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

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In the Day of Trouble

“In the covert (secret place) of His tabernacle will He hide me; He will lift me up upon a rock.” Psalm 27:5

IT is not easy to live in this world of ours. It is full of people who, according to the Scriptures and our own experience, are wicked. These wicked people cannot, of course, avoid being wicked toward one another. As a result the world is full of suffering, inflicted by one person upon another. Married folk upon each other. Brothers and sisters upon one another. Friend upon friend. Neighbor upon neighbor. Acquaintance upon acquaintance. Stranger upon stranger.

Can we then expect to get through this world without experiencing evil at the hands of some one? No, that is quite impossible, unthinkable.

If we would reconcile ourselves to this fact, it would undoubtedly be easier for us to endure misunderstanding, to bear with patience the envy, the cutting words, the affronts, the slander, the opposition, and the persecution of men.

Not even among devout Christians can we avoid trouble of this kind. Some evil attaches to every believer on earth.

And at some unguarded point or other in his life this evil will crop out, also in his associations with others.

Believers, too, can be exceedingly mean to each other, both in thought, word, and deed. Moreover, nothing hurts us as much as when Christian people are unkind toward us.

When they misunderstand and misinterpret what we do, when they slander or cast aspersions upon our person, deep wounds are inflicted upon our souls. This soon

gives rise to sore and bitter thoughts.

There are perhaps few things that are so hard, so difficult, for us to learn as to endure to be misunderstood and opposed by Christian men and women.

When David had sinned against the Lord by numbering the people and was to be punished for doing so, God permitted him to choose whether he wanted to flee three months before his foes while they pursued him or that there should be a three days' pestilence in his land.

To which the old, experienced king replied, *“I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of Jehovah; for His mercies are great; and let me not fall into the hand of man”* (2 Samuel 24:13-14).

Our lot is not always an easy one when we fall into the hand of man. But at some time or other in life this usually happens.

Never are we more helpless than then.

Sorrow and adversity and tribulation can be hard enough to bear, but as long as men understand us and sympathize with us we feel that we have remarkable strength to bear it all.

But when men neither sympathize with us nor understand us, then we experience a chokey feeling, as when we cannot get air.

Job's worst experience, too, was when his friends treated him the way they did. That was when his cup of woe ran over, and he murmured against both God and men.

At such a time we turn away from men and to the living God.

We begin to realize what it means when men *“make flesh their arm.”* When tempests of this kind break loose, it is unspeakably blessed to take quiet refuge in the secret

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place of the Most High, and feel that He understands us, even though everybody else misunderstands.

Then it is blessed to lay before the Lord the deepest and innermost motives of our hearts, and to let Him examine them one by one. Then to accept His disapproval of everything we did which was unclean and selfish, but also to experience His approval of everything that we did in love toward Him and in the service of our fellow men.

Then our position becomes so strong and so secure that we can bear the misunderstanding and opposition of our fellow beings.

O how blessed it is that the Lord has a tabernacle in which to hide us in the day of trouble!

“He will lift me up upon a rock.”

From this rock there is a glorious view. Among other things a benign light falls upon the people round about us. We begin to look upon them in the light of God’s love.

Which enables us to understand them.

Furthermore, we see ourselves in them. We recall that that is how we, too, have frequently treated our fellow men. We did not realize until afterwards that we had wronged them.

Upon this rock, too, we experience an exalted joy. For once we are really better than people think we are.

Before, the opposite was usually the case. Men thought highly of us. But we who knew our own inner-

most selves knew that they attributed to us nobler motives than we really possessed.

How emancipating it is to know that I really possess something more and better than people think I do.

That is what we experience when the Lord hides us in the covert of His tabernacle in the day of trouble.

“He will lift me up upon a rock!”

Up there we have a wide view. I have already mentioned some of the things we see from this vantage point. May I mention a few more?

We see what David saw in the day of his deepest humiliation, when he said that God had commanded Shimei to curse him. (2 Samuel 16:10).

We see the invisible hand of God back of the harsh judgments of inconsiderate men.

And we experience some of that unexplainable security which the secret place of the Most high affords to trembling souls.

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“I will praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.” Psalm 9:1

We cannot praise the Lord unless we know Him as our personal Saviour. There are people who think that because they go to church and sing hymns they are praising God. But this is not praise. When it comes from a heart that has been washed in the blood of Jesus; that is the praise that God wants, and is well pleasing unto Him.

Then there are people who are willing to offer praise to God if it does not cost them anything, but if God wants to use them, they do not praise Him as joyfully. They are not praising Him with their whole hearts.

A doctor in England, who was not thought much of by some of his colleagues, received his greatest honor when he was appointed the doctor of the royal house. But this was not his greatest hour; at least he did not consider it so.

This doctor had a patient with a painful injured knee. He said that he could help her, but that it would require an operation that would be very painful. She consented to the operation, and in due time she was able to walk. Then she asked the doctor if it was permissible for her to kneel?

“Certainly, you may, and you will find your knee as sound as the other knee.”

“You see, I should kneel to pray for a few minutes,” she replied. She knelt and silently gave thanks to God. This made the doctor very glad and he praised God, too. This was his greatest hour.

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise Thee for the miracles Thou hast performed in our salvation, and in the wonders Thou doest perform in and through us. Help us to praise Thee in sincerity and truth. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

“I will show forth all thy marvelous works.”

Psalm 9:1

God does marvelous things in and through His children. He gives them the strength to do things that they think they are not able to do. He gives them victory over temptations; He gives them the wisdom to lead sinners to the Lord Jesus Christ. He gives them peace in their hearts that the world cannot take away, even though there are wars and rumors of war, or pestilence and famine, abounding around and about them.

To the doctor, in our story of yesterday, the faith of the old woman was a marvelous work of God.

As the old woman arose from her knees she said quietly,

“All these years it has been a grief to me that I have not been able to kneel in prayer.”

This was a concern that the doctor had never heard in his patients. Most people wanted to be able to get back to their pleasures, or their sports, or their business. As the old woman turned to leave, she said

“It is always to God that we must return thanks. But also I have to give thanks to you.”

She went out healed of limb, happy in spirit, and with a song of gratitude in her heart. To the doctor this was his greatest hour.

Do you know the Saviour so that He can perform marvelous things in and through you? If not, accept Him now.

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to show forth Thy marvelous works in a yielded life to Thee. Use us to Thy glory. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and will break
In blessings on your head.

Two devotionals taken from *Altar Steps*
by Pastor R. P. Haakonson.

This family devotional book can be obtained from the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation for a donation of eight dollars, plus two dollars for shipping and handling.

It Is the Lord

But when day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach: yet the disciples knew not that it was Jesus... That disciple therefore whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, 'It is the Lord.'" John 21:4, 7

SEVERAL disciples were in the same fishing crew the night when Jesus came to them at daybreak but only John recognized Him.

I have often wondered what the reason might be for this. Let me tell it as it has seemed to me. Peter and the others who did not recognize Jesus had their minds full of all the reverses they had encountered. Their whole soul was so entirely taken captive by sorrow, complaint, and doubt that the picture of Jesus lay hidden in that darkness. They were so completely taken up with their disappointment that they neither saw nor thought of anything else. But John had not forgotten Jesus. He saw Him clearly with his inner eye. He could not forget the One he loved and had lost. So when he heard the voice, and saw Him on the beach, he recognized Him as the One who lived in his thought and mind.

Those whose minds are full of everything except Jesus cannot easily hear His voice or recognize Him when He comes and wants to help. Our ability to see the Lord and to recognize Him is weakened by having our minds filled with matter that is foreign to God. But he who in life's struggle can keep his heart and thoughts in Jesus Christ, he will hear His voice, and he will recognize Him both in sorrow and in all the bustle of the world.

It is well to hear and see our Savior through everything that meets us.

Come, holy sun of heavenly love,
Send down thy radiance from above;
And to our inmost hearts convey
The Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

May faith, deep rooted in the soul,
The flesh subdue, the mind control;
May guile depart, and discord cease,
And all within be joy and peace.

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Why Forgive?

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots." Luke 23:34 (Please read Luke 23:32-34)

When a friend betrayed me, I knew I would need to forgive her, but I wasn't sure that I could. Her words pierced deeply inside me, and I felt stunned with pain and anger. Although we talked about it and I told her I forgave her, for a long time whenever I'd see her I felt tinges of hurt, so I knew I still clung to some resentment. One day, however, God answered my prayers and gave me the ability to let go completely. I was finally free.

Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith, with our Savior extending forgiveness even when He was dying on the cross. Jesus loved those who had nailed Him there, uttering a prayer asking His Father to forgive them. He didn't hang onto bitterness or anger, but showed grace and love to those who had wronged Him.

This is a fitting time to consider before the Lord any people we might need to forgive as we follow Jesus's example in extending His love to those who hurt us. When we ask God through His Spirit to help us forgive, He will come to our aid – even if we take what we think is a long time to forgive. When we do, we are freed from the prison of un-forgiveness.

Lord Jesus Christ, through Your grace and power as You dwell in me, help me to forgive, that Your love will set me free.

Even on the cross, Jesus forgave those who hurt Him.

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Editor's Note: As I have mentioned previously, "forgiveness" is not a matter of feelings or emotions or a choice; but a matter of the WILL!

The Bible is crystal clear that we are to ask for forgiveness quickly, but IF we do not forgive, neither shall we be forgiven!

A Vital Need!

Christian fellowship gatherings are a vital need in our day; which as a whole are conspicuously absent today!

IN Christian fellowship gatherings, the Holy Spirit of Jesus is promised to be in the midst thereof.

Thus, the common experience among the earnest people of God is that these free testifying, singing and praying fellowship meetings is to draw us nearer to Christ, nearer one another, and thus strengthen the spiritual life. GOD has made us to need this fellowship, as even where two or three are gathered in His Name, so is He in the midst! Since this is so, we can keep on in this cold and lukewarm age.

Editorial

RES

WEATHER

“These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots.”

(Jude 12)

It has been stated that there are TWO things certain in this world: taxes and death! (Neither which are in Heaven, as Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people, and taxes and death will be no more. Heaven is so great that God, in His all-knowing wisdom, tells us what is not there in order to give us a little *insight* into what is planned and will be fulfilled in definite reality there!

Personally, as there is a little farmer in me, I enjoy watching vegetation grow; I enjoy checking what the “weather-map” meteorologist predicts!

In our immediate area, we have experienced a dry-fall, open winter, but somewhat cold and a dry spring. Nice temperatures, but clouds with little or no-rain.

I recall very vividly two summers. In the first, we lived in Canada and it was very, very, dry (a drought) and the next summer, almost figuratively, like the Garden of Eden! The first summer, clouds, lightning, thunder and NO RAIN!

Noticeably, that brings me to God’s Little Book (only **25 verses**) in **JUDE!** *Notice a number of things:*

First of all: what a gem-packed volume in this very short letter from GOD, directed especially to believers!

Personal identification: JUDE speaks of himself as a “Bond-servant” – which is a person who was a ‘slave’ unto SIN and now ‘redeemed’ – set free; but serving his Master voluntarily out of love and loyalty!

The word “holy” speaks of being set apart from sin and unto God. It is the indwelling Holy Spirit who gives the desire and empowerment to SERVE the person Jesus Christ as Lord and Master!

After receiving/experiencing SALVATION, **Mercy, peace and love**, then we need to be involved in the Spiritual Battlefield at the front-lines! **Fight! Contend! Do Battle!** Martin Luther speaks of the individual who is not on the front-lines is a ‘weather-vane’! God says through Jude: “***Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for***

all delivered to the saints.” (v. 3) Talk about being relevant for our day! – this is designed to warn us against seducers, to inspire us with a warm love to, and a hearty concern for, truth; and these in the close conjunction with holiness, of which love is a most essential character. Now LOVE is not necessarily a ‘arm, emotional feeling towards someone or something; but a commitment, dedication and involvement.

When apostasy (falling-away) arises – when false teachers/pastors, etc. emerge – when the TRUTH of God’s WORD is under attack – then it is time to fight for the ‘living-faith’. ONLY believers who are spiritually “in shape” truly can answer the summons – this call comes from GOD! Since false teaching has entered the communion of saints (God’s flock), the challenge is to **CONTEND FOR THE FAITH!**

False influence has crept into the church, turning God’s GRACE into a ‘license’ to SIN; or to do as you please. Herein God calls these people as “filthy dreamers.”

Thus, we are to remind one-another of this truth: “For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you” II Peter 1:12-13. Some this ‘creeping/infiltrating-in’ has been unnoticed! “*And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot*” I Peter 1:17-19.

Notice that verses 5-8 address the APOSTASY – literally “falling-away”! Read on: These false prophets are not cowards or embarrassed or sheepish!

There is no doubt that we are living in the following days/conditions: “*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine but according to their own desires because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears*

away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry” II Timothy 4:4-5. At times tolerance becomes treason – both in Christianity and secularly – when wrong comes subtly creeping in.

“You shall not circulate a false report. Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness” Exodus 23:1.

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture, says the LORD.”! Jeremiah 23:5, 29:9, 23:32.

At times subtly and most certainly TRAGICALLY: Spiritual Minds and Eyes (hearts) are being ‘scrambled – blind’, as there is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is DEATH. YET, in some folks’ life and practice they ‘LOVE TO HAVE IT SO’. (Jeremiah 5:31)

Regarding the Weather: GOD clearly states in His Eternal WORD, the Bible, that there will always be seasons, cold and hot, etc. as long as we are living in the period of GRACE! HE is the Great One and is absolutely always correct in His predictions. BUT, in the meantime, in our earthly journey, as Life is not a destination but a journey, we need to read the ‘weather-signs’ both in our physical walk and in our walk with Jesus. It is not after (*the clouds*) a tremendous storm or flood that a person needs to take heed, but before! Are you a ‘cloud’

reader? Are you discerning the Signs of the times AND applying the insight that God has given you, so GOD Himself calls you wise?

God doesn’t lead you and me out onto the very edge of a diving-board, and then leave us there, as HE gives us the antidote in verses 20 – 25.

BY the Grace and Empowerment of **God:** We of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation, *Morning Glory* – believe and seek to practice this truth and discernment – as one of the very vital pillars of the same in our day. Are YOU willing to be a team-mate with us?

It is very important/crucial that you and I heed the ‘Weather-map’ – as **People like you and me** are heading for ETERNITY. *This includes every human being, regardless of the color of their skin!*

“Thus says the LORD: ‘Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls.’ But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’ Also, I set watchmen over you, saying, ‘Listen to the sound of the trumpet...!’” Jeremiah 6:16-17.

P.S. Let each of us personally examine ourselves very frequently – as to what our relationship/walk with JESUS is? Check yourselves in the Light of God’s Eternal Word, the BIBLE! This examination is VERY SCRIPTURAL – to let the HOLY SPIRIT do HIS wonderful Grace Work continually in each of our lives!

LETTING GO

(Please read Genesis 12:1-9)

The LORD had said to Abram, ‘Go ... to the land I will show you.’” Genesis 12:1

For our wedding anniversary, my husband borrowed a tandem bike so we could enjoy a romantic adventure together. As we began to pedal on our way, I quickly realized that as the rider on the back my vision of the road ahead was eclipsed by my husband’s broad shoulders. Also, my handlebars were fixed; they didn’t affect the steering of our bike. Only the front handlebars determined our direction; mine served merely as support for my upper body. I had the choice to either be frustrated by my lack of control or to embrace the journey and trust Mike would guide us safely on our route.

When God asked Abram to leave his homeland and family, He didn’t offer much information concerning the destination. No geographic coordinates. No de-

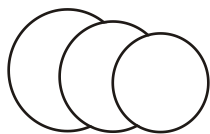
scription of the new land or its natural resources. Not even an indication of how long it would take to get there. God simply gave the instruction to “go” to the land He would show him. Abram’s obedience to God’s instruction, despite lacking the details most humans crave, is credited to him as faith (Heb. 11:8).

If we find ourselves grappling with uncertainty or a lack of control in our lives, let’s seek to adopt Abram’s example of following and trusting God. The Lord will steer us well.

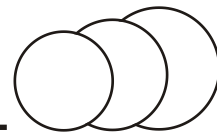
Help me, Lord, to trust You with the uncertainty in my life.

God can be trusted to guide us.

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From Our Fellowship Circle



G. R.

Killdeer, ND

I'm now in a nursing home for one year and as a result I am on a limited income, as my husband's savings are used up and he died a year ago and I surely miss my 'Sweetheart'! (I am 89 years old). ... Nursing homes are very costly; but I do get good care.

BUT *Morning Glory* magazine means so much to me. I do have the privilege of sharing lots of it! Thank you so very much for all the hard work and I do love you all.

May Jesus keep you all well and healthy so you can continue this Christian sharing.

My Best & Always.

Mr. & Mrs. A. H.

Twin Valley, MN

To: All that work and write the *Morning Glory*! Thank you!

The front of the March, 2017 issue: "Which Church Saves?" What a powerful message by Oswald J. Smith! Thank you! We Thank Our Lord! We have read this *Morning Glory* from cover to cover and will do it again. Yes, we will also pass them on and we will get on that right away!

... Love and Friendship in Christ Jesus.

M. O.

Newfolden, MN

Thank you for your ministry in the *Morning Glory* magazine.

May the Lord increase your outreach. (Editor: YES, that is our prayer also, and you who read the same and are blest: why not prayerfully distribute the MG and encourage others to subscribe to MG: be a 'vessel' in this HIS ministry!)

D. L.

Windsor HTS, IA

Yesterday I was looking for something to read, so I took up the ...issue of the *Morning Glory* and there were so many good articles in it, so I was glad I hadn't given it away yet! I pretty well read each issue from cover to cover as soon as they arrive. ...

I soon will need to move and live in assisted living; but at the present time I live with my son and his family; as my son and his wife both work outside the home... Some of the time I am responsible to watch over a grandson who

is eleven years old and is 'home-schooled' and what an obedient child. I surely will miss him when I have to move.

Anyway, it must be time for me to send an offering and in hopes that this will also help to defray the expenses.

Hope this finds you all well and more than likely for Spring; but we did have a pretty nice Winter, so I can't complain. May our Lord keep you safe and guard your health day by day, and Thank you again for the *Morning Glory*.

N. F.

Rudd, IA

Your "*Morning Glory*" has been such a blessing during this Easter season. I especially appreciated the editorial, "Purpose" (Editor: PTL from Whom ALL blessings flow) and its message that God entered human history. God does have a plan for each of us.

Thanks for all your good work!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Two dangers confront the present day Sunday school. First, the large number of teachers, who are or will be teachers, have had no real experience of conversion and the new birth, even though they may be religious. Secondly, the older method of learning the Bible verses, the Ten Commandments, Luther's Small Catechism and explanation, *seems* to be a thing of the past! Easy Sunday school lessons, pictures that are not always spiritual, Bible guessing games and other things that are supposed to make it easy for the children to learn have, to a great extent, taken the place of the old solid instruction. Entertainment Christianity is noticeable both in the pulpit and the Sunday school, and some evangelistic meetings. It is doubtful if the great aim of the Sunday School – which is to assist the godly parents' children and to link them up with Jesus and Heaven – can be reached through the modern Sunday school. It is mostly an exercise that should be gone through.

Selected

Note: Some churches today don't even have Sunday School any longer. Instruction for children is now the parent's responsibility.

Unconverted Preachers

“Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? ... And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you, depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.”

(Matt. 7:22-23)

In the text above, Jesus is speaking about the day when He judges mankind. This judgment will also include preachers. In fact, the Scripture says that they will receive a stricter judgment because people believed them and acted upon it. *“Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgment.”* (James 3:1) It will be interesting in this judgment that there will be people who prophesied (Proclaimed the Word or Preached) in Jesus’ name, and all the time they thought they knew Christ as their Lord and Savior. Yet, much to their dismay, Christ says that He doesn’t know them! In fact, He never did know them. All their lives they were deceived into thinking that they were genuine Christian preachers and effectively serving in God’s Kingdom, yet they were not. They were never converted to Christ. They were unconverted preachers.

Lest we think that this is simply a small number of people, note that Jesus says that there will be *“Many”* who will be taken in that day as an unconverted preacher! According to Jesus’ own words, there are many people in the pulpits of churches preaching Christ, and they are not converted. In fact, Jesus calls them *“workers of iniquity”* because people believed them because of their position.

We see this even in great preachers of the past. John Wesley was one of the greatest preachers of all time, yet he spent many years in the ministry without being converted. He went on a missionary trip from England to Savannah, Georgia. On the way, a fierce storm erupted and John feared for his life. He noticed certain Moravians on board. *“While the storm was raging, John looked at the Moravians, whom previously he had thought of as heavy-minded and dull-witted folk, and they were calmly singing a hymn. The wilder the waves became, the calmer the Germans sang.”*¹ John wrote in his journal afterward, *“At night I was awakened by the tossing of the ship ... and plainly showed I was unfit, for I was unwilling, to die.”*²

Wesley failed in his attempt as a missionary. Upon returning, he wrote these words of the trip:

“I went to America to convert the Indians: but O!

who shall convert me? Who, what is he that shall deliver me from this evil heart of unbelief? I have a fair summer religion. I can talk well; nay, and believe myself while no danger is near; but let death look me in the face, and my spirit is troubled. Nor can I say, ‘To die is gain’ ... O who will deliver me from this fear of death?

*“This then have I learned in the ends of the earth, that I ‘am fallen short of the glory of God’; that my whole heart is ‘altogether corrupt and abominable’ ... that my own works, my own suffering, my own righteousness, are so far from reconciling me to an offended God ... I want that faith which enables everyone that hath it to cry out, ‘I live not ...but Christ liveth in me’ ... I want that faith ...when ‘the Spirit itself beareth witness with his spirit that he is a child of God.’”*³

By his own confession, he was not converted to Christ. He was an unconverted preacher, and had been so for 10 years (Sep. 28, 1728, the date of his ordination to May 24, 1738, the date of his conversion). Remember that all of this came from a man who was an ordained minister, well trained in Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek and theology and was utterly devout in Bible reading, praying and all other Christian duties. He had even served as a missionary! It was not until John “felt his heart strangely warmed” at a meeting near Aldersgate street when Luther’s preface to Romans was read that he was converted.

Consider also Luther. He was a University Professor at Wittenberg. He knew Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek so well that he went on to translate the entire Bible from the original languages into German. He knew the doctrines of the Bible and was teaching others all the doctrines of the church. He also lived in the Augustinian cloister, which was the housing for monks. Luther was utterly devout in his Bible study, Bible-reading, fastings, prayers and all Christian duties.

Yet he was not converted! Only after he studied and lectured to his students on the Psalms, Romans and

1 *John Wesley* by Basil Miller. Bethany Fellowship, Minneapolis, MN, 1943, pgs. 46-47.

2 *Ibid*, pg. 47.

3 *Ibid*. pg. 53.

Galatians did he become converted. Luther said,

“Night and day I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement that “the just shall live by faith.” Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise.”⁴

Luther had served as an unconverted University Professor for about 6 years (1511, the date of his coming to Wittenberg to 1516-17, the date when he was lecturing on Galatians and was converted).

Here we have two men, both actively preaching or teaching God’s Word, and both unconverted for years. How about you preachers who are reading this article? Do you have a testimony of conversion? Is there a time when you came to the Lord Jesus in repentance of your sin and a faith that accepted Him and His salvation? Do you have a testimony of conversion, like Wesley and Luther? Do you have an assurance of salvation and the Holy Spirit bearing witness with your spirit that you are a child of God? If you don’t, then why are you in the pulpit?

It is good to be able to understand all the doctrines of the Bible such as sin, the atonement, justification, faith, etc. But knowing them without personally experiencing them is only head knowledge and not conversion. If you are not converted, then you can’t tell someone else how to get converted. You can’t give away what you do not possess.

How about the laymen reading this article, does your preacher have a testimony of conversion? Does he know when he came to Jesus? Does he have assurance of salvation? Have you asked him? This is the man who will be preaching to you every week and teaching your children.

If a preacher can’t tell you how to get converted and get to heaven, he is worthless as a preacher.

“Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. 18:3)

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*Salvation isn’t **What**
you know;
It’s **Who** you know*

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QUOTES

“No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency... We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of heaven cannot be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained.”

President George Washington

“It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.”

Abraham Lincoln

“The religion which has introduced civil liberty is the religion of Christ and His apostles to this we owe our free constitution of government.”

Noah Webster

“The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws. All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.”

Noah Webster

“The first and almost the only Book deserving of universal attention is the Bible.”

John Quincy Adams

4 *Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther* by Roland Bainton. Abington Press, Nashville, TN, 1978, pg. 49.

THE INVISIBLE HAND: GOD'S INFLUENCE IN AMERICA'S HISTORY

Our founding fathers, and men like Yale President Ezra Stiles, seemed to sense the destiny of the young American nation.

George Washington, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Abraham Lincoln, to name only a few figures in American history, seemed to see clearly the providence of God behind the events of their day. The nation did not unfold by accident or happenstance, they insisted, but by divine design.

The settlement of America, timed as it was in the wake of the Reformation, assured its Christian foundations.

Nor could our founding fathers account for the victory over England, against such extreme odds, apart from the seeming intervention of God at key moments in the Revolutionary War.

In a major address before the Assembly of Connecticut in 1783, Ezra Stiles, then president of Yale, reviewed these events and suggested why near disasters time and time again suddenly turned to victories:

"In our lowest and most dangerous state, in 1776 and 1777, we sustained ourselves against the British army of sixty thousand troops, commanded by ...the ablest generals Britain could procure throughout Europe, with a naval force of twenty-two thousand seaman in above [more than] eighty British men-of-war."

"Who but a Washington, inspired by Heaven," asked Stiles, could have conceived the surprise move upon the enemy at Princeton—that Christmas even when Washington and his army crossed the Delaware?

"Who but the Ruler of the winds," he asked, could have delayed British reinforcements by three months of contrary ocean winds at a critical point of the war?

Or what but "a providential miracle," he insisted, at the last minute detected the treacherous scheme of traitor Benedict Arnold, which would have delivered the American army, including George Washington himself, into the hands of the enemy?

On the French role in the Revolution he added, "It is God who so ordered the balancing interests of nations as to produce an irresistible motive in the European maritime powers to take our part..."

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And they constrained Him saying, "Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is now far spent." And He went in to abide with them. Luke 24:49.

MOST of the promises in the Bible about answers to prayer tell us that God answers speedily. He has even promised, "Before they call, I will answer." But there are also passages that show us that He lets us wait, even if what we are praying for is according to His will. Jeremiah laments: "When I cry, and call for help, He shutteth out my prayer." The Cananite woman was coldly turned away again and again, although she prayed for salvation for her child. After the crushing defeat at the death of Jesus, when the disciples saw Him alive again, they had to constrain Him before He would be persuaded to abide with them.

The fact that we must wait a long time for an answer is no reason that we should quit praying. If God always answered our prayers at once we should surely attach more significance to our Christianity and our prayers than we had a right to do. When need and suffering are great, and God still lets us wait for an answer, He wants to teach us to believe, and then show us that the sole reason for all we get is His unspeakable grace.

***"Why are thou cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within me?
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him
For the help of His countenance."***

***"Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
All ye that hope in Jehovah."***

O Jesus, I must now confess
The world hath but vexation
And anguish, sorrow, dire distress,
As is Thy declaration.
In Thee is peace
And sweet surcease;
Thy bosom is my resting-place
Where I find consolation.

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Do you know what they called "picky eaters" years ago?
Hungry!

Should My Child Miss Church to Play Sports?

“Sorry Preacher, but we won’t be in church services the next few weeks. Our son is on a traveling team and has games scheduled on Sundays. We hate to miss church so much, but we really can’t help it. I wish they didn’t schedule games on Sunday but that’s the way it is.”

Preachers from all across the country are hearing that rationale from formerly dedicated parents who are missing church because their children are on athletic teams that are competing on Sunday morning. These teams are generally reserved for the more gifted athletes and the parents rationalize that since their son or daughter is such a good player they have to participate in the Sunday games if they are going to reach their potential. Who knows? A college scholarship or even a professional career may be in their future.

There’s been a radical shift in our culture’s attitude toward Sunday in recent years. (Ed. AMEN!). In the early 20th Century there were “blue laws” that made it illegal for professional sports to be played on Sunday. Restaurants, service stations, shopping centers were closed out of respect for a day of rest and worship. But as our society became increasingly secular we gradually transitioned from “*The Lord’s Day*” to “*Super Bowl Sunday*.” Now we have little children’s soccer, football, basketball, baseball, lacrosse games scheduled, even on Sunday mornings.

It’s doubtful we’ll be able to reverse the trend but followers of Christ should be willing to be distinctive from the world. Romans 12:2 challenges us, “***And do not be conformed (Editor: literally SQUEEZED) to this world, but transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.***”

With the advent of traveling teams, Christian parents have a golden opportunity to teach their children about priorities. Mom and Dad, what’s really most important to you? Do you crave the ego-boost of bragging about what a terrific athlete your child is, or do you want them to know God’s will for their lives? When you allow your child to skip church to play ball you are clearly teaching them that becoming a good athlete is really important, while worshipping God and becoming a devoted follower of Jesus Christ is secondary.

At the very least you should find a Bible believing and practicing church in the area where the team is competing and get your kids up and attend an early service nearby. If they are playing at home on Sunday you would do well to attend an alternative service. ...The extra effort would

communicate to your children that worship is important to you and would also provide some positive family memories in spite of the inevitable complaints.

Better still, tell the coach that your child will not be participating in any Sunday games that require missing church services. That may mean your child will be cut from the team. But what a positive testimony that would be! If every parent who claims to be a Christian would take that position, Sunday games would soon be rescheduled for another day.

In 1965, Sandy Koufax refused to pitch in Game One of the World Series because it was Yom Kippur, a Jewish holy day. Instead of Koufax, Don Drysdale pitched for the Los Angeles Dodgers and he gave up seven runs in 2 and two-thirds innings. “I bet right now you wish I was Jewish too,” Drysdale said to Walter Alton when the manager came to pull him from the game. The Dodgers lost to the Minnesota Twins 8-2.

Instead of pitching that day, Koufax attended a synagogue in Minneapolis. As the Dodgers’ ace, Koufax still pitched games two, five and seven. Koufax’s decision and his pitching brilliance remain a source of pride among devout American Jews, even those who aren’t baseball fans. And it made a bold statement about his values.

If your children are outstanding athletes that will be obvious in time. There are other opportunities to develop their skills. If not, perhaps God has something better in mind than scholarship to UK or a starting job with the Cincinnati Reds.

At the 1924 Summer Olympics participation, the Biblical convictions that influenced Eric Liddell are depicted in the Oscar-winning 1981 film Chariots of Fire. Interestingly, he went to China in 1925 to serve as a missionary and teacher. His parent’s convictions, deeply imbedded in his soul, didn’t prevent Eric Liddell from becoming a great athlete, but they did help assure his lifelong commitment to Jesus Christ.

When I was nine years old I came home from little league baseball practice really excited. “Mom, Dad! Our team gets to go to see the Cleveland Indians play baseball! I get to go to a major league baseball game! It’s free! All I have to do is wear my ball uniform and take a sack lunch. A bus will drive us to Cleveland.”

My parents rejoiced with me until they looked more closely at the date. “Sorry,” they insisted. “That’s a Sunday.” It’s the day we go to church.” No matter how much I protested, begged, whined and pouted they stood by their decision. In fact, on our way to church that Sunday morning we drove right by the spot where the team and coaches were boarding the bus. My dad beeped the horn and waved at them as we drove by. I scooted down in the back seat, somewhat embarrassed that my

family was so “religious” and that made me different.

Obviously that decision warped me for life! I never forgot that lesson. My parents taught me that going to church and honoring God was more important than any major league baseball game, no matter how exciting. When I went to Bible College in Cincinnati a few years later to prepare for ministry, I saw dozens of major league baseball games including a World Series or two.

A good principle for parents is: Keep your priorities in proper order and trust God for the results. Instead of worrying about what will happen to your child if he/she misses a game or doesn't make the team, believe the words of Jesus, "...seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Taken from Bob Russell Ministries.

Editor's Note: This challenge not only is realistic for youth involved in Sports, BUT for ADULTS as well! For example: hunting, fishing, recreation, etc., ALSO using Sunday as a 'catch-up day'!

Biblically, resting, on what we call the Lord's Day (*every day is a gift from GOD*), as a reality was long before Moses' time and when God gave us the Third Commandment! Sabbath means 'rest' and in the New Testament, as a whole, the believers rested on the FIRST day of the week. SUNDAY, the first day of the week, is the day that JESUS CHRIST rose from the dead.

When we make light of sin, we gradually are hardening our heart!

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Wait for the Lord

They that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

THE person who is discouraged and doubts has no strength; but trust and hope put courage in the soul. Even he who is deepest down in "the slough of despond," rises with new courage and holy joy when hope awakens.

When we look at ourselves and at the world we live in, everything becomes dark and impossible; but if we look into God's Book we always find a way out. Hope carries man past the darkest shadows, and the whole world's oppression vanishes away and becomes a lever to lift up toward grace and power him who does not lose his faith in God.

If we go through life complaining and discouraged,

that brings no honor to God, no happiness to ourselves, and no help to others. But to wipe tears away and wash his face, that is fitting for him who has Jesus as his Savior and God as his Father. And if we then will examine the way we have traveled, we will find that every one of the milestones without exception bears the inscription: "*Hitherto hath Jehovah helped us.*" Should that not tell us that He will go with us today, and in days to come?

So, you discouraged Christian, spread your wings once more! Before you know it, you will again mount up like a young eagle and sail high above life's sorrows, and strong and joyous you will thank God for everything in the name of Jesus.

He that hopes (Ed. The word here in context means surety/trust/confidence) in the Lord shall renew his strength.

*How pleasant is our lot, how good
And blest beyond expression;
For, having cleansed us by His blood,
He bears us with compassion,
Applies His healing power
To us, each day and hour;
Yea, we in Him redemption have,
In death itself and in the grave.*

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He knoweth the secrets of the heart Psalm 44:21

There is no area of a person's life which God's eye does not penetrate. He knows all. This is true not only in regard to acts and words, but also in regard to the disposition of the mind and the thoughts of the heart. "*He knoweth the secrets of the heart.*"

We can, to a certain extent, hide our thoughts from our fellowmen. Nevertheless they put a stamp on our personality. We cannot give place to hatred in our thoughts, or live in a lascivious dream world, without in one way or another giving expression to it in word or action. Sinful thoughts enfeeble our Christian character. "*As a man thinketh in his heart so is he*" Proverbs 23:7.

Set a watch over your thoughts. Forget not that before God the thoughts are as real as the acts. Let Him cleanse your heart from within.

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Double Predestination

*“So then He has mercy on whom He desires,
and He hardens whom He desires.”*

(Rom. 9:18)

This is the sixth in a series of articles about the conversion of Martin Luther. The year 2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, and we want to emphasize how Luther was converted, for you will see elements in Luther’s conversion that are lacking in most Christian circles today.

“The final and most devastating doubt of all assailed the young man. Perhaps not even God Himself is just. This misgiving arose in two forms, depending on the view of God’s character and behavior. Basic to both is the view that God is too absolute to be conditioned by considerations of human justice. The late scholastics, among whom Luther had been trained, thought that God is so unconditioned that He is bound by no rules save those of His own making. He is under no obligation to confer reward on man’s achievements, no matter how meritorious. Normally, God may be expected to do so, but there is no positive certitude. For Luther, this meant that God is capricious and man’s fate is unpredictable.

“The second view was more disconcerting because it held that man’s destiny is already determined, perhaps adversely. God is so absolute that nothing can be contingent. Man’s fate has been decreed since the foundation of the world, and in large measure also man’s character is already fixed. This view commended itself all the more to Luther because it had been espoused by the founder of his order, St. Augustine, who, following Paul, held that God has already chosen some vessels for honor and some for dishonor, regardless of their deserts. The lost are lost, do what they can; the saved are saved, do what they may. To those who think they are saved this is an unspeakable comfort, but to those who think they are damned it is a hideous torment.

“Luther exclaimed:

“Is it not against all natural reason that God, out of His mere whim, deserts men, hardens them, damns them, as if He delighted in sins and in such torments of the wretched for eternity; He who is said to be of such mercy and goodness? This appears iniquitous, cruel, and intolerable in God, by which very many have been offended in all ages. And who would not be? I was myself more than once driven to the very abyss of despair so that I wished I had never been created. Love God? I hated Him!”⁵

The theology that caused Luther to despair to the point where he hated God is the very theology believed by most evangelicals today! Instead of calling it “Double Predestination,” it is called “Unconditional Election.” It teaches that God chose some people for salvation before the foundation of the world (the elect). This choice by God was entirely by His sovereign will, and was “bare,” meaning that there was not any faith or goodness in the people He chose. Those whom God has chosen, He will call, justify and glorify.

This salvation of the elect is guaranteed because it is based upon the Sovereign Will of God in His election. This is really the basis for Eternal Security. Those whom God has chosen WILL be saved, do what they may. It is not up to the person to strive to be saved, but simply to be one of the elect. God will accomplish everything that is necessary for their salvation. Even if they go off into all manner of sin and denial, God will get them back by the end of their lives because they are predestined to this as one of the elect.

What isn’t stated in this belief is the other side of the coin that plagued Luther. If you are not one of the elect, then there is no chance of getting saved, do what you can. All attempts to repentance, faith, devotion, consecration and living are entirely void because such a person is not one of the elect. God will harden and damn these people. This is because either God “passed over” these people in His choice, or, as some actually teach, that God even predestined these people to eternal damnation. If you are not one of the elect, then your eternal destiny is sealed for hell and there is nothing that you can do about it. It is entirely hopeless, and that is exactly what Luther discovered.

Since this theology believes that some are chosen for salvation and the rest for damnation, then salvation is not available to all mankind, only the elect. If those who believe this are consistent with their belief, then they could not stand in the pulpit and proclaim, “Jesus wants you saved today.” If there are un-elect hearing this, then it would be a lie to them. Nor could they say, “Jesus died to save you from hell,” since God has already predestined some to hell, not that Jesus would save them from it.

Thankfully, we have the whole of Scripture to stand upon, not just the theology of certain men. The great Gospel promise of John 3:16 states, “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*” In this one verse we see that God loved the entire world, not just a select few. He gave Jesus for the whole world so that none are excluded. He extends the

5 *Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther* by Roland Bainton. Nashville: Abington Press, pg. 44.

invitation to all men because “*whosoever will*” can come to Jesus and be saved. As an old hymn once stated, “Whosoever will meaneth me.” Any and every one coming to Jesus will not perish (in hell) but have everlasting life (in heaven). Those who believe in “Unconditional Election” are forced, by their theology, to state that “the world” of John 3:16 (and other similar verses) is restricted to just the elect.

What is the Biblical truth of election? “*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens ... who are elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father ...*” (I Pet. 1:1-2) There is an election of God to salvation, but it is based upon God’s foreknowledge. God knows in advance what you will do with Christ in your life, and on that basis, chooses. In other words, God’s election and choice is based upon what you will do with Jesus, not just to arbitrarily pick some to the exclusion of others.

“*God desires all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth.*” (I Tim. 2:4) How could this possibly be true if God has already restricted salvation to certain people? It is even more emphatically stated because the word that is translated “desires” is actually “wills.” God has willed that all men be saved. God has done everything necessary for everyone (including you) to have salvation in Jesus. He already knows in advance who will, but He still desires all to do so.

“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; and whom He predestined, these He called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.” (Romans 8:29-30)

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Norwegian Evangelistic Movement

Hans Nielsen Hauge

Much has been written about H.N. Hauge. ... I shall here give as brief a synopsis as I can of this very remarkable man of God sent to Norway when he was needed the most, but whom the clergy of Norway wanted the least. He started, under God, a revival movement by lay activity alone that has been running strong in the Lutheran Church of Norway ever since, and has followed the Norse church people to America. The movement has

penetrated into the core of the church life of Norway and even into the national life. The very clergy who persecuted him so bitterly have slowly undergone the change. They now favor revival work and evangelism far more than does the Lutheran Church of any other country, and far more than the clergy do in the Lutheran... churches of the United States. The climax was reached during the dreadful war of 1940 – 45 when the bishops and leading churchmen gave out a proclamation to the people admonishing them to stand on the old Haugean line, as well as on the old fundamental Bible line of the Reformation. The Haugean concept is the belief in a living, experienced Christianity through awakening and conversion. I always favor lay activity, house meetings, prayer fellowship, the Christian testimony, and strong work for revival with much evangelistic activity. Some highlights in the life of this very plain and simple farmer, whom God raised up to send such wonderful and lasting blessing upon a dead and ungrateful church, will now follow.

On April 3, 1771, Hans Nielsen Hauge was born in the Tune Parish some 50 miles southeast of Oslo. His parents were Nils Mikkelsen and Maria Ols’ daughter. They were the owners of the little Hauge farm. God’s Word was used in the home. From childhood and through early youth the Spirit of God (Prevenient Grace) was at work preparing Hans for his great life work.

On April 5, 1796, when he was 25 after a long preparatory grace period, his conversion... occurred while he was working in the field and humming an old song. He testifies: “Now my heart was lifted up to God in such a way, I simply cannot explain it. There was a glory in my soul that no tongue could describe, something supernatural, divine and blessed. I felt a most fervent love of God and my neighbor. My heart was completely changed.”

As he was now praying to God to reveal His will to him and as he was telling God in the words of the Prophet, “***Here am I, send me,***” the voice of the Spirit said again and again: “You shall go east, west, north, and south and confess My Name before men. You shall exhort them to be converted from darkness to light.” ...

How shall people be brought to conversion? That was the burning question that now filled his mind night and day. His sister Anna was won for Christ the first day, and then his other brothers and sisters and his parents. But his mother was afraid for a while that her Hans was losing his mind!

1796 is a year of small beginnings, but a very outstanding year in the long history of the people of Norway. “I used all opportunities to talk to people about their soul’s salvation, when on an errand to a neighbor, or on the way to town. I spoke to all I met about eternal life and the one thing needful,” he says. Such power attended

these private testimonies that an awakening started. BUT as the devil was busy with his *rumors* that Hauge was a crazy fanatic, he felt that he should quit and that God should use somebody else. He says:

“Then I cried to God in deep anguish, while tears streamed down my face, that He should take this heavy duty from me, and send a bishop or other high person to convert the people.” He even wished he could die. The burden was absolutely unbearable. But then God spoke again:

“Will you now die? You were willing to serve sin before. Should you not now be willing to serve Me who have done so much for you? Has not God called shepherds, fishermen, and farmers to serve Him in former ages?”

About July 1st, 1796, Hauge for the first time went outside his own parish to get his little book, “The Foolishness of the World,” printed. He went with fear and trembling and often stopped to kneel and pray. He had a great inward struggle. A voice said: “It is none of your business to write and speak about God and teach others.” But then came another voice: “You will lose your own soul, unless you obey the call of God.” ...

At this time he printed a little pamphlet with these 12 rules of Christian life (abridged):

1. Let nothing ever turn your heart from the Word of God, from faith in Jesus, and from true godliness.
2. As you go to work in the morning, take a Bible verse with you, and prayerfully meditate on it. Rejoice in His grace. Ask yourself often, “How am I now with God?” ...
3. Meditate on the love of Jesus who died on the Cross for you.
4. If your heart is apt to be too much taken up with this world, turn immediately to God in prayer to give you strength and set you free, so the love of God may be poured into your heart; the world will mean very little to you.
5. Toward God be an obedient child; toward your neighbor be like a tender and compassionate mother; toward yourself and your faults be a strict judge.
6. Do not be ashamed to confess freely what God has done for you. Rejoice when the world calls you a fool, a hypocrite, and speaks evil of you.
7. Be a preacher in your own home and show them the right way. Be an example to others...
8. Whenever you have the opportunity, show love and compassion to the poor, the sick, the distressed. ... This is the mind of Christ...
9. When you find neither comfort, nor joy in your heart, don't worry, but wait on the Lord.
10. Die every day to your sins and faults, then you

shall live in God. Separate yourself from the world as much as possible, serve God, and live a surrendered life.

11. Don't let misfortune terrify you, nor let good fortune make you proud. In pain and sickness hold out patiently and cry to God for strength.

12. Be careful not to judge others (Ed. BUT be discerning as far as possible). ...

REMEMBER it was a farmer boy of 25, just converted, who hardly had as much as the present 4th grade education, who wrote this and whom God now sent out to evangelize... Norway.

Taken from *INNERMISSION CHURCH HISTORY*, By P. Ljostveit, Published by Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation, 1948.

Editor's Note: TRUST these articles in regards to Hans Nielsen Hauge have been an encouragement, blessing and inspiration to you, as they have been to me. Personally, I believe Hans Nielsen Hauge was a 'little Martin Luther' in his day. Do you agree?

Our goal today is to continue the same inspiration/conviction, direction and determination of Hauge. The Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation was officially organized in the USA in 1920, with the *Morning Glory* coming later. GOD has kept this movement alive unto this very day! PLEASE PRAY SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS MINISTRY! **THANK YOU!**

FOUR MARVELS!

As an Introduction, I do not believe that I or we will be carrying any baggage (earthly questions) with us to that Crystal Clear CITY! I want to share with you four marvels with very basic truths regardless:

1. First marvel: There will be people in Heaven that I did not 'think' were traveling on the straight and narrow way that leads to Heaven.

2. Second marvel: There will be some people NOT in Heaven that I 'thought' would be in Heaven.

3. Third marvel: *and most significant*, that by the GRACE of **GOD** "I" will be there; and when I look upon His Face (JESUS) the ONE who saved me by His GRACE, what a day that will be! ETERNAL LIFE!

4. Fourth Marvel: That I am privileged to have two-fold citizenship; in the USA and a fellow-citizen of Heaven at the same time! — RES

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“Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38.

A true story: MANY years ago the pastors/preachers received a little financial salary and so when a Pastor or Preacher would either preach or visit folk at their homes, some of those who benefitted from the same would give the pastor/preacher some produce from their garden or from the farm, etc. (*I know this from personal experience: I would be given very thick cream, eggs and meat. Actually one farmer would actually raise one beef in mind with extra TLC to give at least a good portion to the ‘under-shepherd’*).

Anyway, this preacher and his young boy visited this home and when about to leave, the farmer stated he wanted to give the preacher’s horse some feed AND so the young child was told to open a sack and the farmer poured in (likely grain), and after a short period of time the preacher said, “That’s enough!” “NO,” the farmer stated, “Keep the sack open,” and poured in more.

So the story goes on. Now the young boy was told to shake the sack in order to place more feed in and then bounce the sack almost full of feed; until it was so full they could hardly sow or tie the sack closed.

Then later, a party explained that this is like what God said/means in **Luke 6:38**. Look at this verse prayerfully and carefully!

THIS actual account was told by the late Pastor Trygve Dahle because he was the ‘young boy’!

Luke 6:38: “Give, given, good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over.”

VERY likely this farmer was himself on ‘praying-ground’!

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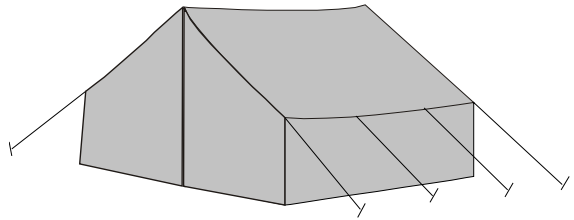
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Evangelistic Tent Meetings



Faith Lutheran Church of Running Valley of rural Colfax, Wisconsin, will be using the Hauge Innermission tent for evangelistic meetings. Pastor Jim Haga will be the speaker, along with special music each night. The meetings will be at the fairgrounds in Colfax. The dates for these meetings are August 27-30, 2017 and they will start each evening at 6:00 p.m.

Please consider who you might personally invite to attend with YOU and hear the WORD of God! Even if you can’t personally attend, please undergird these meetings with prayer beginning now, and at the very time they are happening. Thank you for your faithful intercession.