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

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A Faithful Guide to Peace with God

The essential purpose of the Law is to arouse and drive sinners to Christ, who is “the end of the Law for righteousness to every one that believeth.” (Romans 10:4)

When the heart has no experience of the power of the Law to its abasement, the Gospel also remains ineffective; Christ, with all His merit, remains ineffective. *“For ‘they that be whole need not a physician, but the sick’”* (Matthew 9:12), that is to say, they that have been made sick through the harsh dominion of the Law. But when both Law and Gospel, that is, the whole Word of God, no longer exert any influence upon the human heart, the soul is hopelessly lost; it cannot be saved.

Let us, however, consider how it happens that the Law, and thereby the entire Word of God, is rendered futile. It happens in this way: You make the Law a way of salvation, while it should be a condemning judge, a schoolmaster to bring you to Christ. This comes to pass when any one modifies, mitigates and whittles down the commandments and judgments of the Lord, in order that they may agree with the sinner’s opinions, or, at all events, correspond with his natural powers.

The Law is nothing else than God’s holiness, God’s holy will expressed in human words and in men’s consciences.

When we consider that the Law is simply the holiness of God, the will of God, we understand why the Law may not be changed or modified in a single letter to suit the weaknesses of the fallen race; for in that case God’s holi-

ness would have an end.

The Law says distinctly: *“Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this Law to do them.”* (Deuteronomy 27:26)

If you realize that according to the Law you are lost, the answer is: ‘That is precisely what the Law would show you, in order that you might take refuge in Christ.’ As long as you do not recognize this depravity of the heart, your self-sufficiency will assert itself.

Note, furthermore, that there is no better means to advance souls to true comfort than to present the Law in all its severity; for until they are deprived of all comfort in their own righteousness by the Law, they are not ready to accept the righteousness of Christ in the Gospel.

But the Law also has its use in the daily renewal; partly to show the regenerated, justified and pardoned soul how it should conduct itself in all respects; and partly, when the heart is in danger of becoming worldly, to correct and drive the soul to seek Christ daily.

That which chastises sin is the Law, even when it speaks through the wounds of Christ. The Law works as a rule in an unknown and secret way. For *“I had not known sin but by the Law.”* (Romans 7:7) The Law is the plowing, the Gospel is the seed. It is true that the growing does not come by the plowing only, but also requires the seed. Still, if the ground is not plowed, the seed remains useless, lies upon the surface, dries up, and is picked away by the birds. *“If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die.”* (Romans 8:3) But if you are a true Christian, the spirit is indeed willing, and does not need to be chastised by the Law. The flesh is

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weak, secure and evil. It needs to be chastised, as Luther said: "Bit and bridle do not belong to the marriage chamber, but to the stable and to the horse." Remain, therefore, steadfast in the liberty with which Christ hath set you free, but do not make use of your liberty to sin. "Stand fast therefore with the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." (Galatians 5:1, 13) Law lays claim to the entire man, his inmost character, his heart, thoughts and desires. The Law of God is nothing more nor less than God's holiness, God's nature and God's will, expressed words. Conviction, then, is the chief purpose of the Law.

Excerpts taken from 'A Faithful Guide to Peace with God'
by C. O. Rosenius

Editor's Note: JESUS did not come to do 'away' with the Law; but to fulfill the 'will' of God. What wonderful words: "It is finished" for you and me; BUT that does not give us liberty to sin upon the pillow of GRACE! For by GRACE are you saved and it is by GRACE you are kept; for the BLOOD sprinkled way leads HOME (Heaven)! Ephesians 2:8-10 & 1 John 5:11-13

For some Christians it seems easier to say, "Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!" than to say, "Will you forgive me?"

Beautiful Reminiscence of the First Congress in Philadelphia

From the Pen of the Venerable John Adams.

When the Congress met, Mr. Cushing made a motion that it should be opened with prayer. It was opposed by Mr. Jay of New York, and Mr. Rutledge of South Carolina, because we were so divided in religious sentiments - some Episcopalian, some Quakers, some Anabaptists, some Presbyterians, and some Congregationalists, that we could not join in the same act of worship. Mr. Samuel Adams arose and said "that he was no bigot and could bear a prayer from any gentleman of piety and virtue, who was at the same time a friend to his country. He was a stranger in Philadelphia, but had heard that Mr. Duche (Duchay they pronounced it) deserved that character, and therefore he moved that Mr. Duche, an Episcopalian clergyman, might be desired to read prayers to Congress tomorrow morning."

Mr. Randolph, our President, waited on Mr. D., and received for answer that if his health would permit he certainly would. Accordingly, next morning he appeared with his clerk and in his pontificals, and read several prayers in the established form, and then read the Psalter for the seventh day of September, which was the 35th Psalm.

You must remember that this was the next morning after we had heard of the horrible cannonade of Boston. It seemed as if heaven had ordained the Psalm to be read on that morning. "After this Mr. Duche, unexpectedly to everybody, struck out into extemporary prayer, which filled the bosom of every man present I must confess I never heard a better prayer, or one so well pronounced. Episcopalian as he is, Dr. Cooper himself never prayed with such fervor, such adoration, such correctness and pathos, and in language so elegant and sublime, for America, for Congress, for the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, especially the town of Boston. It had excellent effect upon everybody here. I must beg of you to read the Psalm. If there is any faith in the sortes Virgilianae, or Homericæ, or especially the sortes Biblicæ, it would have been thought providential."

Here was a scene worthy of the painter's art. It was in Carpenters' hall in Philadelphia - a building which still survives - that the devoted individuals met to whom this service was read. Washington was kneeling there, and Henry and Randolph and Rutledge, and Lee, and Jay and by their side stood, bowed in reverence, the Puritan patriots of New England, who at that moment had reason to believe that an armed soldiery was wasting their humble households. It was believed that Boston had been bom-

barded and destroyed. They prayed fervently "for America, for the Congress, for the Province of Massachusetts Bay, and especially for the town of Boston;" and who can realize the emotions with which they turned imploringly to heaven for divine interposition and aid? "It was enough" says Mr. Adams, "to melt a heart of stone, I saw the tears gush into the eyes of the old, grave, pacific Quakers of Philadelphia."

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THE FIRST PRAYER IN CONGRESS

By Rev. J. Duche

LORD, our Heavenly Father, high and Mighty King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, who host from Thy throne behold all the dwellers' on earth, and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy we beseech Thee, on these American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor, and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring hence forth to be dependent only on Thee; to Thee, they have appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support which Thou alone canst give; take them therefore heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their cause; and if they persist in their sanguinary purpose, let the voice of Thy own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the Day of battle!

Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation, That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety prevail and flourish among Thy people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world, and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name: and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Savior."

Likely December, 1777

MEMORIAL DAY TO INDEPENDENCE DAY: 40 DAYS OF REMEMBERING AND REJOICING

By Townley (Toby) Knutson, Fargo, ND

The Preamble

"We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America."

It is obviously significant that Memorial Day should precede Independence Day by *40 days*. We should be reminded of earlier days, in the Scriptures, when *40 day* time periods had tremendous significance.

Our memories should bring back thoughts of the necessity of God's judgment on the earth by sending rain upon the earth for *40 days* to wipe out non-ark dwelling creatures, to rid the earth of the filth of sin.

Yet God's mercy endured unto Noah and his family. (**Genesis 7:4**).

American soldiers continue to fight and die to wipe out the result of a myriad of sinful dictators' lust for control and bondage of free people.

Our thoughts should also go back to when Moses went up to Mt. Sinai and spent *40 days* and nights to receive the Ten Commandments. (**Exodus 24:18**). Just as the commandments are rules to remember for living, so we are to remember the reason America sends out its forces to protect the liberty we hold dear. God's mercy endures unto America today.

Numbers 13:25 tells us that the spies searched out Canaan land for *40 days*. Our forefathers came to America to search out a land for judicial and religious liberty and, on July 4, 1776, declared independence from Eng-

A New York enthusiast has a good collection of etchings, one of them being of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, which hangs over his writing desk. For a long time he noticed that it persisted in hanging crooked despite the fact that he straightened it every morning. At least he spoke to the maid, asking her if she was responsible for its lopsided condition. "Why, yes," she said. "I have to hang it crooked to make the tower hang straight."

Even so, some find it necessary to twist the Scriptures in order to justify their own actions and try to make their lives appear right.

Tarbell's Teacher's Gude

land. Our military continues to protect us from tyrannical rulers of other nations. Let us remember the *40 days* from Memorial Day to Independence Day. Let us also remember that God's mercy endures to America today.

We remember, do we not, how Goliath mocked God's people for *40 days* before God's servant put him down with one small stone. (**1 Samuel 17:16**) The soldiers of our USA have put down the enemy of our nation when they come to destroy. Let us remember their service and thank God for His mercy to allow us to enjoy Independence Day.

Jonah 3:4 warns Nineveh that in *40 days* they would be overthrown unless they repented of their sinful condition. Where are America's evangelists sounding out a spiritual warning for its sinful condition today? Only by God's enduring mercy can America continue to exist.

Mark 1:13 tells us of Jesus' fasting and praying in the wilderness for *40 days* and then the Devil came to tempt Him. Are we willing to spend *40 days* in fasting and prayer between Memorial Day and Independence Day? (Editor's Note: Even though Memorial Day & Independence Day of 2009 are past, the 'challenge' remains the same!). Or are we falling for the Devil's temptations to leisurely go on our way as though there are no threats to our liberties? May God's mercy endure for America.

Acts 1:3 tells us that Jesus showed Himself alive to many people for *40 days*, after His resurrection, before ascending victoriously to Heaven!

Can we as Christians in America show our love for Jesus Christ to those who reject Him? Can we boldly proclaim that we are Americans and that we honor those who have given their lives and service, so that on July 4th we are able to celebrate God's mercy for not only our independence from judicial and religious tyranny but also for our liberty from the bondage of sin?

A quote from Samuel Adams: "Let us contemplate our forefathers, and posterity, and resolve to maintain the rights bequeathed to us from the former, for the sake of the latter. The necessity of the times, more than ever, calls for our utmost circumspection, deliberation, fortitude and perseverance..."

A quote from James Madison: "I believe there are more instances of the abridgement off the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

May the Holy Spirit bring back to our memories the truths found in **Proverbs 14:34**, "*righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.*" Yes, let us have *40 days* of remembering our blood-bought freedom and rejoicing in it from Memorial Day to Independence Day AND on!

What Are Your Chances?

E. J. Hoover

A newspaper reporter asked seven people the same question: “What are your chances of going to Heaven when you die?”

The answers ranged from, “Pretty slim, because I can’t play a harp,” to, “about 1 out of 12.”

One woman said she had spent so much time in taxis and had so many narrow escapes that her chances of being hit and going to Heaven seemed “excellent.”

A man modestly said that because of his poor human limitations, he didn’t think his chances were so good.

A woman confessed she didn’t have any idea whether or not she would go to Heaven and suggested, “Why not ask my husband?” When he was approached, he said he thought her chances were really very good since “she joined the church of her own accord.”

Another woman said she felt she had a great chance since her father was so good and he would surely put in a good word for her.

It is obvious that none of these people had any real Bible basis for believing he or she would ever go to Heaven.

But what would you say if you were asked that question? On what would your answer be based?

Perhaps the man who felt his chances were not so good because of his human limitations was closer to the right answer than the others, for as long as we feel we will slide into Heaven by accident or by joining the church or by the mere act of dying, we are not even near the Bible basis for gaining entrance.

Eternity is too real, too long and too full of either torment or happiness to be left to mere chance. God thought it so important that He sent His Son to die for us and to open Heaven for all who will accept Him. All He asks in return is that we recognize His sacrifice on Calvary and appropriate its provisions.

There is no other way. Millions who know this truth with their minds keep on hoping, bluffing, delaying and taking a chance on Heaven as if it were a cheap prize in a carnival game. But Heaven is real, and Hell is real. And God’s plan for each of us includes Heaven. He was not willing that any should perish, but it is possible for us to perish by rejecting His plan of redemption.

Whether you enter Heaven or miss it and go to Hell when you die has nothing to do with your own character apart from Jesus Christ. Your eternal destiny can never be altered because of the goodness of your parents or anyone else. Natural abilities, bank accounts and social standing will not even be considered when that time comes. Only what you do about Jesus Christ here and now will really matter. God says He will judge the whole world by Jesus

Christ. It is not a matter of chance; it is your acceptance or rejection of the Saviour that will determine your eternal destiny.

The Bible says, “*The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*”

Will you turn to the Saviour now and make Heaven your sure destiny instead of taking a chance – and missing it? Remember this: “*It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.*”

Let’s Set the Record Straight!

Christian, Not Islamic

Our President recently stated that, “We do not consider ourselves a Christian nation or a Jewish nation or a Muslim nation.”

Woodrow Wilson stated, “A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday does not know what it is today nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about.”

Let’s say this clearly and plainly: This nation was not founded by or on Islam but on Christianity. Our Supreme Court stated in 1892, “No purpose of action against religion can be imputed to any legislation, state or national, because this is a religious people... This is a Christian nation.”

Our Founding Fathers came to the shores of this land with a Bible, not a Koran, in their hand. The Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock were Christians, not Muslims.

A Newsweek poll recently stated that 62 percent of this nation still considers itself a “Christian nation.” While our leaders are cuddling our enemies, those enemies continue to preach that the infidels (Americans) should be killed.

This is not a Judeo-Christian-Muslim nation. The women of America can still vote and hold public office because of the freedoms given to them by Christianity. While our leadership is afraid to pressure those who seek our destruction, our enemies behead our citizens in Muslim countries. We often wonder whose payroll some of our leadership is on.

If one remembers correctly, those terrorists who attacked our nation were Muslims. If I continue to remember correctly, we are presently fighting two wars on Muslim territory. We have Muslims housed off the coast of Cuba who tried to terrorize this nation.

It is time to put the baby bottles up and get out the boxing gloves! What will it take for leadership to learn that you cannot cuddle a rattlesnake? We are grateful that all people can live on these shores, but not at the expense of destroying their freedom to do so.

—Dr. Ron Baity, ReturnAmerica.org

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

United Methodists Misguided Ad Campaign Going After Younger Members

The United Methodist Church in the USA is a decidedly liberal denomination that has been in a major decline for decades. With their eye on turning things around, they have allocated \$20 million for TV ads designed to appeal to young people.

In typical liberal-mentality fashion, they will be flaunting activities such as feeding the poor, literacy programs, basketball leagues in low-income neighborhoods and various other forms of volunteerism. The pitch is for “relevance”! There doesn’t seem to be any attention focused on redemption, regeneration, righteousness and the like.

Sword Press Service

Legalize “Pot” Debate

The governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger, is now encouraging debate over legalizing marijuana. His state legalized the medical use of marijuana in 1996. Since the legalizing and taxing of alcohol has been so successful (ho-hum), no doubt the politicians will hold that up as an example of how to handle the sale and distribution of dope legally. Regulation and taxation are not the way to deal with these scourges on our society!

Sword Press Service

Editor’s Note: The Netherlands legalized both marijuana use and prostitution. It seems likely that the United States

George Santayana, a famous Spanish-born philosopher, writer and critic (1883-1952), made a most classic statement often quoted by many famous statesmen, including President Woodrow Wilson and Winston Churchill. That statement by Santayana was:

“Those who do not study history are doomed to repeat it.”

Lord, help us all to learn well the much-needed values presented by this classic ***“understanding!”***

will follow. This should be a wake-up call for us to earnestly pray.

Dominican Republic Criminalizes Abortion Permanently

In response to recent efforts by international pro-abortion groups seeking to decriminalize abortion in the Dominican Republic, legislators permanently enshrined the right to life for preborn humans by rewriting the Constitution of the Dominican Republic with the words “the right to life is inviolable from conception until death.”

Christian Newswire

Japan Faces Drastic Underpopulation Problems

The Japanese birthrate, currently at 134, is well below the 2.0 threshold needed to maintain a nation’s population.

LifeNews.com

U.S. Will Pay \$2.6 Million to Train Chinese Prostitutes to Drink Responsibly on the Job

The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAA), a part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will pay \$2.6 million in U.S. tax dollars to train Chinese prostitutes to drink responsibly on the job.

Dr. Xiaoming Li, the researcher conducting the program, is director of the Prevention Research Center at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit.

The grant, made last November, refers to prostitutes as “female sex workers” – or FSW – and their handlers as “gatekeepers.”...

The research will take place in the southern Chinese province of Guangxi ...

“The purpose of the project is to try and develop an intervention program targeting HIV risk and alcohol use,” Li told CNSNews.com. “So basically it’s an alcohol and HIV risk reduction intervention project” ...

The doctor said the heart of the study involves “a community-based cluster randomized controlled trial among 100 commercial sex venues in Beihai, a coastal tourist city in Guangxi.” ...

The grant is one of several “international initiatives” sponsored by the National Institutes of Health ...

“Prostitution is illegal in China, but it exists in China,” Li told CNSNews.com, “but the Chinese government and the society’s attitude towards prostitution is complicated.”

According to Li, there may be as many as 10 million female prostitutes in China with the majority ranging from teenagers to those in their 20s ...

The NIH proposal hypothesizes that the program will decrease “problem drinking and alcohol-related sexual risk” among prostitutes.

CNSNews.com

So Much for “Mother” Earth

Apparently, Speaker Nancy Pelosi isn’t the only one to blame big families for the world’s woes. According to Britain’s radical environmentalists, having more than two children is now “irresponsible.” Jonathon Porritt, who chairs the Sustainable Development Commission, says he is “unapologetic” about a new report that advocates abortion and contraception as the means for reducing his country’s carbon footprint. Of course, the argument for population control is nothing new – nor is it unique to the U.K., as we saw (February, 2009) from Pelosi’s “family planning” stand. For decades, population control has been inextricably linked to the environmental and abortion movements ...

Unfortunately, the religious left, in gravitating toward this “green” crowd, is leading Christians by a world-view that is in direct contradiction with Scripture. Stewardship of God’s creation is the responsibility of every Christian. But we must realize that there’s a greater threat to the environment than climate change or scarce resources – and that’s the threat of environmental extremism that elevates the planet above people.

Family Research Council

‘Day of Prayer’ suit is allowed

WISCONSIN A federal judge has refused to dismiss a lawsuit that claims the National Day of Prayer – the first Thursday in May – is unconstitutional. U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb ruled the case brought by the Madison-based Freedom From Religion Foundation can move forward. She said the atheists and agnostics group faces a heavy burden in proving the tradition violates the separation of church and state, but that they should have an opportunity to do so.

Taken from *The Star Tribune*
May 30, 2009

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Will You Just Grow Up?!

Hebrews 5:11-13

A lack of maturity is not only evidenced in children but also in adults. When an adult pouts, throws fits or demands his own way, it is evident that he has not grown up. Maturity is not limited to age; it is an attitude of one’s character.

When writing to the Hebrew Christians, Paul told them that he had a lot more to share with them, things that were difficult to say because they were “*dull of hearing*” (v. 11). That is, they had become sluggish or lazy in the ear. They may have heard the words, but they were not able to understand the message. They had not grown up yet. Paul told them that it was “*the time ye ought to be teachers,*” those who had the spiritual maturity and ability to grasp and to proclaim the truth, but instead “*ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God*” (v. 12). These believers still had not grasped some of the spiritual basics. They were not growing. They were still on the bottle, “*such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.*”

Many Christians today are just like those early Hebrew believers – they have not learned to grow up. Are you one of these spiritually immature Christians? Perhaps you have been saved for many years and have gone to church every Sunday, yet you have not grown spiritually. You should already be able to teach God’s Word, yet you are still drinking milk from the bottle. Why are you still using milk, that is, staying in the basics (v. 13)? It is time to grow up! Stop living a stagnate, stunted Christian life. God has much more for you. Start chewing on the meat of God’s Word. “*But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*” (2 Pet. 3:18). PNF

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Diligence

Is it possible that King David had mounted his housetop for retirement and devotions? If so, what a caution is given us to count no place, however secret, a sanctuary from sin! While our hearts are so like a timber-box and sparks so plentiful, we had better use all diligence in all places to prevent a blaze. Satan can climb housetops and enter closets, and even if we could shut out that foul friend, our own corruptions are enough to work our ruin unless grace prevents.

Charles Spurgeon

Life Is A Sermon

A Radio Message By Wilbur E. Nelson

“Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God a great price.

For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.” (1 Peter 3:1-7)

In the first seven verses of this chapter, the practical exhortations are applied to the marriage relationship, teaching that husbands and wives are to live to the glory of God in their sanctified union.

It teaches that a truly Christian wife will recognize her husband’s place as head of the house, even if he is a pagan, hoping for and aiming toward his conversion through her reverent, chaste behaviour. This is not the language of a modern sex equalitarian, but the passage is filled with the spirit of Christian chivalry.

The Bible, in designating man as the head of the home, in no way minimizes the dignity and respect which should be shown to the wife – never teaches that man is better than woman – it simply takes into account the peculiar nature of man and woman and establishes an order compatible with those natures. Any man who is subject to his wife, henpecked and subservient, is an object of understandable ridicule, even contempt.

I know some are thinking, or will think, “What about the home where the husband is such a weakling that he cannot and will not take his place as head of the home? Doesn’t the wife have the responsibility to assume that place?” If she does, or must, it is not a home and marriage based on Biblical principles, even if it is making the best of a bad situation.

I know, too, that there are cases where the wife only

thinks she must assume the headship – she is aggressive, seeking authority, wanting to dominate, and she resents anyone being head but she.

But Peter was dealing with no such situation as he wrote to these Christians he addresses. Their women had no rights at all, under Jewish law, or Greek or Roman law, for that matter. In Greek civilization a woman’s duty was “to remain indoors and be obedient to her husband.” A Roman woman remained forever a child – her father had the right of even life and death over her – when she married, that right became her husband’s. For her to change her religion, then, was a step filled with danger.

Peter says, and Paul as well, to the Christian woman with a pagan, or a Jewish husband, “Stay with him, recognize your subjection to him – live so that you may win him, not through nagging, arguing, even preaching, but by living. He says she is to be submissive, not in a spineless, cringing way but in love. She is to be chaste, pure and reverent, so that her life is a witness to the power of her indwelling, outliving Lord.

Peter also has something to say about personal appearance and adornments. Christian women, he says, should be distinguished by inner beauty, rather than by outward adornment and ornamentation. This is not command to take on a drab, sallow, “mousey” appearance – if we take it to forbid wearing any gold we may also take it to forbid putting on any apparel – it simply calls on the Christian woman to show the truest, finest adornment, “a meek (gentle) and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price (very precious).”

This, too, was counter to the culture of the times – women’s hair was waved, dyed and adorned with bands, pins and combs, made of ivory, tortoise shell and sometimes of gold, studded with gems. Wigs were common, made of human hair, some of which was imported from what is now Germany, even India. “Purple and fine linen” was no mere phrase – purple cloth was a favorite. One pound of purple wool from Tyre cost about \$175 to \$200 or more. Pliny saw the wife of Caligula in a dress which cost, \$1,350,000, it was made of such costly material and covered with so many gems.

In the face of this, Peter calls for graces which are precious in the sight of God, the jewels which adorned the holy women of old, such as Sarah.

The husband, too, is exhorted to recognize his responsibility to the wife – he is to be considerate of his wife, sensitive to her feelings. He is to be chivalrous (even after marriage!), recognizing that women, though in some ways they are tougher and more resilient than men, are in some

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ways weaker – and in these areas he is to treat her with deference and unselfishness. He is to recognize her spiritual rights, suggested in a beautiful phrase: “*as being heirs together of the grace of life* (meaning eternal life).”

Women had no share in the Roman, Greek or Jewish worship – when admitted, they were segregated from the men. But now, in Christ, they were no longer segregated as being inferior – they had equal spiritual rights. Talk about Women’s Liberation! Christianity has done more for women than any movement or organization in human history!

Throughout these admonitions concerning husbands and wives, one thing is clear, one thought is stated and re-stated: marriage, with all else that it is, is supremely, for the Christian, a spiritual relationship. This is very evident in verse seven: “... *dwell with them according to knowledge* (i.e., true spiritual enlightenment)” ... “*being heirs together of the grace of life* (eternal)”...and, a word of caution, “...*that your prayers be not hindered.*” (Editor: Men, notice that ‘your prayers be not hindered!’)

Marriage is more than an end in itself – it is, properly, a means of grace through which man and woman may enter more fully into fellowship with God.

Another truth which stands out is the fact that our living is a vital factor in leading people to Christ. Life is a sermon – a meek (gentle) and quiet spirit is not only precious to God but powerful in proclaiming His grace.

We are not saying that spoken sermons are of trivial importance – God has chosen to “*save them that believe by the foolishness of preaching*” (that is, considered foolish by unrepentant, reprobate minds). But what a mighty influence for God a sanctified life can be! By it an unbelieving husband may be won (although I have seen many such a man too stubborn and hard to heed the sermon his wife lived before him). By it a quarrel can be forgotten, hard feelings can be pacified, suspicion can be quieted.

Wesley burned his sermons every seven years, spur-

ring himself to write a better one – but no one can burn the effect of a godly life – its seed will grow somewhere, sometime.

A young man, asked which was his favorite version of Scripture, answered, “My mother’s life.” This is the ultimate compliment – that our lives shall reveal the love and grace of God!

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Cast not away therefore your boldness, which hath great recompense of reward.

(Hebrews 10:35)

MANY of God’s children have cast away their boldness. Perhaps you are one of them?

You have only some fond memories of the days when holy boldness made your soul strong, enabling you to bear the burdens of life, the great as well as the small, not only calmly and with self-control, but with serenity of soul.

How did you lose your boldness?

It is written of Jehoshaphat: “*His heart was lifted up in the ways of Jehovah.*” In truth, only in the ways of the Lord can we keep our boldness.

But we stray from the ways of the Lord every day, more or less. How then can any of us keep our boldness?

Well, it is not sin that causes us to lose our boldness, but what we do after we have sinned. If we condone and cover up our sins, we lose our boldness. For then we have slipped into a secret covenant with sin. And dare not look God in the face.

There are many believers today whose eyes are cast down because they have compromised with their carnal desires and no longer oppose them in earnest. Others have yielded to vanity, comfort, or fear of others, or have begun to fashion themselves according to the world. Others have lost their boldness through love of mammon.

And when boldness goes out, worry and anxiety enter in.

You dare not look to the cross, because there your eye meets the Savior’s sad and searching glance. Then you try to console yourself and hope for the best. Especially do you hope that things will become better later.

You know, do you not, that it is only by a complete reconciliation that you can be saved?

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James Stewart, the old Scottish revivalist, said, “The failure of the Scottish ministry was in their refusal to be repetitive.” He meant that they lost the next generation because they became novel and creative and sought out many inventions rather than just saying what Scripture says over and over and over.

Dr. Dan Reed in Daily Manna

Editorial

RES LIBERTY!

“...Proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants...” (Leviticus 25:10)

Liberty Enlightening the World is the original title given to what is now more commonly called *The Statue of Liberty*. Situated on Liberty Island in New York Harbor, the statue was a gift from France as a gesture of friendship and a tribute to the United States’ devotion to democracy (Republic) and freedom.

Designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the statue was constructed by hammering huge sheets of copper into shape over an iron framework. It represents a regal woman who has just escaped from the chains of slavery which lie at her feet. Her right hand holds aloft the burning torch of liberty and in her left hand she holds a book of law which is inscribed with the date of the Declaration of Independence – July 4, 1776. She is draped in flowing classical robes and wears a spiked crown.

The seven rays in Liberty’s crown represent the seven seas and the seven continents. This reminds us of the universality of the work done for mankind by the Lord Jesus - “*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life*” (John 3:16).

The book of the law held in Liberty’s left hand reminds us that we have been redeemed from the law – “*Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth*” Romans 10:4. We do not become ‘citizens’ by keeping the Law; but IF we love our ‘Land’ we will want to obey it as long it is ‘right’ for our ‘land’.

Part of the restoration of *The Statue of Liberty* was the replacement of her torch. So for a while Liberty’s light was out! How unlike the Lord Jesus Christ, Who says and is: “*I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life*” (John 8:12)

Our founders recognized the importance of dependence upon God and our individual patriotism to defend our shores and preserve freedom for all people. But we live in a beloved country where the enemy wants to destroy us from either within or without; as NOW we are on the verge of ‘socialism’. Lethargy and complacency are great ‘tools’ in the hands of the land of the brave and strong. The men who signed the Declaration of Independence and/or Constitution wanted to live as much as you and I do! **The only thing necessary for evil to succeed is for Godly people to do nothing!** (This is also TRUE Spiritually). Some ‘believers salve their ‘conscience’ by not

working to expose what is wrong! Such thinking is like this: “A little error wouldn’t harm me.” It isn’t until later that they realize that ‘little foxes’ grow into an ‘adult fox’. They don’t want to cause any ‘waves’ while our Savior says to expose them in LOVE. **Ephesians 5:8-14, Titus 1:9 - 14, 1 Corinthians 14:8, Isaiah 59:19**

General George Washington issued an order soon after the Continental Congress had fasted and prayed which said in part: It is strictly enjoined on all Officers and Soldiers to attend Divine Service; and it is expected that all those who go to worship do take their Arms, Ammunition and Accouterments (a soldier’s equipment apart from his clothing and weapons), and are prepared for immediate action if called upon.” Paul Reveres are scarce in America today – often, IF they do take up the position of the “Watchman on the Wall,” they soon become discouraged and disgraced. George Washington also said that you “cannot rightly govern the country without the Word of God.” The real USA does not promise success; but if we fail, there is opportunity to try again. JESUS says: “Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee the crown of life!” There are two vital ingredients in Liberty: Integrity and Trust! You see, our Government doesn’t owe us, **BUT Jesus does:** “*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s*” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

The BIBLE states that where ‘the Spirit of the Lord is, there is ‘Liberty’; this is a ‘Liberty’ not to destroy but to edify. Fortunately we who attended the recent annual conference of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation experienced the same. It was so good for folk to gather around the WORD and, after all, you will notice that’s what the Apostles preached/shared in the BIBLE as well. In the Bible, even when there was not always ‘agreement’ or lack of understanding/insight, they used the WORD to come to an agreement. This is what we are by the GRACE of God seeking to stay true too: The WORD. **Acts 17:2, 18:4-6, 9-10, 19, 18:24-28**. (As an example) The preaching was WORD-centered, singing was great and Christ-centered. The attendance was encouraging and the offering definitely supportive. The testimonies pointed to the crucified and risen ONE who is absolute trustworthy and faithful. Even the physical food was delicious! Thank you so much, Stavanger Lu-

theran Congregation of Garden City, Iowa! The conference was refreshing and the *Presence of The Almighty was there as we experienced a warm, open spirit!* Thank you for those of you who prayed for the same!

We know Satan would like to silence this ministry so we

urge you to stand with 'us' through thick and thin! Can we depend upon you to remember this 'ministry' in prayer, support and with your financial support? "WE" have a Great GOD and HE has done it before and HE can do it again; that brings honor and glory to HIS NAME!

MAY WE NEVER FORGET

Loud and clear

We heard our new President, back when he was a candidate, vow to support the notorious Freedom of Choice Act.

With the muscle of a largely pro-abortion Congress behind them and the unlimited financial backing of the pro-abortion Congress behind them and the unlimited financial backing of the pro-abortion lobby – including the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, N.O.W., NARAL: Pro-Choice America, the National Abortion Federation, and others – our new national leaders are set to change history by enacting a return to the torture-killing of countless babies via partial-birth abortion.

Loud and clear

The threat represented by the Freedom of Choice Act – which we expect to be re-filed in Congress within days – is very real and painfully clear:

- The Freedom of Choice Act would codify Roe v. Wade, enshrining abortion into federal law.
- Parental notification or involvement laws in 44 states and virtually all other restrictions on abortion at the state level would be eliminated.
- Federal limits on abortion funding would be struck down.
- Millions of tax dollars could go via government grants to Planned Parenthood, America's largest abortion business - which means you'll be funding more abortions than ever through your taxes.
- Estimates indicate that as many as 125,000 more babies will be killed every year under this so-called "Freedom of choice."
- In fact, this dangerous bill would totally decimate our hard-fought efforts to rid America of abortion.

Loud and clear

On behalf of the unborn, to protect innocent human life from brutal, inhumane death, we must sound off, speak out, stand up, and fight this battle once again.

Speak out loud and clear for those who have no

voice. – Selected

Editor's Note: Humanly and physically speaking the most dangerous place to be is a child in its Mother's Womb! There have been more babies slaughtered/killed in its Mother's Womb than ALL the people who have been killed in all the 'wars' in history combined!

United in the Faith

Malachi 3:16

Malachi the prophet wrote during a period in Israel's history when those who "feared the LORD" were but a very small minority, often referred to as a "remnant." Unquestionably the life circumstances of those who were faithful to God and to His Word brought many tribulations, discouragements and even persecution. But Malachi decided to center his attention upon the special, incomparable blessings shared by the remnant of God's people whose hearts were knit together in the Lord.

The prophet recorded that these believers "spoke often one to another." Though we are not told specifically the conversations that passed between them, this godly remnant undoubtedly encouraged its members to be completely faithful to God and His Word. In Psalm 133:1-3, the psalmist David beautifully describes the many blessings that are the result of the precious harmony shared by those who truly fear the Lord.

The prophetic fulfillment of Malachi's words should encourage believers in the "last days." The prophet's words are not only addressed to the remnant of his day but also to the godly remnant living in the end times nigh unto our Lord's return. In wondrous fulfillment to these words, our hearts have been spiritually lifted as we speak with others who are holding the faith in these perilous times. As in Malachi's day, the prevailing spirit of apostasy that surrounds us can be disheartening and cause us much discouragement. But the ungodly character of these days also makes our fellowship with faithful believers increasingly precious; it is just as the psalmist has described "good" and "pleasant," like "precious ointment upon the head" (Psa. 133:1-2). JMC

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What Ever Happened to Restitution?

Restitution should hold a prominent place in the preaching of repentance. Occasionally someone struggling in prayer at yesterday's altar would confess that he had seemingly "hit a snag." He couldn't get any farther in his praying.

Some wise counselor would suggest that it might be he needed to make things right with his fellowman in order to find real peace with God. Upon his promise to do this, he was able to believe that God would accept him on credit. As faith and obedience were thus united, peace flooded the troubled soul.

Stolen goods were returned or paid for. Lies and false accusations were confessed. Dishonest practices were unveiled. Bitter feeling and sharp words were repented of. Unholy motives were exposed, that they might be forgiven and forsaken.

There is no better preventative for backsliding than the painful journey down "restitution trail." Most people who have traveled it have found not only forgiveness, but real deliverance from their sins.

It is not easy to steal again after one has made some real sacrifices to repay an earlier theft. The student is less likely to yield to the temptation to cheat if he has made restitution for previous cheating and suffered its consequences.

There is a greater sensitivity to the checking of the Holy Spirit when tempted to lie or gossip maliciously, or if we have ever had to face an individual and confess our wrong and humbly ask forgiveness.

We will be less prone to insist on our personal infallibility if we have humbled ourselves and admitted that we were wrong in our arrogant judgment of another.

If the doctrine of restitution were restored to our preaching and teaching of repentance, perhaps the element of old-fashioned revival would again permeate our churches.

Restitution is scriptural for both saint and sinner. Zaccheus, a sinner, promised to restore fourfold that which he had taken falsely. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus admonished believers to make sure they had no unconfessed grievance with the brethren before they attempted to offer an acceptable gift unto the Lord...

What ever happened to restitution? It is still practiced by those who dig down to solid rock in their experience with the Lord.

If your spiritual foundation has been sandy and uncertain, try making restitution for those besetting sins, and deliverance will come as your faith then finds a real an-

chor in the promises of God.

—E. J. Cummings
The Sword of The Lord

By Seeing the Eternal

2 Corinthians 4:15-18

Stop, look and consider the world around you. You will see many things you would like to do or to change. You will see bad things happening to good people. You will see an economy that could collapse at any time. You will find Christians persecuted for their faith and Satan trying to pull you away from your Savior. If you keep yourself focused on the gloom you see, you will be sure to faint!

As believers we must start seeing the invisible, looking up and concentrating on the heavenly, "Seek those things which are above ...Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:1-3). Hebrews 11 mentions many heroes of the faith who ran life's race before us, looking unto Jesus. These men and women did not get caught up in the world around them. One of these heroes was Moses. Hebrews 11 lists four aspects of Moses' ministry: (1) He **exposed the truth**, for he was not afraid to let others know who he was (Heb. 11:24). (2) He **explored the treasure**. He could have had it all but was richer by far for denying the treasures of Egypt (Heb. 11:26). (3) He **endured tribulation**, "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God" (Heb. 11:25). (4) He **erased the temporal**, "as seeing Him who is invisible" (Heb. 11:27). At first glance, it does not seem that following these four steps paid off for Moses, considering he was unable to go into the Promise Land. But notice Deuteronomy 34:5, 7: "so Moses the servant of the LORD died...His eye was not dim, nor his normal force abated." When God took him out of his ministry, he was still going strong. Follow Moses' example and forsake the temporal by seeing the eternal. TCS

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GOD'S WORD IS PURE AND SURE, IN
SPITE OF THE DEVIL, IN SPITE OF
YOUR FEAR, IN SPITE OF
EVERYTHING.

R. A. TORREY

In The Way of Music

Not every Christian can sing with his voice, but everyone can have a song in his heart.

The psalmist said, *“He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God.”* (Ps. 40:3)

The New Testament also addresses the matter of song. *“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”* (Eph. 5:19)

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” (Col. 3:16)

Hidden away in one of those Old Testament genealogies is a man described as *“Heman a singer”* (1 Chron. 6:33). Taking these three words as his test, F.B. Meyer wrote one of his beautiful homilies on Christian singing.

This is a very brief record to put on a man’s grave, but a very expressive one. To decipher that epitaph about Heman is to learn a good deal about him. From this clue we might almost construct his entire personality and character. And it would be well if it could be said of us that we had ministered with song before the Tabernacle of the Lord.

Would you be a singer – not on Sundays only but always, not with your voice only but in your heart, not only when the sunshine pours into the open casement through the swaying boughs of honeysuckle, but when the shutters tell of bereavement and removal?

Sing on, dear heart, sing on. There is nothing that scares off the Devil so quickly as a hymn. Luther said, *“Let us sing a hymn and spite the Devil.”* There is nothing that so well beguiles the pilgrim’s step and quickens his pace when the miles are growing long, and weary. There is nothing that rings so much of Heaven into the heart.

Singing makes every movement rhythmic, every service praise, every act thanksgiving.

Sing when times are dark – you will make them bright. Sing when the house of life is lonely – it will become peopled with unseen choristers. Go down into the valley of shadow with a song, and you will find yourself singing the new song of Moses and the Lamb when you awake on the other side.

—From Sunday School Times

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The Credentials of the Scriptures

Psalm 138:2

God’s Word: final, infallible and forever! Would you

agree? God has given His Word in the Bible; there is no more word needed and no more to give until Christ comes for His own, when we will then commune face-to-face with Him. His Word is without error and is preserved as He promised (119:89; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). A spiritual truth in need of great emphasis today is that the Bible is the Word of God, which external proofs (archaeology; ancient history) as well as internal proofs (prophetic utterances; the wonders of biblical structure) serve to verify. One such aspect of biblical structure is the unity of the Scriptures – written over a period of 1,600 years in three languages by nearly 40 authors (human instruments through whom the Spirit wrote) from all levels and conditions of life, yet with a unity that is perfect in its testimony. The phrase “Thy word,” used 35 times in Psalm 119, is given in the singular and accords with a common usage in Scripture to emphasize the thought of unity.

We must be careful lest we undervalue the Word of God. It has been rightly said that “the thing that is most highly honored by God Himself is the Bible, the Word of God. He has Himself given it first place above all the things that He has made” (LeBaron W. Kinney). Hear what God says through the psalmist David: “Thou (God) hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name.” “This is more than He has ever said of the stars or anything else in creation” (Kinney). It also seems that God wants us to realize how wonderful are the glorious heavens in order that we may more appreciate His Word (19:1-7a). Only God’s Word can convert the soul (Jn. 5:24; 1 Pet. 1:23). JED

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ALL for Jesus?

All for Jesus ! Can I give it? Can I pay so great a price? Can I make the full surrender Of a consecrated life?

All for Jesus! Oh, the struggle As my dreams and hopes I see lying at my feet in ashes Through the long eternity!

All for Jesus! Can I trust Him To supply my every need, Give me grace for every trial As I often the promise plead?

All for Jesus! “Yes,” I answer; Gladly now I seek His will, Sweetly trust His blessed promise – He will every need fulfill.

All for Jesus! Precious Jesus! Oh, the joy I find in Him! Peace that passeth understanding, Earthly pleasures all grow dim.

—Ada Van Resselaeer, *The Sword of The Lord*

THEN JESUS CAME

In the late 1930s a number of individuals had a part in the writing of one of our most stirring evangelistic songs. In a large meeting in the Billy Sunday Tabernacle at the Winona Lake Bible conference Grounds in Winona Lake, Indiana, Mr. Homer Rodeheaver, Billy Sunday's song leader, heard a sermon by Evangelist Mel Trotter in which he vividly described his conversion experience, how God had lifted him from a horrible pit of drunkenness and near suicide.

As Trotter walked along Clark Street one night in Chicago contemplating suicide, someone urged him to go into the Pacific Garden Mission. There he found Christ, who changed his life completely and forever.

In describing how low he had sunk, Trotter told his audience that before he met Christ, he had come home from ten days of drunkenness and found his wife holding their dead, two-year-old son. Standing at his son's casket, he promised never to drink another drop, but within two hours he came home drunk again.

Soon afterward, he left his wife and ended up in Chicago in a snowstorm. Having no money, he sold his shoes to buy liquor. When the money was gone, they threw him out of the saloon, and he was on his way to Lake Michigan to commit suicide when he passed the mission.

He convincingly told his audience how Christ changed his life after he became a Christian. As he gave the altar call following his sermon, many responded. It was a message and an illustration that lingered in the minds of all who heard him.

After the service, a number of people gathered for food and fellowship in the home of Homer Rodeheaver, who lived only a short distance away. Their conversation was about the service they had just attended and the sermon they had just heard.

Dr. Harry Rimmer, one of Rodeheaver's guests, re-

*Life is real!
Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal.
'Dust thou art;
to dust returnest',
Was not spoken of the soul.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

marked how everything changes when Jesus comes into our lives. The situation and the sermon by Dr. Rimmer started Rodeheaver to thinking that someone should write a song expressing those very truths. It all kept ringing in his mind.

A few days later he traveled to Philadelphia to a branch office of his music publishing company. While there, he was visited by Dr. Oswald Smith, pastor of the People's Church of Toronto, and a wonderful songwriter. Rodeheaver told him of the recent service and his thoughts about the changing power of Christ and asked him if he would try writing a suitable poem that he might set to music.

Dr. Smith went back to his room and, before the day was done, returned with a poem entitled "Then Jesus Came."

A melody came quickly to Rodeheaver, who passed the whole project along to his music editor, C. Austin Miles, composer of "In the Garden." Miles put the song on manuscript paper, and Rodeheaver sang it at a meeting that very evening.

When Christ comes into a life, He sets the captive free. "Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Lindsay Terry, Taken from "Sword of the Lord"

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What Is Love?

A young poet had written a number of poems. She obtained a letter of introduction to an editor and, when she met him, told him that she had some poems she would like to have published in his magazine.

"What about?" asked the editor.

"All about love," she replied.

"Well! What is love?" questioned the editor. "Tell me."

"Love," replied the young woman, casting her eyes heavenward, "is gazing upon a lily-pond at night, by the shimmering moonbeams, when the lilies are in full bloom, and ..."

"Stop! Stop!" cried the editor, curtly interrupting her. "You are all wrong, very, very wrong. I will tell you what love is. It is getting up cheerfully out of a warm bed on a cold winter morning at two o'clock to provide care for ailing children. That's real love. I am sorry, but I do not think we can use your poems."

The editor was right. Real love is doing something for somebody at some inconvenience to ourselves.

Henry T. Sell

STRONG IN BATTLE

“Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand.” Eph. 6:10-13.

...The battle is not against flesh and blood. It is not a war among people as we usually think of war, such as Frenchman against German, Bulgarian against Serbian, or Chinese against Japanese. It is a spiritual warfare. No canon is seen or heard; no saber glitters in the sunshine, and no bayonet is used against the enemy. But it is ware nevertheless; anyone who is anxious to save his soul will soon discover that.

The hosts of wickedness arrayed against the Christian can possibly be divided into two groups. The one group is described in our text as principalities, powers, and world rulers of this darkness. This must be those people who live outside of fellowship with God.

It is still true that in most places on this earth true Christianity has not penetrated very far into the life of the people. Those who rule are usually worldly people. They have the power in this age, and it is likely that we shall have no change until Christ returns. Only rarely do they rule in harmony with God’s Word and Spirit. The spirit of the world is like a boa constrictor that is ready to crush its victim; Christians meet it on every hand. As long as there is a spark of spiritual life in your and my heart we shall have to battle

CHANGES!

At the Annual Conference of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation and ‘Board Meeting,’ some ‘changes’ were made. At the election of the Hauge Board’ the following were elected or chosen:

President: Mr. Kevin Gunderson

Vice President: Mr. Clifford Nelson

Secretary: Pastor Jim Haga (re-elected)

Treasurer: Mr. Paul Peterson

A hearty THANK YOU to Mr. Toby Knutson; who had served on the Hauge Board for a ‘term’ and Mrs. Barbara Stueland as temporary ‘Treasurer: for the past three and a half years. May the Lord Richly Bless you for your ‘service’ in Him in

against this evil spirit; if we do not, our Christianity will soon be a thing of the past.

The Christian needs to be clad in the full armor of God at all times; his battlefield is in the worldly home, the worldly business places, in worldly society, in town hall or the halls of congress. Briefly, a Christian must be prepared for war wherever he is. He who thinks himself spiritually secure will soon discover that the world is a strong and dangerous enemy of everything that is from God.

Christians of generation or two ago were very much afraid of keeping too much company with worldly people; possibly they went too far in that direction. ‘They forgot that it was not human beings they were to turn away from, but the spirit which dominates in the world. It may be that we have gone to the opposite extreme; Christians today do not think of the world as being particularly worldly. Christianity has been made to fit into the scheme of things in the world. Christians of the present day are not afraid of being associated with worldly people in business or politics. When worldly people are reasonable in their attitudes, as they frequently are, it is so easy for the Christian to lay the sword aside. But then he does not have to go much further before he is a friend of the world and an enemy of God.

It appears so innocent to be friendly with the world; it looks so refined too. But it is not long before the friendship of the world is found to be more delectable than the company of Christians. When that happens we are on slippery ice; only God’s grace can keep us from falling. As a fly is caught and loses its life in a web of exceedingly fine threads woven by the spider, so have many Christians been caught in the web of worldliness and have lost their lives. They died quietly, yet so surely. They forgot that they were at war; this was the tragedy that spelled their doom.

Here – precisely here – many present day Christians are in great danger; many have already been deceived, perhaps even without knowing it. While they are boasting of having progressed far beyond the gloomy spirituality of the pietists they have landed in a veritable black death; they have pinned a Christian badge on the lapel of worldly spirit. They still want to be known as Christians. This humbug is frequently paraded as Christianity that has been liberated from ignorance and superstition; it is Christianity that has grown to maturity.

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

To resist with all might

On every hand

Is both proper and right

For Him who will stand.

But it takes more than this a wreath to win,

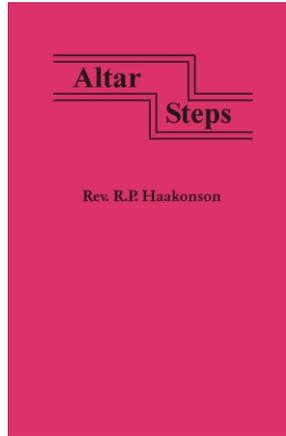
Persistency alone will conquer sin.

Taken from “*Spirit and Power*” by Ludvig Hope

Altar Steps is Available!

We have now re-printed the daily devotional, "Altar Steps" by R.P. Haakonson. This devotion is suitable for daily devotions with children. Most of the devotions contain a stanza or two of an applicable hymn. This work was first published in 1947 and is very evangelistic.

Finished copies are now available. These books will be available on a free-will offering basis, with a suggested offering of \$5.00 + \$1.00 shipping.



Update

Mid - Summer

YES, we are in the midst of the 'summer slump' financially - BUT are optimistic about the future and want to believe that you will encourage 'us' with your prayer support and financial offering. AS you are aware, we have in faith enlarged this ministry with a part-time Field Representative, making available 'Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God, Mirror of the Heart and now the family (year long) devotional book, Altar Steps.' As we read the 'Signs of the Times', we know that time is fleeting and we do not 'kill' time; but seek to *invest* it in **Eternity** with your consistent help!

YES, we are aware of the fact that the 'economy' is tighter and so, as always, we seek to be wise 'stewards' of what the LORD 'entrusts' into our midst!

"But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God – and righteousness and sanctification and redemption – that as it is written, 'He who glories, let him glory in the Lord'" 1 Corinthians 1:30-31.

May's income for *Morning Glory* —\$493.00

The cost for each issue of the *Morning Glory* is approximately \$2,400.

Hauge Evangelistic Tent Services

Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation is sponsoring Evangelistic Services in the Hauge Gospel Tent at Detroit Lakes, MN (in a Park) August 9th thru the 12th. **Please note that the dates in the June issue of the Morning Glory were incorrect. These are the correct dates!** Mr. Toby Knutson from Fargo, ND is the Guest Evangelist. There will also be a 'singspiration time' of traditional and Gospel songs and Special Music each evening. **Please** consider who you might personally invite to attend with YOU & hear the WORD of God! **WELCOME!**

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Emmanuel Lutheran Church of rural Wanamingo, MN is sponsoring Gospel Tent Services August 23rd thru the 25th with Roy Hope as Guest Speaker and Musician. These services will take place on the South edge of Wanamingo. TRUST you will *pray for these services* & try to attend. **WELCOME!**

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