new congregation will meet in St. Mathews, Walsall and be called True North. The Bishop of Wolverhampton stated: “I understand why LGBT Christians feel the need for a place to meet and worship where they can feel secure and supported in their God-given sexual identity. They will be very much part of our Diocese and I will look forward to worshipping with them in due course.”

Selected

Baptismal Remembrance at a funeral in Lutheran Church(s)

The casket is covered with a funeral pall as a symbol of the righteousness of Christ given us in Holy Baptism – (Romans 6:3-5)

The Pastor says: In Holy Baptism [the deceased] was clothed with the robe of Christ’s righteousness that covered all their sin. St. Paul says: “Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?” We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with Him in His death, we will certainly also be

united with Him in His resurrection.

Selected

Editor’s Note: When Scripture is taken out of context and twisted and thus used in false-teaching, we have more than one reason to be alarmed! Satan also uses portions of Scripture and twists it for his benefit (or just short portions of the same)!

How we need to be enlightened by the third Person of the Holy Spirit and then to use Scripture to interpret Scripture!

If Martin Luther were living today, I believe he would have to do what he basically did app. 500 years ago; by the GRACE and Power of God!

To teach and preach that all that is needed for an adult to go to Heaven is BAPTISM is not only contrary to the BIBLE, but also true Lutheran doctrine, and it is absolutely WRONG! AND eternity is too long to be wrong!

Restaurant Owner Defends “Muslims Get Out” Sign Amid Criticism

A Minnesota restaurant owner is responding to backlash against a sign he posted outside his business, Treats Family Restaurant, in Lonsdale, near Northfield, that read, “Muslims Get Out.”

“It’s time that people started standing up, not worrying about PC crowd, and do what is right,” Dan Ruedinger, who owns the restaurant, told WCCO-TV. And I feel what we’re doing is right.

We are not targeting the Muslims in general, just the extremists.”

The sign was put up following the stabbing of (ten) people at a St. Cloud mall..., during which the suspect reportedly made references to Allah and reportedly asked people if they were Muslim. The Islamic State has claimed responsibility for the act. ...

“It’s my right, and I’m going to stand up, and I wish more people would do it,” the Minnesota restaurant owner added.

Residents have since flocked to Ruedinger’s business in support of his stance. (One day) so many people showed up that Ruedinger had to call in three extra employees to help.

Theblaze.com

Editor’s Comments: Some people in the U. S., like Mr. Ruedinger, understand that war has been declared against us. You only need to glance across the big pond to England, Belgium, France, and Germany to see where current policy is headed. A few more years of the open borders and we will be under the tyrannical thumb of Sharia.

Sword of the Lord

The Age of Pietistic Revivals, 1650 – 1750

The great Reformation discovered the *Living Doctrines*; Pietism discovered *the Living Experiences*. The Reformation pointed to the open Bible, saying “**It is Written.**” Pietism pointed to the heart and said: “*What is written I have experienced.*” As the Reformation in the main was a doctrinal movement, so Pietism was a *life movement*. The one cannot get along without the other. Inspired Bible Doctrine and Living Personal Experience must always go hand in hand; otherwise there will be no true advance and no spiritual riches in Christian life. We shall turn in on dangerous side-tracks either to the right or to the left.

We shall briefly consider the spiritual life movement of Pietism, as it sprang up like a fountain of life in the different countries. The term “Pietism,” at first applied in derision to the awakened prayer meeting people of Germany, we use in the best sense of the word, as denoting living and true Christianity. In England the living Christians during this same period were called Puritans, and the movement Puritanism. Pietism and Puritanism were movements of blessed experiences with God, but very thorny experiences when it came to their relations with the organized Church, the Lutheran Church of Germany and Scandinavia, and the Episcopal Church of England and Scotland...

Fathers Of Pietism And the Innermission

Philipp Jakob Spener (1635 – 1705) may be noted for these important things in Church History:

1. Through Spener the Pietistic revival broke out Sunday, July 18, 1669 – after he had preached on the Pharisee and the Publican. We now had a Pentecost Day in the Lutheran Church. Many came asking, “*What shall I do to be saved?*” Spener answered them from the living Word: “*repent ye and get converted, and your sins shall be blotted out and the times of refreshing shall come.*” They did come.

2. Spener started Christian fellowship and prayer meetings for the first time in the Lutheran Church, so God’s people could learn to talk. Before they had been kept silent. Now Spener drew forth the almost forgotten Universal Priesthood Principle as stressed by Luther. Spener connected it with the Waldense Innermission Principles. He launched the Bible-and-Prayer fellowship movement that has been living and active among us unto this day. Soon Bible and prayer fellowship groups sprang up here and there, but the formalistic Lutheran preachers fiercely opposed them.

3. Spener states six soul stirring demands to the Lu-

theran Church and its ministers in his little book, “Pious Wishes,” containing six answers to the question, How shall we revive spiritual life?

First Answer: Revive the Apostolic house meetings around the living Word and prayer. Just Sunday services in church is not enough.... This has always been a strong rock and background for all lay activity and Innermission, but a thorn in the flesh of all unconverted ministers.

Second Answer: The sincere and earnest use of the Spiritual Priesthood. 1 Peter 2:9. Every pastor should encourage the gifts of grace, the Christian testimony and the prayer and fellowship meeting. This was very new in the Lutheran church and caused violent protests.

Third Answer: Admonish the people that doctrine and knowledge alone is not enough. Christianity is an experience through awakening, conversion, a new life of fruit-bearing for God, and separation from the world.

Fourth Answer: Do not fight about doctrines but show brotherly love to Christians of other denominations. Spener wanted the Lutheran Christians to recognize God’s people and even to have fellowship with them as far as might be practical in Christian work.

Fifth Answer: The preaching from the pulpit must be different and in a more straight and simple way, so that it can touch the hearts of the people. On this point God has given the lay people a special gift.

Sixth Answer: There must be a change in the training of ministers. One who has not been born again cannot be a true preacher of the Word. He who seeks to convert others must himself be converted.

The formalistic preachers became raving “mad” about these six helpful propositions to revive spiritual life in the Lutheran Church of Germany. They set a learned university professor to find false teachings in them, and he found 263! But God’s people to this day have tried to follow these helpful measures to revive spiritual life in their midst. They have been found again and again to be life lines toward spiritual revivals, real lines of the Holy Spirit. So they proved to be at the time of Spener so they are still. Neglect them and Innermission and lay activity will die.

Follow them diligently and Innermission will be revived. Help to God’s people and revivals of religion will be the result.

4. Spener’s teachings of the separated life of a Christian who should stay away from all sinful and questionable amusements according to Rom. 12:2, 11 Cor. 6:17, etc., caused a decided stir among many Lutheran preachers who held that card playing, theatre going and even liquor drinking and dancing were innocent pastimes. But Spener drew up a clear line of demarcation between

God's people and the world; that had not been done before in the Lutheran Church.

5. Spener's intense and systematic intercessory prayer life has always been an inspiration to those who want to take time to pray for others. He began praying for his friends and acquaintances by name. Any person Spener knew as a Christian could be sure that he was prayed for He had a season of prayer with people who came afar to see him before they left. He prayed with his household three times a day in connection with Bible reading and hymn singing.

Spener looked forward with joy and praise to his final release which came Feb. 5, 1705. God started through him a spiritual life movement which is still continuing. **Praise be to God.**

INNERMISSION CHURCH HISTORY; by P. Ljostveit, Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation – 1948.

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God's Power in Our Lives

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

Have you ever looked at a challenge and thought you just didn't have the power to overcome it? Do you realize you have incredible power available to you through the Holy Spirit? When Jesus ascended to Heaven, He promised that the Holy Spirit would come upon us, giving us His power (Acts 1:8). (Ed. Provided you are IN Christ)!

Power! In the Greek text it is dunamis from which our word "dynamite" comes. We have that kind of explosive power in God! Consider some of the events in the Old Testament in which men and women overcame kingdoms, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of fire and turned aside the edge of the sword. By God's grace these people grew strong in battle and put to flight their enemies.

The apostle Paul claimed, "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*" (Philippians 4:13 NKJV), and we can make that claim, too. In fact, we need to live by it, for this world desperately needs such men and women of faith to accomplish great feats for God. God calls us to wield spiritual swords for His Kingdom. And He promises to give us the power to accomplish anything He calls us to do. God wants to make the world marvel, to melt frigid indifference and startle people, to make them wide-eyed at what faith can ac-

complish. When the multitudes saw the boldness of Peter and John, they marveled, and many gave their lives to Christ. God wants to accomplish the same through you and me. Claim the Holy Spirit's power in you, and watch what He does through your life!

"The battle is the Lord's! The harvest fields are white..."

Victory is sure. We face a vanquished foe; then Forward with the risen Christ to battle go!"

E. Margaret Clarkson

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Editor's Note: "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

I Corinthians 6:19-20

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Would You Like To Grow Weak Or Sickly?

Of course not! ALL life wants to be strong and healthy! Martin Luther stated that if we got what we deserve, we would be like a blade of grass!

It is not difficult at all, to grow weak or sickly; *just quit eating and exercising!* Hebrews 5:14-16.

WHY, then, do we fail to see the connection between the weakness of our faith and our lack of spiritual food and exercise? Faith doesn't grow automatically; it requires spiritual "food" for its nourishment! It also requires exercise. An example is The Dead Sea – it has a good inlet of fresh water, but lacks an outlet. If we don't feed and exercise our souls, we shouldn't be surprised when our faith grows weaker and weaker. I personally experience a certain degree of loneliness as a pilgrim in this barren land, or as sojourner in a desert land; lacking an Oasis! How we need Christian Fellowship!

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" Romans 10:17.

God's Delay!

WHAT SEEMS to be "God's Delay" isn't God's Denial!

THE CHRISTIAN'S CROSS

Dr. C. J. Sodergren

“Then said Jesus unto His disciples, If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” Matthew 16:24

A Christian has two crosses. The one is the cross on Calvary's hill; the other is his own cross. The former is his salvation; the latter is his sanctification.

But what **is** this cross that we are supposed to bear? Is it all kinds of trouble, disappointment, and sorrow? No, it is only the sufferings and losses that are a **consequence** of the obedience of faith. It is the answer to the prayer, *“Thy will, not mine, be done.”*

When we believe in Jesus and follow Him we travel a different road from those whose real “prayer” is **My** will, **not** Thine, be done.” We clash with the godless world and this means conflict and persecution – and a cross.

Then, too, we have our invisible enemies who tempt us to disobey God, and when we resist them, they oppose and plague us. This also is a cross.

Again, we have an enemy in our own sinful nature which prompts us to rebel against the Spirit of God, and the distress of this experience adds to the weight of the cross.

In other words the cross of the Christian is everything that crosses the will of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and which we could avoid if we denied Christ and yielded to their temptations.

But a Christian chooses voluntarily to remain loyal to his Saviour. He does not have to. He is free to cast the cross aside and travel the broad road that leads to destruction. But he prefers the other road. He elects to stay with his Saviour and join the company of those who are homeward bound.

A dreary journey? Not at all. For every loss there is a tenfold gain, and the loss is only the loss of worthless things, while the gain is the gain of priceless and eternal values. It is the dieting of the sick to gain health. It is the investment of small earnings to secure untold wealth.

The very frame of a cross suggests its meaning; an upright and a transverse beam. The former, we may say, represents the will of **God**, while the latter represents **our will**. When we take up the cross and bear it in the footsteps of Jesus, God's holy and loving will crosses our selfish and sinful will and we are crucified with Christ, not only on His cross by appropriating His atoning death in our stead, but also by making our daily life a Gethsemane prayer in His name. The glorious result is that our old nature is being put to death and our new nature

experiences a resurrection with Christ, to live and reign triumphant with Him.

The beginning is our baptism; the end is to “be like unto Him,” at home with the Lord.

“Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear branded on my body the marks of Jesus.”
Galatians 6:17

“For if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the Spirit ye put to death the deeds of the body, ye shall live.” Romans 8:13

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CLOUDS

“Jehovah went before them in a pillar of cloud, to lead them the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light.” Exodus 13:21

This “cloud” symbolizes the Word of God, applied both to Christ and to His Word. The pillar focalized a local presence of God with the children of Israel. Hence it was a shadow to protect them against the fierce heat of the noontide sun and a light for their path in the darkness of the night. It was the medium of His grace and truth in their midst.

The Lord Jesus Christ is that cloud with us. He is *“God manifest in the flesh,”* both modifying the splendor of the consuming fire of the Godhead and revealing the light of His benign countenance to us.

The same is true of His Word. It protects us from the consuming fire of His holiness and reveals to us the saving love of His presence.

That “cloud” of God's presence overshadowed the disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration, and the pillar of His Word is the medium of His presence in the church. We see the Son of man coming in the “cloud” of His Word, and we **shall** see Him appear *“on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”*

“Behold, He cometh with the clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they that pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn over Him. Even, so, Amen.” Revelation 1:7. — Selected

**A Bible That's Falling Apart Often
Belongs to Someone Who Isn't!**

Advance with the Bible!

By Dr. Samuel Miller

*In Christ there is a life to live,
A life of joy and gladness.
He will His own the power give
To conquer sin and sadness.
Now therefore let this truth be heard:
Advance! Advance with the Bible!*

*There is a foe for us to fight,
Satanic hosts of evil;
We dare not stand in our own might
When we must face the devil.
We wield the Spirit's mighty sword,
Christ gives it to us by His Word.
Advance! Advance with the Bible!*

*There is a world for us to win
Sunk deep in guilt and sorrow.
Christ bore the burden of its sin
To make a glad tomorrow.
Be every soul to action stirred,
That all mankind may hear His Word.
Advance! Advance with the Bible!*

*There is a city, from afar
It beckons to us mortals.
Christ comes, the Right, the Morning Star,
To lead us through its portals.
Thou King of Kings, of Lords the Lord,
Grant us Thy glory by Thy Word.
Advance! Advance with the Bible!*

The Bible Banner, February, 1939

Editor's Note: AMEN! **"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Off-spring of David, the Bright and Morning Star"** Revelation 22:16.

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The Fellowship of the Saints

They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers. Acts 2:42

"It is not good that man should be alone." God knows this; He said it. On Pentecost Sunday two thousand years ago, God created a new kind of fellowship that had never before existed in the world. Scripture calls it Koinonia, the "family of God" or the "forever

family." The family of God includes all those who have invited Christ to make them new creatures and have experienced the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit. Everyone in the family bears the same name, Christian, and has the same Father in heaven. This makes us all brothers and sisters in Christ. What a comforting reality to belong to such a group!

As members of God's family, the Holy Spirit has bonded us together in many ways. Let's think of some. We are equal heirs, and our inheritance is infinite and inexhaustible. We are believers; our hearts and minds share the same spiritual perception of the world. We are disciples; we all sit at the feet of one Master and learn our worldview from Him. We are witnesses; we share the special joy of leading people to Christ. We are soldiers; we share trials and triumphs and strengthen each other in faith. We are also a fellowship of slaves. Have you ever thought of that? During Roman times, a bondslave life and death were in his or her master's hands. Paul delighted to call himself a bondslave of Christ, and we should view ourselves in the same light.

Do you realize how blessed you are to belong to such a wonderful family? Do you want God's family to grow closer, stronger, and more loving? Today ask God to show you how to play your part in the family.

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above." – CHRISTIAN HYMN

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No Purgatory, No Limbo!

Among many unscriptural doctrines invented by Roman Catholic Church leaders is that of purgatory or limbo. Catholics believe that at death the souls of ordinary Christians descend to purgatory. Loved ones of the departed are taught that they should pay the priest to say masses for the dead and pray for the souls in purgatory. Eventually, if enough masses are said and prayer uttered, the soul may pass from purgatory into Heaven.

But that is not taught in the Bible. It is based on a doctrine of salvation by works and by the church instead of redemption by the blood of Christ.

But not one word in the Bible indicates that anybody at death goes to an intermediate state between Heaven and Hell. The terms "purgatory" and "limbo" are not found in the Word of God, nor is any other term of similar meaning.

Dr. John R. Rice

The Counting God

“Doth not he see my ways, and count all my steps?” Job 31:4

God is surely the Great Mathematician. All the intricacies of structure and process of His mighty cosmos are, at least in principle, capable of being described mathematically, and the goal of science is to do just that. This precise intelligibility as its Creator.

God even *“tellecth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names”* (Psalm 147:4). Astronomers estimate that at least 10 trillion stars exist in the heavens, and God has counted and identified each one! And that is not all: *“The very hairs of your head are all numbered,”* Jesus said (Matthew 10:30). From the most massive star to the tiniest hair, God has counted each component of His creation.

Such countings are far beyond human capabilities, for *“the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured”* (Jeremiah 33:22). But God has also created *“an innumerable company of angels”* (Hebrews 12:22) and has promised that the redeemed will include *“a great multitude, which no man could number”* (Revelation 7:9).

No wonder David exclaimed, *“Many, O LORD my God, are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done, and Thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto Thee; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered”* (Psalm 40:5).

Perhaps the most wonderful of all God’s counting activities is that implied in Job’s rhetorical question: *“Doth not he see My ways, and count all My steps?”* If He has numbered the hairs on our heads, we can be certain He numbers our steps along the way and guides them all. *“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD; and He delighteth in his way”* (Psalm 37:23).

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THROUGH THE STORM

By Pastor Jim Mizell

What a wonderful, wonder-working God we have! There is nothing that He cannot do. He has the power to calm every storm that descends upon His children. We read in Psalm 107:27-29, *“They...are at their wit’s end. The cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He bringeth them out of their distresses. He calms the storms.”*

Naturally we seek to avoid the storms of life, but it

seems that they find us or slip up on us. It is for certain that they make us appreciate the times of calm we have in our lives. God knows that these storms are needed, or He would not permit them to overtake us.

One day, a little boat was wallowing helplessly in the raging Sea of Galilee. For *“there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was filling up”* (Mark 4:37). These terrified disciples thought it was the end. *“Master, carest thou not that we perish?”* they cried. (V. 38).

Of course, Jesus cared, but they evidently needed the storm to make them understand and appreciate His care and His power to save. Verse 39 says, *“And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, ‘peace, be still’. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.”*

To say that His disciples were astonished at this would be putting it mildly. *“And they feared exceedingly and said one to another, ‘What manner of Man is this, that even the wind and sea obey Him?’”* (v. 41). I am sure they realized this was Christ, the Son of God, no doubt.

We may have our storms of trouble and be at our wit’s end. Do we “cry unto the Lord in our trouble,” and look to Him for deliverance; or do we look to someone else? Too often we turn to Him only after all human resources are exhausted. We must come to an end of ourselves before we really look to Him for deliverance. If we could only learn to come to Him first and rely on His power.

Has some storm of trouble engulfed your life my friend? Don’t be discouraged. Look to the Lord Jesus for deliverance! There is no storm too great for Him to handle. ***“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble”*** (Psalm 46:1). He can bring us **through** the storm, for *“He maketh the storm calm”* in our lives when He says, *“Peace, be still.”* The verse says, *“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass”* (Psalm 37:5).

Thought: Letting God calm your storms means your sorrow will be turned to joy, and your prayer to praise.

One Hundred and Three Devotions.

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FASHIONS??

With one the latest fashions being the tattooing of the human-body, could this be just a ‘prelude’ to the acceptance of the *“Mark of the Beast?”*

Update

“So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, ...for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done – indeed too much.” Exodus 36:6-7

Some folk complain when pastors bring up the issue of money. Is that true when the editor of the *Morning Glory* does as well? Folks who are receiving the *Morning Glory* and attend Hauge Bible Conferences know that we have needs of money to exist and expand. On the other hand, have you ever heard any pastor say, “Look, folks, we appreciate your generosity, but we already have too much”? This actually ‘happened’ at least one time!

Notice: the Israelites had come ‘together’ to build the first sanctuary for the true and living God. Actually this was a command from the LORD and also implied clearly in other places in the Inspired Word of God. He wanted ALL of the congregation to participate in the offerings for, and the building of the tabernacle, from those of a *willing heart*.

JESUS has provided ALL we need for redemption/salvation by Grace Alone, Word Alone, Faith Alone; all provided by GRACE. As GOD had provided the need(s) of the Israelites, they cheerfully gave their gifts for the building of the same. Keep in mind and heart they were ‘created’ out of the same ‘dust’ that you and I are. They gave gold and silver and brass. These people had no home of their own and no certain future, but they trusted in the Lord, giving willingly and joyfully. In fact, so many came forward with gifts that Moses had to command them to stop!

According to the Word of God, God blesses those who give out of a willing heart, as a person missing that blessing when they withhold/disobey.

Matthew Henry said: “*Most need a good to quicken their charity*, Few need a bridle to check it.”

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Death Ends All

By Dr. Walter I. Wilson

I was talking to an atheist one day, and he said, “I do not believe, Dr. Wilson, what you are preaching.”

I said, “You have told me what you do not believe; perhaps you will tell me what you do believe.”

He replied, “I believe that death ends all.”

“So do I,” I said.

“What? You believe death ends all?”

“I certainly do,” I answered. “Death ends all your chance for doing evil; death ends all your joy; death ends all your projects, all your ambitions, all your friendships; death ends all the Gospel you will ever hear; death ends it all for you, and you go out into the outer darkness.

“As for myself, death ends all my wanderings, all my tears, all my perplexities, all my disappointments, all my aches and pains; death ends it all, and I go to be with my Lord in glory.”

“I never thought of it that way,” he said.

The outcome was that I led that man to Christ just by agreeing with him that “*death ends all*.”