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

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Beyond Suffering ...Glory!

(A radio Message by Wilbur E. Nelson)

Paul (God inspired) uses his familiar expression, “*I reckon,*” to introduce a most heartening and blessed thought in Romans 8:18: “*I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us ward.*”

When Paul wrote about suffering, he could write out of experience, for certainly few, if any, have ever suffered greater – either physically or emotionally and mentally – than this brave man who gave so much and received so little so far as the things of time are concerned. He lived in perils constantly such as perils from his own countrymen, from false brethren, and from the forces of nature. He suffered a continual and persistent thorn in the flesh, which the Scripture describes as the messenger of Satan to buffet him. His bodily presence he describes as “weak” and his speech “contemptible.” He faced Satanic opposition on a scale which few men have ever encountered. But he did not brood over the sufferings which came to him and he does not give us excuse for brooding over ours. He states, with sunny faith and optimism, “*These sufferings are not worthy to be compared with that which awaits us.*”

Paul’s words certainly have bearing upon our time. Men about us are unable to understand – that is, they cannot understand apart from faith – how to reconcile the pain and misery of the world with a God who is loving and mighty. Ours is an age sensitive to pain – an age which seems to feel that pain is inconsistent with the love of God. Some scholars have said that the Christian creed must be rejected because the God of nature is not the God of infinite love which the Gospel presents to us.

Well, Paul would be the last to deny pain. In fact, he presents it as an absolutely indisputable, inevitable fact. But he does not attribute pain and evil to the Maker of the world. He charges it to the sin and the depravity of man. As Professor F. F. Bruce has said, “The doctrine of the cosmic fall is implicit. In the Biblical record, from Genesis to Revelation, man is part of nature, and the whole nature, of which he forms part, was created good but has been subjected to frustration and futility by sin, and will ultimately be redeemed. The Christian will neither hold that at present ‘all is for the best in the best of all possible worlds,’ nor will he write the world off as belonging to the devil. The world is God’s and God will yet be glorified by all His works. The grace of God has **already** begun to work in the lives of the justified. Its continued working is sufficiently evidenced by the indwelling of the Spirit and it is the same grace which on ‘the day of Jesus Christ’ will bring to completion the divine work so well begun. This is the hope of the people of God. This hope enables them to accept the trials of the present so that by patient endurance they may win their lives. It is, along with faith and love, one of the crowning graces which are the distinguishing marks of the Christian.”

Paul says elsewhere, “*We know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*” And this man, who knew the whole world’s anguish, nevertheless declares throughout the whole epistle that God is love.

The world is a problem and a mystery, and not a very simple one. There is both justice and injustice, pain and joy, agony and love, and we have to account for all the facts. How shall they be reconciled and what shall we say – that God is working out a glory in comparison with

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which the sorrows of this present are not worthy to be compared? Or shall we say that He is what someone has called, “infinite indifference,” who has created the world, wound it up and set it going and cares little about what happens to it or to man who inhabits it.

The world is full of beauty and joy but full of suffering and pain. It is the spirit in which we live and face what comes to us that counts. We may suffer in such a spirit of rebellion, such an angry feeling of helpless despair that it blights every part of our being. Or we may suffer so that even our darkest moments are times of victory, so that out of the pain and anguish come God's beautiful gifts that can turn sorrow into joy.

Paul sets over against the sufferings the glory that is to be revealed. Admittedly, we do not now know very much about this glory. As we so often quote Paul, “*Now we see through a glass darkly,*”

And John – “*It doth not yet appear what we shall be.*” We do know that the glory that awaits us is the complete triumph over sin – not only over its power but from its very presence. Beyond that, the glory which awaits us is the glory of complete and perfect conformity to Christ, entering into the fullness of His strength and beauty, His freedom and eternity, claiming in the fullest sense that which is indicated by Paul's expression, “*we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.*”

This is a truth we should take with us always and of which we should never lose sight. The unfathomable blessedness of being altogether one with God, sharing His glory eternal will most cer-

tainly prove, as the old song says, that “the toils of the road will seem nothing when we get to the end of the way.”

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Editor’s Note: **“knowing this first, that no prophecy (Bible) of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke (wrote) as they were moved by the Holy Spirit”** 11 Peter 1:20-21.

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Watching For Christ’s Return

“Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come ... Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” Matthew 24:42, 44.

Those who try to predict Christ’s return may become skeptical about biblical prophecy. But this would be a sad mistake. Regardless of just when it will happen, Christ will return, for so He promised, and He cannot either lie or fail. He has repeatedly made it plain that no one can determine the date of His coming. Not even, He, while in His human limitations, knew that (Mark 13:32).

Again and again He urged us to watch and be ready for His return. He did not tell us to watch for the Antichrist or the revival of Rome’s empire or a great apostasy or a great revival or a world government or anything else – just for Him! Note some of His commands to do this (in addition to the two in our text):

“Take ye heed, watch and pray, for ye know not when the time is” (Mark 13:33).

“Watch ye therefore: ...Lest coming suddenly, he find you sleeping” (Mark 13:35-36).

“Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh” (Matthew 25:13).

In addition to such exhortations by the Lord Himself, the apostles (*Editor:* The Holy Spirit) also sounded similar warnings:

“Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation” (Hebrews 9:28).

“Abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming” (1 John 2:28).

Space limitations preclude listing others, but again in the words of Christ: *“And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch”* (Mark 13:37).
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Spurgeon’s Last Sermon

The closing words of Mr. Spurgeon’s last sermon, on June 7, 1891, were characteristic of the man.

“What I have to say lastly is this: How greatly I desire that you who are not yet enlisted in my Lord’s band would come to Him because you see what a kind and gracious Lord He is. Young men, if you could see our Captain, you would go down on your knees and beg Him to let you enter the ranks of those who follow Him.

“It is Heaven to serve Jesus. I am a recruiting sergeant, and I would fain find a few recruits at this moment. Every man must serve somebody – we have no choice as to that fact. Those who have no master are slaves to themselves. Depend upon it; you will either serve Satan or Christ, self or the Saviour.

“You will find sin, self, Satan and the world to be hard masters; but if you wear the livery of Christ, you will find Him so meek and lowly of heart that you will find rest unto your souls. He is the most magnanimous of captains. There never was His like among the choicest of princes. He is always to be found in the thickest part of the battle. When the wind blows cold, He always takes the bleak side of the hill. The heaviest end of the cross lies ever on His shoulders.

“These forty years and more have I served Him, blessed be His name! And I have had nothing but love from Him. I would be glad to continue yet another forty years in the same dear service here below if so it pleased Him. His service is life, peace, joy.

“Oh, that you would enter in it at once! God help you to enlist under the banner of Jesus even this day. Amen.”

Selected.

PROMISES!!!!

It seems like ‘promises’ are *easily* made in our ‘day’ and some times no intentions of ‘following through’. Trustingly most of the time there is good intentions behind the ‘promise’; BUT again this is where the ‘rubber meets the road’, are they followed through? Oh I realize that at ‘times’ we either forget OR some obstruction comes in the way and are unfulfilled. **Scripture** is crystal clear that we are not to lie to one another! Fulfilling is the *real challenge* and no promise is any greater than the trustworthiness of the Promiser!

Isn’t it ‘marvelous’ that **GOD IS FAITHFUL & TRUSTWORTHY** and His “promises” are as true as He is, for He is forever the same!!

Yet He tells us do not make ‘vows’ (promises) if there are no intentions of keeping them!

Do You Want to Be Saved Now?

By Dr. Sheldon Smith

Henry Moorehouse was the guest of a cultured and wealthy gentleman who had a daughter that was just coming into womanhood and was looking for with bright anticipation to an exciting and worldly life.

One day when she entered the library, she found the evangelist reading his Bible. Begging his pardon for the intrusion, she was about to retire, when he looked up and, calling her by name, asked in his quiet and kindly way, "Are you saved?"

She could only reply, "No, Mr. Moorehouse, I am not."

Then came another question, "Would you like to be saved?"

She thought for a moment of all that is meant by salvation and of all that is meant by the lack of salvation and then frankly answered, "Yes, I wish I were a sincere Christian."

Then came the tender appeal, "Would you like to be saved now?"

Under this searching question, her head dropped, and she began to look into her heart. On the one hand, her youth, her brilliant prospects, her father's wealth and position in society made the world attractive. On the other hand stood Christ. She replied, "Yes, I want to be saved now."

The supreme moment in her life was reached. Mr. Moorehouse asked her to kneel beside him and to read aloud Isaiah 53. This she did in a tone that became tremulous and broken by sobs. "Read it again," said Mr. Moorehouse gently, "and where you find 'we,' 'our,' and 'us,' put in 'I,' 'my,' and 'me.'"

The weeping girl read it again. 'He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and I hid as it were my face from Him; He was despised, and I esteemed Him not. Surely He hath borne my griefs and carried my sorrows; yet I did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.'

Here she broke down completely as she thought for the first time of her personal relation to the Lord Jesus in His sufferings. But, wiping away her blinding tears, she read on.

'He was wounded for my transgressions; He was bruised for my iniquities; the chastisement of my peace was upon Him; and with His stripes I am healed. I like a sheep have gone astray; I have turned to my own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him all my iniquities.'

She was silent for a moment and then exclaimed with deep emotion, "Oh, Mr. Moorehouse, is this true?"

"Dear child," he answered, "does not God say it?"

Again she was silent for a time, but at length she bowed her head to trust the Saviour. No longer through the tears of sorrow, but in joy and adoring gratitude and inexpressible love, she said, "Now I am saved, for all my iniquities have been laid upon Him." She arose from her knees with the peace of God filling her heart and soul.

That young woman, whose conversion to Christ came so suddenly, grew to maturity and lived a life blessed of God and full of blessing to everyone who knew her.

Taken from, 'Sword of the Lord.'

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"My Humble Opinion" Has Supplanted "Thus Saith the LORD"!

*"The time will come when they will not endure
sound doctrine."* II Tim. 4:3.

One of the pet bugaboos of many a deluded soul in the past few years has been dogma. One would think it the unpardonable sin to be dogmatic in the pulpit. Now we are reaping the harvest, because "my humble opinion" has supplanted "Thus saith the LORD."

When I am sick, I want a dogmatic physician who knows what ails me and calls it by its right name. I want my medicine put up by a dogmatic pharmacist. If he got tired of being dogmatic and decided to disregard his formula, it might mean my funeral.

When I ride the train, I want a dogmatic engineer up front who keeps a schedule.

When your car needs repairs, you want a dogmatic mechanic who knows what the trouble is and can fix it.

Yet, in the pulpit, of all places, some preachers to whom is entrusted the care of men's souls throw away their instructions and go by guesswork instead of by God's Word. We are not peddlers of fable. God has spoken, and when men ask a reason for our hope, we ought to have a definite, clear-cut answer.

The early church did something because it believed something. We are trying to do what they did without believing what they believed. But without scriptural doctrine, we cannot do our spiritual duty.

Selected

Henry Ford was asked after fifty years of married life how he had managed to stay happily married during those fifty years. He replied, "I've treated marriage like I've made automobiles – just stick to one model."

A Better Leader

Hebrews chapters 3 & 4

This theme is introduced by an address and an admonition. In Ch. 3:1 the readers are called “*holy brethren, partners of a heavenly calling*”. They are “holy brethren” because by faith they are brothers of Him who was “*not ashamed to call them brethren*.” To be the brethren of Jesus Christ is to be “holy brethren.” Here the word “holy” refers to position and relationship. When our sins are forgiven and we by grace are accepted by God for Christ’s sake as His children, we are holy as Christ is holy in the sight of God. This holiness is complete and perfect.

Here on earth we still possess our sinful human nature and are far from perfect, but being holy brethren of the Lord Jesus Christ it is God’s purpose that we shall grow in holiness here too. This we will be enabled to do in the measure that we know Christ and by faith accept what God has provided for us in Him.

In the address the readers are also called the “partakers of a heavenly calling.” As the expression “holy brethren” reminded us of chapter two, so does also this expression, for it refers to our calling in Christ to be placed over all the works of God’s hands.

In Christ we are “holy brethren” and we are “partakers of a heavenly calling” and as such we are admonished to “consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, even Jesus.” To consider means to contemplate, to study, to keep on looking, to meditate. Such considering will cause us to know Jesus Christ and will be an entering into fellowship with Him by which He will cause His life to be lived in us.

Here Jesus is called “the Apostle” looking back to the first two chapters where He was spoken of as the great Messenger of God. “High Priest” looks forward to what he intends to make the high point of his demonstration, namely, that in Jesus Christ we have our living High Priest. Jesus is the “Apostle and High Priest” not only of our faith but of our confession, because a living faith must also confess Him.

...the author enters very naturally into *the exhortation*: “***We are the household of God, if we hold fast our boldness and the glorying of our hope firm unto the end.***” That is, faith must be a constant attitude, continued in moment by moment and expressing itself in boldness and the glorying of our hope.

It requires a holy boldness to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a bold thing for one who admits that he is sinful and defiled to dare enter into the presence of the holy God. It also requires boldness to make confession of Christ in the world. But the world is bold. It does not hesi-

tate to express itself. Why should not the Christian be bold?

It will help us to be bold if we glory in our hope. How easy it is to glory in earthly things. We can glory in the possession of a house or a new car or a dress. How often have you not heard some man glorying in the car that he was driving, in its beautiful lines, in its color, in the sweet purr of its motor. The more he glories in it the more sure he is that he has the best car made. Suppose we begin to glory in our hope in Christ. How our appreciation of that hope would grow! ...

(Editor: Please now prayerfully read Hebrews 3:7-19).

The necessity of holding fast to the end suggests the warning found in the ninety-fifth Psalm. In passing we note again that the Holy Spirit is quoted as the author of this Psalm. The great danger is that in a Christian there might develop an “evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God,” just as such hardening of heart developed amongst the Israelites in the wilderness.

How could there possibly be such a danger for a Christian who, through faith in Christ, has been brought into a living fellowship in the household of God? There are great difficulties in this Epistle for those who hold the theory expressed in the phrase: “Once saved, always saved.” The Bible teaches that there is a security for all believers, but it does not teach that a believer can not fall away and become an unbeliever. The fact is that, if words mean anything, this very passage warns of the danger and God would certainly not give such solemn warnings if the danger were not real and actual.

It is because of “the deceitfulness of sin” that the heart can be hardened. When we hear the voice of God warning us against sin and we choose to sin rather than to heed His voice, then that choice is registered in our very nature by the hardening of the heart. Sin seems to offer us some pleasure and for the moment it does give the sinner a thrill of some kind, but the permanent effect produced is a hardening of the heart. This can go on gradually to the point where even the one who has been a believer gives up his faith in Christ. We are partakers of Christ only on condition that we “hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end.” As the voice of God reaches our hearts, warns us of sin, we are to flee to Christ in confession and in the confidence that He will forgive us and deliver us. Then we are partakers of Christ.

If, on the other hand, we resent God’s warnings, we oppose the Holy Spirit, we refuse to yield, then we are hardening our hearts and we are turned in the direction which will finally lead us to apostasy. This progress of sin and its effect was very evident amongst the Israelites, as is pointed out in Ch. 3:16-19. First they provoked, then

they sinned, then they continued in their disobedience until they were established in unbelief and therefore were not able to enter the promised land.

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The Promise of Liberty

"While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage." (2 Peter 2:19).

This chapter consists of a strong denunciation of false teachers. They are, among other things, sensuous, beguiling, covetous, and accursed (v. 14). They desire personal wealth (vv. 15-16), but their message is empty, and even destructive, and will be judged (v. 17), appealing to the pride and lusts of their hearers (v. 18).

In our text we see the false teachers are quick to make promises. Promises are cheap; they cost nothing. Satan first revealed himself to mankind with a promise: "Ye shall be as gods" (Genesis 3:5), and later attempted to seduce the Son of God with "all the kingdoms of the world" (Matthew 4:8). Empty promises are Satan's golden hook, and many are the foolish ones who take the bait.

In this case, the false teachers promise liberty – liberty to act without the shackles of responsibility and moral law. But they themselves are "servants of corruption," slaves of a most abhorrent mentality. And who are they to offer liberty? These are indeed "great swelling words of vanity" (2 Peter 2:18), for slaves cannot rightly offer liberty.

How is this promise kept? Bondage. Bondage to that which has overcome. The liberty that sin promises is slavery, and the greater the sinner, the greater the bondage to the sin. There is perhaps no more wretched estate than to be in bondage to abject corruption in the name of liberty. It is a bondage of the spirit; a captivity of the soul. Of all states of slavery, it is the most lasting.

On the other hand, through grace we can "stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free," with no need to be "entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Galatians 5:1). JDM

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It Matters Not

*It matters not if I've been hurt;
It matters not at all
That sometimes from my weary eyes
The scalding teardrops fall.*

*What matters most is if I've erred
And not confessed the sin
And through my lack some needy soul
Has failed to follow Him.*

*It matters not if cherished friends
On whom I lean in vain
Have wounded me by word and deed
And left me with my pain.*

*What matters is can I forgive
Again and yet again?
It's not, "have they been true?" but,
"Lord, have I been true to them?"*

*'Twill matter not, when evening comes,
How rough the road I've trod,
If only I have walked with Him
And led some soul to God!*

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A pastor met one of his absentee members on the street. "I haven't seen you at church lately," he reminded him.

"No," was the reply. "We've had sickness, and then the weather has been so bad. You know it has rained and rained and rained."

"But it's always dry at church."

"Yes," came the answer, "and that's another reason why I've not been coming!"

No church service should be dry, dull and lifeless. It was never meant to be entertaining, but it should be alive and vivid with the presence of God.

Editorial

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Eyesight/Vision

Needless to say, Eyesight is so *important/VITAL* to the 'human body' because it gives 'direction' to the whole system!

Barb (my wife) has a minor defect in her vision, that the 'eye specialist' says is not humanly speaking repairable (which she by no means is alone & that is one reason we seek to keep the print of the *Morning Glory legible*) but even more sadly is the fact that the great majority of people have no 'spiritual vision' at all as **they are spiritually blind as SIN has blinded their EYES.** AND in a way there are *many* 'christians' that have impaired spiritual vision: BUT which is **curable by the Great Physician for BOTH!**

Among all of God's Creation, an 'Eagle' has some of the greatest vision; which is stated is seven times greater than the 'human vision.'

Before we proceed any further in this 'editorial', let me clearly state that GOD is always good whether I like what I/we are experiencing or not.

You know 'we' can think that we have a clear vision; but notice the difference when you take your white laundry out and hang on a clothes line in the winter and notice the contrast when there is freshly fallen snow! OR you think your furniture is well dusted (actually *undusted*), but when the bright sunrays flow through your living room window – Oops!! At this point I am thinking of an individual of years gone by who had to lose his physical 'eyesight' before the Great Eye Specialist was permitted to remove his spiritual eye cataracts (his SINS *forgiven* – a sinner unsaved is spiritually BLIND) before HE could give this gentleman 'spiritual eyes'. Spiritual eyesight is so much more important/vital **than** even physical eyesight. ALL are **gifts from God** and you and I are unworthy of receiving any 'gift' from God. **James 1:17.**

NOW basically from here on in this 'editorial' will be dealing especially with '*spiritual Eyesight/vision*'.

God says: "Where there is no vision (revelation), the people perish" Proverbs 29:18a. **HE** also says: "*Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.*" John 4:35 & 9:4.

NOW as **you** look unto the 'fields' that are 'white

unto harvest', what do **you see?** Hopefully more than a mass of humanity but made up of 'individuals' as you and I.

Whatever degree of *discernment you have is a gift from God* and He expects **you** to exercise it both for your advantage and for the benefit of others. Be aware of false doctrine and cunning words from the evil one. Spiritual discernment comes by regular reading of the scripture and prayer for His wisdom and direction as you face questionable situations. You and I are to be 'fruit inspectors' according to the Word of God, by the GRACE of GOD! (Imagine going to your 'cupboard' and adding arsenic of lead to your 'oatmeal' – oh just a little of course! **Hebrews 5:14-16, 1 Corinthians 2: Matthew 7:16 -20, 12:33, 15:14, 6:39 and Deuteronomy 29:29.**

As David went up to the top story he looked in the wrong direction and saw; but maybe (?) he went there to have his devotions or relax: regardless of his intent – he still looked in the wrong direction!

We learn through the 'school' of hard-knocks: "*I will set nothing wicked (evil) before my eyes*" Psalm 101:3a. (Lot) "*for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds*" 11 Peter 2:8.

What do **you see spiritually, TODAY?**

How about your neighbor; is he saved? That loved one? That friendly, morally upright person in your church/congregation? Keep in mind that 'Satan' will/would not prompt you nor I to testify to some one about their NEED of the **blood atonement of the crucified and risen ONE!**

WHAT do you see? Where the **Law of God** is not presented in love: SIN will inevitably move in: personally, church, community & on! Where God's Law is not preached/presented there is no need for the Great Physician: "*Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.*" Matthew 9:12b, Mark 2:17, Luke 5:31. "*for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.*" Luke 19:10.

NO DOUBT a *prophet* of the Old Testament time, today would be called "negative, pessimism, narrow-minded, bigot, etc., and yet these people of God were made out of 'dust' just like you & I – **so what is 'our' excuse?**

The story is told that in the days of General William

Booth (Salvation Army) a co-worker telegraphed the General that outwardly nothing was happening 'spiritually' as a result of his preaching and he wanted to be moved to a different location. The General telegraphed him back with two words: "**Try Tears!**" OH that today 'we' could have individuals like you who truly say: **Jeremiah 9:1** (Actually the whole chapter 9) & **Romans 9:1-2** (by the Grace of God) and result **Psalm 125:5-6**. Tragically I think that many of 'our' tear ducts have *dried up!* Functioning 'tear ducts' are important both physically & spiritually. For example: there are way to many 'polar bears' behind the 'sacred desk', because there are so many 'ice bergs' in the 'pew'. What do you see?

The title of a Gospel Song is "He Washed My Eyes with Tears," and God says: "...and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see." Revelation 3:18b. God tells 'us' that we are able to read the 'signs' in the sky in regards to weather; but not the signs of the times: which HE definitely intends for 'us' to be 'sign read-

ers'. NOW Scripturally remember that a 'sign' is the indication of a coming 'event' and not the 'event' itself and this very 'sign' will be fulfilled at least once – but other signs numerous times: (Even in the time of Apostle Paul) "*But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you*" 1 Thessalonians 5:1. *ANYONE* who does not **see** the 'signs of the times in our day: IS either **blind** or needs to remove the 'sleep' out of their EYES! Look and See: Morally, Religiously, Economically, Nature & Spiritually!

OH GOD PLEASE WAKE UP (revive) THY PEOPLE ONCE AGAIN

FOR THIS IS THE **ONLY REAL HOPE** FOR US INDIVIDUALLY AND FOR OUR **BELOVED USA!!!**

P.S. Because I/we care: Any one who does not NEED a Heaven Sent Revival in their personal life = please let me know!

Man that is in honor, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish (*Psalm 49:20*).

In spite of riches, power, and intelligence, a man may in an important respect become like an animal. That is, when he lives only for the present, the earthly, and only to enjoy it. Life's highest good for such people consists only in their well-being and sensual enjoyment, the same as for the animals. One day death comes and ends it all. There is nothing left. So lives he who "understandeth not."

He is "like the beasts that perish."

This is not God's intention with mankind. Man is intended to live a richer, fuller life.

Seek that which is above! Look at all things from the standpoint of eternity. Care not only for the body, but care also for the soul. The living hope gives to life riches and beauty, and opens at least the gates that lead to eternal life.

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Editor's Note: Unfortunately often the expression is used: 'So and So *passed away*, which is definitely 'unscriptural.' What is meant for this statement is that this person has met the first of the two final appointments: "'And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.'" *Hebrews 9:27*.

The Dictionary states that the phrase '*passed away*' is slang.

This God is our God forever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death (*Psalm 48:14*).

Blessed is the man who truthfully can say: This God is my God. All who cling to Him in a living faith can say it. God is not a stranger whose help one may hope for in time of need. "This God is our God forever." He never fails you, for He is your God, and you belong to Him.

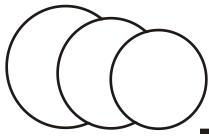
Even in death He will be near you. It is not strange that we think of death with terror. Death is a narrow bridge over a deep, dismal chasm. We dread to pass over. But we have no real reason to fear. He will be our guide.

When the hour comes, we will seek refuge in His bosom, like a little child that seeks refuge in the arms of his father. While we feel His strong arms about us, He will carry us across.

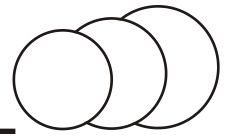
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Heaven and Earth —No Comparison!

Who chides a servant for taking away the first course at a feast when the second consists of far greater delicacies? Who then can feel regret that this present world passeth away when he sees that an eternal world of joy is coming? The first course is grace, but the second is glory, and that is as much better as the fruit is better than the blossom. Selected



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Here's a gift for *Morning Glory*. My family are all enjoying this publication!

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Mrs. A. C. E. Webster, MN
Thank you so much for your April edition of the *Morning Glory*. We have many people who need to read it!

I made 10 copies to share! (*Ed.* What a great & splendid idea!! The Lord Bless!)

Editor's Note: IF your life (heart) is filled with the peace from God and joy in Jesus: why not share (briefly) what **JESUS is doing in and through your life**, (as a cleansed 'vessel' through the blood of the crucified and risen ONE) with the very special congregation of many hundred of *readers of the Morning Glory*??

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RELIGIOUS DECLARATION ON SEXUAL MORALITY, JUSTICE AND HEALING

An ecumenical declaration signed by more than 3,500 religious leaders, representing 50 religious traditions, including the ELCA, affirms life-long sex-education, homosexuality, same-sex marriage, abortion and population control.

After several mainline churches succeeded in sanctioning the homosexual lifestyle, same-sex marriage and the ordination of practicing homosexuals, many moderates within these bodies thought these actions would satisfy the appetite of the progressives and that church life could get back to normal. They were wrong. Life in the mainline church will never be the same again, and the leftists have only begun efforts to promote their agenda.

This is born out by a declaration called The Religious Declaration on Sexuality, Justice and Healing. Even though this document has been circulating since the year 2000, it is gaining more traction in mainline churches. This document

makes it clear that what has been served up so far is only the beginning of a carefully orchestrated moral revolution which they planned long ago for the churches and the culture.

Even now religious and secular leaders are promoting bold new initiatives in sex education, such as those presently being implemented in New York City and California. These sex-education classes are endeavoring to brainwash our children to accept every type and form of deviant sexual behavior as normal. These programs are being introduced in many of our nation's schools and eventually will become mandatory for all students.

Members of the ELCA, in particular, who believe the decision of the ELCA in August 2009 to ordain practicing homosexuals is the completed package, need to know that nearly 100 influential ELCA church leaders have signed the sexuality declaration thus far. This declaration serves notice that the liberal's agenda to turn morality on its head has only begun. **Surely, it is time for members of mainline churches who desire to uphold God's Word to realize that remaining in these church bodies means to participate in this wretched agenda which includes:**

- Life-long, age appropriate sexuality education in schools, seminaries, and community settings.
- A faith-based commitment to sexual reproductive rights, including access to voluntary contraception, abortion and HIV/STI prevention and treatment.
- Religious leadership in movements to end sexual and social injustice.
- Full inclusion of women and LGBT persons in congregational life, including their ordination and marriage equality.

Among the **ELCA** signers are: Rev. Dr. Herbert Chilstrom, who publicly stated he supported the homosexual agenda prior to being elected bishop of the **ELCA**. He repeated his support for the ordination of practicing homosexuals in his most recent book *A Journey of Grace: The formation of a Leader and a Church*. Other **ELCA** leaders signing the declaration: Rev. Ruth Frost, Anita C. Hill, Rev. Dr. John Hoffmeyer, Rev. Mark Lingle, Rev. Dr. Barbara K. Lundblad, Rev. Dr. David Miller, Prof. Loyal Rue, Rev. Dr. Jim Siefkes, Rev. Paul Tedemann, Rev. Phyllis Zillhart, plus many, many more...

"If anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck" (Mark 9:42).

Taken from *'The Vine and Branches'*, Winter 2011

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Edina, Minnesota Muslims Thank City for New Religious Holidays Policy

The Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN)...sent a letter to the City of Edina on behalf of that state's Muslim community in appreciation of a new policy that acknowledges religious holidays, including the Islamic holidays of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al Adha...

The city recently added 11 days of Jewish, Islamic and Hindu holidays to the list of dates on which the city will not hold regular public meetings.

...Edina is the only city in the state not to hold public meetings on Islamic holidays.

cair.com

Another State University Reprimands Christian Professor

A professor in Beaumont, Texas is suing her former college for being reprimanded for not attending a graphic performance by a homosexual activist dancer.

Linda Ozmun, a Christian, is suing Lamar University after she was disciplined for not attending the performance, which included obscene language and sexual gestures...

Ozmun says the university also retaliated against her for filing a discrimination claim against it. She no longer teaches at Lamar.

OneNewsNow.com

Lesbian Divorce Case Could Have National Implications

Maryland's highest court is poised to hear arguments in a precedent-setting case involving two women who married legally in California but were denied a divorce in Maryland, which does not currently allow same-sex weddings.

The Court of Appeals of Maryland in Annapolis heard arguments on April 6 from lawyers for the lesbian couple who are seeking to end their marriage. A Maryland judge declined to grant their divorce in 2010, basing his decision on the conclusion that the women's marriage is not valid under Maryland law.

But lawyers for the women disagree, saying the state should recognize gay marriages performed elsewhere even though Maryland does not allow same-sex weddings

at the present time...

The high court's ultimate decision may have limited effect since same-sex weddings, and by extension divorces, are set to start in the state in January 2013 under a law passed this year. But opponents of the new law are seeking to overturn it in a potential voter referendum.

President Says Jesus Knew Doubt and Fear

President Obama told religious leaders at a White House prayer breakfast that Easter is a time to "remember the tremendous sacrifice that led up to that day and all that Christ endured," but he also said Jesus experienced doubt and fear...

"For like us, Jesus knew doubt. Like us, Jesus knew fear," he said...

Obama added, "We all have experiences that shake our faith. There are times where we have questions for God's plan relative to us, but that's precisely when we should remember Christ's own doubts and eventually his own triumph..."

During his speech, Obama also said Jesus suffered "not just as a Son of God, but as a human being."

BAPTIST PRESS

Editor's Note: Please give me Bible Verses that states the same thing??? Also you will notice in the direct quote, the president said that Jesus was "a" son of God, not "the" Son of God. This also helps to clarify for some who are confused in regards to the President using 'words' which seem to be Christian.

California Woman Gets Prison Sentence for Fake Christian Concerts

A federal judge has sentenced a promoter of Christian rock concerts to more than four years in prison for a Ponzi scheme involving nearly \$1 million.

Federal prosecutors say 43-year-old Lauren Baumann of Downey, California was sentenced to four years, nine months in prison and must pay restitution to more than two dozen victims.

Baumann, who owned the promotion company Stewardship Estates, pleaded guilty to wire fraud in October for falsely promising investors that their money would be used to host Christian...concerts.

Prosecutors say she instead used the money to pay

previous investors, to rent a \$10,000-a-month mansion and to pay for private school for her children.

Obamacare to Subsidize Abortion for \$1

LifeNews.com reports that the controversial Affordable Care Act, commonly known as “Obamacare,” will reportedly require people enrolled in a plan that includes elective abortion coverage to pay \$1 a month to subsidize abortions, even if they are morally against the procedure.

News about the abortion surcharge has once again fired up those concerned about protecting religious liberty. The ruling sidesteps what is known as the “Hyde Amendment,” which prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion, by engaging in an accounting scheme that is described with the Act...

“...As described in the rule, the surcharge can only be disclosed to the enrollee at the time of enrollment. Furthermore, insurance plans may only advertise the total cost of the premiums without disclosing that enrollees will be charged a \$1 per month fee to pay directly subsidized abortions.” ...

Under the law, the mandates will be in place by the first of January of 2014.

ChristianPost.com

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.” Gal. 5:1.

Americans love liberty. There is the statue of liberty, the liberty bells, the hail of liberty; all signify this liberty that America loves. But that is not real liberty, the only liberty that endures through eternity; the only true liberty is that which Christ gives us through His blood. He tells us to stand fast in this liberty, not to go back into the bondage of Satan. We are to use this liberty to give glory to God.

After the Civil War the slaves in a city down South held a great feast. They were rejoicing over their freedom from slavery. A colored preacher said, “Mothers, rejoice, today you are free! Your children have been torn from you for the last time.” All the mothers clapped their hands and cried, “*Glory to God in the highest.*” Then the preacher continued, “Young men, you have for the last time felt the sting of being a slave!” And the young men cried, “*Glory to God!*” Then he turned to the young women and said, “You are free today. You will never be brought to the auction block and sold again.” They cried, “*Glory to God!*”

It was Jesus who set us free. Come, stand in His liberty, and praise Him for your freedom.

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank Thee that Thou hast freed us from the bondage of sin. Help us to stand fast in our liberty. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

My country! ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing: Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim’s pride,
From every mountainside
Let freedom ring.

Taken from the wonderful year long devotional book
‘Altar Steps’ by R. P. Haakenson
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Giving, the Only Saving

A gentleman of wealth in New York gave a large amount of money for the erection of a church where the congregation was too poor to build themselves. It became a church noted for the character of its pastor and people. In a few years, its generous patron lost his entire fortune. He was approached by a friend who had eyes only for this world and who said to him, “Now if you had the money you gave to that church, it would set you up in business.”

“Sir,” he said, “that is the only money I have saved; if it had not been there, it would have gone with the other. As it is, I have it yielding me an interest which will only cease to accumulate when the knell of time is sounded, and during the ages of eternity, it will be poured into my bosom in the blessed consolation that hundreds have bowed at the altar erected with that money and acknowledged their Saviour.”

W. G. Heslox in 501 Sermon Illustrations

The Christian worker is beset with a hundred and one dangers, any one of which may cripple him in his Master’s service, but the cure for each is found in “looking unto Jesus” Heb. 12:2.

F.E. Marsh

If you think that life is full
of surprises, wait until you
die!

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

By Pastor David R. Barnhart

A HERITAGE OF FAITH AND FREEDOM

My grandfather Casper Barnhart, seven generations back, came to the shores of America from Germany in 1764. He settled on a farm near Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, where George Washington camped with his troops during the winter of 1777-1778. Based on statements in his Will, Casper was a very devout Christian.

Living near Philadelphia Casper and his son John William may have read one of the first copies of the Declaration of Independence, adopted by the Continental Congress in Independence Hall, July 4, 1776. Perhaps he and his family were among the first to hear about the new Constitution adopted by the Continental Congress in 1787 when it met at the same place. Regardless of his proximity to or his personal acquaintance with these historical events, Casper bequeathed to his posterity a tremendous heritage of faith and freedom.

History records that members of my family helped to pioneer this country from the wilderness of Western Pennsylvania and Ohio to the plains of North Dakota. Members of my family served in most of the nation's wars, while others helped to establish churches and quietly did their part in building this great land. A day rarely passes that I am not reminded of my heritage and my obligation to carry on the faithful stewardship my ancestors rendered to the United States of America.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO OUR NATION?

The America we knew and the America that was so sacrificially built by our ancestors is disappearing before our eyes. The present generation's legacy to their posterity may well be a national debt that can never be repaid and a society that has defiantly turned from God to decadence.

Today forty-one percent of America's children are born outside the covenant of marriage. In the black community, that number exceeds seventy percent. The God given sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman is being destroyed. Seven states have legalized same-sex marriage, while several mainline churches have sanctioned the same evil. Every year new laws are enacted and court decisions are rendered that go against the Judeo-Christian values upon which this nation was founded.

America was established on Christian beliefs and values, though this part of our history is deliberately being removed from our textbooks. The United States has been affirmed as a "Christian nation" by Presidents, Congress

and the Supreme Court. Yet, such statements today are considered bigoted. In times past and during hours of peril, Presidents often called the nation to prayer.

In 2009 Barack Obama made a statement never uttered before by any previous president: "We do not consider ourselves a Christian nation." His statement personifies America's decline morally and spiritually. God is being purged from our nation's schools and from the public square, and for that we are paying a heavy price.

CLERGY MUST BEAR RESPONSIBILITY

While blame for America's decline may rightly be placed on politicians and citizens alike, the greatest contribution to the spiritual decline of this country belongs to spineless clergy who long ago abandoned their responsibility to preach and teach the whole counsel of God. These liberal clergy, like Esau, have sold our nation's birthright for political correctness. And certainly a large part of the blame for America's spiritual fall is attributable to evangelical clergy who have closed their eyes to evil and have kept silent while society sanctions abortion and all manner of deviant behaviors.

Pastor Scott Carson of Burlington, Wisconsin correctly pointed out: "We've not dedicated ourselves to understanding and obeying God's instructions for the Church. Instead, we've done things our way, we've built *our* church and put His name on it, and it just doesn't cut it."

God's reprimand to the faithless clergy today: "*Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, 'Thus says the Lord God, Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?'*" (Ezekiel 34:2).

To be sure, there are many good and godly pastors in America who still faithfully proclaim God's truth, just not enough of them. There are churches and ministries across this land that are upholding truth and calling the nation back to God, just not enough of them. The world calls these pastors fools; God calls them faithful.

The battle for the soul of America is not over. There is still time for all of us, including the clergy, to exercise our responsibility to God and country by standing fast in the cause of faith and liberty. If Christians don't speak out for truth and righteousness, who will?

One of the most difficult things for the American people to accept today is that there are actually those in high places whose purpose is to radically change our constitution form of government and replace it with a form of god-

less socialism. It is even harder for Christians to accept the fact that there are actually church leaders who are out to remake the church by replacing biblical truth with a man-made religion. For Christ's sake, for the sake of our children, WAKE UP AND TAKE YOUR STAND BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! Our nation and our churches are being destroyed before our very eyes!

Every Christian in America today has the God-given responsibility to uphold the nation and our leaders in prayer. We have an obligation to speak out against the evils that are threatening this country's very existence.

Christians need to stop giving their support as well as their tithes and offerings to churches and denominations that are betraying the truth of God's Word. Every true believer needs to be aligned with churches and ministries that are standing in the gap and crying out against the forces of darkness. Someday our children and our children's children will look back to consider our actions and response when America came under attack by the enemies of truth and freedom. May our posterity be able to look back on us and say, "They stood their ground in defense of truth, righteousness, faith and freedom." **God help us to be faithful.**

Taken from 'The Vine and Branches', Spring, 2012

Editor's Note: I am very confident that every conscientious believer that has read this 'article' has been convicted of the 'sin' of omission; 'we' could have done more – so while there is yet a 'opportunity' let us 'humble our proud knees' and seek to follow 11 Chronicles 7:14. Please also read Daniel chapter 9 and Acts 3:19.

'We' (Morning Glory/Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation) by the grace of God are seeking to be 'faithful unto Him' and thus **are making no apologies for the old time 'Christianity' & seeking to practice the same!**

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The Love That Keeps Us Going!

Our theme song ought to be

Where is the blessedness I knew

When first I saw the Lord?

This accounts for a lot of church troubles. When we love the Lord, we love the brethren. When we break up the fallow ground of our hearts, we uncover roots of bitterness. Paul wrote that love "*thinketh no evil*" (1 Cor. 13:5); that is, love does not keep accounts, does not keep books of every little slight and hurt and criticism.

Some Christians grow ulcers and bring on nervous breakdowns and live at high tension, harboring resentments that fester and poison body, mind and spirit. They

need to return to first love and have a 'book' burning like the one they had at Ephesus in the early days (Acts 19:19).

But love for the brethren, love for the church and love for church work all grow out of love for the Lord. We talk much about church loyalty while we beg and coax and almost bribe church members to come to church.

People go where they want to go. Where their hearts are, their heels will follow. Deeper than church loyalty, **there must be Christ loyalty**, and that must grow out of love to Christ.

The Lord of the Lampstands, the Christ of the Candlesticks is asking, "*Lovest thou me?*" (John 21:15-17). We are not ready to feed the sheep until we love Him. Hudson Taylor said the primary qualification for a missionary is not love for souls, as we so often hear, but love for Christ.

Vance Havner

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Why Are they Liberals – Who They Are?

By Robert Lightner

With all the attempts of present-day liberals to update their view of God, there remains a cataclysmic gulf between their god and the God of the Bible. And why should that not be the case, since they have rejected the authority of the Bible and seldom even pretend to buttress their views with Scripture. The result is many gods for the liberal, and not one of them approximates the God of the Bible.

The early "God is dead" theologians and all subsequent variations of their philosophy represent in the name of Christian religion and theology what is the logical result of an earlier rejection of the absolute, inerrant authority of the Bible. The radical theologians of the "God is dead" movement are the offspring of those who rejected the absolute authority of the Bible. Even though the "God is dead" movement is not in the news as it once was, the philosophy behind it is very much alive.

Students of history and the Bible should not be surprised at this outcome. Instead of asking why the death-of-God philosophy is so prevalent today, especially among theologians and pastors, we ought rather to be asking why the liberal Bible-rejecting, Christ-denying clerics shouldn't be heralding the death of God.

The present denials of the God of the Bible are only the end result of the repudiation of the Bible as God's infallible Word – in written form. Having set aside the Written Word as less than God-breathed and the Living Word therefore, as less than God incarnate, it is only logical to take the next of an endless number of steps and call for the burial of the God of the Bible. Selected.

The Key to True Happiness

By Dorothy Dahl

As a young adult I tried everything to get real Happiness; but every thing failed until I personally accepted the finished work of God, through Christ, that is provided for all who are willing to come by the way of the Cross. Yes, Jesus is the True Way to real joy and happiness.

Following I will tell a little about how this peace and joy became mine!

It was a cold gloomy Monday on September 9th, 1946 and, as you might already know, it was also just as dark and gloomy of a day in my life.

Yes, the Lord had begun dealing with me when I was confirmed in the Lutheran faith when I was 14 years old and now I was twenty-two when I gave up and said, "Lord, if there is any hope for me, I want to be saved," and then what peace came over my life.

Oscar and I were both saved on that cold and gloomy dark rainy Monday afternoon.

We were over at Oscar's parents place for dinner and Evangelist J. Erickson was over there as he had been invited also. He pointed out the way of Salvation so simple and the Spirit of God was so real and that afternoon even the angels of Heaven were rejoicing as we (Oscar & I) went home and he had a new wife and I had a new husband and, by the way, I had never seen Oscar cry before! What wonderful peace came over us!

But the Devil was very unhappy as the Devil came to me two days later as I was rejoicing in the kitchen. He told me, "You can't be saved that easy as you have been a terrible person." And I admitted that indeed I was; but now I was a new person in Christ Jesus. I was so new in Christ that I didn't know how to really read God's Word, the Bible, but the Holy Spirit of God was there to help me.

That night I went to church and was going to talk to the Evangelist/Pastor with a troubled heart. The Evangelist preached the Word of God again with such power that I rejoiced as I heard the account of what we call the prodical son, as I listened to the message it became so clear of God's loving arms around me. It was so real!

After the service an elderly Christian lady spoke to some of the young people that were saved, and said that God many times speaks to us (young people) in the quietness of the night and that we definitely ought to seriously listen to Him as the Holy Spirit draws and calls.

That evening Ev. Erickson shared to understand the Bible, to pray before you open the Bible and the Holy Spirit will open the Word to you; of which I obeyed and the Bible became an open Book and so many promises of God came alive to me, that I could hardly contain it!

At three o'clock in the morning the Lord called me, like Samuel of old, and said, "Dorothy, let Jesus come into your heart," and I said conscientiously, "Come in to stay Lord Jesus." Interesting then, as the song *Blessed Assurance Jesus is mine, Oh, what a foretaste of Glory Divine,* " I felt like getting up and singing, but instead I stayed still and just thanked and praised the Lord for giving me the Blessed assurance that I was a child of God and that no man could take this from me.

Since then, I have had some real struggles with the Devil but God's Grace and Mercy are new every day. I have had mountain top experiences and many experiences down in the valley. The more I testify of His saving Grace for me and what He is doing for me, the more the Devil tries to discourage me and tells me 'you sure didn't bring that out right.'

Christ Jesus is the real key to true joy and happiness and that we can look forward to a real Homecoming in Heaven. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8.

Stepping Ashore

*Think Of stepping on shore
And finding it Heaven!
Of taking hold of a hand
And finding it God's Hand!
Of breathing new air
And finding it celestial air!
Of feeling invigorated
And finding it immortality!
Of passing from storm and tempest
To an unbroken calm!
Of waking up and finding
Yourself Home!*

Robert E. Selle

A Bible That's Falling Apart

*...Often Belongs to Someone
Who Isn't!*

Dear Abby Bad Advice to Mother of Homosexual Boy

On May 1, 2012, the column known as “Dear Abby: gave some uninformed, liberal-biased advice to the mother of a homosexual boy. The mother wrote to ask about whether or not her son would go to Heaven.

Abby said, “I believe that entrance to Heaven is based upon a person’s character, not his or her sexual orientation. Today, because of modern scientific studies, we know more about homosexuality than was known when the Bible was written, and that sexual orientation is not a ‘choice.’”

This is amazingly biased and totally erroneous! Let’s set the record “straight” on several counts.

1. **No one gets to Heaven on his or her personal character.**

2. “Scientific studies” have provided no conclusive evidence on the whys and wherefores of homosexuality. If they had anything they thought was substantive, they would be all over the networks with it. They are not, because they do not!

3. The Bible is neither antiquated nor inaccurate, as she claims it is.

4. The Bible is God’s authoritative Word; the prevailing “scientific” consensus of the current culture is not.

5. Such things as sexual orientation are truly choices. You can’t justify deviancy by saying that you were born that way. ...

Selected

Editor’s Note: **1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Lev. 18:22, 20:13, Deut. 22, 23:17, 1 Cor. 5:11, Jude 7, 1 Tim. 1:10 & Romans 1:26-27.** Please note though, for example – the following:

Starbucks’ CEO Says Backing “Gay Marriage” is Right for Them

Starbucks officials see no impact of the company’s decision to endorse a same-gender “marriage” bill passed by lawmakers in Washington State.

Starbucks’ annual meeting of shareholders took place March 21 in Seattle, home base of the popular coffee retailer. At the end of that meeting, shareholder Tom Strohbar, founder of the Corporate Morality Action Center, took the company to task for its pro-homosexual policies – including support for homosexual marriage.

“What concerns me is possible economic boycotts, shareholder resolutions, things that might affect the sales of our company, the earnings,” he stated. “Is it prudent to risk the economic interests of all the shareholders for

something that might affect the private lives of a very small percentage of our employees?”

Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz responded by saying while he did not want to be disrespectful to Strohbar, he believes the decision “is right for our company.”...

Meanwhile, the National Organization for Marriage has announced a “Dump Starbucks” protest in response to the company’s support of same-sex marriage.

OneNewsNow.com

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“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth” Romans 1:16.

The true Gospel has never lost its power. If we could have a mighty sweep of old-time gospel preaching throughout the land, I believe that it would result in a real revival.

In the first days of my ministry, I was preaching in a revival in a country church. On the last day of the meeting, they were taking up an offering for me. A young man who had been saved in the meeting came to me and said, “I am very sorry that I do not have any money to put into the offering, but I want you to know that I will be forever grateful to you. I will never forget the sermons that you preached here in the church. These sermons led me to accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour.”

It was the Gospel that did it, empowered by the Spirit of God.

One night in another meeting, the pastor and I had supper in a certain home. The wife and mother in that home said to me, “I am so glad that you are here helping us in our revival meeting. My husband is away at this time, but he will be home Saturday. He will be at church Saturday night. He is not saved. I am praying that your sermon on Saturday night will touch his heart and lead him to Christ.”

On Saturday night, when the invitation was given after the sermon, this big man came down the aisle. It was the Gospel that did it, empowered by the Spirit of God.

Some time ago, I preached to a church that was packed with people. At the close of the service, a man came forward to accept Christ as his Saviour. As he took my hand, he said, “You were preaching to me alone tonight. I have come to give my heart to the Saviour.”

I did not know the man or anything about him. It was the Gospel that did it, empowered by the Spirit of God. Yes, Christ knocks on the heart’s door through the Gospel.

W. Herschel Ford.

Selected.

UpDate

WORDS

At times 'words' are too numerous and it becomes gossip; at other times there are not enough 'words' to properly communicate/explain and clarification is lost AND at other times (today) there just doesn't seem that words are adequate to relate the seriousness of the 'hour'. Which brings me to the importance of today's "UpDate"; **because** I only want person(s) like YOU to invest in this portion of the Lord's Kingdom Work as HE LEADS. I/we want you and I to be led by the Holy Spirit; then knowing whatever is invested will bring *eternal dividends* for *time* and **eternity!**

WE/I are seeking to be faithful unto His Word, **the Bible**, and the battles and struggles do not become easier as we move forward as soldiers of the cross.

The Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/*Morning Glory* is a free Biblical Lutheran Movement based on the Word of God and we/I want to be found *faithful unto Him*, until He closes the door for the Salvation of precious Souls and nurturing His Lambs and Sheep. He says *if you love ME, feed/tend to my lambs and sheep.*

Almost 'needless' to say, the **intercessory prayer support and financial support** are 'real' for this 'ministry'. Enough 'said' for this 'UpDate' and to leave the results in God's Hands & yours!

THANK YOU and may GOD make you a even greater blessing as we seek by His GRACE to occupy till HE comes!

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THANK YOU FOR PRAYING!

The LORD most certainly gave 'us' a very blessed Hauge Annual Bible Conference at Stavanger Lutheran Church of Garden City, Iowa. *IF* folk knew how the 'Presence of the Holy Spirit' was in 'our' midst and the many rich blessings from Above, likely more folk would have been with 'us'.

More reflections will likely show up in the *Morning Glory* in the August issue. In the meantime - Praise the Lord from Whom all blessings flow!