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

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Beside the Golden Door

By Frank Wright, Ph.D.

Immigration can be a thorny subject. As a nation rooted in Christianity, we’ve always had compassion for the homeless and “tempest-tost.” In fact, millions of us can trace family members back to Ellis Island not many generations ago.

But in the midst of our immigration crisis, it is astonishing to hear some secularists appealing to biblical authority for a so-called “compassionate” view of immigration.

In any effort to apply a biblical worldview to immigration policy, we must be cautious in our assertions. The Bible was written as light to the world, with Jesus revealed in it from Genesis to Revelation. And we are commanded to take that light to the ends of the Earth.

Yet, unbelievers often don’t accept the Bible as authoritative. They will find themselves subject to it one day – that great day when every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

While an oversimplification, it is not wrong to say that the teachings of the Bible are for those who believe it is God’s word. That does not make it a manual for specific government policies.

The Bible does teach about human government. What you will find in it are largely principles that guide our understanding of government authority. What you will not find is the answer to a question like: What is the biblical mandate for immigration policy?

All of this is worth remembering when we look at the passage in Leviticus, sometimes cited by those advocating an open and unconstrained immigration policy.

“You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as their native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 19:34

This admonition is to individual believers and should guide our personal conduct toward the stranger among us. However, it is *not* an outline for a government policy on immigration, and it would be a great error to assume so.

Let’s look at a similar mandate that we call the Great Commandment. Found in the Old and New Testaments, the Great Commandment directs us to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength – and love our neighbors as ourselves. This teaching does not, and cannot apply to government. Governments do not love. Only human beings can direct the fullness of their love to God and their neighbors.

There are other reasons to be wary of advocating a particular position on immigration as being the “biblical” one – especially based upon one verse.

When considering the biblical teaching on human government as a whole, it is clear that government has the authority(delegated by God) to set its own policies on immigration, as it seems best to those in authority.

First, we must remember that the Bible is a unity. A biblical understanding of any question requires the study of all the biblical texts that speak to, or are logically related to, the question at hand.

Second, while considering that the cultural context

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of any biblical passage is seldom dispositive, it cannot be ignored.

A Newsletter of D. James Kennedy Ministries
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Editor’s Note: A Government is to be a source of JUSTICE, not necessarily a source of mercy. A Government is to be a source of protection and security according to the Eternal WORD of GOD.

IN our great USA, it is “We the people” who govern, and our leaders are to represent us in a free Republic.

As you know, our Forefathers who drew up the Constitution and Declaration of Independence wanted FREEDOM of religious liberty, and to properly bear arms for our own safety and protection.

Actually, numerous of our Fore-fathers were willing to give their very own lives, and did so for our benefit of FREEDOM! BUT **FREEDOM** is never free; it always costs someone a great price – even their life so that we may be free! This is absolute truth both **SPIRITUALLY AND SECULARLY!** GOD grant that we may never take our freedom for granted. KEEP among your priorities “That freedom is never free,” EVEN though we have a wonderful FREEDOM in **John 8:31-38, Romans 1:13-16.**

Purim

Dear Citizen of Heaven through faith in Christ,

I am writing this letter to you a few days before the Jewish holiday of Purim. Purim is a lesser known Jewish holiday, primarily because the historical background which gave it rise occurred after Moses wrote the Torah, which included the seven great feasts God gave to Israel and were to be observed as annual holidays. Most are at least somewhat familiar with the Feast of Passover, Yom Kippur – the Day of Atonement – and Tabernacles. But the Feast of Purim (Ed. which is already past this year) – also referred to as the Feast of Esther – is not as well known.

I suppose some will ask themselves the question, “Why should an obscure Jewish holiday have importance for me? I’m not Jewish.” ...

If the historic events that gave rise to the celebration of Purim had never occurred, the Jewish nation would not be in existence today. I, as a Jewish man, could not have written you this letter, and you would not now be reading it. Most significantly the world would be dying in sin with no hope of redemption. Permit me to explain.

The word **Purim** literally means “lots” and refers to the day that Haman, a hater of the Jewish people and the God of Israel, chose to arrange for all the Jews in the 127 provinces of the mighty Persian Empire to be murdered with government authorization. In reality, it was a day designed by Satan to destroy the Jewish nation and thereby prevent her from one day giving birth to the Son of God as seed of Abraham. Humanly speaking, the annihilation of the Jewish people was only averted by the courageous action of beautiful Queen Esther and the faithful action of her uncle Mordecai.

The inspired Book of Esther is in our Bible today for one primary purpose (Ed. DEFINITELY, because it is part of God’s inspired Book, the BIBLE), to reveal to us the satanic attempt to prevent the Seed of the woman from coming into the world to crush the serpent’s head. By killing off the Jewish people, he intended to prevent the incarnation of the Lamb of God who would die on Calvary for the sin of the world.

The world is slow to learn some vital, fundamental truths:

First, the Pharaoh of Egypt tried to kill off the Jewish people by murdering all the male Hebrew children at birth. God intervened, miraculous victory was achieved, and the Jews now celebrate the Feast of Passover.

Second, Antiochus Epiphanes, ruler of Syria, tried to destroy the Jewish nation in 165 B.C. God gave victory through the Maccabees and the Jews today celebrate the Feast of Hanukkah.

Third, seven nations attacked the Jewish State on

May 14, 1948. Israel was out-manned and out-gunned. When the fighting was over, Israel rejoiced over their miraculous victory and now celebrate their Day of Independence.

Fourth, Satan through his progeny, the Antichrist, is preparing many of the nations of the Middle East to attack Israel. I believe that battle is not far off. Those nations, however, will be defeated by the Lion of the Tribe of Judah – King David’s “Greater Son” – during the “Day of the Lord.” The attacking nations will indeed be destroyed, but Israel must first be exposed to terrible days during the process. Why has Israel been so hated throughout history? Why is Israel so important to God?

Permit me to suggest three reasons. -

First, Israel gave to the world the Word of God – the Old Testament and the New Testament. It was Jewish men, inspired by the Holy Spirit, who gave to humanity Earth’s greatest treasure. Without it, men could not know where they came from, where they are going, and *what is the purpose of life, for man’s existence, and hope for a glorious future.*

Second, Israel gave to the world monotheism. The world worshipped pagan gods – gods which could not see, could not speak, could not help, and could only hold men as slaves to Satan. In that environment, Israel introduced the world to the belief in one true, faithful, omnipotent, all-knowing, loving, eternal God.

Third, Israel gave to the world the Messiah, the One who would come from the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Judah, the family of David and from the virgin body of a young godly Jewess by the name of Mary. He alone would provide the only means of salvation to a lost and hopeless world.

To sum up, Israel, as God’s instrument, gave the world ***the Word of God, Monotheism, and Messianic hope.***

Israel, throughout history, even during her many times of sin and unbelief, has been the point of God’s spear in the battle against Satan and the Antichrist.

The nations under Satan and the Antichrist are getting prepared for one last, all-out attack against Israel and the Jewish people. The seventieth week of Daniel and the Great Tribulation are fast approaching.

The time is short but the need is great. **Millions of souls within Israel and throughout the Middle East do not know that their Messiah has come to provide redemption – and He is coming again to judge the world for its faithlessness.** As believers, we are called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ with boldness. ...

Zion’s Hope, Straight from the Heart of Marv Rosenthal & David M. Rosenthal

QUESTIONS/ANSWERED

By Dr. John R. Rice

How do you know Mormonism is a false cult?

In my judgment, any religious group that has as authority anything added to the Bible is a false cult. The Book of Mormon is itself a proof of the falsity of their claim. In Revelation 22:18 we are plainly warned that there should be no added revelation to the present canon of Scripture.

“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophesy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.”

The Bible clearly and expressly teaches that the canon of Scripture closed with the Book of Revelation. So any religion which has any source of teaching which is regarded as a revelation from God alongside the Bible by so doing brands itself to be a false religion.

So it is with Christian Science and the writings of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy. Her writings misinterpret the Bible and make a false basis for the Christian Science religion.

So it is also with British Israelism, Seven-day Adventism and the Roman Catholic Church. Any religion is false religion, a false cult, if it claims any basis of authority besides the Bible itself. So Mormonism brands itself.

But also in doctrine the Mormon Church shows itself obviously unchristian. It demands baptism and good works for salvation. It knows nothing about the new birth. It counts Adam a god and says that other people also get to be gods.

Its doctrine that men, especially elders in the churches, should have as many wives as possible goes against the express declaration of the Bible that a bishop “*should be the husband of one wife.*” The United States government compelled the Mormon Church to quit the open practice of polygamy, but it is still taught as a divine revelation received by Joseph Smith and by other leaders since his time.

The practices of the Mormon Church are unscriptural, and their concept of Christianity is utterly wrong and contrary to the Bible.

What is your opinion of literature put out by the Unity School of Christianity?

The literature published by the Unity School of Christianity is basically heresy and not true to the Scriptures. Unity teaching is very much like Christian Science and equally false. It is also a money-making racket and has deceived many.

All the fundamental Christian leaders agree that Unity is not true Christianity at all, does not have the Bi-

ble plan of salvation, does not teach the basic, doctrinal fundamentals of the faith.

The Sword of the Lord, 4/8/16

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Standing on the Word of God

*I am standing on the Word of God
Which came to men of old,
This Holy Book our fathers loved
And treasured more than gold.*

Refrain:

*I am standing, standing on the Word;
Though earth change and decay,
It shall never, never pass away.
I am standing on the Word of God.*

*I am standing on the Word of God;
‘Tis holy and ‘tis true.
Through ages it has been our light
With splendor ever new.*

*I am standing on the Word of God;
‘Til full of life divine.
God’s Spirit lives in ev’ry line.*

*I am standing on the Word of God,
And thus I am secure.
Though blows the tempest wild and hard,
‘Twill evermore endure.*

E. M. Wadsworth

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Christ Is the Sole Redeemer

By H. C. Slade

Every person is utterly dependent upon the mercies and the power of Christ for salvation. This is true without one solitary exception. Without Christ in this vital matter we can do nothing. Are you without Christ? Then you are without God and without hope in the world (Eph. 2:12). Truly He is all in salvation.

As Mediator between God and man – and incidentally, there is one approach unto God but through a mediator – He does not share his office with anybody. Therefore, don’t bring Mary as mediatrix in your communications with God or so-called saints who have gone into the unseen world and make them intercede on your behalf before Jehovah’s holy throne. The Word of God of *necessity* is very explicit on this point: ***There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus***” (1 Tim. 2:5). Selected

Editorial

RES

A Caring Concern

“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”
(Deuteronomy 29:29)

Naturally, “*A caring/loving ‘concern’*” is found in our text today; as God is calling for a faithful allegiance as the children of Israel were being tempted to the sin of idolatry that was coming from all the surrounding nations and so it is also today! Remember, idolatry, if permitted to take root, leads to a reaping of bitterness, a poisonous harvest. The device of a dramatic dialogue of Israelites and foreigners standing amid the charred ruins of the theocratic land, a former appearance of a *paradise turned*, like the cities of the plain, into a barren waste by the fury of God’s judgment. Thus our Living God was appealing to dedication.

Idolatry would be the ruin of the Nation, as it is the life business of God’s servants, and not to be the lusting after knowledge of divine mysteries. THUS we are directed and encouraged to diligently enquire into that which God has made known – *things revealed and made/belong to us and to our children*. Yet even though God has kept much of His counsel secret, yet there is enough revealed to satisfy and save us and to keep us alert as watchmen. If we prayerfully search in and through His Word, God keeps nothing back that is beneficial for us life’s journey.

WE are to acquaint ourselves and our children, to the things of God that are revealed to us! WE are not only to earnestly ‘search’ into the Scriptures, but are concerned to do so. The BIBLE is the “road map” for the journey of life to reach that Heavenly ABODE, as it is to direct our path. We are to live in obedience to the same and to practice it.

NOW let us back up just briefly and dig a little deeper into the sin of idolatry!

A good ‘layman’s’ definition of “idolatry” is: Anything or Anybody that comes first before Jesus or God, is IDOLATRY! Martin Luther’s Small Catechism Explained says: “What is meant by an idol? Anything that man worships, fears, loves, and trusts in instead of the one true God” “Who practice idolatry secretly? They who turn their love, fear, and trust from the living God, that they may secretly cling to something else than Him.”

INCONSISTENCY becomes way too frequent in our day! For example: Concerned folk do not hesitate to

make known their choice of political candidate(s), which is most certainly okay, as “We the people” make up the Government of our great USA. But how do they make a choice? No doubt by their character/reputation and what they state they are in favor of! Also another example: buying groceries/clothing, etc.! We choose by appearance and quality! Correct? How? Inspection or *by their fruit you shall know them!* Good and well! BUT when it comes to determining IF a person is a Christian’ or not, or is committing SIN, then YOU frequently hear, “YOU CAN’T JUDGE!”

In a sense then, you should tell each ‘individual’ the Way of Salvation, as a person has opportunity, because you can’t ‘judge’! Yet Scripture speaks of the ‘spirits’ bearing witness and we can know, for we love the brethren.

A very dangerous thing to do is to **COMPARE** ourselves with others; but rather we need to compare ourselves to the light of God’s Standard – the Bible!

Very interesting is the realization that we (you & I) make numerous choices/decisions every day. YET when it comes to ‘discernment’ (some call it judging); the religious world and even some Christians state “You Can’t Judge” as a cover-up, EVEN though it is the most significant/important realization of our *earthly journey* in knowing right from wrong, true from false – all with Eternity in view! Question: Is that limiting the power/influence of the Third Person of our Triune GOD? (Please read the rest of this article before you again make a definite decision – Thank You).

Let’s prayerfully take a closer look at Matthew 7:1-7 where a phrase is often quoted by the world and some Christians. That statement is: “YOU CAN’T JUDGE.” What is God’s Word telling us here? **FIRST** we are to judge ourselves in the light of God’s Inspired Word! We are to Judge ourselves in our attitudes, motives and actions! How? By examining ourselves in light of God’s Word.

Naturally, God’s Word is supreme, the authority, the plum line. HIS Word is the Standard-roadmap; just as we are told to examine ourselves to see IF we are in the faith before we partake of the Sacrament of the Lord’s

Supper. After doing that, we likely would feel like what Martin Luther expressed: IF we got what we de-served, we would be like a blade of grass – *if that fortunate?*

Look carefully at this text and you will notice there are also differences of SIN! Now ALL SIN and any SIN separates us from a thrice Holy God! But there is a difference between a ‘plank/beam’ and a ‘mote/particle’ of dust’.

Notice the next step in Matthew 7:1-7: IN the spirit and attitude of Galatians 6:1, we are to reprove!

Now a JUDGE is one who passes the sentence on a party that is guilty! The judge is to be fair and honest in passing judgment in light of what the established LAW states! It should be ‘almost’ un-necessary to state that believers are to be discerning as fruit Inspectors, for by their **fruit you shall know them!** “‘For every tree is known by its own fruit” (Luke 6:44a). Keep in mind that the Holy Spirit is to teach us in TRUTH! Either it is good or bad, right or wrong!

You see, God the Holy Spirit uses His vessels to bring about conviction of SIN to fellow-believers and to the world! (We are not to be comparing ourselves or our congregations, groups, etc., with one another; but IN and WITH the HOLY BOOK, **THE BIBLE!**)

IF you should happen to have a head-ache, you don’t just go to the Medicine Cabinet and grab a container

and swallow the content without clearly paying attention to what is stated on the label. IF you are a child of God, you have the third person of our Triune God, the Holy Spirit, dwelling IN YOU. So you have the Divine Resource to discern what is definitely right and wrong and also who is a child of God or not. Seek to discern, but not JUDGE. Being you and I (provided you know Jesus as your personal Savior), have been bought with the **PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS; the Holy Spirit indwells** this tabernacle/temple of clay: HE can enlighten you; even though we are to be led by the Holy Spirit in every area of our life!!!

God does not have a double or triple STANDARD for His children!

Now there is a difference of growth IN Christ and Obedience to the sensitive Holy Spirit between believers.

In closing this editorial, let me give you some Bible References that will help you clarify this important practice of **discernment** as a ‘believer’ in the crucified and risen ONE – **JESUS**: Isaiah 5:3,18-24, Luke 6:44, John 16:7-15, 1 Peter 4:17, 1 Corinthians 1:13-16, II Peter 2:4-22 and Deuteronomy 29:29.

“Do not judge according to appearance but judge with righteous judgment” John 7:24.

“You will know them by their fruits” Matthew 7:16a. Revelation 3:18 & Hebrews 5:13-14.

Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you James 4:8

*Come, ye weary, heavy-laden
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you’re better,
You will never come at all
Not the righteous,
Sinners Jesus came to call.*

It is good for me to draw near to God.
Psalm 73:28 Selected

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“For the LORD is our Judge, The LORD is our Lawgiver, the LORD is our King; He will save us” Isaiah 33:22

*Thy throne, O God, forever stands,
Grace is the scepter in thy hands;
Thy laws and words are just and right,*

Justice and grace are thy delight.

Ascribe greatness to our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice. A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.” Deuteronomy 32:3b – 4.

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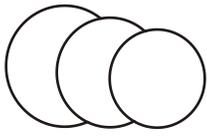
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The Right Way to Pray

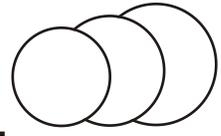
A small boy knelt at his mother’s knee and offered his nightly prayer. When he had finished he continued to speak softly while on his knees.

“What did you ask for?” his mother questioned: to which he replied: “It isn’t nice to always ask for things. I just told God that I love Him.”

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From Our Fellowship Circle



Pastor & Mrs. H. M.

Thank you so much for the reminder!

Had planned on renewing our subscription to *Morning Glory* and also enclosed is a check for ... of subscriptions. We truly enjoy reading the Morning Glory and also pass it on!

Thank you for all your hard work! We pray that you will keep the Truth of God's Word coming and going forth! Yes, our time is short!

N. L.

Algona, IA

I look forward to receiving the *Morning Glory* as there is a lot in it for us to think and pray about and keep us informed on the world in these perilous times, as things are turning so bad.

Thanks for those who share the Good News in times like these!

It is also good news that Pastor Will Gunderson and others are coming for the Hauge Annual Bible Conference.

A. & K. T.

Livingston, NJ

Thank you so much for your blessed *Morning Glory*. We have been blessed by it for many years. Through the years you have sent it to many as we requested. I hope some have responded by sending a donation to you. Please continue sending to ...and add to your mailing list.

Enclosed are donations for God's blessing upon your ministry! Thank you for continuing our subscription and to our daughter also at ...

A. & D. H.

Twin Valley, MN

REMEMBER: "Peace I leave with you, my Peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27 – KJV

Thank you to all that are connected in any way with the *Morning Glory*. It is so Great! Thank You. We enjoy every word that is in the Morning Glory.

We have enjoyed the Articles that were written in the February and March issues, 2016 from Pastor Willmar Gundersen from Fergus Falls. I have met him and heard

Reva, SD

his Message of Truth from God's Word at least four times! ... We have shared these articles with many people and we intend to continue!

All the Articles are wonderful – keep it up! We thank and Praise Our God for each one of you.

A. S.

Sanford, WI

May our Wonderful Lord Bless you and the work you are doing – Thank you.

N. & P. G.

Fergus Falls, MN

Enclosed find our gift to *Morning Glory* and the 'ministry'. We sure do appreciate the timely articles in it each time we receive it.

We trust you are both doing well.

We think of you often and remember your kind hospitality to us when we stopped by to visit you.

Mr. & Mrs. N. D.

Hemet, CA

Thank you for all the nice things you do.

Sorry my contribution is ...months late.

C. & P. L.

Vincent, IA

Thank you so much for sending us the *Morning Glory*. We enjoy reading the articles.

God Bless your Ministry.

The choice before us is plain: Christ or chaos, conviction or compromise, discipline or disintegration. I am rather tired of hearing about our rights and privileges as American citizens. The time is come to hear about the duties and responsibilities of our citizenship. America's future depends upon her accepting and demonstrating God's government.

Peter Marshall

Believable ...Yet Unbelievable

Islam Was Banned From The USA

Islam was banned from the US in 1952, but President Obama doesn't want you to know that nor does he respect or uphold US law. The Immigration and Nationality Act passed June 27, 1952 revised the laws relating to immigration, naturalization, and nationality for the United States. That act, which became Public Law 414, established both the law and the intent of Congress regarding the immigration of Aliens to the US and remains in effect today. Among the many issues it covers, one in particular, found in Chapter 2 Section 212 is the prohibition of entry to the US if the Alien belongs to an organization seeking to overthrow the government of the United States by "force, violence, or other unconstitutional means." This, by its very definition, rules out Islamic immigration to the United States, but this law is being ignored by the White House. Islamic immigration to the US, would be prohibited under this law because **The Koran, Sharia Law and the Hadith all require complete submission to Islam, which is antithetical to the US government, the Constitution and to the Republic.** All Muslims attest that the Koran is their life's guiding principal and subscribe to submission to Islam and its form of government. How the political correct would say that Islamists cannot be prohibited from entering the US is because Islam is a religion. Whether it is a religion is immaterial because the law states that Aliens who are affiliated with any "organization" that advocates the overthrow of our government are prohibited

Selected

Editor's Note: That does not mean that we are not supposed to pray for them and that their darkened hearts might be enlightened and transformed by the Living Word, the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST! They too are an eternal soul! Citizenship ought not to be based on ethnicity, economics, etc., but on shared patriotic values!

Acting in a Christian way includes concern for self-defense. We should show kindness while upholding the rule of the law, as long as it is not contrary to the Word of God. It disturbs me to see politicians who want to win votes by giving our "freebies" from the public treasury at our EXPENSE. We want to help uphold our Christian duty – showing compassion to "strangers among us," while protecting our beloved USA and Canada and others from those who would harm it.

The flood of Muslims fleeing the Middle East has raised calls for America to welcome more immigrants to our shores. BUT many Muslim immigrants have no intention

of integrating into their host society. Should America open our door to them?

Osteen Says He's Not Cheating People by Not Preaching about Hell

Lakewood Church pastor Joel Osteen says he isn't cheating anyone by not talking about Hell and repentance, insisting that people feel guilty enough already and he wants to lift up believers instead of bring them down.

When asked in an Easter Sunday interview by CBS News Sunday Morning program, "Do you feel like you're cheating people by not telling them about the Hell part? Or repentance part?" Osteen answered, "No, I really don't, because it's a different approach."

He continued, "You know, it's not hellfire and brimstone. But I say most people are beaten down enough by life. They're not doing what they should, raising their kids – we can all find reasons. So I want them to come to ...our meetings and be lifted up to say, 'You know what? I may not be perfect, but I'm moving forward. I'm doing better.' And I think that motivates you to do better."

Stoyan Zaimov for ChristianPost.com

Editor's Note: TRAGICALLY PITIFUL! Just think of the many folk who are being deceived on the way to Hell and when they arrive there, it is ONE second too late! Without godly-repentance there is absolutely NO SALVATION! **"Then He said to them, 'Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be reached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.'" Luke 24:46-47. "For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book. 'If anyone adds to those things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.'" Revelation 22:18-19.**

NFL Joins Forces With Homosexual Elites to Discriminate Against Christians

The NFL is coming against the state of Georgia for potentially passing a bill that would protect Christians who do not support gay marriage. The NFL is joined by

the NBA and NCAA.

The NFL is threatening to move a potential Super Bowl from Georgia to another state if the bill is passed. NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy and Atlanta Falcons' owner, Arthur Blank, are trying to stop House Bill 757 that would protect Christians.

The bill has passed both houses of the Georgia Legislature but has not been signed by Republican Governor Nathan Deal...

"This is another example of the gay agenda coming out against Christians," states 4 Winds Christian Athletics president Steve McConkey. "The NFL and other sport associations, plus big businesses, are joining forces with the gay elite establishment to penalize Christians if they do not support homosexuality. This is an attack on Christian freedom."

ChristianNewswire.com

What About the Supreme Court Nominee?

President Obama nominated Judge Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court in a ceremony at the White House (March 16). The 63-year-old is the chief judge on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

...Said Clarke Forsythe, acting president of Americans United for Life, "Pro-life Americans agree with the (previously expressed) assessments of President Obama, Vice President Biden and even Senator Church Schumer, all of whom urged the Senate to hold the line against Supreme Court picks late in a president's term."

"Judge Garland is far from being a consensus nominee and would be an incredibly different jurist than Justice Scalia," said Family Research Council president Tony Perkins.

"Some of Judge Garland's most recent opinions and dissents raise serious questions about his ability to serve as a constitutionalist."

...While Garland lacks case history on abortion, critics say he has indicated liberal leanings by calling into question Second Amendment gun rights and siding with environmentalists regulations. Pro-life leaders say the stakes, if he holds liberal views on abortion, are infinitely higher.

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Obama takes transgender access fight to schools

WASHINGTON - In the middle of a legal fight with North Carolina over transgender rights, the Obama administration [released] a sweeping decree telling every public

school district in the country to allow transgender students to use the bathrooms that match their gender identity.

The letter to school districts [went] out Friday (May 14, 2016) describing what they should do to ensure that none of their students are discriminated against. Is it signed by officials of the departments of Justice and Education, but does not have the force of law. But it contains an implicit threat: Schools that do not abide by the Obama administration's interpretation of the law could face lawsuits or a loss of federal aid.

The move is certain to draw fresh criticism, particularly from Republicans, that the federal government is wading into local matters and imposing its own values on communities across the country. It represents the latest example of the Obama administration using a combination of policies, lawsuits and public statements to change the civil rights landscape for gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender people.

The Directive

As a condition of receiving federal funds:

Schools must treat transgender students according to their chosen gender.

A student is not obligated to present a diagnosis or documents on gender identity.

Students must be given equal access even if it makes others feel uncomfortable.

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A Scary Warning To America

Franklin Graham and his father, the honorable Billy Graham, have long been lamenting the "moral decline" and "moral bankruptcy" of our great nation. They have been warning – if we do not repent and change our ways soon, our very way of life may crumble.

What happens when you remove biblical standards and leadership from a country? Moral bankruptcy, that's what. As our culture abandons its once cherished Judea-Christian foundation and values, godly traditions disappear and we sink deeper into secularism. Headlines every day reveal what a sad state we're in. CBS News just reported that Caitlyn Jenner will pose nude for the cover of Sports Illustrated, draped only in his Olympic gold medal and an American flag. There's a lot wrong with that picture! And The New York Times just published a story asking "Should Prostitution be a Crime?" because some want "full decriminalization of consensual sex work." And, as if that isn't enough, our cartoons aren't even immune! Disney's "Frozen," the highest-grossing animated movie of all time, has some supporters calling for the heroine Elsa

to have a lesbian girlfriend in the movie's sequel. In the social media campaign for this, one proponent tweeted, "Little kids need to learn that there's nothing wrong with being gay." What a lie! This reveals their agenda to get the LGBT message to young children and influence their lives. God calls His people to be salt and light in a dark world. Pray for our nation, and get involved by standing up for God's truth and His righteousness. Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:13-16).

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Surprised by Grace

(Please read Acts 9:1-19)

"I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace." Ephesians 3:7

A woman from Grand Rapids, Michigan fell asleep on the couch after her husband had gone to bed. An intruder sneaked in through the sliding door, which the couple had forgotten to lock, and crept through the house. He entered the bedroom where the husband was sleeping picked up the television set. The sleeping man woke up, saw a figure standing there, and whispered, "Honey come to bed." The burglar panicked, put down the TV, grabbed a stack of money from the dresser, and ran out.

The thief was in for a big surprise! The money turned out to be a stack of Christian pamphlets with a likeness of a \$20 bill on one side and an explanation of the love and forgiveness God offers to people on the other side. Instead of the cash he expected, the intruder got the story of God's love for him.

I wonder what Saul expected when he realized it was Jesus appearing to him on the road to Damascus, since he had been persecuting and even killing Jesus' followers? (Acts 9:1-9). Saul, later called Paul, must have been surprised by God's grace towards him, which he called "a gift": "I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of His power" (Eph. 3:7).

Have you been surprised by God's gift of grace in your life as He shows you His love and forgiveness?

ANNE CETAS

Lord, Your grace is amazing to me.
I'm grateful that in spite of my sinfulness,
You offer Your love to me.

Never measure God's unlimited power by your limited expectations.

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Inspiration

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" 2 Timothy 3:16

The Bible insists its writers were supernaturally influenced (Ed. In-breathed by the Holy Spirit) by God to such an extent that their words were given divine accuracy. The unique word "inspiration" in our text could be rendered "God blowing" or "God puffing" Peter speaks of "holy men of God" who "spake" as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21). David was conscious that his own "tongue" was speaking words that the Holy Spirit of the Lord gave him (2 Samuel 23:2). Jeremiah was given audible instruction and told to reproduce those words precisely (Jeremiah 30:1-2, 26:2), as was Isaiah (Isaiah 59:21).

These are samplings of some 2,600 claims in the Old Testament for direct inspiration of the text of Scripture. God used several methods to make sure that His word was "puffed" out, and on one occasion even wrote them with His own finger on tables of stone – twice! (Exodus 31:18, 34:1) Those words were not only inspired but inscribed!

The writings of the 27 books of the New Testament are also full of declarations of God's personal inspirations of the words. Jesus claimed to speak only what God the Father instructed Him to say (John 12:46-50). Paul knew he was given revelation (Ephesians 3:3-4) and insisted on equivalent standing with God's commands (1 Thessalonians 2:13). Peter demanded remembrance of the apostles' teachings (2 Peter 3:1-4, 15-16), John insisted on the accuracy of what he shared (1 John 1:1-3), and Jude verified the words of the other apostles (Jude 1:3, 17).

It seems we are confronted with an all-or-nothing proposition. Either all Scripture is inspired or none of it is.

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Now

“Now Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel ...” (I Kings 16:29)

Just when it seems like evil has hit a new level, an even greater level comes along. Such is the case today. Just when we never even dreamed that like genders would actually be getting “married” to one another, a law comes along mandating that public schools allow trans-gender people to use whatever bathrooms and locker rooms they choose to identify with. (See President Obama’s ruling on this under Believable ... Yet Unbelievable on pg. 9) This administration has hit a new standard for bringing in newer forms of sexual perversion. But what is the answer to this? How can we ever turn this around?

There is nothing new under the sun. What is happening now under corrupt rulers has happened before under corrupt rulers. When King Ahab came to power, he also set a new standard of evil in the land. *“And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord more than all who were before him.”* (I Kings 16:30) He followed the accepted norm of evil that had been set in the day. *“And it came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat ...”* (I Kings 16:31) Jeroboam was the first king of the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the sins that he established in his reign were carried along by succeeding kings, including Ahab. But this wasn’t enough for Ahab, he needed to raise the standard of evil even more. *“...[Ahab] married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went to serve Baal and worship him.”* (I Kings 16:31) He married a woman who was not only a foreigner to Israel, but also used witchcraft and worshiped the false god Baal. Because of her influence, *“[Ahab] erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria.”* (I Kings 16:32)

Not only did the Northern Kingdom of Israel find a new place to worship, they also implemented a new way to worship. Because of the influence of Ahab and Jezebel, Israel adopted the idolatrous worship of the false god Baal. If that weren’t enough, *“And Ahab also made the Asherah.”* (I Kings 16:33) This was the female counterpart to Baal and worship to this false goddess involved all manner of immorality. So this husband and wife team brought in a false religion and overt sensuality. Does this sound familiar? So the final record of the Scriptures about Ahab’s reign is this: *“Thus Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel than all the kings who were before him.”* (I Kings 16:33)

The situation in the Northern Kingdom of Israel was

very bad, just as it is today. But what could the people do? Well, right on the heels of this gross push of idolatry and sensuality came a man of God. *“Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Hab, ‘As the Lord, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”* (I Kings 17:1) Notice the repetition of the word “NOW.” The Scriptures introduced Ahab’s rule with the word “Now,” and corresponding to that onslaught of evil, the Lord lifted up Elijah with the word “Now.” In response to Ahab coming to power was the time that God raised up Elijah to power.

God is still Lord over all things of mankind. He is not oblivious to what happens in the affairs of men. He does not sit by idly when evil men enact evil laws and promote all manner of perversion. Notice that not only did Elijah come to power, but he met Ahab head on, face to face. God’s prophet was going to confront the evil man at the very time his evil was going forth. Elijah told Ahab that *“he stood before the Lord God of Israel.”* Elijah pronounced a curse upon the land so that there would be no rain (or even dew) for a period of 3 1/2 years (James 5:17). In fact, this great man stood as the very vehicle of God by adding to this curse that the relief would not come *“except by my word.”*

The curse that is chosen in this matter is not just by coincidence. Elijah’s pronouncement of no rain would strike directly at Baal, who was viewed as lord of the crops (fertility of the land). Either Baal is god or the Lord is God, and this was a test for everyone to see who is really the Master. It wasn’t just coincidence that God chose Elijah for this mission, since his name in Hebrew means “My God is the Lord.” This was the essence of the trial in I Kings 18 between Elijah and the priests of Baal: Who is really the Lord?

The answer for our dilemma today is that God would lift up a mighty man of God who will stand as the very vehicle of God with the very Word and authority of God upon his lips. It is time that the rulers of the land recognize that The Lord is still ruler over all things, and those who bring in other gods and sins against Him are going to face God’s righteous judgment.

Will you join with me in praying: **“God, lift up to us a true prophet to confront the rulers of evil in our land?”**

Pastor Jim Haga
Shoreview, MN

National Revival

“...then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14b.

The word “revive” is often used in the Scripture. *“Revive, O LORD, Your work in the midst of the years!”* Revival is a re-animation; it is a restoration of God’s power. Revival is the transformation of the people of God. This is the first and essential element. Revival, primarily, does not have to do with the world; it has to do with the people of God. It inevitably issues forth a tremendous outbreak of evangelism which has fresh power and works in ways which hitherto have not been seen.

There can be a revival in America. God can yet change this land; He can stay the hand of chastisement. But there is a price to be paid: *“If my people, who are called by My name...”*—it begins with the people of God. *“Shall humble themselves and pray ...”*—it begins in a prayer of brokenness, a prayer involving the humbling of ourselves, then acknowledgment of our own sins. How often we come to God and pray for others about their sins and we do not really consider the sin in our own lives that is keeping us from being effective.

The Great Awakening in America was begun by a few people praying, seeking God’s face, week after week, time after time, until finally God began to pour out his Spirit and people began to be converted. Christians began meeting to pray. They expected great things of God. And for years the revival went on. At its peak, 50,000 people a week were born into the kingdom of God. Will you pray for revival in this land? I believe it is America’s greatest hope.

“Give me one hundred men who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I will shake the world.” — John Wesley

Send A Great Revival

O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years! Habakkuk 3:2

The Welsh revival of 1904 and 1905 in the tiny land of Wales was perhaps the most notable revival of the 20th century. It all started with a few people fervently praying. Churches that had been one-fourth filled with apathetic Christians began to come alive and filled up as the Spirit of God moved. The result was that in that small land of Wales, over a hundred thousand people were converted in five months. The bars in many towns were shut down completely and the jails were emptied and closed.

Years ago when the battleship North Carolina was anchored in the harbor of New York, four young men out of a thousand got together and asked for a room where they could meet and pray. They were given a little room where they met and prayed day after day. They prayed that God would pour out His blessing upon that ship.

One day the Spirit of God came and their hearts burned within them, and they knew that God was present. They began to sing praises to God and their hymns of praise wafted up through the ship. Hearing them, rough sailors came down to mock, but when they came into the room they were gripped by the power of the Spirit of God. Hundreds were converted and a great revival swept the whole ship and was then carried to others. The same God who changed these men can change anyone’s heart. The same God who changed Saul of Tarsus into Paul the Apostle of the Gospel of Christ, can change anyone. Will you pray for revival?

“Take a piece of chalk, and draw a circle on the floor. Then step inside the circle on the floor and pray, ‘Lord, send a revival inside this circle.’”

Gypsy Smith (*on being asked how to start a revival*)

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I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 8:12

*Great Sun of righteousness, arise,
Bless the dark world with heavenly light;
Thy gospel makes the simple wise,
Thy laws are pure, thy judgments right.*

The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.
Psalm 18:28 Selected

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The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him, and the Lord shall cover him all the day long.
Deut. 33:12

*As the bird beneath her feathers
Guards the objects of her care,
So the Lord his children gathers,
Spreads his wings and hides them there;
Thus protected,
All their foes they boldly dare.*

Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings.
Psalm 17:8 Selected

SIN AND THE SENSE OF SIN

(Continued from last issue of Morning Glory)

But I take it for granted that most of my readers have had their quiet hour (Ed. or family devotionals) with God today. You went into your room and closed the door and went to your knees. And He who sees in secret rejoiced that here was a person who desired to speak with Him. But it was your attitude of heart on which He looked. What did He see in you as you lay there upon your knees?

Did He see a heart which longed to be alone with its beloved, a heart which could not endure to begin the many activities of the day, its struggles and its temptations, without first having a quiet hour with its Almighty Friend? Or did He see a heart which was distracted by diverse thoughts and which had very little time for prayer? You fell upon your knees, you folded your hands and you began to speak with God. But you disposed of that matter very quickly; you had prayed that prayer in the morning so many times. Your mind was occupied with other thing almost continuously; but you came to the end and said, Amen. You had prayed, — and you felt easier. Your invisible Friend no doubt asked what you wanted of Him, what you really wanted of Him, what you really wanted Him to do for you. But you did not hear that; you had already risen from your knees and were all through praying. What does not He see every day — who sees the hearts of men?

May I in love ask you, my dear reader, if you have read your Bible today? You who must confess that you went to work today without taking with you a word from God, you, no doubt have your excuses ready. But your heavenly Friend, who looks on your attitude of heart, is deeply grieved at the excuses you offer and your indifference toward His Word.

Others, however, turned to their Bibles. And if you had seen how it gladdened the heart of God, the hour you spent with your Bible would have been even more blessed to you than it was. But here again it was your attitude of heart on which He looked. What did He see? A heart which could not think of entering again upon the narrow and dangerous way of life without first being filled with the good, life-giving and re-creating Word of God? A heart which felt that it had to be filled with the bread of life before it dared to take up anew the daily struggle against your old nature?

Or did He see a heart which distractedly and absent-mindedly opened the Scriptures to the place where you had read last, continued on, perhaps a whole chapter, closed the Book again and was gone? If anyone had asked you at the door what the chapter contained, would it not have been difficult for you to answer? But though

you left, your heavenly Friend remained behind, deeply grieved that you would not accept any of the rich gifts He offered you.

After leaving your secret chamber (Ed. or family devotional time) you perhaps went to the breakfast table. Did you ask God to bless the food before you began to eat? It is nothing short of terrible to see how many people go to the table just like animals. At restaurants and cafes the people who bow their heads and fold their hands in prayer to God before and after meals are only the exceptions. Why is this so? Simply because the great majority of them do not think that their meal is anything for which to give thanks. On the contrary, they are often dissatisfied and feel that the food they are receiving is not good enough.

But you, my dear reader, fold your hands before meals. And your invisible Friend rejoices each time you do it. But, again, your attitude of heart is the important thing to Him. How many empty table prayers God must listen to each day! Oftentimes they fall from our lips mechanically while God expects to receive your *personal* gratitude. ...

It is a part of a Christian's daily life also to battle against evil. "Let every one that nameth the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness." Have you made use of this day to depart from unrighteousness, from any of your old sinful habits? You were tempted, perhaps, to use violent language, to grumble, to be untruthful, to be dishonest, or to employ unsavory speech. You overcame the temptation. But here also God looks on the heart. To Him the most important thing is not that you refrained from doing evil, but the attitude of heart that prompted you to say "no" to sin. Was it your shrewd calculations with regard to the unpleasant consequences of sin, or was it the love of God in your heart which could not endure grieving Him by any sin?

(To be continued in the next issue
of the *Morning Glory*)

Not to do what we ought to do is as bad as doing
what we ought not to do.

George W. Truett

*Editor's Note: "Therefore, to him who knows to
do good and does not do it, to him it is sin."*

James 4:17.

This is called the Sin of Omission.

GOD'S WORKMANSHIP

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10

We know from the Bible that there was once a perfect harmony in creation. Nature and people were pure and holy, and praised him who doeth all things well. It is impossible to find anything with which we can compare that harmony now, for there is nothing in the world which is wholly God's work. We can in a measure try to imagine what existence was like when perfection prevailed.

There was no barrier between heaven and earth, or between God and man. Heaven and earth were united as a drop of water is united with the ocean. God was a neighbor to man, and was a frequent and welcome guest among them.

The disaster came when Eve ate of the forbidden fruit and gave her husband to eat also. Perfect harmony throughout creation ceased to be from that very moment; man, the world and nature were to a greater or lesser degree destroyed by that one act. Much of it today resembles more a work of Satan than of God.

Of all that was injured by this act, man suffered the greatest damage. No nature is now so unnatural as human nature. A horse knows his master and finds his manger; but man does not know God, nor can he find Him unaided. An animal guards its young, but a human mother may murder her child. Millions of ants cooperate to build a home; but man spills his brother's blood, or seeks to reduce his fellow man to poverty and wretchedness.

The finer the mechanism is, the greater is the injury when it is damaged. One may step with an iron heel on a hardwood floor and make a dent in it; but the damage is slight, and can easily be repaired. However, if one were to step with that same heel on a delicate watch, it would be beyond repair. Satan placed his iron heel on man, the noblest and finest of God's workmanship, and the damage was enormous. Man was crushed completely, and was left dead in sin and shame. The serpent had reached his goal. ...

It is God's work that our sin was placed on Christ and in Him nailed to the cross. It was also God's work that Christ rose again for our justification and made life possible for us. Listen, all you who desire to look into the great realm of salvation. Go not only to Calvary, but to the open grave as well; behold Him at the right hand of God. Try to catch a glimpse of these truths from God's Book that were raised with Him and seated in

heavenly places in Him. If the Spirit could open our eyes to the contents of these truths, we should see more clearly the secret of the gospel, and understand more fully the import of these words; ***"For by grace have ye been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory."*** (Eph. 2:8-9).

It is well to note that we are not raised up and seated in heavenly places "by" Christ, but "in" and "with" Christ. If we had read "by" Christ it would have been easy to understand it to mean God's work in *us*. It is not so, however, it is God's work in **Christ**. It is *"unto all and upon all them that believe"* (Rom. 3:22). ...

What Christ is at the right hand of the Father as Savior, Son of God and Son of man, He is for us. What He gained in His life upon earth and through death He gained for us. He is the second Adam who has restored to us what the first Adam wasted for us. All that which is human must be pure if he is to stand spotless and pure before God, but Christ is for us. All this is in heaven in Christ.

This is God's workmanship! ...

It is stated further in this verse that we are created in Christ unto good works, and that these works have already been prepared for us. Let us pause a bit to consider that God has prepared the works for us beforehand.

God's Word presents here an aspect of salvation which we often overlook. Some are not aware of it at all, while others who have caught a glimpse of it are afraid to say much. ...

Let us also consider the phrase, "for good works."

This new creation of God in Christ is to be transferred to us; we receive it by faith, and it is to be built up in us. The foundation was laid in us when we were born of God. As time goes on, and God's power is made perfect in weakness, God works in us so that we live not after the flesh but after the Spirit. All that a Christian does as the love of Christ constrains him is the work of Christ in us; indeed, it is Christ in us.

A Christian becomes a servant of Christ – a channel through which God's power flows, a candlestick which carries God's light of salvation, and an agent for the works before prepared that we should walk in them. ...

Two people can be engaged in identically the same activity; in our eyes their deeds may be exactly the same. Yet, the one may be done in and for self and the other done in Christ. The first shall not stand because it is not done in God, while the other shall abide because it is done in God.

"Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow them." Rev. 14:13.

“And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.” Daniel 12:3.

The halo of glory which they shall receive who have turned man to righteousness is not the basis of their salvation, but the fruit of a life in God’s grace. (Editor’s Note: *“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling: for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”* Philippians 2:12-13.

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Cover to Cover, the Bible tells of People Whose Prayers were Answered

These people turned the tide of history as a result. Hezekiah prayed, and God spared his nation when the Assyrians attacked.

Elijah prayed, and God sent fire to confound the false prophets and consume the offering on the waterlogged altar. Elisha prayed, and the son of the Shunammite woman was raised from the dead. Jesus prayed, and Lazarus came forth from the tomb. Paul prayed, and new churches were born. The early church prayed, and Peter was delivered from prison.

We can change the course of events if we go to our knees in believing prayer.

(Hezekiah prayed,) **“O Lord our God deliver us from the enemy’s hand, So that all kingdoms on earth may know that You above, O Lord, are God.”**

That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. (2 Kings 19:19, 35)

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Editor’s Note: What a privilege, responsibility and challenge, as we are made out of the same *fabric or dust* as they were, and GOD never changes!

What’s Important in Life and Death: a Christian Perspective

By Don & Carol Smidt, White, SD

There are many different opinions as to what is im-

portant in life defined by the stage of life you are at and the measuring stick you use. Most people base their opinion on the temporary and passing things the world offers while Christians base their opinion on the eternal truth of God’s Word.

When the end of this earthly life draws near, one’s perspective is subject to change if it has been based on things the world deemed important. When the grim reaper draws near, as he will do to all who live on this planet, one’s possessions, one’s job, one’s relationship with others will fade into the background and bring little comfort or peace to one’s dying frame. We brought nothing into this world and can take nothing out of it and in spite of one’s accomplishments, we will soon be forgotten and our earthly body will be turned back to dust – *“for you are dust and to dust you shall return”*. There is one thing and one thing alone that supports us at the hour of our death, and that is our Christian faith and the certain hope of eternal life in heaven beyond the grave based on the Eternal TRUTH of God’s Word. When all other supports are taken away, this one remains strong and unmoved because it is based not on our own goodness or good work, but on the righteousness and Blood Atonement of Christ Jesus who *“came into the world to save sinners”*.

TIME brings about change in our life, circumstances, and culture but God and His Word do not change, and give us a solid foundation to build our life on and a certain hope for the Life to come.

“For I delivered you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures and that He was buried and that He was raised on the third day according to the scriptures.” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.

“For what does the scripture say?” Romans 4:3.

Whatever gifts we have and whatever opportunities may open up to us are from God. We cannot take any credit or glory for ourselves.

This understanding will save us from discouragement and the temptation to give up, because we know our calling is not from a man but from God. Some are called to be evangelists – but every Christian is called to the work of evangelism, for every Christian is called to tell others about Christ and what He has done for them.

“Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!” – 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16

UpDate

FREEDOM!

“You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world.” Matthew 5:13-14

FREEDOM, What a tremendous blessing/gift AND may we never take it for granted! The greatest things (gifts) in life are FREE, but that doesn't mean it has not cost others a great price for our freedom.

Yet the greatest blessings in this journey of life are free! Example: Salvation, Freedom in our blessed USA, Health, Family, Friends, etc., and yet there is a cost in maintaining the same!

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ...Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed” John 8:31 – 36. FREE from condemnation, enslavement to sin and FREE to serve the crucified and risen SAVIOR who is coming again.

There is a 'vacuum' in every human life until Jesus is permitted to rightfully fill that 'vacuum'!

A terrifying spiritual and moral tide of evil has loosed our society from its spiritual moorings. Ideas that could easily destroy our freedoms are invading into that vacuum that results when societies turn from the moral truths found in God's Holy Book, the BIBLE.

In this portion of God's Kingdom Work (*Morning Glory*/Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation), here on earth, is for the renewing and restoration of our churches, communities and Nation and beyond!

May we who know God's Truth stay committed to the principles outlined in His Word. Notice GOD didn't say we shall be 'salt' and 'light,' but **are!** Thus may we be faithful in proclaiming God's righteousness and love to a bewildered world, confused and dying world.

As the LORD leads, those who hold the ropes are just as significant in the partnership as those who go down into the mine. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL in reaching lost souls, nurturing and edifying fellow-believers as Trumpet Bearers.

May the Holy Spirit be permitted in leading YOU in your Prayer Life and Financial Giving to this 'ministry'! **May God richly bless you as you are obedient unto HIM!**

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Evangelistic Tent Meetings

Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church of rural Canon Falls, MN will be using the Hauge Innermission tent for evangelistic meetings. Pastor Jim Haga of Shoreview, Minnesota will be the speaker. The meetings will be at the church property, which is located on Co. Rd. 24, about 6-7 miles south of Highway 52.

The dates for these meetings are August 28-31, 2016. They will start each evening at 7:00 p.m. There will be music and singing each evening.

Please consider who you might personally invite to attend with YOU and hear the WORD of God! **WELCOME!**