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

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Seven Links To Joy!

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I WANT TO ACQUAINT YOU with seven links which I feel affect the joy and pleasure and effectiveness of Christian living. The depth of your Christian life depends on your recognition of these miraculous links.

INSPIRATION is the first link. The word inspiration means God-breathed. His breath is in every word of the Bible. God overpowered each author and caused him to write exactly what God meant. No other book in the world can claim this. Paul says in 2 Timothy 3:16, *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.”* Peter wrote in 2 Peter 1:21, *“Prophecy came not in old times by the will of man; but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”*

REVELATION is the second link. The word revelation means “unveiled” or “manifested.” Other religions of the world are man’s unsuccessful attempts to find God. Christianity is different. Christianity is God’s revelation of Himself to man. No person can know God without the Bible. What a marvelous book we hold in our hands when we read the Bible. The Psalmist says God *“magnified His Word above His name”* (see Psalm 138:2). The Bible thus becomes all important, for in it alone do we truly see God.

INTERPRETATION is the third link. This means the science of uncovering the exact meaning of God’s Word. Find the definition of each word. Find out to whom God was speaking. Find why God spoke. Read the Scripture before and after the text you are reading to get the entire thought. Relate what you read to the whole Bible, and you will be *“a workman that needeth not to be ashamed”* (2 Timothy 2:15).

(Editor’s Note: All important, always ask the Holy

Spirit to enlighten you as you read God’s Holy Word!)

MEDITATION is the fourth link. Meditation means to concentrate on a certain Scripture portion until it is understood. Meditation goes beyond study; it takes you to what God wants you to know. Paul wrote, *“Meditate upon these things: give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all”* (1 Timothy 4:15). This verse gives a remarkable promise. If you will meditate upon the Word of God, you will be spiritually refreshed and others will see this in your life.

ILLUMINATION is the fifth link. This means to throw light upon. Illumination is the act of the Holy Spirit in giving understanding to the Bible student. Paul wrote, *“The eyes of your understanding being enlightened”* (Ephesians 1:18). The Holy Spirit wants to make God’s Word understandable. Faithful meditation will enable him to do so.

CONVICTION is the sixth link. The word conviction means to be convinced. The Lord wants us not only to know his will but to be convinced His will is best for our lives. I often wonder why so many Christians accept second best by wanting their own will when God has the very best for them.

APPLICATION is the seventh link. This means putting to use that which you know. You may recognize the first six links but come short in your Christian life by not applying what you know. James says, *“Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only”* (James 1:22). And, *“Therefore, to Him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin”* (James 4:17). The strength of the seventh link depends on your actions. A pastor summarized

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his message by saying, “Now don’t just sit there, do something about it.” There are seven links reaching from God to man. God’s links are: Inspiration, Revelation, Illumination, and Conviction. The strength of the others links: Interpretation, Meditation, and Application depend on us.

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Little Things Lead to Big Falls!

I was walking down a little hill in the woods when I stepped on a little twig. The twig rolled, and I fell down. As I got up and went on my way, I thought, If that had been a big log, I would have seen it and climbed over it. There would have been no danger of falling, for I would have been aware of the danger.

The very fact that the twig was small was what made it dangerous.

In or spiritual pathway, the Devil places little temptations to defeat us. His little traps or obstructions are often more effective than the big ones, partly because even if people do notice them they may think they are too small to make any difference.

Beware of little things! It was only a “little thing” – a bit of a forbidden fruit – that brought sin and its curse into this old world.

Selected

**Planned Parenthood
Performs an Abortion
Every 95 Seconds**

My righteous one will live by faith

Hebrews 10:38

Often our feelings and emotions are mistakenly substituted for faith. Pleasurable emotions and deep, satisfying experiences are part of the Christian life, but they are not the essence of it. Trials, conflicts, battles, and testings lie along the way and are to be counted not as misfortunes but rather as part of our necessary discipline.

In all of these various experiences, we are to rely on the indwelling of Christ in our hearts, regardless of our feelings, as we walk obediently before Him. And this is where many Christians get into trouble. They try to walk by feelings rather than by faith.

A believer once related that it seemed as if God had totally withdrawn Himself from her. His mercy *seemed* completely gone. Her loneliness lasted for six weeks, until the heavenly Lover seemed to say to her, “You have looked for Me in the outside world of emotions, yet all the while I have been waiting inside for you. Meet Me now in the inner chamber of your of your spirit, for I am there.”

Be sure to distinguish between the fact of God’s presence and the *feeling* of the fact. It is actually a wonderful thing when our soul feels lonely and deserted, as long as our faith can say, “I do not see You, Lord, nor do I feel Your presence, but I know for certain You are graciously here – exactly where I am and aware of my circumstances.” Remind yourself again and again with these words: “Lord, You are here. And though the bush before me does not seem to burn, it *does* burn. I will take the shoes from my feet, ‘for the place where (I am) standing is holy ground’” (Ex. 3:5). *London Christian*

Trust God’s Word and His power more than you trust your own feelings and experiences. Remember, your Rock is Christ, and it is the sea that ebbs and flows with the tides, not Him. *Samuel Rutherford*

Keep your eyes firmly fixed on the infinite greatness of Christ’s finished work and His righteousness. Look to Jesus and believe – look to Jesus and live! In fact, as you look to Him, unfurl your sails and bravely face the raging storms on the sea of life. Do not exhibit your distrust by staying in the security of the calm harbor or by sleeping comfortably through your life of ease. Do not allow your life and emotions to be tossed back and forth against each other like ships idly moored at port. The Christian life is not one of listless brooding over our emotions or slowly drifting on keel of faith through shallow water. Nor is it one of dragging our anchor of hope through the settling mud of the bay, as if we were afraid of encountering a healthy breeze.

Sail away! Spread your sail toward the storm and

trust in Him who rules the raging seas. A brightly colored bird is safest when in flight. If its nest is near the ground or if it flies too low, it exposes itself to the hunter’s net or trap. In the same way, if we cower in the lowlands of feelings and emotions, we will find ourselves entangled in a thousand nets of doubt, despair, temptation, and unbelief. “How useless to spread a net in full view of ALL THE BIRDS!” (Prov. 1:17). “Put your hope in God” (Ps. 42:5). *J. R. Macduff*

When I cannot *feel* the faith of assurance, I live by the fact of God’s faithfulness. *Matthew Henry*

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Living Testament

READ: 2 Timothy 2:1-10

“Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel.” 2 Timothy 2:8

Watchman Nee was arrested for his faith in Christ in 1952, and he spent the rest of his life in prison. He died in his jail cell on May 30, 1972. When his niece came to collect his few possessions, she was given a scrap of paper that a guard had found by his bed. On it was written his life’s testimony;

“Christ is the Son of God who died for the redemption of sinners and was resurrected after three days. This is the greatest truth in the universe, I die because of my belief in Christ – Watchman Nee.”

Tradition says that the apostle Paul also was martyred for his faith in Christ. In a letter written shortly before his death, Paul exhorted his readers; “Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, for which I suffer trouble . . . ; but the Word of God is not chained” (2 Tim. 2:8-9).

We may not be called upon to be martyred as witnesses to the reality of Christ – as millions of His followers through the centuries have been – but we are all called to be a living testament of Jesus’ work on our behalf. No matter the outcome, from a heart of gratitude for God’s gracious gift we can tell others what Jesus had done for us. Dennis Fisher

*The Christ of God to glorify,
His grace in us to magnify;
His Word of life to all make known—
Be this our work, and this alone.* Whittle

Let your life as well as your lips speak for Christ

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A HIGH MAN WHO CAME DOWN

“THREE QUESTIONS IN JOHN 3”

By Pastor R. Norheim

(Continued from the June issue of the Morning Glory)

The new birth has puzzled greater minds than ours. Nicodemus' second question in John 3, **“How Can These Things Be?”**, still remains unanswered in minds that exclude the Bible key to understanding: *“The Just shall live by faith.”* (Romans 1:17). Faith unlocks the door that reason can not open. Christian experience exists on a level totally unknown to unbelief. *“O tastes and see that the Lord is good”*, is a Bible challenge that must be met by faith. Einstein was as puzzled about this statement as Nicodemus. I have seen no statement he made, indicating that his super brain ever grasped the truth of the new birth. Reason is a gift from God handed to us by to be used as He intended, not as the devil, the world and the flesh might dictate. The “poison of asps” was injected in the first question the Serpent asked in the Garden of Eden – *“has God said ...?”* Adam's reason lost its balance there, much the same as an intoxicated man loses his equilibrium. Faith may, at times, be weak; but it doesn't waver. It is founded and grounded on God's Word, and upheld by His hand. Therefore faith marches on, while reason falls into the ditch.

Nicodemus had to make a choice he'd never made before. Was he to continue as the “Great ruler”, who presumed to have the answers to all questions? Or, must he now admit his ignorance, and come down and become as a little child, to receive by faith God's revelation? *“How can these things be?”* We are disappointed he did not move speedily enough in this direction to permit St. John to include his utterances of faith in John 3. But the day came when he spoke up. (John 7:50). Later he showed up. (John 19:39).

He spoke up at a time when Jesus name was being slandered and ridiculed by the Pharisees. Among their slurs was this cutting remark: “Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers of the Pharisees believed on Him?” Nicodemus had been doing a lot of thinking; but now he had to start talking. To remain silent now would be denying his Lord. Note his reply: “Doth our law judge any man before it hear him, and know what he doeth?” His reply accomplished at least two things: following a brief outburst, (verse 52) the opposition was silenced; “And every man went unto his own house.” Then, too, he identified himself as one of the rulers who had heard Him and knew

Him. “Never man spake like this man.” Nicodemus could never forget that night when Jesus had spoken to him as no other man had ever spoken.

But here, too, we are disappointed that he didn't say more when he had the opportunity. Why didn't he raise his voice and boldly testify, “Yes, I am one of the rulers of the Pharisees that believes in Him!” To be sure he would have invited a storm of protests and an avalanche of persecution; but he would also have grown measurably in his soul as well as in the sight of men. But, it appears, Nicodemus was still battling with his greatest difficulty – his stubborn pride and the fear of man.

The Old Adam is not only slow to die; he's something like the proverbial cat with nine lives – he must needs die daily! “Take up thy cross and follow me”, includes constant crucifixion of the Old Man. The growth of the soul is not a hothouse experience; nor does it follow the “sheltered-life” pattern of hermits who would “see no evil, hear no evil, taste no evil.” The winds of hell must blow upon every Oak tree of endurance; but when everything's said and done – the tree still stands. When Dr. R. A. Torrey was asked why God didn't destroy the devil, he answered, “Because He can use him!” Sorrow is often turned into joy; but a life of all joy and no sorrow is an unknown pattern in the school of the Holy Spirit. To learn to know yourself is not pleasant but it is profitable.

There are times when self-criticism accomplishes more than the rebuke of friends. Whether this applies in this case to Nicodemus or not, I am not certain. I'm inclined to believe that he judged himself quite severely as he went to his house.

Why had he swallowed the testimony he should and could have given, that would once for all place him among the followers of Jesus? “Surely, said the accusing voice within, “you are not worthy of the name ‘Christian’, who failed so miserably! You might as well give up your hypocritical profession and seek to repair your shattered friendship with the Pharisees... You can be religious without being fanatical!”

Isn't this a familiar language, known to all trembling saints? Or have you always been strong and courageous, never denying your Lord? Unkind criticism, whether it comes from a thoughtless Peter or right from the devil himself, never repairs a weak faith. But there are times when we should encourage one another to break the silence and to speak up for Christ in no uncertain tones. I shall forever be grateful for the prompting given by an elderly believer, urging me to stand up and pray at the first prayer meeting I attended after my conversion. Nicodemus, it seems, didn't have such a friend in a time of need. Perhaps he was partly at fault in failing to seek out such a friend; but then, to, Jesus' friends were also at fault

in not coming to his help. Perhaps they were suspicious that he was more of a spy than an earnest seeker. It is wise to give the benefit of the doubt to the one in question.

Two striking cases come to my mind in this connection. Barnabas is one. In Acts 11 we see him as he “departed to Tarsus for to seek Saul (Paul), and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch,” where Paul spent a whole year in fellowship with Godly people. Doubtless this had much to do with his spiritual development. The question asked at the time of conversion, reappear in many complicating and confusing forms later on Satan is a master thief, using all kinds of subtlety in stealing promises that once were very precious to the convert. John the Baptist gives us the second case we want to call to your attention. The question he asked in prison, “Art thou he that should come; or do we look for another?”, had apparently been settled long ago, when he preached and baptized at the Jordan riverside. But now old doubts returned in new fury. John’s maturity and years of preaching didn’t help

Him now. Now he must have a fresh, up-to-date answer from Jesus. And so two of John’s disciples bring his questions to Jesus; and they return with reassuring words: “Go and show John *again* those things ye do hear and see.” Matt. 11:4. Now, please don’t miss the importance of fellowship observed in this case: ***John had the questions of doubt; Jesus had the answers of reassurance; but it took two friends to carry out the communications!*** Had John been left to rot, friendless, in prison, we wonder what depths of despair he might have fallen into. And it is to be feared that many lonely Christians suffer untold agonies and injuries because they have none to commune with. God’s grace is certainly great enough to preserve a faithful sentinel, standing alone at a lonely post; but it is not his established pattern nor practice to deprive His people of the fellowship He knows they so sorely need.

Perhaps at this moment my message may be reaching some troubled soul, whom Satan has designed to sift as wheat that your faith fail. Quickly may I say, Jesus knows all about your anxiety. He who saw the disciples “toiling in the rowing” on the Sea of Galilee, came to them, walking on the water. He’ll do the same for you! Don’t despair! Look to Jesus; lay hold on some promise and pray. Peace **with** God is your greatest need. The peace **of** God will follow. But if CHRIST is your answer, you won’t need all your other questions answered – yet...

*“Which way shall I take”, shouts a voice in the night,
I’m a stranger, a-wearied, and spent is my light;
To the right? To the left? Ah, me if I knew - -
The way is so dark and the passers so few.”
“Near, near thee, my friend, is Calvary’s Cross,
Where Jesus has died to redeem you from loss;*

*With Him as your guide you have nothing to fear:
His Word is thy light, and His Presence is cheer.”*

Lutheran Gospel Hour (to be continued)

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PRAYING FRIENDS

Read: 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Brethren, pray for us, 1 Thessalonians 5:25

I met my friend Angie for lunch after having not seen her for several months. At the end of our time together, she pulled out a piece of paper with notes from our previous get-together. It was a list of my prayer requests she had been praying for since then. She went through each one and asked if God had answered yet or if there were any updates. And then we talked about her prayer requests. How encouraging to have a praying friend!

The apostle Paul had a praying relationship with the churches he served, including the one at Thessalonica. He thanked God for the faith, love, and hope of the people (1 Thess. 1:2-3). He longed to see them, and asked God “night and day” that he might be able to visit them again (3:10-11). He requested that the Lord would help them “increase and abound in love to one another and to all” (v. 12). He also prayed that their hearts would be blameless before God (v. 13). They must have been encouraged as they read about Paul’s concern and prayers for them. Paul knew too his own need for God’s presence and power and pleaded, “Brethren, pray for us” (5:25).

Loving Father, thank You for wanting us to talk with You. Teach us all to be praying friends. –Anne Cetas

*I need the prayers of those I love
While traveling on life’s rugged way,
That I may true and faithful be,
And live for Jesus every day. –Vaughn*

The best kind of friend is a praying friend

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Editor’s Note: What an ‘example’ of how to pray for one another, especially those of the ‘household of Faith.’ **Brethren, PRAY for us specifically;** Editor & his wife, HLIF Board Members and their Spouses, etc & for this ‘ministry’! How it is APPRECIATED, Thank You!! **Ephesians 6:18-20.**

Editorial

RES

Battlefield Intensified, Because . . .

“You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.” (II Timothy 2:3-4)

GOD never promised an easy road/journey for a saved sinner; but a worthwhile life with a blessed end (HEAVEN)! ACTUALLY GOD promised exactly the opposite on this side of eternity (**Psalm 34:17-22**). Which shouldn't take 'us' by 'surprise', because a 'soldier' is 'trained, armed, equipped, clothed, fed, and prepared for 'action' in the battle front, where ever the 'enemy' shows his ugly presence! (This is true not only on the secular battlefield but even more so in the battlefield between the forces of darkness and light, good and evil, right and wrong, etc. whose motivator is either GOD OR SATAN (our old nature, world or the Father of lies).

Those of 'us' who are 'older' can remember very vividly the 'picture' of 'Uncle Sam', pointing his index finger at YOU and saying 'Uncle Sam needs/wants YOU'! But the great 'Commander in Chief never drafts YOU, but calls and seeks for volunteers who are willing to take 'up their cross and follow HIM!

Matthew 10:38, 16:24, Mark 8:34, 10:21, Luke 9:23, 14:27. They that were 'nailed' to the CROSS realized that they were not going to 'return' again – but DIE; and we are daily to 'die' unto self (flesh/old nature).

The 'born again' person is called to be a trumpet bearer. *“For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?”* 1 Corinthians 14:8. Keep in mind that the 'idea' of dialogue with the 'enemy' is not of God! For YOU are either for the 'Commander in Chief' (LORD) OR against HIM! Neutral YOU cannot be! Also the unsaved sinner will not understand you in regards to the deeper and more meaningful things in life, unless God is 'calling/awakening them! BUT that should not keep 'us' from continuing to prayerfully sow the Incorruptible SEED, as 'faithful soldiers' of the Cross. Remember an unsaved sinner is spiritually blind, dead, and at enmity with God. *“For the message (preaching) of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”* 1 Cor. 1:18. The things of God are 'hostile' in this 'world' and 'soldiers' are just traveling through 'enemy' territory, Hebrews 13:13. **BUT REALLY THE 'BATTLE IS THE LORD'S', BUT BOTH FORCES (God & Satan) USE HUMAN INDIVIDUALS** in the

'battle'! Martin Luther states that IF the 'soldier' is not in the 'trenches' where the 'battle' rages; he is like a fox or weathervane.

NOW this 'battlefield' is very real and if YOU do not sense that, YOU have much to be concerned about!

The 'Christian' is not in a scrimmage, drill nor make-believe for the head 'enemy' is out to spiritually kill you (John 10:9-10, 1 Peter 5:6-10, Revelation 12:6-12) and he will use whatever 'firearm' he can to accomplish the same. Therefore, BECAUSE you and I are so fragile; we should not 'demand' time from 'fellow soldiers' to apply first-aid nor band-aides. *“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.”* 1 Peter 2:11.

YES, ACTUALLY the 'battle' is the LORD'S, but HE uses 'soldiers of the cross' to strengthen 'fellow-soldiers' and further 'His Kingdom'. So we find comfort in the midst of the 'battle' in 11 Corinthians 3:5 and HE is 'our' Rock, Fortress, Refuge, Strong Tower, etc. BUT the 'spiritual battle' **is very serious as God, Himself explains it in Ephesians 6:10 – 20**. My understanding of this portion of Holy Scripture, THAT THE 'BATTLE' is so **intense that it is like hand-to-hand combat with bayonets!** WHEN God says so, 'we' do not dare to make light/sport of SIN nor 'our' three-fold 'enemy'! It is SIN that separates 'us' from God; Sins either of omission or commission. Hebrews 11:24-26. Unknown to many the most severe 'battles' are a persons civil war within themselves between the 'old nature & the new nature and it depends upon which 'nature' is fed the most! Martin Luther speaks of Scripturally that we are to 'die' to the worldly flesh DAILY, by drowning him; but Luther shares he learned the *old nature* knows how to swim.

Satan will do everything in 'his power' to keep the 'old nature' alive and in so doing the 'spiritual battle';

He will nag, harass, and drive; **mercilessly** to accomplish the same. He is also very cunning, master of deceit, subtle and often comes to the 'believer' as an angel of light! NOT only that, but he stabs at faith and scatters doubt. See Genesis 3:1-9. John 10:9-10, Rev. 12:6-12, 1 Peter 5:8-11.

ONE of the most used and worn 'tools' of Satan and his

helpers is *discouragement & disappointment!* It is so 'easy' to get distracted in this 'spiritual battle' and to get 'our' eyes off of JESUS! You see 'winners never quit and quitters never win'; which is also true in the secular realm as 'liberals never give up, while conservatives often do)!

GOD says 'be thou faithful' we know how the 'battle' ends; because we have read the last 'chapters' of Revelation! Psalm 31 (especially verse 10, Phil. 3 and *Revelation 19:6-7*).

WELL, JUST WHAT'S AT STAKE???

First of all: Eternal souls (individually) that you and I are and also *every* man, woman, boy & girl on the face of the earth; whose destiny is either Heaven or Hell!

Is it 'necessary' for me to say, "Your eternal Destiny?" OTHER than that, not only 'our' Salvation; but the hurting 'persecution' especially from unsaved loved ones,

neighbors, friends and on. This doesn't keep us from fore-warning (giving the Trumpet Sound) and prayerfully continuing to plant the 'Incorruptible SEED! Matthew 5:10, 10:32-38, John 7:43, 11 Timothy 3:12 & 1 Timothy 4.

(Please read the book of Nehemiah). Regardless of 'our' age, Scripturally, there is no furlough NOR retirement in God's 'soldiers' of the CROSS on this side of Eternity! *Isaiah 55:11, Proverbs 30:5-6, ROMANS 1:16, 1 Peter chapter 5. Onward Christian Soldier, Marching as to War!*

MY prayer for YOU is that the LORD will continue to 'nourish and bless YOU; so that you may become even a greater encouragement and blessing unto OTHERS! II Timothy 4:7-8 and I Corinthians 15:57-58.

BE SURE YOU are continually under the BLOOD OF THE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN ONE, JESUS! REVELATION 19:6-7

GIANT DESPAIR

John Bunyan, author of Pilgrim's Progress, suffered from bouts of depression; and we may view as partly autobiographical his account of Christian's falling into the clutches of Giant Despair.

In the seventh stage of their journey, as Christian and Hopeful grow weary with their trip and wish for an easier way, they notice a little meadow on their left called By-path Meadow with a stile leading over the fence.

They detour in this way, but soon night overtakes them, and they find themselves lost in a terrible storm. At last, weary and worried, they fall asleep under a tree and are captured the next day by Giant Despair who beats them cruelly and throws them into the dungeon of Doubting Castle.

It is "a very dark dungeon, nasty and stinking to the spirit," and here the two men lie in misery from Wednesday morning till Saturday night, without one bit of bread or drink of water or light.

Finally, having reduced them to miserable depression, Giant Despair leaves a knife, a rope and poison in their cell; and the two men are sorely tempted to end their lives. But remembering the commandment, "*Thou shalt not kill,*" they resign themselves to the continued tortures of Giant Despair.

Early on a Sunday morning, Christian suddenly sits up "as one half amazed, and says, 'Why a fool, thus to lie in a stinking dungeon when I may as well walk at liberty! I have a key in my bosom called Promise that will, I am persuaded, open any lock in Doubting Castle.' Then said Hopeful, 'That is good news; good brother, pluck it out of

thy bosom and try.'

"Then Christian pulled it out of his bosom and began to try at the dungeon door, whose bolt, as he turned the key, gave back; and the door flew open with ease; and Christian and Hopeful both came out."

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TOO FAST

Everywhere people are making haste. We eat in a hurry, study in a hurry, read in a hurry; and from the sorrowful and sordid records of our divorce courts, many marry in a hurry.

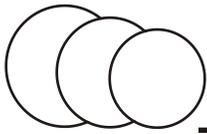
High-powered automobiles, stream-lined trains and jet-propelled planes have been invented to get us places in the quickest possible time.

A man stepped into a taxi and said to the operator, "Drive fast!" The cabbie hardly needed that instruction, but he started off with a roar. Soon they were speeding along the boulevard. Presently it dawned upon the passenger that he had given no address, so he leaned forward and asked, "Where are you going?"

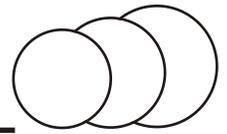
The cabbie spoke back over his shoulder, "I don't know, Governor, but I sure am driving fast!"

We are on the way; but what way? From people's feverish activity and the strained look on their faces, it is evident that many are not on the Highway of Happiness.

Perry F. Webb



From Our Fellowship Circle



N. G. **Fergus Falls, MN**
Thank you for sending me the *Morning Glory*. Please find enclosed a check for my subscription renewal.

Oh, how we need a revival to wake up the sleeping church today. The condition of our Nation and the world in general is pointing toward the end times. May we be faithful until He comes again.

God bless your ministry!

G. R. **Beulah, ND**
I am asking if you would be so kind as to send the *Morning Glory* to the following address...

Gratefully we are receiving the Morning Glory and after we have read it; we than share it with our Lutheran Pastor.

My sister sent in our name and address, as before she would give us her issue. Now I'm asking for ...

She loves the article 'God Made a Farmer'. Thank you.

By the way, we also are Lutherans and thanks for a wonderful periodical.

C. L. **Viroqua, WI**
Thanks for your work putting together the Hauge Spring Bible Conference. I was blessed to be able to attend and the folks with me also. (*Editor*: Praise the LORD to Whom the Credit belongs!)

Trust you are getting better from your health difficulty, which showed up on Sunday morning during the Conference. Yes, our lives are in God's hand so trials and tribulations are permitted according to His will. Adrian Rogers shares that they are not 'obstacles', but opportunities to praise God! At times that is very difficult; especially when we are hurting.

My best to both you and your wife.

The enclosed gift is for the ministry of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation.

Anonymous **???**
The Lord has been so good to us and which we praise his Name and also thank you all who put the *Morning Glory* together, as it is so wonderful of Christ centered story's. Thank you.

Also I have a friend that has been a Lutheran all her life

and goes the same church; but now is spiritually dead and she is very uncomfortable going there anymore, because she does not get an good preaching off of the Word of God; which is so sad ...

T. S. **Forest City, IA**
I hope all is well with you both!

I am doing fine now and looking forward for Spring to arrive as it has not been very nice weather! BUT today we have a nice, sun shiny day, after the snow.

I am enjoying the *Morning Glory* and glad as long as I can read and so for the LORD has been so good to me; for which I certainly am thankful for that.

I am also thankful for my children and extended family as they have been good to me; although I have had a few trips to the hospital, but doing good now.

God's blessings to you.

The Victorious Christ

Our Saviour is risen!
Strike your harps, ye saints on high,
With your anthems fill the sky!
Ye who sang a Saviour born,
Hail His resurrection morn!
Jesus lives the world to save;
Where thy triumph, boasting grave?
Death is vanquished, bound in chains;
Christ our Lord forever reigns!
On this bright and glorious day,
When the faithful meet to pray,
Bring the Easter lilies fair,
Nature's gems of beauty rare.
Let the organ's lofty strain
Thrill our raptured souls again;
Christ hath risen from the tomb,
Clothed in Heaven's immortal bloom!

Fanny Crosby

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Obama a Muslim?

At a Dinner (WHCD) White House Correspondents Dinner: One of President Obama's own gags was; "These days I look in the mirror and have to admit, I'm not the strapping young Muslim Socialist that I used to be" (4/27/13).

By mocking the idea that he is a Muslim and a Socialist, (*seemingly??*), Obama is trying to render these things too ridiculous for serious public discussion!

Pray for our President, Cabinet, Congress, Supreme Court, Governors, etc.

The Universe

"**The universe appears** to have been mathematically designed. Greek mathematician Pythagoras, who taught that the Universe was built upon numbers, is known to have said, 'nature geometrizes.'

Earth, a tiny planet, is just one of the countless objects in the vastness of space, yet it is the only one known to support life. Scientists are puzzled by the numerous 'accidents' that favor life upon earth. Many conclude that Earth is 'anthropic' that is, specially made for man.

The scientific data suggest that the Earth did not randomly come into existence. It has precise measurements that look like the product of careful planning and design.

Astrophysicist Paul Davies, in his book *THE GOLDILOCKS ENIGMA*, nicknamed the Earth 'the Goldilocks Planet,' it has just the right temperature, neither too hot nor too cold.

The Earth lies at an ideal distance from the sun. If the distance changed by as little as 2%, all life on Earth would perish. If the Earth were a bit further from the sun, water would freeze; a little closer, water would evaporate. Consider our neighbors: Venus, closer to the Sun, is too hot, while Mars, farther away, is too cold.

The Earth's orbit around the Sun is just about 3% off a perfect circle – just right to keep water liquid.

The Earth's rotation period cannot be changed by even a few percent. Too slow, the temperature difference between night and day would be too great. Too fast, wind velocities would become disastrous. The tilt of the Earth's axis is at 23.5% angle relative to the Sun. Greater, summers would be much hotter and winters much colder, wreaking havoc on plant cycles and agriculture.

For a satellite, the moon is quite big for the Earth. And, yet, it is just the right size. Its gravitational pull pro-

duces the tides that prevent the oceans from getting too hot or freezing. Coastal waters are cleansed (by constant motion from tides), oxygen and nutrients which sustain marine life are replenished, and the tilt of the Earth is stabilized.

Oxygen comprises 21% of the Earth's atmosphere. Much more than that would be harmful-oxygen would be toxic if breathed too long, as well as make the environment fire-prone. Nitrogen constitutes 78% of the gasses surrounding the planet. It dilutes the oxygen, serving as fertilizer for plant life. Lightning bolts around the world mix nitrogen with oxygen each day, producing compounds that come down to earth with rain to enrich the soil. Carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is just right – less would not be enough keep vegetables thriving; too much would be fatal to both animals and humans. All other necessary elements are present – carbon, hydrogen, phosphorous, sulfur, as well as liquid water – in the right proportions, as though deliberately combined. Science writer Stuart Clark wonders; Chemically speaking, Earth is simply better set for life than its neighbors. So how come we get all the good stuff?" Max Tauson, excerpt from ch. 5, *Deep Things of God* via Petah Tikvah (Edited for brevity. JMH) Taken from 'Hite's Home Mission Outreach Newsletter.'

A Governor Saved

A Former S.C. Governor; This Governor of South Carolina received a simple *Gospel Tract* from a wonderful African-American custodian at a public school! Later, bored in a traffic jam, he read the tract, repented of his sins, trusted Jesus Christ as his Saviour, was "BORN AGAIN," testified openly, and stood for the truth!

Selected

Editor's Note: Don't 'limit' God's Incorruptible WORD and likely 'Souls' have been 'saved' through the ministry of the *Morning Glory* and can do it again! Praise the LORD!

Children Born out of Wedlock

The number of children born out of wedlock in the USA is alarming. Forty-eight percent of all first births are happening outside of marriage.

ChrisitanPost.com

Administration “Most Hostile” to Religious Freedom in U.S. History, Says Expert

A conservative expert on religious freedom issues believes that President Barack Obama has headed “the most hostile” administration to religious freedom in American history.

Ken Klukowski, director of the Center for Religious Liberty at the Family Research Council, told the Christian Post ... that he believes the administration has been unprecedentedly hostile to religious liberty...

“Religious liberty in America has long been a cherished freedom. In recent decades, reaction to displaying that religion in the public sphere has grown increasingly hostile,” (said Klukowski.)”

“it is imperative that we make ourselves aware of the battlefronts and support those who stand as sentinels against encroachment on our first freedom.”

Michael Gryboski for ChristianPost.com

IRS: Cheapest Obamacare Plan Will Be \$20,000 per Family

The Internal Revenue Service assumed that under Obamacare the cheapest health insurance plan available in 2016 for a family will cost \$20,000 for the year.

Under Obamacare, Americans will be required to buy health insurance or pay a penalty to the IRS...

“The annual national average bronze plan premium for a family of five (two adults, three children) is \$20,000,” the regulation says. Bronze will be the lowest tier health-insurance plan available under Obamacare – after Silver, Gold and Platinum. Under the law, the penalty for not buying health insurance is supposed to be capped either the annual average Bronze premium, 2.5 percent of taxable income, or \$2,085 per family in 2016. (Editor: ???)

Matt Cover in ConservativeActionAlerts.com

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Well Said ... *The Credibility of Our Words*

“A false witness shall perish: but the man that heareth speaketh constantly.”

If a man speaks off the top of his head, saying hastily whatever comes to mind without making sure he is telling the whole truth, his words perish; i.e., they lose credibility. But the man who hears; i.e., he listens carefully and

checks fact out before he speaks – his words carry weighty and authority. The credibility of a statement is determined by the character of the person who makes the statement.

Jesus said, “*By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned*” Matt. 12:37. We ought to be as careful of our words as a man would be who had just been arrested for a crime and heard an officer reading him his rights, saying, “Whatever you say can and will be used against you.”

One day we will be tried by our words because, truthfully, our words reveal our character. Proverbs 15;28 says, “*The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.*”

Saying things off the top of our heads without thinking through what the right answer is will cause us to lose credibility. Many times when we are asked a question, we ought to say, “I am not sure; let me think and pray about that.” Or we might say, “Let me check my facts to make sure I am giving you the correct answer.”

It is good to be called “a man of few words.” The Scripture tells us, “*Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool than of him*” Proverbs 29:20.

Dr. Dan Reed, Acworth, Georgia

Going the Second Mile

A farmer left his son to plow a large field, instructing him to plow out to the peach trees and to try to finish the job by the end of the day. When the farmer returned that evening, he discovered that his son had plowed all the way out to the road, far beyond the peach trees. It was almost twice the amount of work he had expected his son to do. When he asked his son about it, the boy replied, “Dad, I plowed out to the peach trees because you told me to. But I plowed on out to the road because I wanted to.”

The wanted to in this boy’s response is the language of genuine love. Only (Ed. Should be) the love of Christ within us can compel us to go beyond the requirements and give more than expected. Christians should pray daily for the love of Christ to direct us in all our dealings with others.

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Faith In Prayer, or Prayer In Faith?

MANY have prayed earnestly for some definite blessing and then, when it failed to come, have grown bitter and even cynical. And one hears from such disappointed hearts the frequent refrain, "I have lost faith in prayer."

The very phrasing of that statement reveals a misunderstanding of the right attitude toward prayer. Faith in prayer is one thing; prayer in faith is another.

The man who starts out only with faith in prayer puts too much emphasis upon prayer and not enough upon **the God to Whom he prays**. He uses prayer as sort of magic talisman, an "open sesame" to the things he wants, a quick way of getting things he wants from God. Then when he does not get what he asks for, he gives up prayer much as the heathen beats his fetish when he gets into trouble. Prayer is really his god. Instead of being pious, he is, in a sense, idolatrous. Faith in prayer may be a very childish and inadequate attitude.

The object of our faith should be God rather than prayer. Then, prayer in such faith will not fail. We ought first utterly to commit all we are and have into His hands and leave them in His keeping. We ought to realize that while we can see only a tiny segment of life at a time, God sees the length and breadth of it with all its complications and intricacies. That being true, what we think we want may not, in His sight, be our need at all. So, when we pray in faith, faith in God, we first recognize that all things are in His hands and that He has promised to supply our needs.

So praying, we are prepared for our particular request being denied. God may say, "Wait" or "No." But, while He may deny the particular petition He never denies us. In that confidence we will not childishly sulk when this or that definite request is refused. For our faith is in God and, whatever may happen to a prayer, He is faithful.

Why pray at all if God meets our needs? So does a true parent meet the needs of his child; yet there are many things a child receives that it never would receive, if it did not ask for them. Not only that, but if a child is to receive its needs it must stay in communion with the parent. Prayer is not merely begging things of God' it is also maintaining communion with Him. It takes the gracious giver and the willing receiver to make a perfect gift. And prayer is the human soul opening its hand to the Giver. The child that trusts and loves its father is the one that is continually making requests. The more one trusts and loves the Father, the more he presents to Him the desires of his heart. True believers are not those who indifferently ask, "Why pray?" They are continually sending their petitions to the Throne of Grace, but they trust God to sort out

their prayers and leave results to His discretion.

Faith in prayer may be a cheap thing, bordering on superstition, like knocking on wood. But prayer in faith, faith in God, is a sturdy, rugged confidence that presents humbly, yet boldly, its claims and leaves the rest with God.

Taken from *By The Still Waters* by Vance Havner,
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Editor's Note: Hebrews 11:1 & 6. The 'bottom' line of praying Scripturally is that GOD MIGHT BE GLORIFIED! **John 14:13-14.** The 'answer is: Not 'faith in my prayers, nor faith in my faith, but faith in GOD, not only that HE is able, but 'will' according to what is best for us!

Remember 'faith' is a gift from God, and it is 'our' privilege and responsibility to 'exercise' faith; for 'we' walk by 'faith' and not by 'sight'!

BUT you may say 'my faith is so weak/small. Well, how much 'faith' does it take to cross a bridge? The answer: Enough to cross it, and 'faith' cometh by hearing and hearing (reading) what the Bible (the Word of God) says! Also looking unto (**Jesus**) the Author and Finisher of the faith. See Hebrews 12:1-2.

Communism Still Threatens America and the World!

Communism is anti-God, anti-church, anti-Bible, anti-home, anti-government, anti-freedom.

Communism says this: "Religion is the opiate of the people; faith in God is a farce; the Bible is a book of fables. Churches must be closed. There must be no freedom of worship, no sanctify of home, no rights for the individual."

The danger of communism is that it promises freedom but gives slavery. Just look at North Korea, China, Cuba and Russia. Every dictator in history began by wooing the people and ended by enslaving them. It was that way with Mussolini, with Hitler, with Stalin.

Each began his political activities as a *socialist*. Each came into power at a time of economic distress and national distraction. Each was supported by an army of bureaucrats, all subject to his will. Each had his propaganda bureau through which he let his subjects know what to think. The results you know.

God save America from them.

Selected

Stand Up and Be Counted!

By Bill Brinkworth

Many have been so indoctrinated with the “don’t-of-fend-any-one: philosophy that even many Christians are afraid to speak u against moral and spiritual wrongs in this world. That thinking is not biblical. Christians should stand up and speak out on the issues of our time.

Certainly the biblical teaching never intends the Christian to be purposefully nasty and hurtful to anyone. We are to warn the world, however, of encroaching dangers and pitfalls. We have the spiritual eyes to see them coming, and we are to warn those that cannot see or understand them. Yes, the guilty person or persons may scream bloody murder when their violation of God’s principles has been exposed, but it is still our obligation to help them, and it is not necessarily hateful or unloving of us to help them. It certainly is not pushing it down their throat when we show them what God’s Word says.

We are to be the “light of the world,” so we should illuminate. Also, we are to be “salt of the earth,” so we need to preserve the world by fighting and exposing that which would harm it. The jeers at us when we speak out are just the “light” altering the darkness.

Nowhere in the Bible are we told to tolerate sin and to be quiet and allow it to continue unopposed. We are in a battle (Eph. 6:12), and it certainly is not easy. A battle indicates that it will be rough, and many times people may get hurt. Certainly, looking the other way and letting sin continue is not a battle. Toleration usually is cowardice.

The world sometimes believes that we are being hateful and unloving by condemning their sin. Actually, it takes a whole lot more love to stand up against it and voice a biblical opinion against a possibly socially accepted sin and be unpopular. It can only be love when preachers and laymen stand up against the hisses of the public; when they speak out against adultery, homosexuality, abortion and other sins. Actually, it is not showing any love or compassion when you know it is wrong and you shut your mouth.

Several years back there was a popular phrase with parents; “tough love.” If one’s children were doing wrong, the parent was encouraged to do the right thing even if it was unpopular to the children, painful, costly or inconvenient. If you really loved them, you would help them – no matter what.

The word *love* is used loosely today. If we really love those around us and we know the biblical truth and know from whom it comes, it is our commanded responsibility to share it with them so they do not get hurt.

Telling someone without Christ he is going to Hell is

hard to do. However, that conversation could keep him from eternal torment. Isn’t the possibility that he will miss that punishment worth his getting hurt or angry (it could be conviction)?

If you know that deceitfulness is wrong, do not wink at it. Speak out. You know that homosexuality destroys lives; don’t tolerate it.

Abortion ruins the lives of the mothers and kills the children (and sometimes the mothers), so don’t stand quietly by while colleagues at the workplace discuss it and consider it.

When a friend mentions his adultery, don’t agree with his reasons.

If you know a neighbor is not saved, don’t allow him to go to Hell. Speak up! Sin is sin, and if we don’t tell them, who will?

The liberal “Christians” that object the most about our making a stand and being “hateful” are probably the least loving. If they really believe what they read in their Bibles..., why are they remaining silent when the world is crumbling? We have the truth; we should brandish it with honor...

What would Christ do if He were in an unbiblical situation?

At one time, Jesus called Herod a fox (Luke 13:32). The leader was a fox: sneaky and politically maneuvering to have control and get “votes” at the same time. Our Saviour did not pull His punches. He called him exactly what he was...

Seventeen times in the Scriptures Jesus called people hypocrites. In most of those instances he was talking specifically to the religious leaders and teachers. He was not concerned about being politically correct. They were saying one thing and living another. ...

“A wise person hears a rebuke and turns from his wrong ways” Prov. 15:5, 31.

Twice each Jesus and John the Baptist called people “vipers.” A viper is a stealthful, inconspicuous, deadly snake. Those people wielded deadly tongues and doctrines that bit into lives, destroyed them and eventually sent others to Hell. They were sinful, and sin made the Son of God angry. Sin should make us angry. The world needs once again to see that it is wrong, and they will not unless the “light” shines in their dark, sinful places and exposes it.

Speaking out against sin is not judging. We’ve all heard people defensively quote, “Judge not, that ye be not judged,” to get conviction off their backs.

Discerning wrong activity is not judging. We do have to discern many things in this world. If you don’t discern that the stove is hot, you will burn yourself every day. Likewise, we need to discern that gossip is wickedness

and that we should keep from that sin, along with other wickedness.

If those quoting that verse would read the rest of Matthew 7, they would find at least three things God wants us to “judge” so we don’t get hurt by them. Verse 14 warns us to discern false preachers from the real ones. Verse 17 urges us to recognize that some who claim to be Christians may not really be because they are not producing spiritual fruit that a true Christian should exhibit. Finally, verse 21 makes it very clear: Not everyone who claims to be a Christian really is. A quick study will reveal most of the things Christ spoke out against fall in the above three categories. ...

Yes, it is the Holy Spirit that does the convicting, but He does use His children as messengers. If you really have the mind of Christ, you love the things God loves and hate the things He hates. He hates sin. It destroys families and children, imprisons multitudes, ruins lives and sends too many to Hell. ...

Excerpts taken from *Stand Up and Be Counted*, by Bill Brinkworth, Sword of the Lord.

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**“As thou hast sent me into the world,
even so have I also sent them into the
world.”**

Jesus came into this world to seek and to save the lost. Even so He is asking for servants to go out and tell others in our day.

Robert Morrison the English missionary, who left for Canton, China in 1807, said as he faced his life work, “Jesus, I give myself to thy service. The question with me is, Where shall I serve? I consider the world as the field.”

An artist had been painting a picture of a poor, thinly clad woman, pressing a baby to her bosom. The night was cold and stormy, and she was wandering about on a deserted street. As he painted, and as the picture grew, the artist, one day, threw down his brush and exclaimed,

“Instead of merely painting the lost, I will go out and save them!”

The artist was Bishop Tucker of Uganda.

There is room for all Christians to serve God, but few are willing to pay the price of service. The world is full of lost and dying sinners. Are you willing to tell someone of them about Jesus the Mighty to save?

Dear Lord Jesus, use us for Thy service. Give us willing hearts and feet to go where you want us to go. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go;
Anywhere He leads me in this world below;
Anywhere without Him dearest joys would fade;
Anywhere with Jesus I am not afraid.
Anywhere! Anywhere! Fear I cannot know;
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go.*

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WE HAVE MET THE ENEMY!

We as a society have finally turned the corner. We are beginning to reel with revulsion at the sight of what we have allowed. We are reaping what we have sown.

The horror of the multiple murders in Newton, Connecticut; at the Clarksville (Tennessee) Taco Bell; the unthinkable acts of the Menendez brothers in California, the tragic Polly Klaas case on the West Coast; the murder of Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman; the three young children snatched from play in Nashville recently and raped and killed; a satanic cult, including the victims’ daughter, murdering her parents for “sacrifice.”

On and on – to ascribe the blame for these violent acts to the people who allegedly committed them, just as we refuse to take responsibility for anything in our society. We choose rather to blame the victims.

We need to look no further than ourselves for responsibility for the direction in which our society has moved.

We do not have the courage to turn violence off our television screens; we do not have the courage to jail permanently or execute our society’s worst offenders; we do not have the courage to support our educators in disciplining our youth; we do not have the courage to insist our representatives demonstrate moral leadership in government.

The people who committed the heinous crimes of recent memory are responsible for their individual actions, regardless of whether they grew up in an abusive home, with or without parents, or with an alcoholic stepfather.

They all had choices; but if we don’t begin exercising our own choices, starting with something as simple as the remote control on the television, then as a society we are doomed.

We have met the enemy, and he is “us”!

Selected



The Eighth Picture

The death of the ungodly and the reward of sin and unbelief.

“It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment” (Heb. 9:27). So finally, the impenitent sinner has come to the end of the road and is lying helpless upon his deathbed; his body writhing in pain, his soul full of fear and agony for the impending death and judgment. He is completely forsaken, without help, without comfort, and having no hope, without God and the Savior. Death stands before his eyes, threatening to deprive him of everything, all his joys, goods, honor, pleasure, and all his sensual delights. Satan holds up before him his sins. Formerly, Satan had described to him sin so enticing and delightful; and now in his dying hour, he shows him the wages of sin, eternal destruction, eternal damnation, and the endless agony in hell.

In despair he looks around horrified and sees nothing but the loathsome creatures of sin. His conscience has been asleep, but now it is wide awake and is torturing him with a thousand darts, and thrusts him into the agonies of hell. He sees the abyss of hell open and ready to swallow him forever. He can discern nothing good. His heart has long since been hardened against all spiritual impressions of that which is good. He has become deaf to the voice of God. He turns away from the Holy Spirit and from grace.

He has by determined will thrust himself into the bosom of hopelessness, and now the angel forsakes him and consigns him to despair.

In that state he gives up the spirit and is brought before Christ’s judgment seat. Christ, the loving Saviour, whom he defied in life, whose word he despised, and whose grace he rejected, pronounces the unrevokable judgment: *“Depart from me you cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels”* (Matt. 25:41).

Thus sin and the sinful pleasures of the world are rewarded. Rejected and condemned, excluded from heaven and barred from the presence of God, he plunges into the precipice – into the fire which is never quenched and where the worm never dies.

Oh, how many people are rushing toward eternal destruction. Even many who like to class themselves as Christians are serving sin and lust and the world. They give themselves to covetousness, greed, vanity, pride, envy, immorality, drunkenness, anger, and sensuality. They may acknowledge their sinfulness out of habit, not intending to renounce and forsake it. They continue thus to the end, without any change of mind and heart, without any heartfelt contrition, without turning to Christ from a sincere heart, without seeking His mercy and grace. They may be churchly, attend communion occasionally, feign confession and outward piety, but always remain the servants of sin, slaves of Satan, and children of the world. The more they take part in churchly activities and religious affairs, the more they put their trust in these things and feel that they have no need of any further repentance or change of heart, or any need of a Saviour. Unexpectedly in the midst of all this they have sown to the flesh; they will of the flesh reap corruption, *“for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap”* (Gal. 6:7-8).

Unspeakably dreadful is the death of the one who had experienced grace, but did not retain it; who at one time had apprehended Christ and His salvation, but did not remain steadfast. He fell away, and threw himself again into the arms of the world and sin. The Apostle describes the result: *“For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and a fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries”* (Heb. 10:26). And again: *“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucified to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to open shame”* (Heb. 6:4-6).

O sinners, sinners, who give yourselves to your sensu-

alities, if you only knew what you are coveting. You are wooing death and damnation. What gratifies you now will one day torture you. Consider your evil ways; hate sin! Renounce the pleasures which will cause your destruction. Listen to the pleading of Jesus Christ, the good Shepherd. He is tenderly calling: "Come unto Me, My blood will cleanse you; I will make you blessed. I give eternal life to my sheep." Harden not your heart against the voice of the good Shepherd. Some day you may have to listen to the thundering voice of the Judge: "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31). ...

Taken from *MIRROR of the HEART*, Author Unknown. This graphic, Scriptural book is available from the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation for a suggested donation of three dollars, plus a dollar for handling and shipping.

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**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.**

Psalm 138:7

The Hebrew of this verse literally means to "go on in the center of trouble." What descriptive words! And once we have called on God during our time of trouble, pleaded His promise of deliverance but received it, and continued to be oppressed by the Enemy until we are in the very thick of the battle – or the "center of trouble" – others may tell us, "Don't bother the teach any more" (Luke 8:49).

When Martha said, "Lord, ... if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (John 11:21), Jesus countered her lack of hope with His greater promise, "Your brother will rise again" (John 11:23).

And when we walk "in the center of trouble" and are tempted to think, like Martha, that we are past the point of ever being delivered, our Lord also answers us with a promise from His Word: "Though I walk in the midst of trouble, *you preserve my life.*"

Although His answer seems so long in coming and we continue to "walk in the midst of trouble, *the center of trouble*" is the place where He preserves us, not the place where He fails us. The times we continue to walk in seemingly utter hopelessness are the very times He will "stretch out (His) hand against the anger of (our) foes" (Ps. 138:7). He will bring our trouble to completion, causing the Enemy's attack to cease and to fail.

In light of this, what reason would there ever be for despair?
Aphra White

The Eye of the Storm

*Fear not that the whirlwind will carry you hence,
Nor wait for its onslaught in breathless suspense,
Nor shrink from the blight of the terrible hail,
But pass through the edge to the heart of the tale,
For there is a shelter, sunlight and warm
And Faith sees her God through the eye of the storm.*

*The passionate tempest with rush and wild roar
And threatenings of evil may beat on the shore,
The waves may be mountains, the fields battle plains,
And the earth be immersed in a deluge of rains,
Yet, the soul, stayed on God, may sing bravely its psalm,
For the heart of the storm is the center of calm.*

*Let hope be not quenched in the blackness of night,
Though the cyclone awhile may have blotted the light,
For behind the great darkness the stars ever shine,
And the light of God's heavens, His love will make thine,
Let no gloom dim your eyes, but uplift them on high
To the face of your God and the blue of His sky.*

*The storm is your shelter from danger and sin,
And God Himself takes you for safety within;
The tempest with Him passes into deep calm,
And the roar of the winds is the sound of a psalm,
Be glad and serene when the tempest clouds form;
God smiles on His child in the eye of the storm.*

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IN TOUCH WITH GOD

We must not just take it for granted that we are in touch with God. Joseph and Mary lost a whole day of fellowship with Jesus because they 'supposed Him to be in the company' (Luke 2:44). They took for granted something of which they should have made sure.

J. Oswald Sanders

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TREASURE!?!?

“You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house.’ ” (Haggai 1:9) – (Please read Chapter ONE)

No doubt ‘many’ of ‘us’ can recall from ‘our’ grade school days of the account telling of how a young ‘chap’ came across a ‘hole’ in the dike/dam; therefore spent ‘many’ hours plugging the hole with his hand and thus saved the whole community from a tragic flood! Which reminds ‘me’ of the desire/need of every single reader of the *Morning Glory*; who are being blest by God, to support this ministry in intercessory PRAYER and financial giving, rather if it is a ‘little finger’ OR a strong, robust hand!

The ‘enemy’ most certainly has come in like a ‘flood’ in our beloved USA and beyond and ‘we’ by the Grace of GOD are seeking to be a ‘standard’ against the same.

(Read the entire fifty-ninth chapter of ISAIAH), please! At the ‘present’ our beloved USA is clearly becoming like the ‘*Titanic Ship*’!

Violence was one among several manifestations of Noah’s time, when Jesus clearly stated to look up for your redemption drawth nigh! YES, time is ‘fleeting’ and IF the ‘*Titanic Ship*’ is to be ‘rescued’ we need to be about the **Master’s Business!** Are you seeing the ‘signs’ of the time; IF SO **Jesus said ‘occupy til I come!’** Priorities! For “**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**” Matthew 6:21 & 33.

A word to those that GOD calls wise should be sufficient!

A Dollar I Gave to God

Three thousand for my brand new car,
Five thousand for a piece of sod,
Ten thousand I paid to begin a house.
A dollar I gave to God.

A tidy sum to entertain
My friends in pointless chatter,
And when the world goes crazy mad,
I ask: “Lord, what’s the matter?”

Yet there is one big question,
For the answer I will search;
With things so bad in this old world,
“What’s holding back my church?” Selected

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