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

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PEACE OF MIND

Your mind is like the entrance of a home. Through the door of your mind come thoughts of every kind. Some thoughts bring peace and contentment; others bring unhappiness and sorrow (and the temptation that leads to sin).

Too often fears and worries force themselves into the mind. When we allow them to linger, they enter our spirit and soon possess our very being.

These thoughts can be so strong and persistent that they claim our whole attention. They come in a thousand different ways. Some wait at the door of the mind and push and crowd to get in. Others slip in when we least expect them. But when we permit them to remain, they can fill our lives with sorrow.

A thought knocks at the door of your mind. What will you do? If it is admitted and entertained it will soon take control and lead to sin and shame.

Anxiety and worry appear and keep one sleepless for nothing.

Doubt enters and fills the house with darkness.

Trouble of every kind will fill the mind and stay all day and return in the morning by the time we open our eyes.

Anxieties weighing a thousand pounds each come and leave their burden.

The old nature, refusing to submit to God, demands the best chair in the house even though it is the most un-wholesome visitor.

Worries and friends and families, our home, our work, our enemies, fear about what was, what is and what is to be, all these things will harass and occupy our mind – if we let them.

Today thousands are living in fear and depression because they allowed tormenting thoughts to rule their minds.

But there is hope. God has a way of deliverance from these thoughts through His Son Jesus Christ. I discovered God's freedom one morning as I lay in bed. I awoke from a troubled night's sleep and the thoughts of the past, present and future were there to torment me. They had made an early start. They would soon come trooping in. I felt helpless. What could I do?

Then the LORD showed me from His Word how He had delivered His people Israel from their captivity in Egypt. On that awesome night of judgment upon the Egyptians God commanded each Jewish family to sacrifice a lamb and place its blood over and around the door of the home. By performing that sacrifice, the family was protected. (Exodus 12:21-24).

How are you and I protected? *The **blood of Jesus Christ**, shed for our sins is our safety.* The Lord showed me that in my helplessness I was to commit my mind unto Him and to believe that He would protect me just as He protected the children of Israel.

This was a new thought to me. When tormenting thoughts overwhelm me now I say, “Jesus Christ is my Savior. His blood is over the door.” And, miraculously, as I trusted God's power to turn back those thoughts, I found peace. Again and again the thoughts would come, but I simply pointed to the blood of Christ over the door of my mind.

The Spotless Lamb of God has shed His precious blood to cleanse and free you not only from sin and sickness, but from the torment and distractions of the mind.

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Through faith in Christ you too can have peace of mind.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your heart and minds through Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:6-7.

Good News Publishers,
taken from *Hope For Your Heart*

Editor’s Note: “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.” II Corinthians 10:4-5.

Notable and Quotable

The best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it or to spend time denouncing it, but to lay a straight stick alongside it – D. L. Moody.

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; it is also what it takes, *on occasion*, to sit down and listen.

You cannot repent of your own sin too soon as an unsaved person, or as a believer, because you know not how soon it may be too late.

Selected.

BUT GOD

By Vance Havner

“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us” Ephesians 2:4.

There was a day when the earth was without form and void; BUT GOD said, *“Let there be light: and there was light”* Genesis 1:3. There was a day when God saw that *“the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually”* (6:5); **but God** chose Noah and gave the race a new start.

There was a day when again men forgot God and walked by sight, **but God** called Abraham to set out *“not knowing whither he went”* Hebrews 11:8, looking *“for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God”* (vs. 10).

There was a day when the chosen people languished under Egyptian bondage, **but God** called Moses to endure *“as seeing Him who is invisible”* (vs. 27). There was a day when the backsliding people hung their harps on willows in foreign exile, **but God** raised up Ezekiel and Daniel.

There was a day when it seemed that Heaven had ceased speaking to earth, but God returned on the banks of Jordan to thunder through the voice of John the Baptist.

And then there was the day of all days when man wallowed in sin without a Saviour, groped in darkness without light, struggled in bondage without redemption; **but God** sent for His Son to live and die and live again, the Just for the unjust, the Sinless for sinners, God for man!

Since that glad day, no matter how low the clouds have hung, no matter how dark the night nor dreary the age just when everything has seemed hopeless, history has always turned a corner with those blessed words, **“But God.”**

There never has been an age so hopeless but that just when it looked as though the Devil had the last word and Hell had turned the tables on Heaven. The historian has always been able to turn a new page and write at the top, **“But God.”**

And although we live in the midst of world apostasy, the world’s Saturday night will turn into God’s good morning, for in that blackest hour just before daylight everything may seem to be lost; but God is coming in the Person of His Son to receive from the world His own.

Sword of the Lord.

WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET

By (Pastor) James (Jim) Mizell

A nervous bride asked her pastor for help in dealing with anxiety about the wedding service. She was really

nervous. The pastor seeking to help, gave a sure-fire formula. “As you come through the door, keep your eyes down,” he advised her. “Don’t look around at the people. Keep your gaze fixed upon the aisle down which you will walk. When you are about half-way down the aisle, raise your eyes just a bit until you can see the altar and keep your gaze fixed there until you are nearly to the front, and then lift your gaze until you see your beloved.”

The day of the wedding came. The church was full. The wedding march began. The doors opened and there stood the beautiful young bride looking remarkably composed.

People began to wonder, as she passed them muttering under her breath, “Aisle, Altar, Him, Aisle, Altar, Him.” Many brides get married with the intention of altering him. Unfortunately it rarely works.

But love works! I’m convinced that the issue is never who is in charge, but the basis of the relationship is the issue. People who have an unselfish love for one another can work things out. People who really love each other can make mistakes, ***forgive each other, then go on.***

People who love each other can survive without getting their own way.

A woman was congratulated on her thirtieth wedding anniversary for holding on to the same man for 30 years. “OH” she replied, “he is not the same man he was when I first got hold of him.” We must grow together, work together love one another and communicate with each other.

Remember the auto mechanic on TV who solemnly warns us, “You can pay me now or you can pay me later.” The same goes for marriages. We must work on our marriage now or we will find ourselves paying a tremendous price later.

Self-giving love is the basis for Christian marriage. One only has to read in Ephesians 5:21-23 to see the formula for successful marriage. Husband and wives are to *“be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ”* (v. 21). There is something special about putting you mates needs above you needs.

All we are talking about is two people who love each other and are married to each other developing skills to meet each other’s needs and having their own needs met.

THOUGHT: Continue the little courtesies after marriage that were practiced before marriage.

One Hundred and Three Devotions

*Pray for those who share God’s Message, and
also share our FAITH but not our
FREEDOM!*

The Cost Of Freedom

By D. James Kennedy PH.D.

During his lifetime, Paul Harvey was the world's finest news commentator. He once told a story about a group of scientists who had decided that they were going to teach a chimpanzee how to write. For fourteen years they labored indefatigably to that end. Finally the great day arrived when the chimp seemed to be actually forming letters into words – into an intelligible message. The scientists rushed into the laboratory and watched breathlessly. At last the day had come. The world's most pampered, best cared for, best fed, best housed, best trained chimpanzee in the history of mankind and the whole world, was about to write the first message written by an animal. The excited scientists pressed forward to read the history making sentence. It said, "LET ME OUT OF HERE!"

Well, countless millions of people who have lived in totalitarian cages for human beings in Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union, and off of the various communist countries around the world, including Cuba, our next-door neighbor, have, at great risk to life and limb, said, "Let me out of here!" And many have died in the attempt to gain liberty – freedom. It is something that is easily taken for granted. It is like the air we breathe. It is not until it is gone that we even think about it.

John Adams, our second president, made a declaration to future years and said: "Posterity: You will never know how much it has cost my generation to procure your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it."

What has happened to that burning flame of liberty that so moved the Founders of this country? I am afraid the flame is burning very weakly in America today. Abraham Lincoln said, "Our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation conceived in ...what? ...in **liberty!**" Our Declaration of Independence says that next to life itself, the most important right we have is "liberty." And if you look at the Bible, you will find what many scholars agree to be the major theme of the entire Old and New Testaments. It is "liberty, freedom." Did you ever think about that?

Jesus said: "***Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed***" John 8:36. Jesus was talking about the heart and source of freedom, and also bondage, which is sin. He said that if we commit sin, we are the bond slaves of sin. And so it is that sin inevitably enslaves people. Whether it be alcohol or tobacco, whether it be cocaine or crack, whether it be sex or whatever, sin is always addictive, and it brings people into slavery. And Christ came ultimately to deliver us from the bondage, from the thrall of sin. Shackles are broken at CALVARY. There on the Cross taking our sin and guilt upon Himself,

Christ broke the chains of sin and set the prisoners free.

We are very quickly throwing our religious liberty overboard and you should also remember that when religious liberty goes, other liberties follow. We take religious liberty so much for granted, and yet very few nations in the world really enjoy it. Until the Constitution of the United States was signed, religious liberty had never existed in any nation on earth.

My friends, it begins in the heart when Christ sets us free from sin. Shackles are broken at Calvary and only there, and when that freedom comes, it will give us a great desire for the civil and political liberty freedoms that men need as well. Would that the flame of freedom and liberty, which burned so brightly in the hearts of our Founders, could be fanned into a flame again in America. (This commentary is taken from Dr. Kennedy's sermon, "The Cost of Freedom")

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The Bread of Life

By Herbert Lockyer

"Then said they unto Him, Lord, evermore give us this bread" John 6:34.

This "Bread Chapter" reveals Christ's thanksgiving for bread to eat (6:11, 23) and also His prayer-retreat escape when the throngs would have made Him a King before His time (6:15; Rev. 11:15; 19:23).

What interests us most in the chapter is the prayer, "*Lord, evermore give us this bread*" (vs. 34). As the woman at the well understood the words of Jesus about water in a physical sense (4:15), so here the people thought only of the satisfaction of a physical need. They did not realize that man cannot live by bread alone.

Jesus spoke of the bread of God coming in the same way as the manna fell from Heaven giving life to the Israelites; and the people wanted an unfailing supply of bread. The prior day they ate the bread He blessed; but they were hungry again today and so prayed, "Lord, evermore give us this bread." Jesus went on to describe how He Himself is the Bread giving life, that He is the ONE sustaining the spiritual life in strength and refreshing it in weariness. And as we eat and drink of Him hunger and thirst are removed (6:51-56; Matthew 5:6). Well might we pray, "LORD, GIVE US EVERMORE OF THYSELF."

***Thou bruised and broken Bread,
My lifelong wants supply;
As living souls are fed,
Oh, feed me or I die.***

Editorial

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New Beginnings

“And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.”

(Revelation 21:5)

MANY Folk at this time make what we call “New Year’s Resolutions” and that is exactly their intention and seemingly what they hope to accomplish! They want ‘reformation’ and what very likely is needed is ‘TRANSFORMATION’! That is a ‘new-heart’ and new beginning!

The story is told that out West an old shepherd had a violin, but it was out of tune. He had no way of tuning it, so in desperation he wrote to a radio station and asked them at a certain hour on a certain day to strike the note “A.” The officials of the station decided they would accommodate the old fellow, and on that particular day the true note of “A” was broadcast. His fiddle was thus tuned, and once more his cabin echoed with joyful music.

Realistically, ‘we’ (each human being) are born with ‘our’ backs towards God; actually by nature ‘we’ are in rebellion and dead towards God – Ephesians 2. Thus when we live apart from God, our lives get out of tune and ‘we’ need the Holy Spirit working behind the scene to awaken us, to start with. Then ‘we’ experience God’s Reconciliation with HIM, our lives become in tune with GOD and a joyful song begins – Psalm 40:1-6. What ‘we’ need is not ‘New Year’s Resolutions’ so much, nor intending to live a better life or upon higher-ground; but godly-repentance of our **sin** and **conversion**; which ONLY GOD can provide!

Without the clouds we wouldn’t be shielded from the burning sun. Without the clouds there would be no lavish sunsets, no beneficial rain, and no beautiful landscapes.

The same is true with life’s clouds. When difficult times come, we easily get discouraged; and that’s the ‘deceiver’s best and well-worn tool. But GOD is still behind the ‘clouds’ and without rain there would be no ‘rainbow’! Unconditional love. Whom He loves He also chastens. Psalm 34:15-22- especially v. 19 – ALL, Hebrews 4:15, 12:5-6, Deuteronomy 8:5, Malachi 3:1-3, – for our benefit! Affliction (Father – permitted) tool of ‘affliction’ held by Nail Pierced Hands – for our benefit – Romans 8:28-29.

When David Livingstone returned to his native

Scotland after sixteen difficult years as a missionary and explorer in Africa, his body was emaciated by the ravages of some twenty-seven fevers that had coursed through his veins during the years of his service. His left arm hung useless at his side, the result of his being mangled by a lion. Speaking to the students at Glasgow University, he said, “Shall I tell you what sustained me during the hardship and loneliness of my exile? It was Christ’s promise, ‘Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

May we not be the tree which bears NO fruit but just leaves: II Timothy 2:21, Eph. 2:10.

While the ‘family of God’ remains on Earth in this sinful world, we are a lamp, salt adds flavor and also smarts, light, greater than darkness, to do service for our King.

If we get to see in the gift of life here on Earth in part or whole of this year of 2019, we know what the future holds for a child of God, and ‘our’ time of departure is in the palm of His Hand; for those who continue to walk in harmony with the Father in the ‘light’ of His Eternal Word; the BIBLE.

VERY likely a few or all the ‘Family of God’ will be called HOME (Heaven) some time during this year of 2019; so LORD teach ‘us’ to number ‘our’ days that ‘we’ may get a heart of wisdom!

A prayer-less soul is a Christ-less soul. Prayer is the privilege of those in NEED, the voice of the alive/fighting believer, the breath, the watchword, the comfort, the strength, the honor of a Christian. IF you are a born-again sinner; you will seek the Father’s face and live in the Father’s unconditional LOVE. Pray that this year you may be more zealous and patient; have a closer communion with Jesus. Pray that you will be an example and blessing unto others, and that you may live more to the glory of thy Master.

“So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel on the breastplate of judgment over his heart, when he goes into the holy place, as a memorial before the LORD continually” Exodus 28:29. In the breastplate that the High Priest in Israel wore, there were set twelve precious stones. The names of the twelve

tribes of Israel were engraved on these stones. The High Priest must always wear this breastplate when he appeared before the face of God! What a reminder that 'we' need to uphold one another in prayer as those who are our brothers and sisters IN Christ Jesus (communion of the saints)! You will notice that also in what we call 'Jesus High Priestly Prayer', found in John 17, that we are ONE in Christ Jesus. Of course, 'we' know without a shadow of a doubt that Father/Son/Holy Spirit ALL want souls to be 'saved' by His GRACE! AS God's people in the Old Covenant rest on the heart of the High Priest in these stones, so

the people of GOD of the New Covenant rest in the heart of Jesus Christ and His 'followers'.

Then let 'us' draw near to the Fountain of 'mercy & grace' and 'we' will experience the fulfillment of the promise: ***"They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength"*** each step/day of this NEW YEAR in 'occupying for and with HIM'!

MAY 'our' Living SAVIOR richly bless 'YOU' in order that you may become an even 'richer' blessing unto others in this year of 2019.

Where and When Do You Find Yourself?

By Dr. Shelton Smith

When the three Hebrew children found themselves in the burning, fiery furnace, they didn't bow, they didn't bend; and they didn't burn (Daniel 3:16-18).

When Noah found himself in a world that was totally self-possessed and where "every imagination of (man's) heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5), he didn't cave; he didn't cower; and he didn't choke.

When Elijah found himself out-numbered 850 to one (1 Kings 18:19) by the counterfeit prophets on Jezebel's payroll, he didn't acquiesce to their popularity; he didn't accommodate their pressures; and he didn't appropriate himself to their purposes.

When Moses found himself a pilgrim in a foreign land, he remembered who he was; he refused to be what Egypt expected of him; and he rose to the occasion to do what seemed to be the impossible.

And let's not forget about John the Baptist, James and John, the apostle Paul and others of biblical fame.

They stood! They spoke truth! They stayed in the battle!

Who are we to think that we will get a pass in the twenty-first century?

Who are we to think we should not also be called upon to stand and pay a price?

Who are we to imagine it will be easy for us when so many others have paid so dearly?

Who are we to imagine that it is now morally acceptable to compromise ourselves in order to have success?

Who are we? Well, we are ***"the sons of God"*** (1 John 3:1-2). We are His servants! We are the prophets of God preaching the Gospel and the whole counsel of God in this hour! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!

Sword of the Lord

HAVE YOU EVER?

I Didn't Think So!

Have you ever known a man to lose his job because he drank alcoholic beverages too little(absentee)?

Have you ever known of a doctor who told his patients that their chances would be better if they would start drinking alcoholic beverages?

Have you ever known of an employer who picked men for responsible positions because they drank constantly?

Have you ever heard a wife say, "My husband would be the best husband in the world if he would start drinking"?

What insurance company offers reduced rates to known drinkers?

Did you ever hear of an alcoholic who when he first began drinking said, "Yes, sir an alcoholic – that will happen to me and that's what I want to become"?

Did you ever hear of a coach who encouraged his men to drink before a game?

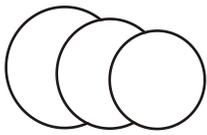
Have you ever heard of children who complained because their daddy or mother never came home drunk?

Did you ever hear of a drunkard who boasted, "I can take a drink or let it alone" who did leave it alone?

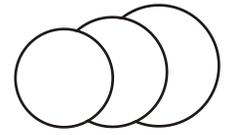
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***Without Thy sunshine and Thy rain
We could not have the golden grain.
Without Thy love we'd not be fed;
We thank Thee, Lord, for our daily bread.***



From Our Fellowship Circle



A & K. T. **Livingston, NJ**
Thank you for the *Morning Glory*. It has blest us for many years! I pray it will be able to go on and keep on blessing us and with many others.

To GOD be the Glory!

G.T. **Morris, IL**
I am sitting here on a beautiful Fall morning: The air is crisp and cool and I am reading my "Morning Glory" thinking how much I ENJOY and LOOK forward to receiving this publication. I have been reading it for at least 30 years. My Mother-in-Law got me reading it. She is now ninety-four plus years ...and looks forward to her copy of the *Morning Glory* coming to her.

I do not want to see this publication end nor does my "Mother-in-law", as there is so much biblical good material in the same.

My conviction is first read from the BIBLE and then read as the second my Morning Glory!

I am enclosing some \$... for future publications, as I pray that this ministry will not end.

May GOD bless the Staff and GOD bless this little white 16-page publication; as it is so rich in God's Word!

Editor's Note: Thank you so much for the words of encouragement, your prayers and financial support. We pray too, that God will continue using and blessing this instrument, as it is HIS MINISTRY! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

C. K. **Roland, IA**
Thanks for the Christian articles in the *Morning Glory!* I look forward to receiving the Morning Glory and I read it from cover to cover each time it comes.

Please continue to keep my sister and me on this mailing list.

Enclosed is a \$... to help with publishing and distribution costs. Thank you sincerely.

A.& J. L. **Souris, SD**
Thank you for all your work for the Lord! As there are not very many who are trying to awaken and stir up professing Christians in our day!

Sad to say, there are many who do not hear the good news about a personal relationship with JESUS and that Jesus could come almost any time to take His 'bride' Home with Him; according to many signs today! May your ar-

ticles continue to inspire and also for us to redeem the time as HIS coming may be very near.

W. B. **Belgrade, MN**
Your 'Ministry' is more important now; more than ever before!

I pray that God will multiply all gifts given with right hearts and prosper the ministry of the *Morning Glory!* God Bless!

B. L. M. **Bismarck, ND**
Morning Glory is very welcomed to my home. I share it with others also!

I thank you for your commitment to select meaningful items and truths to share.

My sister is in agreement with me to please discontinue sending the Morning Glory to her as she does not read it.

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"Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness"

Psalm 65:11

By Charles Spurgeon

God blesses us richly every hour of every day. When we sleep and when we wake, His mercy waits upon us. The sun may leave us a legacy of darkness, but God never ceases to shine upon His children with beams of love.

Like a river, His loving-kindness always flows with a fullness that is as inexhaustible as His own nature. Like the atmosphere which surrounds the earth and supports the life of man, the benevolence of God surrounds all His creatures.

Rivers are swollen at certain seasons by the rain; and the atmosphere itself is sometimes filled with more fresh, bracing or balmy influences than usual. It is the same with the mercy of God. It has its golden hours and its days of overflowing joy when the Lord magnifies His grace before the sons of men.

Let our hearts be warmed and let our spirit remember and meditate upon the goodness of the Lord. Then, let us praise Him with our lips and magnify His name from whose bounty all this goodness flows. Let us glorify God by yielding our gifts to Him.

Believable ...Yet Unbelievable

Social Justice Indoctrination

Radical “social justice” indoctrination is being stealthily enacted in our public schools – and largely unknown to parents...

Millions of students across the country returning to school are being thrust into what is increasingly becoming a blatantly hostile climate that attacks faith and family at their very foundations.

Even English class has been corrupted by a radical anti-faith, same-sex push – and is now being openly called “Queering English”!

The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) promotes not just “English” instruction, but a radical “social justice” and critical theory agenda. NCTE train its teachers to indoctrinate students with radical ideology, under the guise of classroom English assignments and in violation of parental rights...

Many public schools have become breeding grounds for religious intolerance, cells of Leftist indoctrination, cauldrons of ideas and teaching that literally poison the minds of children and young adults, vehicles for transforming young people’s cultural and moral standards, engines designed to turn students away from the ethics being taught in a majority of American homes.

Matthew Staver, founder and chairman LIBERTY COUNSEL

Ohio High School Teacher Suspended Over Morality Test

A teacher was suspended for a bizarre morality test she gave to students in her English language arts class at a Hilliard, Ohio, high school. The online quiz asked students for their opinions on an array of topics, including incest and animal cruelty.

The test was reportedly graded and gave students scores for their “moral foundation” and “political leanings.”

Sarah Gillam, 35, a teacher at Hilliard Bradley High School, was placed on paid (administrative leave) pending the outcome of an internal investigation, according to the Columbus Dispatch.

Teri Webster, theblaze.com

EDITOR’S COMMENTS: The details of this are unfit to print, but it further demonstrates the tragic state into which the government run schools have fallen. Sword of the Lord.

Pastor Replaced by Whom?

Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber (ELCA), who is known for her tattoos and profanity-filled sermons, has stepped down from her pastorate at the House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, CO. The church, which describes itself as a liturgical, Christo-centered, social-justice oriented, queer inclusive, irreverent, ancient-future church, is now pastored by a gay Episcopal man: Rev. Reagan Humber, who is married to a drag queen who goes by the name “Fruit Bomb.” Bolz—Weber indicated she has stepped away from pastoral ministry to attend to her growing popularity and numerous speaking engagements throughout the country...

Source; pulpitandpen.org

**Nearly 9% of TV Characters are Now GAY!
Approx. 4% of the Population!**

\$1.5 Million Settlement for Muslim Workers Fired in Prayer Dispute

A big U.S. meat packer has agreed to pay \$1.5 million to 138 Somali-American Muslim workers who were fired from their jobs at a Colorado plant after they were refused prayer breaks, a federal anti-discrimination agency said...

Cargill meat Solutions, a division of Minnesota-based agribusiness company Cargill Corp., also agreed to train managers and hourly workers in accommodating Muslim employees’ prayer breakers at its Fort Morgan beef processing plant, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission said.

Wichita, Kansas-based Cargill denies wrongdoing but agreed to settle to avoid further litigation, the federal agency said. The dispute dates back to the firings of the workers in late 2016, after management rescinded policies allowing Muslim employees to take short breaks for prayer.

Onenewsnow.com

Editor’s Note: Across the great USA, how many companies and stores permit ‘born-again Christians’ time off, during employment time, to PRAY???

After last November’s free election, a Muslim will be Minnesota’s State Attorney!

Christian Witch? What?

The Rev. Valerie Love, self-described Christian

witch, insists there is nothing wrong with Christians practicing witchcraft. Love, an ordained “minister of spiritual consciousness,” has launched a Covenant of Christian Witches Mystery school in Salem, Massachusetts. The school’s purpose is to “inspire, teach, and support magical beings in owning and embracing magic, practicing magic, and utilizing magic as a path to self-realization.” She also offers many resources on her website, despite biblical warnings against the practice of witchcraft... The Bible has many clear warnings against sorcery. They include Galatians 5:20, which lists the work of the flesh, witchcraft being one of them. Revelation 21:8 says that “those who practice magic arts, will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

christianpost.com

Gathering to Pray for Peace of Jerusalem

Over 1,000 Christians from around the world gathered with Jewish leaders in Jerusalem this October for an annual Day of prayer for Peace of Jerusalem event, sponsored by Eagles’ Wings Ministry. Joined by an estimated 90 million Christians worldwide in more than 170 countries, they seek to follow the biblical injunction in Psalm 122:6 — **“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; may they prosper who love you.”** Rabbi David Nekrutman said it is crucial at this point in time for Jews and Christians to come together. “More than any other time in history, Jews and Christians need to come together.” Keynote speaker Rabbi Mare Schneier emphasized that “it’s a miracle that Jews and Christians can come together... with reconciliation between our two faith communities and I believe that we’re also celebrating that here today.”

Chnnews.com

Israeli stealth Jets Flew Over Iran

A recent Kuwaiti report indicated two Israeli F35 Stealth jets flew undetected over Syria, Lebanon, and Iran on a surveillance mission. The two planes, considered to be among the most advanced in the world, flew at high altitude unnoticed by any radar systems, collecting intelligence regarding Iran’s nuclear project.

ynetnews.com

Players Are Going To Pray Anyway

Pastor Russel Davis prayed with the football team from Dawson County Public School before they played in a recent video that went viral. The Freedom From Religion Foundation filed a complaint with the school, where they said the prayer was a “serious and flagrant violation of the First Amendment.” The administrators complied

and demanded the pastor no longer pray with the players. The high school players decided to pray anyway, on their own, before the game. No one could stop them now.

Christianheadlines.com

Right from Wrong

“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who exchange darkness for light, and light for darkness; who exchange bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” Isaiah 5:20

Many times, we find that our modern society has things exactly backwards. They do what Isaiah decried – they call evil good and they call good evil.

Let me indulge in a bit of sarcasm to illustrate this phenomenon. We have a problem today in sexual matters. The problem is that we have so many of you who are “homophobes.” Ah, that is the Problem. No doubt homophobes have caused the plague of AIDS. Our problem is not perversion. Our problem is not homosexuality. Our problem is you, the homophobes.

“Are you he that troubles Israel?” asked the wicked King Ahab of the righteous Elijah. But Elijah will have none of this, and armed with the power of God, he answered, *“I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father’s house, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord”* (1 Kings 18:18).

We have people who won’t take responsibility for their sins, but, instead, redefine illicit behavior so that they’re no longer sinning. For example, there was a politician who was pulled over for a DUI. He said that it wasn’t his fault: **“I was overserved.”** Despite the attempts of Hollywood or a sinful world to redefine good and evil, **God’s Word stands firm.** As President Lincoln once said when he received a copy of the Bible. **“But for it, we could not know right from wrong.”**

QUESTION TO PONDER: Can you think of an example of someone calling evil good and good evil?

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Editor’s Note: “Because the sentence against all evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil” Ecclesiastes 8:11.

“Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter. So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey” Isaiah 59:14-15; but please read Isaiah 59:9-16.

The Hireling

By Phillip Keller

“But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.” John 10:12-13

OUR LORD USED contrast for dynamic effect. It was one of the secrets of His remarkable, arresting teaching. He used contrast to display in bold, bright strokes the great truths we human beings have such difficulty in comprehending.

He told about the rich man and the poor beggar Lazarus who lay at his doorstep. He recounted the incident of the haughty, proud Pharisee prying while the contrite publican struck his breast begging for mercy. He contrasted the prodigal with His very “proper” elder brother. And now, in this parable, Christ brings before us the behavior of a hireling as it is contrasted with the Good Shepherd in caring for sheep.

Our Lord previously pointed out how the people of God’s pasture could, under His control, enjoy an abundant, rich life with Him.

He made clear how God’s life, poured out in rich measure on my behalf, enables me to enjoy abundant living in every area: physical, mental, moral, emotional, and spiritual. He told how life in Him contributes to a wholesomeness and holiness of unique quality, that it is entirely possible for a man or woman to be so intimately associated with God as to reflect His character to a skeptical society.

Yet, in bold contrast to all of the foregoing, Jesus made it clear that not all sheep were under a good shepherd. Some suffered because of the bad behavior of hireling shepherds.

During the time of our Lord’s sojourn in Palestine, servants were of two sorts. They were either bond or free. They were either slaves owned outright for their master or free people who worked temporarily for meager wages. In fact, because of slavery, the worth and dignity of a human being was much less esteemed than it was in a free society. After all, if people could be bought and sold at random in a slave-market they were really not of much more value than cattle or furniture.

It will be recalled that when Judas bartered with the high priests for the betrayal of his Master, the price of thirty pieces of silver was agreed upon. This was the going price of a slave in the slave market.

If a slave served his owner well and the two became attached to each other, the master often offered to set

him free. The slave could then choose either to go free or become a bond slave or bond servant. Of his own free will he could choose to remain, for the rest of his life, as a servant who, because of his love for the master, choose to remain in his family.

To confirm this the owner would take his slave to the doorpost of his home. Placing the slave’s ear against it, he would pierce the lobe with an awl, pinning it momentarily to this post. This drew blood. This indicated that a bond was sealed for life and that this slave had in fact become a love servant for the remainder of his days. He would never leave that family. He would be over faithful to his owner. He was a part of that household. Their life was his. His life was theirs.

There was none of this devotion about a hireling. A hireling had no permanence. He was a casual laborer who came and went at will in a rather haphazard way. He would be here today and gone tomorrow. He was essentially a transient worker. He took no special interest in his job. As soon as a few shekels jingled in the deep folds of his loin cloth he was gone. He would seldom settle down or take any responsibility seriously. His average wage in Jesus’ day was a penny a day. The less work he could do to earn this the better it suited him. Like a dandelion seed drifting on the wind, he floated about the country looking for the softest spot to land. And if the place did not please him, he would soon take off for another.

Sometimes, but not often, one of these drifters would be employed to tend sheep in the owner’s absence. It was seldom a satisfactory arrangement. For that reason our Lord used the hireling to represent those who were entrusted with the sheep but had no real love or concern for them. The secret to successful livestock husbandry is an essential love for the animals under one’s care. And this the hireling lacked. He had no stake in the flock. They were not his. He could care less what became of them. They were but the means whereby he could make his “fast buck,” and then get out...

God has, all through history, entrusted the care of His sheep to so-called under-shepherds. And not all of them have proven to be as loyal as...

Inevitably in the nature of human affairs there appear those who pretend to be genuine but are not. The ancient prophets of Israel cried out again and again against those who posed as shepherds to God’s people but who instead only plundered them for their own selfish ends.

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Editor's Note: SADLY, and TRAGICALLY, there are also **'many' hirelings in our day!** Under-shepherds (Pastors, Professors, Missionaries, etc.), AND most of all the people are being DECEIVED in the mean-time. They *Think* they are on the way to Heaven and find out when it is too late that they were DECEIVED and their eternal abode is where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth forever and forever!

Included in the same basic concern is that there are those who look at being an "under-shepherd" as the goal of a profession, and besides, they like working among people: so they will decide where they want to 'minister': how big of a congregation, what their salary should be and also at times a 'church' leader decides where they should fill-in! *Also, they will pick/choose what 'hour' they are available; instead of being an 'under-shepherd' whenever there is a real need of comfort or evangelizing!* WHERE does the leading and obeying of the Holy Spirit come in all of this? For example: some are called by GOD to be Pastors, Evangelists, Missionaries, etc. Then, notice for example the leading of the Holy Spirit in Acts 6, or Phillip and the meeting of the Egyptian Eunuch in the wilderness or desert.

OH, how 'our' "hearts" should 'ache', as there are many 'hirelings' who have never even been 'born-again'! In addition, there are also those who 'never' were "called by GOD" to fill such a position as 'Under-shepherds', etc. For Example:

"And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherd: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?'"

Then please read on found in Ezekiel 34:1-6.

NOW please turn to Matthew 9:36: "But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd." Thus the 'ministry' of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory becomes even greater in the challenge, responsibility and privilege (by God's Grace and empowerment) to seek to be a means of being a "Trumpet-bearer" in nurturing and admonishing both the saved and the lost sinners! PLEASE PRAY, Give and Support this 'ministry', as the spiritual battles/struggles are very real. Thank You in advance for what YOU will be doing and may 'our' living Savior richly bless YOU!

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Putting Away Falsehood

"Wherefore, putting away falsehood, speak ye truth each one with his neighbor: for we are members one of another."

Ephesians 4:25.

ONE would think it a matter of course for a Christian to speak the truth, but it is not. A Christian also is tempted to all kinds of sin, and the temptation to tell false-hoods is surely one of those that lurks most around many Christians. If we try to weigh our words on the scales of truth, we will find how easily untruth and falsehood lay hold of us.

But the worst of it is that it seems so difficult for us to see that falsehood is sin. We make promises but do not keep them; we buy on credit but do not pay; we borrow and promise that on a certain date we will repay the loan, but nothing is done. Evangelists permit it to be advertised that they will be the speakers both here and there although they know that they will not be able to come. That is the way things look among us Christians.

After a statement has been reported, it often happens that someone remarks, "Oh, you must not pay any attention to what he or she says, for they are so loose-mouthed." It is surely time that we wake up and see this sin both in ourselves and in others. Not till then can we have any hope of victory.

"Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

*Our evil mind,
To sin inclined,
Is drawn by sin round us;
If wicked thought we mind,
Satan soon hath bound us.*

*One word from hell
Cast its foul spell
On Adam with temptation;
So by one man all men fell
Under condemnation.*

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"With malice toward none with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds..."

Abraham Lincoln

Co-Workers With God

(Continued from the last issue of the Morning Glory)

The practical aspect of this truth is the question of how we may best be co-workers with God.

We know that not all Christians progress equally far in the service of God. Some can, with fewer gifts and less natural talents, accomplish more than others who have greater gifts.

To answer this question satisfactorily I shall have to refer to well-known characters in Scripture, Martha and Mary.

Martha was a faithful servant of Christ; it may appear to us that it was only she who served Him in that home. However, in all her toil and serving she had lost her joy and liberty, and had become a legalistic slave. She is ruffled and dissatisfied in her spirit. As the hostess she turns to her worthy guest with these words; *“Lord, dost thou not care that my sister did leave me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me.”* We can only conclude that hers was not a joyous service.

There is quite another note in the words of Paul, *‘For though I was free from all men, I brought myself under bondage to all, that I might gain the more’* (I Corinthians 9:19). Mary places herself at the feet of Jesus and listens to what He has to say. She desires to receive as much as possible during the short period He is in the house. In this quiet peacefulness she is moved to the point of taking the cruse of costly ointment and offering its precious contents on the Savior. Jesus approved of her act.

She is not busy. She does not complain of too much work or of the laziness of others. It is not with her as with Martha that Jesus seems to care but little about her; quite the contrary is true. In her quiet moments of rest Jesus becomes so precious to her that she holds nothing too dear for Him.

THE GOSPEL CANNOT BE IMPRISONED

Mojtaba Hosseini, a leader of the house church movement in Iran, was arrested and sentenced to 3 years for his Christian activities. Feeling hopeless and desperate, he sought the Lord in prayer. Soon he realized that he was surrounded by people who were even more desperate and very lost. He felt prompted to share God’s Word with his fellow prisoners. Some allowed him to pray for them; some accepted his message and were born again. He has since been released and is out of the country now. Hosseini said, “I can serve God anywhere, inside or outside of prison. It doesn’t matter what situation I’m in. I can work in God’s kingdom wherever He places me. And at that time God placed me among the prisoners.” – godreports.com

Martha served Jesus without joy and satisfaction, and Mary gladly offered the costly ointment to Jesus. Martha is gently reprov'd for her ceaseless toil. Mary is commended for having chosen the better part; her deed will live through coming generations and move Christians to follow her example.

I should like to illustrate this truth with a picture from modern life. I know a home in which both father and mother are Christians. From the beginning of their lives together they realized that obedient and God-fearing children are the most precious possession that parents can have. They exerted themselves to rear their children in the fear of God; they were ably assisted by Christian teachers. But as the children grew up they left God.

The parents were at the point of despair. They had tried so hard, but they failed. In this extremity, they resolved to bring their troubles to God. In doing so they themselves learned to fear God better. The joy of salvation again filled their heart. Then this wonderful thing happened that all their children, one after the other, gave their lives to the Lord.

What the parents were unable to do for God made them to live in a closer fellowship with God. They found the way to the Savior, and the Savior found the way to the children. Thus they became co-workers with God. To begin with they followed Martha’s example, but later they learned to do as Mary.

No one must understand me to say that we are to remain indolently at the feet of Jesus and shirk duties and responsibilities. Mary did not do that. But we need to be on our guard, not least in these days of so much Christian activity, lest we lose ourselves in the work without losing ourselves in God. If this should happen, the words of Jesus will apply to us, ***“Thou art anxious and troubled about many things.”***

We shall also find that if the Lord is to prosper our work He must first make us fit servants. If this part is omitted our work will also be fruitless even if it appears successful. That which makes us useful servants of God is that God is first permitted to prepare us. **He makes us His co-workers.**

A missionary was filled with sorrow and discouragement as he looked back over his work. He saw no fruit, and was ready to give up. As he pondered upon this one sleepless night he seemed to hear, **“Take care that the union between thee and Me is in order; I shall take care of the fruits.”** From that moment the missionary became a joyful co-worker with God. He learned that one who would bear fruit for God must first and always ***live with God.***

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KNOW Your Future

By Michael Youssef, Ph.D.

He (God) did not leave us riddles and horoscopes. He revealed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ, giving us the ultimate revelation of the Divine.

The Promise of Emmanuel

For millennia, people have looked to the skies for direction in their lives. Longing for some promise of certainty about the future – whether good or bad, joyful or painful – we ache to know. Waiting for the answers to our hearts' deepest hopes and fears can be unbearable, so we devise ways to divine our futures. We attempt to gain some semblance of control over our lives by turning to what seems most informed and transcendent – the stars.

But beloved we must not worship and serve created things; rather, it is the Creator who justly demands our exclusive worship. And He has not set each star in its orbit to give us regular updates about the details of our individual personalities and futures. He has fashioned the firmament for His glory: ***“The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge...their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.”*** Psalm 19:1-2, 4

The song of the stars is the same glorious refrain that has been resounding since the beginning of time: “The Almighty is beyond our reach and exalted in power” Job 37:23.

He composed the cosmos not so we can know the future, but so we can know Him. He reveals Himself to mankind through creation, but He didn't stop there.

Over two thousand years ago, God sent His Son to earth to be born as a baby. The very Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory – the glory of Emmanuel, God with us (see John 1:14; Matthew 1:23). God did not leave us to guess the signs and symbols; He did not give us riddles and horoscopes. He revealed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ, giving us the ultimate revelation of the divine – infinitely superior to the unfounded man-made predictions offered in astrology. For Jesus, the Son of God, came speaking, acting, healing, forgiving, teaching, saving, loving, calling, dying for us, resurrecting eternally, and preparing a glorious future for all who call on His name.

Do you want to know the future? Do you want to know what's coming?

Look to Jesus – His character, His Words His Sacrifice, His Love. That is what all of history is moving toward – eternity with Emmanuel. One day soon He will

be fully with us just as Revelation 21:3-4 proclaims, “Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death; or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

THE FUTURE GOD PROMISES IS NOT MYSTERIOUS: IT IS REVEALED THROUGH OUT HIS WORD.

It's a promise that lifts you above the trial and struggles of this life and seats us already in the heavens with Christ (see Ephesians 2:4-7). For Jesus has secured for us “an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade... kept in heaven for (us)” until He ushers in the New Heaven and New Earth by the same power that ‘bring(s) forth the constellations in their seasons’ (1 Peter 1:4 and Job 38:32, respectively). And we don't have long to wait – Christ is coming soon (see Revelation 22:20).

So this season as you look to the stars in wonder and awe, may they point you to the only one worthy of our worship. I pray that you will know not just your future, but the One who holds you future in His loving hands, that you might have fullness of joy and peace in every circumstance from now to Eternity.

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A Friendly Church

By Herschel Ford

Some people who come to our churches are lonely; some of them are strangers; some of them are longing for the friendly touch of a loving hand. We owe it to them to be friendly.

Some years ago, I attended a church service where the members spoke cordially to one another but no one spoke to me. This did not affect me in the least, but there are many lonely people who are hurt by such an attitude.

A little boy attended church on the other side of town from where he lives. He passed several other churches on the way to his church. Someone asked him why he went so far to church. He said, “You know, they love a fellow over there.”

On, that this might be said of every (Ed. biblical) church! Let us love people and let us be friendly.

Robert Burns, the Scottish poet, once attended a church which was so cold in every way that he vowed he would never go back again. *Probably* if that church had been as friendly as it should have been, the great author would have come to know the Lord Jesus.

SATAN, The Great Deceiver

“For the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down, And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”

Revelation 12:10b – 12.

Fringe benefits, raise in salaries, pensions, and benefits of working overtime are things commonly mentioned in our materialistic world. Yet very seldom do you hear that Satan, the great deceiver, is a very poor paymaster. When he is mentioned it is usually in profanity, and the word/place called Hell is used very loosely! Satan is our chief arch enemy as he is known as the great ‘deceiver’.

But we need to be aware of the tactics and snares of Satan, who is our enemy; ***“lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices”*** II Corinthians 2:11.

Satan is against all that God stands for. Oh, not so much openly as he will also quote parts of God’s Eternal Word, the BIBLE, in a very clever, subtle way to his advantage. A matter of fact: The demons even believe, but have no hope of escaping Eternal punishment.

For example, a sinner becomes convicted of his sin in and through his conscience that he is not right with God. Satan will often let him become very religious so that he will not become a new creature in and through Christ Jesus. Very likely unknown to this person, but this person is already in the territory (grasp) of Satan.

It is a truly born-again person who is in conflict with Satan and at times it becomes a spiritual-battle that is so intense it is like militarily ‘hand to hand’ combat, not physically, but spiritually.

IF you are a child of God, you know and have experienced this and that ‘we’ also have two natures as Christians, the old nature and the new nature. The old is pretty much in harmony with the Deceiver, and the new nature is what God has implanted. The lust of the old nature is in deadly enmity with the new. These two natures are never in harmony or in agreement with one another. One is interested primarily in self-gain and self-benefits and the other interested in the things of God as he has set his mind on things that are above. (This does not mean that there aren’t ‘many’ good things

to enjoy in our physical journey)!

This warfare is not to be taken lightly and is not a scrimmage or one to be tampered with, for it is a battle unto eternal life or eternal perdition. Satan is out to steal from, kill and destroy a child of God!

To consider this subject lightly only proves that people are carna (worldly minded) or have no spiritual life at all. The LORD did not say it was difficult to serve two masters. Jesus said it was IMPOSSIBLE. You cannot have the smile of God and the smile of the world (Satan) upon you at the same time. Trying to do so is in total contradiction with the Inspired Word of God. You are either gathering for Jesus Christ or scattering. Evil and good are not bed-partners!

The beginning is not the end, as far as a Christian is concerned, for as long as a person is in this world, such will be in a spiritual warfare with self, the world and Satan. Satan even comes before the presence of God among God’s people. *“Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them”* Job 1:6.

Accusations, discouragement, harassments are among the most common ‘tools’ that the Deceiver uses on the children of God. As Satan knows his time is short; so we consistently need to plead the BLOOD of Jesus over us and His Word, the Bible. We also to seek out ‘fellow-believers’ as each one of ‘us’ are told to REDEEM the time for the days are evil! As mentioned earlier, Satan is a poor paymaster – eternal torment with himself in Hell.

Being Satan is very ‘crafty’, it is not always easy to discern the prompting of the Holy Spirit and the voice of our arch-enemy. Herein lies many of the inner struggles of a child of God. Satan has very cleverly used the tool of harassing in my own life and succeeds in robbing me of the joy in the Lord. Very often, though, the promptings of Satan are in ‘harassing’, and the voice of the Holy Spirit is in conviction of sin, and then drawing unto the Cross/Crucified ONE – **Jesus!** When Satan knocks at your heart’s-door, send JESUS/Holy Spirit and the Word of God to answer the ‘door-bell’. When there is a question in your conscience IF it is the HOLY SPIRIT convicting you of SIN; very likely it is ‘harassment’ of the ‘crafty-one’. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin; but then points us to repentance/confession and to the empty CROSS and Jesus is the perfect Lamb sacrifice before our Holy/righteous God! For without the shedding of Blood there is NO forgiveness of sin! Needless to say, a Christian is aware that he can be misled, misguided and led astray by his own flesh, the world and the devil.

When SIN is properly dealt with, God not only for-

gives, **but HE promises to FORGET ALSO!** Satan also likes to bring up the past and not only the present. Yet we have the Precious BLOOD of JESUS to claim and apply. Keep on keeping on in your 'walk' by faith with JESUS and you will find that ALL of GOD'S Promises are sure and true; even when 'we' sin, HE is still Faithful! **HE** tells 'us' so clearly In HIS 'WORD': "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give YOU the Crown of LIFE!" (Rev. 2:10)

This is the **Climax** for the child of God in the 'journey' of his personal walk with JESUS for HE promises this as 'we' follow JESUS; as He is the Author and Finisher of a "Living Faith". Satan whispers to you that your 'faith' is not strong enough; which may be true, BUT how much 'faith' does it take to cross a street or bridge? WE are not to look at 'our' faith in itself; but exercise the 'faith' we have. Greater is He (The Holy Spirit) than he who is of this world!

CLIMAX: (*emphasis mine*), "**And they overcame him by the blood of the LAMB, and by the word of their testimony and they did not love their lives to the death.** (Most certainly the walk and the talk are to be in harmony with each other)

If you know of anyone (personally) who believes that the above article is a theory; I would like to suggest that tell you them to just have a little talk with Adam and Eve (*NO not really*) and discuss why they listened to Satan while in a 'sinless' world and let Satan tempt them by applying to their EGO = PRIDE (I also believe P R I D E is the 'backbone' of SIN). THEN, IF this person still believes that Satan is a theory, challenge this person to 'resist' Satan for a period of time and then come to a conclusion! If Satan does not know their 'address', they are in a very dangerous position spiritually, as Satan then has them in the 'clutches' of his hand! ALSO find out why there is so much greed, pride, envy, lusting, coveting, hatred, etc. in this world – even wars, murders, lying? Then why does a Loving, Righteous, Holy, Just God share the following: **REVELATION 20:7-15, 22:6-21?**

This 'article' is very 'brief' exposure of a summary of the Whole Word of God, the BIBLE!

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"Open thou mine eyes that I may behold the wondrous things out of thy law" Psalm 119:18.

There are people who see nothing but demands and commands and prohibitions in the Law and in the Word

of God. Others contend that the Bible is difficult to understand, full of paradoxes and enigmas which their minds cannot master. Therefore, they do not touch the Bible.

The psalmist prays, "*Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold the wondrous things out of thy law.*" He whose eye has been opened by the Spirit sees wondrous things in the law of God and never tires of looking into it. The more he dwells on it, the more he sees. For that reason the law of God becomes very dear to him. It becomes the guide for his life, God's loving road marker which through all the circumstances of life shows him the best way to walk. Yes, indeed, there are "wondrous things" in the law of God.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" Psalm 119:11.

The best defense against sin is the Word of God. When Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness, He used the sword of the Word to drive the tempter away.

The psalmist shows us the best way to victory – we must every day have the word of God hid in our heart. In that way we may escape sin.

We may have many a word of the Lord in our head. We may know a number of Scripture texts by heart, and that is valuable. But it is not enough in the battle against evil. We must have the Word of God hidden in the heart – a word we have made our own and which we live by. When temptations come, there is no room for evil desire. The heart is already occupied by the Word.

"I am a stranger in the earth; hide not thy commandments from me" Psalm 119:19.

The child of God is a citizen of Heaven. He already belongs to the other world. He will always feel like a guest (foreigner), just a passing through in the physical journey of life on earth, like a stranger even though there are many things in this world he rejoices in and appreciates.

In his exile he has one daily comfort and help: the Word of God. In it he finds his citizenship paper. There he reads of the homeland and is constantly reminded where he belongs. The Word of God, which he reads daily, is like a letter from home, and he sends his greeting back by prayer.

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UpDate Difficult!

It becomes rather 'difficult' to find 'words' in challenging YOU to be a part of this 'ministry if we are to continue this portion of the Lord's work here on the planet Earth! The Need is very real, and possibly the LORD is prompting YOU to be part of the answer as a 'vessel' of His.

WE are really 'struggling' on this end of His Ministry financially! WE want to believe that the LORD is not trying to 'shut the door' for there are very few biblical Lutheran 'faith ministries' that are 'similar' to this one! So, if you are of the same conviction/opinion doctrinally as this, is the LORD prompting YOU to assist us, first in specific prayer support and then financially?

This is a critical time for the Morning Glory/Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation ministry. God has raised up this ministry to promote His TRUTH. We need to understand the times in which we are living. We are not supported by any church body. Our support comes from those who stand with us in this great cause. Please help us to press on! Your gifts/investment will enable us to continue to lift up the Truth of God's inerrant Word. This is an investment in Eternity as folk are needed to be awakened, nurtured, evangelized!

The events of this past year serve to remind us how desperately we need peace in this nation/world, and real peace only comes through our crucified, risen and coming SAVIOR!

IF you have been blessed by reading the *Morning Glory* seriously and specifically pray about what the Lord would have you invest here at this 'difficult' time! Frankly, it is very 'difficult' to do what we believe God wants us to do when we lack finances to do the same!

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Thank you for your interest and help to us as we spread the Truth of God's Word. It is as needful today as at any time in history.

May the Lord bless you richly as we anticipate His soon return!