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

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Hans Neilsen Hauge

Active Ministry — 1796 - 1804

Immediately after Hauge had received his call, he sought to lead others to look to Jesus as their Savior and Guide in life. He began with his own family, and then gradually enlarged the sphere of his activity. It was not easy for him to step forward as a public witness for the Lord. The responsibility involved weighed heavily upon his soul; yet he could not set aside the call he had received. He was amazed to see the effect his messages had upon those who listened to him, but he regarded it as proof of the fact that God saves man through the "foolishness of preaching."

During the eighth year of his active ministry, Hauge traveled all through Norway. He also visited Denmark in 1800. Though he had little education, he wrote and published a number of books. He also wrote hundreds of letters to his friends. We can only guess at the number of private conferences and public meetings held during these years. In addition, he went into business for himself and was the moving spirit behind many new semi-industrial ventures. One has to marvel at his sheer physical endurance, not to speak of the spiritual stamina he must have possessed to be able to speak effectively to people day after day as an evangelist. This is all the more remarkable when we remember that he was met with violent opposition by many of the civil and church leaders.

The opposition Hauge aroused was due to a number of factors. First of all, it was unprecedented that an ignorant farmer boy should come forward as a teacher of religion and encroach upon a field that was reserved for the clergy. Matters were made worse by Hauge's attacks upon pastors who he felt were not doing their duty and whose lives were

characterized by pride and greed. It is not surprising that the pastors reacted unfavorably to such charges even though in many cases they were true. However, there can be no excuse for the manner in which they attacked and persecuted Hauge.

But beyond all this, Hauge ran into trouble with the law in connection with the Ordinance of the 13th of January, 1741. Among other things, this law required that the local pastor be informed of the time and place of any religious meetings that were to be held within his parish. The pastor in turn was obligated to attend and had the authority to forbid such meetings if he felt they were harmful. Only a few people were to be permitted to gather in this way at one time, and the meetings were to be held only during the day. Men and women were to meet in separate places. Furthermore, it was absolutely forbidden that laymen travel about and preach.

To begin with, Hauge informed the pastors of his meetings. However, he soon found that they invariably refused him permission to conduct any more meetings within their parishes. Therefore, he began to hold more and more meetings without informing the pastors concerned. This brought him, of course, into open conflict with the provisions of the law.

In passing, it may be said that Hauge was acquainted with this law, but he felt that the spirit of the law was not to prevent gatherings intended for the good of the people, but rather to provide controls against abuses that might arise in connection with this type of free assembly. Like others, he also felt that the letter of this law was outmoded and no longer taken seriously by authorities, as was the case with the old law which provided that those who misused God's name and neglected to go to church should be put into

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stocks. This opinion was strengthened as he became aware of the varied interpretations of this law as applied by the authorities to his particular case.

Then, too, the government was concerned about Hauge's economic activities. It was rumored that he controlled a great common treasury and was defrauding his followers. The authorities were also concerned about the political and social effects of Hauge's religious teachings. So the government sent out letters of inquiry to civil and church officials in Norway relative to Hauge and his activities. On the basis of the information received, charges were drawn up against him and orders were issued for his arrest. This took place in 1804.

The charges preferred against Hauge were as follows: He had led the common people astray to the extent that they had neglected their civic duties and their work; he had enriched himself at the expense of his followers under the guise of religion; he had sought to take children away from their parents in order that they might follow him about the country; and, finally, he had showed contempt for the official spiritual leadership of the country as well as for the government itself.

Hauge was ordered kept under arrest until his case could be tried in court. Thus the blow expected by many for a long time fell at last.

*Autobiographical Writings of
Hans Nielsen, Hauge,*
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Editor's Note: Lord willing, may God grant that HE could raise up folk like Hans Neilsen Hauge again.

Pastor, You Expect Too Much!

Dear Pastor,

I am a faithful member of the church and have been for many years. I attend services almost every Sunday morning, and I even come on Wednesday night once or twice a month if I'm not too tired and there isn't anything important to do. Therefore, I really think you ought to pay close attention to what I have to say.

I'm not trying to tell you how to do your job, so please don't think of this as criticism but just as constructive advice for a friend, okay?

When you're preaching, it seems that you keep ringing the same old chimes over and over again, for instance, you constantly say, "Give, give, give." Listen, Preacher, the gas grill on our patio is on the fritz and needs to be replaced immediately.

Our family is struggling to get by with a 48-inch flat-screen TV in the rec room, while all of our neighbors have had 60-inch sets for months. Besides, that SUV we bought last year has almost 9,000 miles on it, and we're going to trade it in this month. You know they don't give those things away!

If all those missionaries need more money, why don't they get part-time jobs? Or let them do like I do and let their wives go to work and put their kids in an after-school program. (By the way, I need to talk to you about my teenagers' behavior when you get a chance.)

You also harp all the time on the matter of praying for other people. Listen, as I write this, my favorite college basketball team is well on the way to making it to the "Sweet Sixteen," and if I'm going to pray for anybody besides myself, it will be for them.

Besides, God never listens to me anyhow. I've been praying for years that I'd win the Publishers' Clearinghouse Sweepstakes, and all I've done is waste my breath and a whole lot of postage stamps.

Now about this Bible-reading business – look, I've already read most of the Bible (well, most of the Psalms, anyway); and I don't see the sense in reading the same old stuff over and over again. As it stands right now, I barely have time to read the two daily newspapers I get and the six or seven monthly magazines we receive.

Why should I ignore the latest issues of Field and Stream and Sports Illustrated just to read a dusty old Book that was written hundreds of years ago? Hey, Preacher, lighten up!

Speaking of lightening up, why does it seem that every Sunday morning you preach directly to me about my sin? If I can ever prove that you're talking to my wife on Saturday nights, I'm going to move my membership, and that's a promise. If you really want to preach on sin, why don't you pick on her for a change?

And then you are always asking for volunteers to help around the church. Hey, how much labor can it take to keep up ten or twelve acres and thirty or forty thousand square feet of building space? Huh! Couldn't you just get your kids to do it?

Pastor, you sure ask a lot of us, and we don't require very much from you. We just ask that you have the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, the strength of Samson, the power of Elijah, the intelligence of Paul, the manliness of John the Baptist, the leadership potential of Moses, and the compassion of Jesus Christ – that and be available twenty-four hours a day just in case we need you to straighten out some crisis in our family.

I don't know about the other families in the church, but I do know that I don't ask for your help more than five or six times a month. Since you work for only a couple of hours three times a week, I don't see how that could be that much of a burden, do you?

Well, Pastor, I'll see you Sunday morning – oh, scratch that; my son has a soccer tournament this weekend. You take care; and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you, don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A Faithful Church Member

Selected

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***Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.** James 4:19.*

The modern world seems obsessed with pleasure, laughter, and "positive thinking". Sadly, this shortsighted, now-centered thinking also infects the professing church. A shallow version of Christianity is popular today – short on substance and long on entertainment. What is truly needed is heartfelt sorrow over sin and repentance from spiritual apathy. A joy that is rooted in this world is baseless. True joy must be rooted in the Lord and His Word. If you are backsliding, turn back to the Lord walking in the Spirit through prayer and the Word of God (Gal. 5:16). Humble yourself and He will exalt you. — K. R. Keyser

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." — President Ronald Reagan

Men Must Master Money!

By Dr. R. G. Lee

We must remember that money is a good servant but a bad master, even as fire, even as water, even as electricity.

What is money? "Money is an article which may be used as a universal passport to everything except Heaven and a universal provider of everything except happiness."

Speer said, "Money is the commonest agency by which we reach in our service beyond the limit of our own personal action."

Jesus said, **"For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth"** (Luke 12:15). **"Lay not up for y ourselves treasure upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal"** (Matt. 6:19). And the truth is in the words of Mr. Ginterman who wrote:

*Dug from the mountainside,
Washed in the glen,
Servant am I or master of men.
Steal me, I curse you; earn me, I bless you;
Grasp me and hoard me, a friend shall possess you.
Live for me; die for me; covet me; take me.
Angel or devil, I am what you make me.*

Money testifies in support of Christ's causes, of the meaning of Christianity. Money says of you whether you are merciful or miserly. Money says of you whether you are covetous or Christ-like.

Money says whether you prefer trivial and transient values to permanent good.

Money permits him who runs to read your preference, whether in dress or morals, in religions or real estates. Money may be denying your declarations of loyalty to Christ. Money may give the lie to a man's profession – saying to all the world that he loves God less than gold.

Selected

Editor's Note: "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." (1 Timothy 6:10)

"Getting treasures by lying tongue is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death." (Proverbs 21:6)

It's just like work/employment: Are you the 'master' of your 'work' OR is 'work' the 'master' of YOU? The same is true of the means/vessel of 'money': Are you the 'master' of your 'money' OR is 'money' the 'master' of YOU?

"But 'take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares

of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare..." Luke 21:34-35a.

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Incline thine ear unto me, and save me. Psalm 71:2

To most people, the ear of God is associated with prayer. An open ear means God is listening as we pray to Him (Ps. 39:12, 55:1). However, He's also listening when we're not talking to Him in prayer – something we should be mindful of, especially when our language or its content isn't what it should be. How different would our conversations be if we were conscious of the all-hearing God! And beyond that, He is aware of the thought and intents of our heart, without a word being spoken. Perhaps we should treat every conversation, every whispered accusation, and every opinion, as a prayer to God – or at least as if He is hearing. We should, because He is already!

Norman Craig Funston

O how the world to evil allures me! O how my heart is tempted to sin!

I must tell Jesus, and He will help me, over the world the vict'ry to win.

Elisha A. Hoffman

Editor's Note: **"And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account"** Hebrews 4:13.

"Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts, Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon" Isaiah 55:6-7.

"For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil"

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"The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever." Isaiah 40:6 – 8.

*"We've no abiding city here;
This may distress the worldling's mind,
But should not cost the saint a tear,
Who hopes a better rest to find."* — Selected

Editorial

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Slippery Slopes!

“For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away. For is the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?” (Heb. 2:1-3)

Fairly recently I had my eye exam, thinking basically that my ‘vision’ was *good*! Well, I had the examination by the kind optometrist who he told me your ‘eyes’ are ‘excellent’, except your *vision* is not good and you have ‘Cataracts’ – one in each eye! BUT I thought that I was ‘seeing’ *good*! This reminds me of Revelation 3:18b of what the Great Physician says about maybe YOU and ME – *“anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.”* PLEASE let the great gentle Optometrist examine YOUR spiritual EYES ; then listen and obey to what HE tells YOU!

Similar I understand that a person, as with a boat, that the ‘current’ of the ‘stream’ can carry/move you and you are not aware of it. Could that be happening in your Christian life, the present current is taking you down ‘stream’ and you not knowing it???

Religiously and Spiritually there are MANY slippery slopes in these ‘Perilous times’ that WE are living in. I will mention only a number of such at this time.

What do you ‘think’ so and so thought/experienced back in the biblical settings? Sounds good, harmless and good; doesn’t it? The vital and important insight should be: What is God telling us in this text? And then a *far* second, which is somewhat OK; what do you ‘think’? God’s Holy Word, the BIBLE is relevant, current, practical for ALL people, ALL places, ALL times!

Just now, I will give you a few BIBLICAL examples: ***Thou shalt not Kill, Thou shalt not Steal, Thou shalt not LIE! Proverbs 30:5-9.***

Another ‘slippery slope’ is the common everyday language today; is the using of slang or *cursing* – taking God’s Name in vain. (Notice the article in last issue of the *Morning Glory*)

I remember very vividly a Pastor having a program on Christian radio especially geared for youth who used slang – how sad.

Keep in mind that Christianity is not made up of do’s and don’t’s and is not motivated by FEAR, but LOVE, but what comes out of the ‘mouth’ also needs to be watched carefully. Most certainly ‘Christianity’ is based on what has been done in our behalf through the Person of JESUS;

while all other ‘religions/sects’ are impelled by FEAR!

Real frustrating and disgusting is the fact that at least three-fourths of people who are in the ‘workforce’ today LIE on the job!

Also just recently I went to a business place asking for and ‘adjustment’ to my bill, and very clearly was told, “We can’t do that here!” Well I firmly challenged that reply, and persisted, and a kind individual graciously offered me an adjustment.

Who cut down the ‘Cherry Tree’? A young gentleman answered: I did, I can not tell a lie! This man later became the First President of our great USA – President George Washington.

Secularly ‘our’ blest USA is built on TRUST and when and whoever ‘lies’ undermines ‘our’ very foundation of a Free Republic! ALSO when one lie is given, another lie needs to be made to cover-up the original lie. Most certainly ‘**lying**’ should not be found in nor among the ‘household of faith.’ **God says:** “A righteous man hates lying, But a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame” Proverbs 13:5. “A faithful witness does not lie, But a false witness will utter lies” Proverbs 14:5. “Getting treasures by a lying tongue is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death” Proverbs 21:6. **“Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds”** Colossians 3:9. See also John 8:44, 1 Timothy 2:7, Hebrews 6:18, Numbers 23:19-20, Galatians 5:16-25, Revelation 21:8. “But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth” James 3:14. Promises are made and are not to be broken. GOD keeps all His Promises!

A complete contrast exists between our Righteous Savior and we sinful human beings: **“God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”** Numbers 23:19-20, II Timothy 2:13.

Let us take a brief look at Martin Luther’s Small Catechism Explained which is definitely based on the Scriptures: “Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that

take His Name in vain. *What does this mean?* **Answer:** We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, conjure, lie, or deceive, by His Name, but call upon Him in every time of need, and worship Him with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. When is the name of God taken in vain? When it is used in a thoughtless and mocking manner and without devotion and reverence. How is this done? 1). When we use God's name or Word in jesting or as a by-word. 2). When we find fault with anything God has done. 3). When we use the name of God in cursing, swearing, conjuring, lying, or deceiving."

"Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles." Proverbs 21:23. **"Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips"** Psalm 141:3. **GOD KEEPS ALL OF HIS PROMISES – DO YOU?**

ANOTHER '*slippery slope*' over the more recent years gone by, is Evangelistic Meetings. In the Lutheran Evangelical/Biblical Congregation there were a series of 'evangelistic meetings' at least once or twice a year! Now we wonder what has happened in our congregations, community and country? We have lost the ZEAL for lost souls, Christian Fellowship, etc. Some of the time when I inquire about the *possibility* of assisting the local congregation with a Hauge Bible Conference OR evangelistic meetings; I get the response we are too busy (organized) or need more time in organizing/preparation. THEN we wonder why the 'candlestick' is gradually being removed from our midst when we don't follow Scripture! We are slipping from Christianity to Churchianity! SAD – but My people love it to have it so!

ALSO, in years gone by, the Christian Church came first, and then the school's programs. Now the 'church' checks out the activities of the 'school' and tries to find a place to have church activities! Sadly, but naturally, the "Prayer Meeting" is almost only history now, even in

Christian churches, and we 'wonder' what has gone wrong in the Locality, State and Country? Even though prayer is the ROCK for the individual person and the congregation; especially when JESUS says: ***My House is a House of PRAYER!***

I believe ETERNITY will confirm that there is a definite slippage from the Old Time Christianity where Evangelistic Meetings and Mid-week Prayer Meeting were a vital part of the Bible believing/practicing Congregation, and unless there is godly ***repentance and returning to God's Way***; the individual and congregation will continue to NEED ***Eye Slave***.

EVEN though 'many' LIE on the 'job'; that doesn't give the individual or congregation the right to be *squeezed* into the '*world's mold*'. Romans 12:1-2.

This month of July we especially think of Independence of our blest REPUBLIC/USA – **FREEDOM!**

FREEDOM always costs someone a 'great price', for the benefit of the 'freedom' you and I enjoy and often take for granted, and for FREEDOM to continue, a great price will still have to be PAID and ALWAYS will.

'Freedom' is not 'freedom' to destroy OR do as we please either secularly or spiritually. Spiritually, the 'freedom' Jesus paid for you and me, was not only costly; but it is freedom from the shackles of sin and freedom to serve. It is a Freedom from the condemnation, penalty, and shackles of and from SIN. It is a freedom to be one of God's bond-servants, not freedom to tell half-truths as the father-of-lies does!

WE HAVE FREEDOM TO SERVE JESUS OUT OF LOVE, BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US!

P. S. Please, for your own benefit, pick up Martin Luther's Small Catechism Explained and look at the Eighth Commandment, meaning and questions and answers to the same! THANK YOU!

James 4:1-10

All The Dead Will Rise!

The hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will ...come forth John 5:28-29

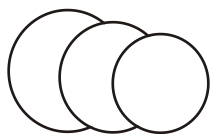
IN a cemetery in Hanover, Germany stands an unusual gravestone. A woman who didn't believe in the resurrection directed in her will that her burial place be made so secure that just in case there was a resurrection it couldn't touch her. Huge slabs of granite were fastened together with heavy steel clamps and placed over her grave. Engraved on the marker were these words: "This burial place must never be opened."

In time a small seed germinated just beneath the edge of the stone. As it grew into a tree and its trunk got bigger,

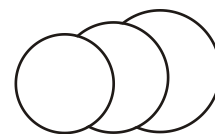
the heavy slabs were gradually shifted and the steel clamps were wrenched from their sockets. Those massive pieces of granite could not withstand the dynamic life-force within that small seed.

Man cannot thwart the creative power of God.

Jesus said that ALL who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth, some to the resurrection of life and others to the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:28-29). There will be no exceptions – not even those drowned at sea or cremated. The re-creation of human bodies poses no problem to the One who spoke the world into existence out of nothing. — Selected



From Our Fellowship Circle



R. Coon Rapids, MN

I want to thank you so much for all these years that I/we have been receiving the *Morning Glory* and the blessing it has been to us.

My husband, ... who was ninety-one when he died in ... and thus we have enjoyed so much of your fellowship all these years, in coming to Meetings that we were able to.

I am now eighty-six and am mostly home bound and my children take good care of me and I don't need much; but am looking to the Eastern Sky as His Word says, as HE is coming for us who are His children. First He is coming with the 'Trumpet Sound' and the graves shall open first of those that are His and then we who remain shall be caught up with them and so shall we ever be with JESUS – Praise the Lord!

Enclosed is a check of \$... for the *Morning Glory*.

W. G. & P. B. Belgrade, MN

Thank you for the selection of the writings of the saints that you publish.

I read it FIRST every time it comes!

Regarding your article "That Last Day"; about Luke 16:19-31 in the *Morning Glory*. Thank you for publishing such an important article on such an important subject. It is tragic how many Pulpits omit the subject. ...

J. & G. Y. Webster, SD

We enjoy reading the articles in the *Morning Glory*; for they are good articles.

We're enclosing a donation in memory of Adeline McCarlson, who went Home to be with the Lord on April 12th, 2015. Adeline was a sweet and pleasant Christian lady whom we really miss a lot.

God Bless you, lots of love in Jesus.

S. T. Radcliffe, IA

I want to praise God Almighty for your testimony for Jesus Christ! All the written articles are "faithful and true" and we know the Word of God is all **TRUTH!** JESUS is our Rock and we must stand firm and be BOLD in proclaiming to the world each day what He has done for us through His death and resurrection. Life Eternal with Jesus Christ – the gift of salvation – is a precious and most important gift from our Father in Heaven.

Thank you so much for being faithful to Jesus in these

last days!

Jesus says, "***Sanctify them in Thy truth; Thy Word is TRUTH.***" John 17:17. (Ed. And the word 'sanctify' means to 'set apart and unto too').

Praise God – He's coming soon! Alleluia!

I am a member of ... and we love when you come to our church for/with the Hauge Lutheran Innermisison Bible Conference. ...

K. H. Hutchinson, MN

Thank you so much for the *Morning Glory*. I have so much hope and blessing when I read it.

It is a blessing to hear the "old time Christianity."

The article; "How Did We Get Into This Mess?" is so true, so true! I belong to a Lutheran church and all we ever hear is how God loves us and, like magic, no matter how we live, He saves us! Nothing is ever mentioned about repenting, being Born Again. Every one of you are a good person and are going to Heaven. I can hardly stand to hear it anymore. (Ed. GOOD, because it is a false 'teaching' from the very pit of Hell)!

Jesus is my Lord and Savior now! I am dead to my old life and a new person in Christ, because I repented and ask the Lord to come into my life and am walking with Him, by faith. Thus I have God's peace, love and hope.

...

E. R. Red Wing, MN

I enjoy reading your magazine so very much. How we need to tell others of Jesus' Saving Truth! You're up on the world's news also. We need to be informed as to what is going on.

God Bless you as you publish your great God inspired paper.

V. & P. F. Colfax, WI

The following gift is in memory of Clifford Peterson and Marvin Rothbauer.

May God bless your ministry as you continue to spread the Gospel!

Pastor Jim Haga is the Pastor of our Church – Great!

Believable ...Yet Unbelievable

8 Brands with Religious Affiliation

- 1) Hobby Lobby – Religion: Southern Baptist
- 2) Forever 21 – Religion: Born Again Christian
- 3) Tyson – Religion: Evangelical Christian
- 4) In-n-Out Burger – Religion: Christian
- 5) Marriott – Religion: Mormon
- 6) Chik-fil-A – Religion: Southern Baptist
- 7) Little Debbie – Religion: Seventh Day Adventist
- 8) eHarmony – Religion: Christian

Outrageous Concepts Of Evangelism Being Taught By ELCA Synod

The Gulf Coast Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will spotlight a new approach to evangelism at its Synod Assembly in Houston, Texas, April 16-18. The synod posted a bulletin insert online for distribution among its congregations. The insert expresses a concern about “knocking on doors and asking unsuspecting occupants if they’ve heard about Jesus.” Not wanting to be identified with that type of evangelism, the bulletin insert asks:

What if we were to rethink our concept of evangelism? What if we re-imagined evangelism to be something as simple as building relationships or practicing acts of kindness? Making disciples in today’s world can be a process that is authentic and contextual. Evangelism can take many forms, including social justice, radical hospitality, and community involvement. So let’s get excited about evangelism. Let’s find ways of sharing the good news of Jesus in ways that make sense for us, for our community. Listen up to what God may be telling you. Listen in to find your own strengths and passions. Listen out to hear the needs of those around you.

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Editor’s Note: “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons” I Timothy 4:1. “But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse deceiving and being deceived” II Timothy 3:13.

“WE of the HLIF/MG are, by the GRACE and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, ‘contending for the living faith which was, once for all, delivered to the saints of the Old Time Christianity’.

Don’t Blame President Obama For United States Moral Decline/Decay

Although there is a group that would blame President Obama for everything, including the moral rottenness of the USA, don’t necessarily blame him for that!

So who is there to blame?

The blame truly lies at the ‘door-step/threshold’ of especially the ‘religious leaders’ of recent yester-year and definitely TODAY, along with ‘secular leaders’.

Therefore, as now we are half-way through the year of 2015, and now we have some supposedly Evangelical Leaders who are Bible-waving, and a large number of folk are following them. Not trying to be negative, but loving; but following this emphasis and parade of people will eventually lead to the Eternal Abyss – as they approve of homosexuality and same sex-marriages.

Sadly the immoral crowd is like the ‘camel’s nose’ in the text and more.

A lot of folk, however, could never imagine the day when one could be fined or even go to prison if they didn’t sanction, or possibly endorse the same; EVEN though it is a clear *departure from GOD’S HOLY, INSPIRED BOOK – THE BIBLE!*

IN the DAY of JUDGMENT, it will be those who knew better, as religious leaders, etc. that will hear and receive the most harsh judgment; because God is holy, Righteous and Just; BUT then it Will be too late for them and their followers!

BUT make NO mistake (every individual will give a total accountability), for you and I will give an absolute and correct record of what we did with the *gift of life, time, talent, means, speech, etc.* For the unsaved it is recorded in Revelation 20:11-15, and for those of ‘us’ who know Jesus as our personal Savior; to see if we used hay, etc. to seek to build with OR concrete material (led by the Bible/Holy Spirit) to His honor and Glory; empowered by the Third Person of our Triune GOD – faithful to **His Glory!**

ELCA School Puts Abraham On Trial And Finds Him “Guilty”!

Apparently there is no statute of limitation for the patriarch Abraham, especially when it comes to obeying God’s command to offer up his son Isaac on Mount Moriah. At a mock trial, sponsored by Capital University Law School of Columbus, Ohio and the Beth Tikvah, a Reform synagogue located in Worthington, Ohio, Abra-

ham was found guilty of attempted murder by a vote 104 – 64. Capital University is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The interfaith event raised \$4,000 for a Capital law scholarship and educational programs at Beth Tikvay. Prominent attorneys in Columbus, Ohio participated in the event. Susan Gellman served as the prosecutor of Abraham’s “crime,” while James Beatie, associated dean of the Capital University Law School, defended the patriarch. Former Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Eric Brown presided at the mock trial.

Information/indirect from Columbus Dispatch 3/8/15

Homosexuals, Lesbians, Same-sex Activists

Homosexuals, Lesbians, Same-sex Activists are *possibly* using John 8:11b: “*Neither do I condemn you; ...*” But really they don’t want JESUS’ forgiveness; but rather HIS approval for their lifestyle. Forgiveness will not be their experience until there is change in their ungodly conduct – called Repentance – II Corinthians 7:10, Matthew 3:8, Galatians 3:24.! Then ‘our’ SAVIOR is able to save unto the uttermost!

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*I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body
be preserved blameless unto the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ* 1 Thess. 5:23

Christ loved the church. He wants it to be holy without blemish, spot or wrinkle, Eph. 5:25, 27. Paul’s goal in preaching and teaching was to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus, Col. 1:28. This perfection will be realized in a coming day, but that doesn’t excuse me from aspiring to a life of daily holiness now. We are to be salt and light in this world. What does the world see in me? Does my saltiness make them thirst for the things of God? Does my light show them the way?

Milton Haack

*Search me, O God and know my heart today;
Try me, O Saviour, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free. – J. E. Orr*

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**All our righteousness are as filthy rags. Isaiah 64:6
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Psalm 51:7b**

After falling into a nearby sewage pond, a small boy came to his home expecting to be welcomed inside, but was instead sent by his mother to wash the filth away. The

Bible tells us that nothing that defiles will ever enter into heaven (Rev. 21:27). We are defiled by sin and thus have no claim on heaven. But God still wants us there and the Lord Jesus has shed His blood to make us utterly clean and fit to enter. Have you come to Jesus and accepted His cleansing from sin?

Janet Fleming

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*He shall never suffer the righteous to be
moved. Ps. 55:22*

Dear Saviour, let us never be,
Before the world, ashamed of thee,
Nor shrink from duty’s call:
Our work to do thee service here,
Our hope in glory to appear,
Where thou art all in all.

**He that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and
he that is holy, let him be holy still. Rev. 22:11**

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*So teach us to number our days, that we may
gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12*

If one has limited resources it is wise to use them carefully. Moses writes after years of experience and exhorts us to consider the brevity of life and to use our time wisely. Youth considers life endless but wakes up in middle age to realize it is half gone. What are wise ways to spend our days? Reading God’s Word and praying daily are vital to our spiritual health. Meeting regularly with the Lord’s assembly is essential for spiritual growth and the development of our spiritual gifts. Certainly witnessing and leading sinners to the Lord are a wise way to use your time. Our years pass so swiftly. Use them wisely.

Donald L. Norbie

*How I praise Thee, precious Saviour, that Thy love
laid hold of me;
Thou hast saved and cleansed and filled me that I
might Thy channel be.*

Mary E. Maxwell

*Freedom has its life in the hearts, the
actions, the spirit of men and so it must
be daily earned and refreshed – else like a
flower cut from its life-giving roots, it
will wither and die.*

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Threescore Years and Ten

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

Psalm 90:10

When Moses wrote these words near the end of his life, he was 120 years old (Deuteronomy 34:7), but all the rest of the people of Israel (except Caleb and Joshua) who had been over 20 at the beginning of the 40-year wilderness wanderings, had died there (Numbers 14:28-34), and so there were no others over 60 years old.

In former days men had lived much longer. Adam died at 930 and Noah at 950, but then Shem only lived to 600, and Abraham died at 175 years of age. Thus, the normal lifespan by Moses' time was down to 70 or 80 years, and he prophesied that this would continue.

It is remarkable that, with all the increase in medical knowledge, this figure has stayed about the same, and there seems to be little the gerontologists can do to increase it.

Furthermore, the latter years are largely "labor and sorrow," just as God told Adam when his sin brought God's curse on the earth (Genesis 3:17-20). No matter how much we try to prolong our lives, we are "soon cut off."

But then, we "fly away"! The soul/spirit complex of the Christian believer, released from its weary body, flies away to be with the Lord. Those left behind may sorrow, but "to depart, and to be with Christ... is far better." The Christian may confidently say with Paul: *"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain"* (Philippians 1:23, 21). In the meantime, as our time grows shorter, it is more important than ever that we **"walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time"** (Colossians 4:5). **"So teach us to number our days,"** prayed Moses (and so should we), **"that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom"** (Psalm 90:12).

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The Essential Difference

The late Dr. Harry Rimmer, while traveling in Egypt, was negotiating with the then Secretary of State who was a refined and cultured Egyptian.

In a conversation regarding their respective faiths, Dr. Rimmer stated:

"We believe that God has given to man three revelations of Himself. First, we believe that He has revealed

Himself in the work of creation."

"We too believe that," interjected the Egyptian.

"We believe that God has revealed Himself in a Book, the Bible," continued Dr. Rimmer.

"We too believe that God has revealed Himself in a book, the Koran," replied the Egyptian.

"We believe that God has revealed Himself in a Man, and that Man is Jesus Christ," added Dr. Rimmer.

"We also believe that God revealed Himself in a man, and that man is the prophet Mohammed," said the Egyptian.

"We believe that Jesus died to save His followers," said Dr. Rimmer.

"We believe that Mohammed died for his people," replied the Egyptian.

"We believe," continued Dr. Rimmer, "that Jesus is able to substantiate His claims because He rose from the dead."

The Moslem hesitated, then his eyes fell. He had no answer to that statement. Finally he admitted, "We have no information concerning our prophet after death."

Dr. Rimmer was right. He was convinced of the truth of his assertion, because it was founded on the Word of God that had withstood all attacks for over 1,900 years, and there are millions today who would agree with him.

The truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a proven fact of history. The great Apostle Paul states: **"For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,"** 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.

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Then Gideon made it into an ephod and set it up in his city, Ophrah. And all Israel played the harlot with it there. It became a snare to Gideon and to his house. Judges 8:27

Gideon answered God's call. He pulled down Baal's altar, destroyed his images, and then erected an altar for Jehovah (Judg. 6:25-26). God then used him to destroy an invading army. As a result, Israel requested that Gideon rule them. He accepted, but asked for the gold earrings of the spoil, which he fashioned into a gold ephod. The ephod became a national idol, and Ophrah, not Jerusalem, became the place of worship. Like Gideon, we too may remove some evil from our lives only to replace it with a less conspicuous idol because it is a work of our own hands. — W. A. H.

*Until the race is run, until the journey's done,
Until the crown is won; teach me Thy way!* — B. Ramsey

THE BIBLE AND THE CONSTITUTION

By DiAnn Cole

The Separation of Church and State is not in the Constitution

“The separation of church and state” is a phrase used by many Americans. Most erroneously believe it to be true. Worse yet, they believe it is in the Constitution. The phrase “separation of church and state” has been repeated so many times that countless Americans actually believe it is part of the First Amendment. Often, those who use this phrase want us to join them in removing God from everything in our lives today. They also want to remove America’s godly heritage from our history. The truth is that the words *separation*, *church* and *state* are not in the First Amendment or in the text of the U.S. Constitution.

The Key to Understanding the Founding Fathers’ Intent

The United States Constitution is one of the most brilliant documents ever written. And why wouldn’t it be? The very core of it comes straight from the Bible. The men who authored our Constitution were not perfect, but they knew where to find perfection. Our Founding Fathers were men who knew and studied Scriptures...

The duty of all government is to be God’s minister to the people. This is far different from what most people think about government leaders, responsibility today. The Bible instructs people to pray for their leaders, “***for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth***” 1 Timothy 2:2-4.

To fully understand the influence the Bible had on the writing of the United States Constitution, one must read the Founders’ own words. Beginning with the Declaration of Independence, the writers spelled out very clearly to whom they owed their obedience and with whom their ultimate trust laid. They acknowledged that our rights come from our Creator and that governments are instituted to protect all of those rights. Subsequently, they listed their grievances and why they want to be free and independent. The U.S. Constitution was the remedy for all of the grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence. Our Founders pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor when they signed their names to both documents.

The Founding Fathers Were Men of Faith

Our mass collection of historical documents proves

overwhelmingly how Scripture influenced our Founding Fathers. The Constitution begins with the language “Blessings of Liberty” and “do ordain and establish” in the preamble, and it ends with the words “in the Year of our Lord September 17, 1787.” Take notice of the word our. The signers all agreed to this word, which implies that they were Christians. These are not mere words, they have meaning and are an example of how much the Bible influenced the writers.

The Founding Fathers were men of faith, some more than others, but they knew the power of prayer. During the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin called for prayer at a time when it was much needed. Franklin is often labeled as a Deist by historians, yet his own words appear to contradict that claim. Who knows where we would be today without that prayer? It appears Benjamin Franklin believed in divine providence when he said at the convention, “...I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it possible that an empire can rise without His aid?”

George Washington presided over the Constitutional Convention. When he took the oath of office as our first president, written in Article One, Section Two of the Constitution, he added the words, “***so help me God.***” As Washington was leaving office after two terms, he said in his farewell speech: “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.”

James Madison

James Madison, the main author of the Constitution and one of three contributors to the Federalist papers, wrote about the dilemma that a free republic would face without virtuous, righteous men. In Federalist #51 he wrote, “in framing a government which is to be administered by men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place oblige it to control itself.” Knowing that man does not possess virtue and knowing this kind of individual freedom is not possible without virtue, the only solution was and remains Christianity.

John Adams

John Adams said it like this: “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other.” During the War for Independence when John Adams was asked by Benjamin Rush if he thought the war could actually be won, John Adams answered, ***Yes! If we fear God and repent of our sins.***” This is another of the many examples of our Founding Fathers’ faith and our godly heritage.

Sadly, so many people today do not know this.

Government Authorized Bibles

After the war was over and America was no longer under British rule, one of the first acts of Congress was to order the printing of the Holy Bible in the English language. These Bibles were to be circulated for use in America's schools. This took place on September 12, 1782 and would be but one of many acts of Congress promoting the Bible and Bible Societies. An early school textbook called the *New England Primer* contained Bible scripture and was ordered to be reprinted by three of our Founding Fathers. Samuel Adams in Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin in Pennsylvania and Noah Webster in Connecticut considered this book essential for children to have in school. This textbook was used in schools until the 1930s. ...

Thomas Jefferson

So how and why do so many people today believe in those five words, "separation of church and state"? One reason is that there are those who want it to do so. Another reason is that too many people do not know any better. When something is repeated over and over, many begin believing it. There has been a huge effort to remove God and all references to God and religion out of public life today. At the same time, too many Christians remain silent and do not rebuke this lie. The actual words "separation of church and state" are taken from a letter President Thomas Jefferson wrote to the Danbury Baptist Association in 1802. President Jefferson was answering the concerns of the Danbury Baptist Association in the state of Connecticut regarding the establishment of a State religion or denomination. Our third president assured them that their First Amendment rights would not be infringed. Here is Thomas Jefferson's actual quote from the letter:

"I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; thus building a wall of eternal separation between Church and State."

He was reassuring them of his commitment to upholding the First Amendment. Years later, Supreme Court judges took those words out of context and reversed the original meaning of those words to support their own decision. This was not the first or last time judges have twisted the words or changed the meanings of the Founders' words to support a court decision.

The First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting

the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for redress of grievances."

The First Amendment guarantees the people that Congress will not establish a state religion. It guarantees Congress will not prohibit the free exercise of religion. It protects the freedom of speech and the freedom to print, as well as the right of the people to assemble and the right of the people to petition their government with their grievances.

It does not prohibit churches from being actively involved in matters of government policy. It does not prohibit public buildings from displaying religious symbols. Our Founding Fathers would find it absurd for religious leaders not to have input on the very laws the legislator would write. They intended all citizens to be engaged in the legislative process and be knowledgeable of their very own constitutional rights. They thought it was the duty of the people and churches to keep a watchful eye on those serving in their representative republic. The primary standard used when debating new laws at that time was the Ten Commandments. ...

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***Mercy shall be built up for ever; thy
faithfulness shall thou establish in the very
heavens.*** Psalm 89:2

*The sacred truths his lips pronounce
Shall firm as heaven endure;
And if he speak a promise once,
The eternal grace is sure.*

**Let them that suffer according to the will of God
commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing
as unto a faithful Creator.** 1 Peter 4:19.

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Thou wilt save the afflicted people.
Psalm 18:27.

*Just in the last distressing hour
The Lord displays delivering power;
The mount of danger is the place
Where we shall see surprising grace*

LORD, save us; or we perish. Matt. 8:25

Set My Soul on Fire!

It has been characteristic of those men and women who have been used mightily of the Lord that they had the burning heart. The Old Testament, the New Testament and church history substantiate the truth that people with the Lord's flame of fire have changed the destiny of men and nations.

Moses was never the same after God revealed Himself in the burning bush, *"And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed"* (Exod. 3:2).

The Lord went before the children of Israel by day in a pillar of cloud and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light. *"He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people"* (13:22).

One of the commands of the Lord to Moses was ***"the fire ... shall never go out"*** (Lev. 6:13). Our world has been plunged to the brink of destruction simply because the fire has gone out on the altar of the hearts of multitudes who have become as cold as icebergs with their indifferent attitude of *"it doesn't make any difference anyway."*

Elijah called on the God of Heaven. When a captain and fifty soldiers came to get him, he said, *"if I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven...And there came down fire from heaven"* (II Kings 1:10).

David recorded of the Lord: *Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire*" (Ps. 104:4).

In Revelation, Jesus' eyes were *"as a flame of fire"* 1:14).

On fire, Jonathan Edwards made the flames of hell real with his disturbing sermon ***"Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God."*** (Editor's Note: This 'sermon' is in printed booklet form and available at our Hauge Book Store).

On fire, David Livingstone invaded Africa with 300,000,000 possibilities.

On fire, Dwight L. Moody reduced the potential population of Hell by a million souls.

On fire, Sam Jones pounded out the theme "quit your meanness." On fire, Billy Sunday knocked a home run for Jesus as he challenged men to walk down the "sawdust trail."

On fire, Edward Kimball, faithful Sunday school teacher, went into a shoe store and rescued D. L. Moody from a life of uselessness by leading him to the Saviour.

On fire, a layman preacher spoke one snowy day, saying, *"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth"* (Isa. 45:22). A lad by the name of Charles Spurgeon was converted.

On fire, the world has yet to see what God can do with

one man completely dedicated to do His will.

*Give me a man of God—one man
Whose tongue is touched with Heaven's fire—
And I will flame the darkest hearts
With high resolve and clean desire.*

*Give me a man of God—one man
True to the vision that he sees—
And I will build your broken shrines
And bring the nations to their knees.*

—Anon.

Lloyd W. Garner

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Like as a father pitieth his children, So the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

Psalms 103:13

The word "pity" in this verse could also be rendered "shows compassion" (ESV). God is merciful towards His children. He knows what we experience and empathizes. Moreover, His compassion reaches out to strengthen the saints in their weakness and infirmity. He also comforts the grieving and ministers to the persecuted. God is rich in mercy (Eph. 2:4) and lavishes His wealth of consolation on His children as they suffer in this world. If you are enduring some pain today, believer, you need not do so alone. Ask the Lord to remind you of His mercy and to show you His solace in your hardships. His fatherly love reaches out to you in your extremity.

K. R. Keyser

Thou gavest all that love could give, the goodly pearl to gain;

Thou gav'st Thy life that we might live and Thou Thy bride obtain. — J. P.

"Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name"

Malachi 3:18.

The Ten Commandments

By Fred Willis

When was the last time you heard a sermon on the Ten Commandments taken from Exodus 20? If you are like me, it has probably been quite a while.

Now I know what some may be thinking – that we don't need Old Testament Law preaching anymore. While it is true that we have the Holy Spirit as our Instructor and guide after we get saved, it can be very beneficial to understand what it is that God hates and what the things are in which He delights.

Since God is the same yesterday, today and forever, we can learn a lot from the Old Testament. In First Corinthians 10, you'll find a review of the mistakes the Jewish fathers made which are to be examples for us today (vs. 11).

The wise man will learn from his own mistakes, but the wiser man will also learn from the mistakes of others. The nation of Israel made plenty of mistakes from which we can and should learn. (Ed. Not only 'mistakes', but SIN(S)).

Hollywood and television are quite good at promoting the breaking of all ten of the Commandments; but since they have no regard for God I suggest that you do not follow their example.

Ye, Jesus said that if a man lusts after a woman, he has committed adultery in his heart. But there is a great deal of difference between committing the sin of lust and the physical act of adultery. Had King David's sin of lust after Bathsheba stopped on the roof of his house, many lives would have been spared.

Indeed, "*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law*" (Gal. 3:13), and no man is justified by the law (vs. 11), but the law surely will keep us out of a lot of trouble. Had King David and a lot of others obeyed the Seventh (6th) Commandment, many tears of grief could have been avoided.

James said, "*For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all*" (2:10). That is why we need the law as our schoolmaster to point us to Christ as our only hope of justification. We are all so guilty of sin and breaking God's laws that we need a Saviour.

As Christians grow and mature in the Lord, old worldly habits of sin are gradually conquered. We stop taking God's name in vain, we no longer lie, steal or kill. We learn to honor our parents and throw away images of God. We respect the Lord's Day and gain some control over covetousness.

But lest we think that we have arrived as we begin to

get victory over certain areas in our lives, we need to heed the admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:28. We are to examine ourselves and judge ourselves (vs. 31) to see if sin is again rising up in our lives. If we correct the problem ourselves, we can avoid some chastisement from the Lord.

The First Commandment is perhaps the most difficult for any Christian. The Lord said, "*Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*" How easy it is for us to put self on the throne of our hearts. We want to do what we want to do the way we want to do it. The god of self can take over our lives if we are not careful.

So let us regularly examine our lives to see if we are pleasing our Lord. And a review of the Ten Commandments from time to time wouldn't hurt either.

The Sword of the Lord.

CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION IN AMERICA NOW!

Barronelle Stutzman, owner of Arlene's Flowers in Richland, Washington, is being sued for refusing to provide flowers for a homosexual couple's wedding. She was found guilty on February 18, in Benton County Superior Court, for violating the couple's rights. She was offered a deal of \$1,000 fine and \$1 payment for fees if she agreed to serve same-sex couples in the future, but Stutzman refused. Now, the attorney general in Washington is suing her personally as well as her business, which means she could lose home and business because of her stand for her religious beliefs.

Barronelle told a reporter, "If Rob (the homosexual she refused) walked into the store today, I would hug him and catch up on his life. The same faith that tells me that I can't be part of Rob's wedding is the same faith that tells me to love him as Christ does."

She wrote the attorney general, "You are asking me to walk in the way of a well-known betrayer, one who sold something of infinite worth for 30 pieces of silver. That is something I will not do. I don't relish losing my business, my home and everything else that your lawsuit threatens to take from my family, but my freedom to honor God doing what I do best is more important. It's about freedom, not money. You chose to attack my faith and pursue this not simply as a matter of law, but to threaten my very means of working, eating and having a home."

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Editor's Note: As I read and reprint this article, it reminds me of no-doubt many of 'our' Founding-Fathers in signing the 'Declaration of Independence and the USA Constitution'.

The Indwelling Trinity

"To know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:19

One of the great doctrines of Christianity is the doctrine of the indwelling Holy Spirit of God, who lives in the heart of each believer who trusts in Christ for salvation. *"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God?"* (1 Corinthians 6:19).

At the same time, God is one God, so all three persons of the Godhead must, through the Spirit, likewise indwell the believer. Note Paul's prayer for the believers in the Ephesian church (Ephesians 3:14-19).

"That he would grant you...to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man" (Ephesians 3:16). This request acknowledges the indwelling Spirit. Christ also prayed for this *"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter...the Spirit of truth...for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you"* (John 14:16-17).

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith: (Ephesians 3:17), that we might *"know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge"* (V. 19). Here is the indwelling Son. This is also revealed in Galatians 2:20 ("Christ liveth in me") and Colossians 1:27 ("Christ in you, the hope of glory").

"That ye might be filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:19). This can only refer to the indwelling Father, as well as the entire tri-unity of the Godhead. Can this indwelling be ours? Note also that the entire prayer was addressed in the first place to *"the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Ephesians 3:14). This, likewise, is a reflection of Christ's promise: *"If a man love, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him"* (John 14:23). ***"Filled with all the fullness of God!"*** What a wonderful privilege – and responsibility – is ours.

Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

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"And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good."

Genesis 32:12

WHEN Jacob was on the other side of the brook Jabbok, and Esau was coming with armed men, he earnestly sought God's protection, and as a master reason he

pleaded, "And Thou saidst, I will surely do thee good." Oh, the force of that plea! He was holding God to His word – "Thou saidst." The attribute of God's faithfulness is a splendid horn of the altar to lay hold upon; but the promise which has in it the attribute and something more, is a yet mightier holdfast – "thou saidst, I will surely do thee good." And has He said and shall He not do it? "Let God be true, and every man a liar." Shall not HE be true? Shall HE not keep His word? Shall not every word that cometh out of His lips stand fast and be fulfilled? Solomon, at the opening of the temple, used this same mighty plea. He pleaded with God to remember the word which He had spoken to his father David and to bless that place. When a man gives a promissory note, his honor is engaged; he signs his hand, and he must discharge it when the due to me comes, or else he loses credit. It shall never be said that God dishonors His bills. The credit of the Most High never was impeached and never shall be. He is punctual to the moment: He never is before His time, but He never is behind it.

Search God's word through, and compare it with the experience of God's people, and you shall find the two tally from the first to the last. Many a hoary patriarch has said with Joshua, "Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass." If you have a divine promise, you need not plead it with an "if," you may urge it with certainty. The Lord meant to fulfil the promise, or He would not have given it. God does not give His words merely to quiet us, and to keep us hopeful for awhile with the intention of putting us off at last; but when He speaks it is because He means to do as He has said.

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Preserve my soul: for I am holy. Psalm 86:2

Neither wilt thou allow thine Holy One to see corruption. Acts 2:27

The Old Testament word "holy" means pious or godly, set apart. The New Testament word means "right" by intrinsic character hallowed. The Lord Jesus was pure in every way. His words were holy, His deeds were holy; His thoughts were holy. It is no wonder that His Father would not allow Him to see corruption. But on the cross He became sin for me. Is it possible for us to even begin to comprehend it?

Tom Steere

Up Date

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

THANK YOU for your interest and support of the ministry of the MG/HLIF!

Of course, it is God who truly deserves the thanks and praise and then YOU as a vessel! HIS guiding Hand and provision for our needs through believers like you are continuing and we 'thank Him' for His many blessings and anticipate opportunities ahead to advance the cause of His Kingdom.

God continues to bless this 'ministry' that is seeking to reach the lost and equip believers and honor His *perfect Word*.

Seriously consider giving the Morning Glory to a relative/friend and if you've been inspired by how God changes lives and equips His children through the Scriptures, we trust you will mention us to other Christians who have a compassion for both fellow-believers and the lost.

IF the 'spiritual camp-fires' are not kept 'burning', Missions in its' entirety will fail.

FIRST, we continue to challenge YOU to remember this 'ministry' specifically in believing PRAYER and for all those directly involved and, if our ministry has blessed you, please consider a tax-deductible gift to support the Morning Glory and the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation.

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HAUGE BIBLE CONFERENCE

Lord willing, there will be a Hauge Bible Conference at Bethesda Lutheran Brethren Church in Westby, Wisconsin on August 28 -30, 2015. The pastor is Paul Tjelta.

Our guest speakers will include Pastor Curt Emerson (tentatively), Wadena, MN; Pastor Jim Haga of Shoreview, MN, and Pastor Rodney Stueland of Dilworth, MN.

The schedule should appear in the August issue of the Morning Glory.

PLEASE start now to pray for and plan now to also attend; where there shall be 'showers of blessings' as we meet under the topic: **Battle Fields**, possibly based on the text of 1 Peter 5:1-11 and Revelation 12:7-12.