



# Morning Glory

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

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## God Is Shaking The Nations

By Jan Markell

*“Is not My word like fire?” declares the Lord, ‘and like a hammer which shatters a rock ... Behold I am against those who... led astray My people... I did not send them... nor do they furnish this people the slightest benefit,’ declares the Lord.” (Jer. 23:29-32)*

World events are startling! Watching the Middle East, Japan, Australia, Europe, and a meltdown in America have prompted some healthy discussions on the last days. When events happen at such a rapid pace, it is wise to ask, “What on Earth is happening?” Those who could care less are likely drowning in some kind of destructive behavior because they, too, notice but cannot cope. Who can we trust with answers?

Most turn first to their pastors. Some provide wonderful biblical insights into our times. May their numbers increase! From what we hear at this ministry, they are in the minority, for one ministry supporter sent me an email from her pastor. I did a double-take upon reading it. I so wanted to believe it was just made up. He writes:

The number of troubles in the world overwhelmed me for awhile and I didn’t know how to respond. I am suggesting we pray for the people we see or hear about in the media who are working in these troubled areas and also for the victims and their families whose faces and voices carry so much grief and anxiety.

Some may wonder if these are signs of end-times because they certainly appear to fit the descriptions we read about in the Bible. But, I suggest we don’t rush to express this view. Historically, there

have been seasons of trouble that have had the hallmarks of end-times, most notably in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Some people were driven by fear to repent. Other people concluded that such a violent and indiscriminate series of events that killed the ‘innocent’ with the guilty did not present the God of Christianity in a good light and there was then a great falling away. Now is not the time to theologize or speculate on causes; it’s just time now to help.

How tragic that he discourages people from considering the serious warnings that great traumas would come upon the world as we hurdle towards the very time of the end. He discourages a conversation about these issues and would thus rob many of the “blessed hope” that Christ’s return offers.

Without the biblical perspective, the strongest believer could cave. When we realize that what is happening to this planet – the Japan scenario most recently, but preceded by global chaos in many hot spots – it should quicken our spirits and affect the way we live and think and carry on with our relationships. Jesus is coming soon! Live your life in light of eternity! God is shaking the nations as spoken of in Haggai 2:7. (*Editor:* which is: “‘and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘And in this place I will give peace,’ says the LORD of hosts.” Haggai 2:7-9).

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People cannot take chaos and confusion forever. They need some comforting words. They need some insight. They are asking why all this is happening. They don't know how to connect the dots. Tell them! This is a dress rehearsal for Matthew 24. We don't know if that drama is center stage tomorrow or 20 years from now. But it will happen.

This pastor also told the woman to whom he sent his email that she should not talk about repentance, for that might lead to a great falling away. It is the withholding of the message of repentance that has led to the great apostasy of our day. But he states what is most important – more important even than speaking of repentance – is to go and help. I guess that means the social gospel or good works is what really matters. Yes, it is a great idea to make a donation for those suffering in Japan or you fill-in-the-blank. The globe is throbbing. But the social gospel has been implemented now for a century as liberalism has emphasized feeding the stomach but starving the soul.

This ministry exhorts you to reach out to the lost with the truth of the gospel while there is time. The world and much of the church are deceived. Strong delusion has run amok. The apostate church is thriving, Bible-believing, discerning Christians are being left on the side of the road, scorned and displaced with no church to attend. The Church of Laodicea had left the light of the Word and the world. That is why a shepherd of the sheep can pen the words quoted above.

I am weary of hearing that Bible prophecy is scorned in church after church. If it is

one-fifth of the Bible, it has to be relevant! If Jesus' first coming is significant, why is His second coming controversial and not seeker-sensitive? When and how did the message that the King is coming become a downer? On some end-time issues, we "see through a glass darkly," but other issues are crystal clear.

It seems that for 25 years seminaries have been cranking out pastors who aren't sure what theology to teach when it comes to eschatology, so they won't visit the topic at all. Here we are, likely in the last of the last days. God bless the pastors who tell the truth and teach the whole counsel of God. I exhort you now, while there is still time, to become fishers of men just as Jesus challenged us. It is a small price to pay in light of what He has done for us. Evangelism and issues of the last days fit hand-in-glove. Everything has an end, even life as we know it. I can almost hear the hoof beats of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. You need to go out and tell people. Shout it from the mountain tops. You are not responsible for their response. There may not be much time left.

*'Olive Tree Ministries'* taken from  
"The Vine and Branches"

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### **Remember Jesus Christ**

2 Timothy 2:8. **"Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel."**

First of all "remember Jesus Christ." Jesus is true God and true man. He was tried in all things in likeness with us yet without sin. We are "regular people" and are unable to live like that because we are all sinners and have fallen short of the Glory of God. We are therefore guilty before God; everyone of us. Notice the miracle God did for us in Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:21: "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." When Jesus died on the cross he paid the penalty for all of mankind's sin. 1 John 2:2: "He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." That is why you are to "remember Jesus Christ."

Secondly, this verse says that Jesus is "raised from the dead." This is one of the main five teachings of the Bible, "knowledge of the resurrection." Jesus is the firstborn of the dead. Jesus raised Lazarus and Jairus's daughter from the dead, but they died again. That is not so with Jesus. When Jesus was "raised from the dead" it means, he now lives forevermore. Hebrew 8:1: "**The point** of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in

heaven." Yes, the main point of what we are saying is this, when He was raised from the dead, he went to heaven and shares the throne with the Majesty in heaven.

Thirdly, he "descended from David." This is important because this is what God had promised centuries before. God had promised David in 2 Samuel 7:12-16: "When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body and I will establish his kingdom ...**forever**."

The last statement is: "This is my gospel," and it is a short summation of what Paul preached. I am in full agreement with this verse; it is also my desire to preach this message to all people. There is salvation in no other name but the name of Jesus. You who are reading these short paragraphs today, make sure you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. John 17:3 says; "Now **this is eternal life**: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

One of His servants,  
Rev. Willmore Gundersen

It is bad when Satan deceives us, and it is a sad thing when one has been deceived by sin, but the greatest deception is self-deception. Many are deceived when it comes to salvation. They have a form of godliness, but do not have an inward reality. The only thing that is worse than going to Hell is going to Hell thinking that you were going to Heaven.

Joe Arthur

## The Value of Critics

By Pastor Jim Townsley, Southington, Conn.

A young preacher, while giving his first sermon mentioned how Jesus' blood was spilled on the ground at His crucifixion. Following his message, an older, seasoned saint standing near the rear of the auditorium, with a large Bible under his arm, tersely spoke to the emerging theologian. "I would have you know that Jesus' blood was shed, not spilled to the ground. It was no accident!"

The young preacher was taken aback by the response, but after a few days of study came to understand that his critic, though abrupt, was correct. Jesus' blood was not accidentally spilled to the ground but purposely shed for every lost soul.

Critics can and do play an important part in our lives. Every man must recognize the importance of being accountable to someone. A man who is never accountable will likely make mistakes that will harm the cause of Christ.

As children, we were accountable to our parents. In school, we were accountable to our teachers. At work men and women are accountable to their employers. But preachers like to make themselves accountable to no one. We too must recognize the importance of being accountable and accept criticism when it is in order.

*"Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end."* Prov. 19:20.

I have heard preachers remark to their congregations, "No one tells me what to preach."

Every man of God should preach the Word based on the leading of the Holy Spirit, but we also must remember that we are to be held accountable for these messages.

What if I mistakenly say that Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating the forbidden food of the Tree of Life? Following the service, my wife says, "Honey, Adam and Eve's sin was eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, not the Tree of Life."

***I have wondered at time  
what the Ten Commandments  
would have looked like if  
Moses had run them through  
the U.S. Congress.***

**Ronald Reagan**

Periodically, every preacher misspeaks and says things that he never intended to say, but thank God for a wife who can help him keep from repeating the same mistake.

Occasionally, a member may point out that our interpretation of a passage is not accurate. What should a preacher do? Should he defend the indefensible? No. He should humbly realize he is clay and thank God he has members who love the Word of God and are willing to help him and to do it in the right spirit.

Perhaps you have an idea that involves spending a lot of the church's money, and the deacons or trustees are not as excited about it. What should you do? You should thank God you have men who may spare you from a serious mistake.

Thank God for our critics who sharpen our theology, our plans and our vision. These souls serve an important mission in our churches.

Our critics may not always come to us in the right spirit, but we should always listen and learn from their criticism. We must either reject criticism or realize that our critics are right. A man's critics will help him grow and become stronger. If we ignore our critics, we will likely repeat our mistakes again and again.

*"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise."* - Prov. 12:15.

A young man who is new to the ministry may already have feelings of inadequacy, but he must fight the urge always to defend himself as being right. A humble man will soon command more respect as a leader because people know he is committed more to truth than to his own ego. A wise man will seek the counsel of the wise. Not every critic is wise, but some of them are, and it is our responsibility to find those who can give us constructive criticism before we face those who may give us criticism that is intended to hurt the work of God.

*"Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel"* - Prov. 27:9...

Remember in the early church that the prophets were subject to the other prophets. If they said anything in error, the other prophets were to point out this error. In a sense, every church should work in this manner.

No one is above scrutiny. Our critics can be our best resource for personal growth and maturity. Thank God for critics! Not one of us wants to listen to our critics, but they may become our greatest allies.

Taken from "Sword of the Lord"  
*Editor Note:* This 'truth' is TRUE  
for every child of God!



# Editorial

## RES PREPARATION

*“Prepare to meet your God...” Amos 4:12 — “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.” Matthew 3:3b*

In the spring, 1981 a young man was flown into the desolate north of Alaska to photograph the natural beauty. He had photo equipment, several firearms and 1,400 pounds of provisions. As the months passed, the entries in his diary, which initially *detailed his wonder and fascination with the wildlife around him*, turned into a pathetic record of a nightmare as he wrote “I think I should have used more foresight about arranging my departure, I’ll soon find out.” He waited and waited. No one came to the rescue. In November **he died** in a nameless valley, by a nameless lake, 225 miles northeast of Fairbanks. He had made no provisions to be lifted out of the area.

To my knowledge, no where in the Bible does it tell us how to prepare to **die; but to prepare to meet THY GOD!**

This we do know for certain that sooner or later 100 out of 100 will *die*. **Hebrews 9:27.**

*Preparation is preparing* for a coming event or occasion. **AS WE** are to be ‘spiritual sign readers’ and **AS** we look into the future; the billowing, boisterous storm clouds arise over the horizon, could it could mean perilous times ahead with hard persecution, **OR** for the redeemed, the key note of the *trumpet sound* could be just around the corner. Either you and I will pass through the valley of shadow of death **OR** instantly die in the rapture when the **BRIDEGROOM** comes for **HIS** bride in an *twinkling* of an eye! A Christian friend speaks of life here as a ‘dressing room’ in **preparation** of eternity!

Regardless, **preparation** is in the making, because the inevitable what ‘we’ *sow we are shall also REAP!* (As the ‘tree’ falleth, so shall it lie). **Preparation** is necessary regardless if it is for a meal, going to school, play, work, sleep or whatever!

Turn with me to Matthew 22:1-14; and we see ‘preparation’ had been made for a fantastic wedding and as we read there a ‘special person’ (and you are a ‘special person’) was invited and favorably responded; **BUT** was not properly dressed! Evidently this one *sincere responder* thought his own righteousness was good enough to attend the wedding feast; but was sincerely mistaken. The bride to be needs to have the proper apparel. *“But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities,*

*like the wind, Have taken us away”.* Isaiah 64:6, Romans 3:10 & 20, 6:23. **BUT** the appropriate apparel; which **GOD** the Almighty is pleased with; is available for whosoever will. (Praise God). *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in him.”* II Corinthians 5:21, Romans 8:1.

You have heard it said that man looketh upon the outward appearance, while God looks upon the heart, which is most certainly true; **BUT** God also says what’s in the abundance of the heart cometh out!

Often when we gather for public ‘worship’ to ‘worship’ the King of kings, and Lord of lords, I think of Joseph in the Old Testament. **WHEN** he was to appear before the king of his era he wanted to be clean shaven and clean clothes! Don’t you think that if I were to appear a king/president that I too would want to be properly dressed? As I read my Bible, the first need I have is to own up to my need in ‘worshipping’ the **KING!** Also according to the Bible, I should be properly dressed; which would mean definitely not with scant clothing (dressing immodestly).

*“Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not which, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels”* Revelation 3:3-5.

The latter days or days of **APOSTASY** (falling away) are no longer future text; but absolutely here right now and thus we are living in the midst of it. Yes, evidently things will get even worse; but how we need to be sure that our lamps are lit, that there is oil with our lamps and that we are prepared for the coming of the **Bridegroom!** **REMEMBER** five of the ‘virgins’ thought that there was ample time and knew where to go in order to be ready; but when they realized their present spiritual condition, it was *too late!* Also take to heart the same self examining challenge that the Apostles experienced on the eve of when **JESUS** told them that one of you is going to betray

ME - Lord is it I?

Yet in these days of 'apostasy' we of the *Morning Glory/Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation* are seeking (regardless of the cost) to be **faithful** unto the Author and Finisher of the faith. There is a spiritual vacuum taking place right here in our midst and by God's GRACE *if you* are in agreement with us; we covet your faithful PRAYER support and financial contributions. The battle is *serious* and Satan is out to bring this ministry to a close. We believe that this ministry is important in these latter days in *occupying till HE comes!* REMEMBER, even for the 'wise virgins', the opportunity of nurturing, evangelism was over! In our day, even in much of the evangelical preaching, there is a vital emphasis missing (omission) and that is the necessity of 'godly repentance'.

**PREPARATION: without REPENTANCE THERE IS**

**ABSOLUTELY NO SALVATION!** II Corinthians 7:10.

"*And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, ...*" Luke 24:47a.

**Thus** we of the *Morning Glory/Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation* make to No Apologies for seeking to practice & preach the 'old time Christianity', by HIS GRACE! "*The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight*". **PREPARTION!** Listen to God's Message to each of us: "*Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place - unless you repent*" Revelation 2:5. "***But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin***" 1 John 1:7.

**HEAVEN IS FOR REAL**

## ***Dr. Curtis Hutson Argues ...***

### **The Proof of His Resurrection**

Jesus Christ had a trial, a mock trial. They condemned Him. They scourged Him. They crucified Him. After His death, they took the body down from the cross, placed it in a tomb wherein man had never been laid and rolled a stone before its mouth.

The religious leaders said, "You remember this Fellow, before He was crucified, said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." If His disciples come and steal Him away and make people believe He was raised from the dead, we'll never get Christianity quieted down. We have to make sure He doesn't come out of that tomb!"

And they did two things to make sure the body of Jesus Christ could not be removed. First, they sealed it with the Roman seal. That is important!

For anyone to break the seal of the Roman government meant certain death. The Roman world dared anyone to molest that tomb. They sealed it. You didn't fool with things when the Roman government sealed them. That was a world empire. The whole world stood behind that seal.

But that wasn't enough. They also stationed a guard around the tomb. Roman soldiers stood by day and night to make sure Jesus Christ did not come out of that tomb. The Bible does not indicate how many soldiers guarded the tomb, but four quaternions of soldiers guarded Peter. A quaternion is a squad of four. That means sixteen Roman soldiers guarded Peter.

I suppose there were that many or more who guarded

the tomb of Christ. Rome dared the entire world to molest the tomb. But after three days and nights, the tomb was empty.

Now reason with me. If Jesus Christ came out of that grave, then either man took Him out, or God took Him out. There is no other possibility.

If man took Jesus Christ out of the tomb, it had to be either his friends or His enemies that did it. Do you think His friends - a little band of defenseless disciples - could overpower Roman guards and take the body of Jesus from that tomb?

If His friends did take His body, why didn't the Roman government make an effort to find it? It couldn't have disappeared into thin air. They could have found it and said, "They stole His body, but we have found it and want the world to know He did not really come out of that tomb alive, as they said."

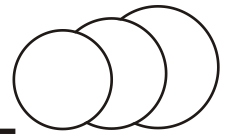
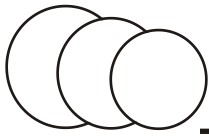
The body wasn't to be found. They couldn't produce a corpse, because there was no corpse to produce! I find it impossible to believe these defenseless disciples overpowered Roman guards and took the body from that tomb. You couldn't believe that.

If it wasn't His friends, then was it His enemies? They were doing everything possible to keep Him *in* the tomb.

They *wouldn't* do it. It contradicts human reason.

His friends couldn't, and His enemies wouldn't. That leaves only one alternative - God Almighty raised Jesus Christ from the dead. And that is exactly what the Bible says in Hebrews 13:20, ***Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.***

Taken from "Sword of the Lord"



**M. L.** **Story City, IA**  
 Your paper provides information and editorials that I do not get from any other source. Many issues are passed on to friends in Nursing Homes.

**O. R.** **Langdon, N. D.**  
 I so enjoy your *Morning Glory* magazine as you are so willing to really tell us the truth and it is wonderful to receive.

I am a 'Born Again Christian' and am so happy to get reading material that only a Christian can really enjoy. I pray that more people will be saved through the reading of this wonderful material. ...

Enclosed please find a check for the amount of \$.... to help send this wonderful Christian material.

**M. S.** **Ames, IA**  
 I miss your magazine and want to renew it. Here is a check for it. (I sure miss your articles).

**R. M. J.** **New Glarus, WI**  
 I read your publication from cover-to-cover every time it arrives.

Enclosed please find a contribution toward your expenses.

**H. L. B.** **Story City, IA**  
 Thank you for sending me the *Morning Glory* paper. With the way the world conditions are, we could be living in the last days before Christ comes to take us home to Heaven. May we be found faithful to Him and pray for the lost! May God Bless you in your ministry and the good articles in the paper.

Enclosed is a gift of money in memory of Charles Erickson.

*Editor's Note:* We need to hear from **you!** Please faithfully remember us in and this ministry/mission in **Prayer!** Also please 'pray' for *renewed and new* interest/concern for this 'ministry' in the work in the Kingdom of God; By His GRACE! Thank you and may the LORD richly bless **you!** Time is fleeting and 'we' 'need' to *keep occupying with/for HIM!*

## *The Creator and Upholder of All Things*

John 10:1-10

Our text clearly states that Jesus Christ is the Creator of all things (vv. 3, 10). Any religion that does not hold to this fundamental truth thereby identifies itself as a false cult or heathen religion. For instance, the group known as the "Jehovah's Witnesses" is active worldwide in seeking converts to their beliefs, but the fact that they teach Christ is a created being rather than the Creator is proof that they are not true witnesses for Jehovah. Instead, they are leading their deceived followers to eternal perdition. Many false, heathen religions exist today, most of which consider Jesus Christ to be "a great prophet" while denying His deity and His role as Creator. Even many Protestants today claim to believe in Christ, but in reality, they only accept Him as a man - not God, not the Creator. All of the above religionists claim to seek the truth, yet they reject what the Bible says concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, who is "the way, the truth, and the life" (14:6). A person cannot reject the Truth and still hope to find truth. The doctrine of Jesus Christ's deity is foundational to true Christianity.

The consistent testimony of both the Old and New Testaments bears witness to Christ's special, all-inclusive work in creation. Many references could be cited, but note in particular Hebrews 1:1-3. The Lord Jesus Christ is not only the Creator of all things, but He is also the Upholder of all things. Denying His role as the Creator calls into question His redemptive work on the cross, thereby leaving sinful men without God and without hope. How thankful we are that Christ the Creator is also Christ our Redeemer. Let us share the good news of our Creator, Redeemer and Upholder. MHR

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# False Prophets

Matt 7:15 – **“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. NASB**

The Bible is full of warnings of false prophets and false teachers. Jeremiah the Prophet wrote this concerning the false prophets of his day. Jer 6:14 **“They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, Saying, ‘Peace, peace!’ When there is no peace.” NKJV**

Our pulpits are full of Pastors who are healing the wounds of people slightly. They are proclaiming peace, peace when there is no peace. They are proclaiming people saved, when they haven’t repented. They are telling them they are going to heaven, and the people are still living in rebellion and are enemies of God through wicked works.

This spring Rob Bell, pastor of Mars Hill Church, released his third book, *Love Wins*. This was the press release the publisher issued shortly before the book was released.

*“Fans flock to his Facebook page, his NOOMA videos have been viewed by millions, and his Sunday sermons are attended by 10,000 parishioners—with a downloadable podcast reaching 50,000 more. An electrifying, unconventional pastor whom Time magazine calls “a singular rock star in the church world,” Rob Bell is the most vibrant, central religious leader of the millennial generation. Now, in “Love Wins: Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived”, Bell addresses one of the most controversial issues of faith—the afterlife—arguing that a loving God would never sentence human souls to eternal suffering. With searing insight, Bell puts hell on trial, and his message is decidedly optimistic—eternal life doesn’t start when we die; it starts right now. And ultimately, Love Wins.”*

Rob Bell is a Universalist, which he denies. He says that people only go to heaven through Jesus, but he believes in what has become known as the anonymous Christian view. That view states that even people who have never heard of Jesus can be saved through Him if they are good people. Bell in the book even suggests that people might be able to be saved after death.

This is nothing new; this heresy has been around al-

most since the beginning. It is just being repackaged for this current generation.

The ELCA shares essentially the same view with Rob Bell. Up until a few months ago at this address, <http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/New-or-Returning-to-Church/Dig-Deeper/Salvation.aspx>, they had an article that said the ELCA believed in a similar view of universalism. It has since been taken down, but this is part of what it said,

*“Lutheran theologian Carl Braaten says, “The Christian hope for salvation, whether for the believing few or the unbelieving many, is grounded in the person and meaning of Christ alone, not in the potential of the world’s religions to save, nor in the moral seriousness of humanists and people of good will, not even in the good works of pious Christians and church people.... There is a Universalist thrust in the New Testament, particularly in Paul’s theology. How else can we read passages such as ‘for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ’ (1 Cor 15:22)?” (See also Colossians 1:15-20, Ephesians 1:9-10, 1 Corinthians 15:28.)”*

The problem with the Rob Bells and the Carl Braatens of the world is that they don’t understand the Gospel. They don’t understand the nature of God, and they don’t understand the depravity of man. When talking with these people they always bring up, “What about the good Hindu, or the good Buddhist, the good Muslim, even the good atheist. How can a good God send them to Hell just because they don’t believe in Jesus?”

First, they don’t understand the nature of man. The testimony of scripture and life experience is overwhelming. No one is good. David said there was nothing good in him apart from God (Ps 16:2). David said, there is no one who does good (Ps 14:1). The prophets said even our good works are like filthy rags in God’s sight (Isa 64:6). The prophets said all we like sheep have gone astray (Is 53:6). Paul quoting the Psalmist said no one is good, no not one (Rom 3:12). And Jesus said no one is good but God (Mark 10:18). If you know yourself, you know this to be true. All you have to do is look at a newspaper and the truth of this screams though the print.

Second, they don’t understand the nature of God; that He is holy, righteous, and just.

The Psalmist says that righteousness and justice are



the foundation of God's throne.

(Ps 89:14) Yes God is good, but He is so good, we would die in His presence if not supernaturally protected. (Ex 33:19)

The true scandal is not that some might go to hell; the real scandal is that we don't all go there. Because that is what each one of us deserves. I will have walked with God 40 years this August. Even at that, if I were to die and God sent me to Hell, it would be what I deserve, because I am a law breaker. Now I might protest a little bit and bring up something about Jesus and His blood that was shed for me.

The wrong thing to do would be to tell God all the wonderful things I did for him. **"Lord, Lord, did I not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?"**(Matt 7:22)

My good works won't mean a thing on Judgment day. That would be like standing trial for murder and telling the Judge, "Yes I killed a man, but I washed your car windows on the way to court." You can't bribe the judge with your good works. You can't bribe God either. Every sin will be punished. Either Jesus was punished for your sins on the cross, or you will be punished.

The question then becomes how do we access this forgiveness. Throughout the New Testament the Gospel call is the same, repent and believe. You must acknowledge that you are a sinner and that you deserve hell, you must repent, turn away from those sins and then you must throw yourself at the foot of the cross and believe that the death Jesus died was for you. When you do this, God's word says He makes you a new creation with a new heart that loves God.

Rob Bell isn't putting hell on trial. He is the one on trial, he will be judged for his false teaching. It would be better for him if he was tied to a millstone and cast into the sea than for him to continue leading people astray (Luke 17:2) He is storing up wrath for the day of wrath (Rom 2:5).

We cannot choose to ignore false teachers like Rob Bell, they are standing in the narrow way and blocking the entrance and keeping people from entering in (Luke 11:52). Because of them, people will not hear the truth of the Gospel and will go to hell. But, an even graver sin is that "Universalism" of any form blasphemes the character of God and robs Christ of the glory He deserves by saving wretches like us.

Wayne Almlie  
Des Moines, IA

**Editor's Note:** Rob Bell is the leader of the movement known as "The Emergent Church Movement."

## Easter Blessings

*When I was a little girl  
I knew my parents loved the Lord,*

*Dad read from the family Bible  
And we were never bored.*

*Jesus became my faithful Friend -  
A Faithful Friend indeed'*

*He will never forsake me  
He supplies my every need.*

*Some day He will call me home  
He has a mansion in the sky*

*And there I'll never roam  
When I see the empty Cross  
Stand high on Goligatha's Hill*

*I know it was for me  
He died at His own will.*

*What a wonderful, beautiful Savior  
Is our Christ and King*

*Glorify God in the highest  
Is the song we joyfully sing.*

*Easter Blessings to one and all  
And praises to Jesus Dear*

*May you feel His blessings  
All through the whole year.*

By Mrs. Bud Haugen, Snohomish, WA

# Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

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## President Obama Wants Israel to Give Back the Land

In a major speech that sought to reframe U.S. policy in the Mideast, President Barack Obama endorsed a key Palestinian demand Thursday for the borders of its future state and prodded Israel to accept that it can never have a truly peaceful nation that is based on “permanent occupation.”

Obama’s urging that a Palestinian state be based on 1967 borders – those that existed before the Six-Day War in which Israel occupied East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza – marked a significant shift in U.S. policy and seemed certain to anger Israel.

Israel has said an endorsement of the 1967 borders would prejudice negotiations. Obama will meet at the White House on Friday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu said he appreciated Obama’s remarks, but rejected any withdrawal to what he called “indefensible” 1967 borders. He said such a withdrawal would jeopardize Israel’s security and leave major West Bank settlements outside Israeli borders.

Egypt’s U.N. envoy welcomed Obama’s support for the 1967 borders, but said the speech lacked specifics on how to restart peace talks.

“What is positive about (Obama’s speech) is the emphasis on the 1967 borders,” Egypt’s long-serving U.N. Ambassador Maged Abdelaziz told reporters.

In his speech, Obama said a future Palestinian state must be based in territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war, with minor adjustments reached through negotiations.

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## Lutheran World Federation Joins Buddhists to Find “A Common Word” on Global Financial Crisis

For several years this ministry has been warning all who will listen about the liberal and leftist tendencies of the Lutheran World Federation. Here is another example. The Lutheran World Federation has joined with the World Council of Churches and the Buddhists to issue “A Buddhist-Christian Common Word on Structural Greed.” The document which represents an attack on capitalism is riddled with themes from liberation theology.

One statement claims “Jesus Christ lived a life in opposition to the forces of domination and died in a fierce struggle against these. In his resurrection, Christians believe that he was victorious over these structures and empowers his followers, through the Holy Spirit, to resist and transform similar structures today.”

Equating Buddhism and Christianity, the document declares: “We encourage effective preaching and teaching as well as spiritual practices such as meditation and prayer to motivate Buddhists and Christians towards personal and social transformation.”

“As Buddhists and Christians, we also affirm that meditation, prayer and other spiritual practices offer people access to spiritual power that gives them perseverance, release from their egos, compassion with those who suffer and inner strength to love and deal non-violently with those who they have to oppose.” Such statements as these come straight out of Buddhism as well as liberation theology, and they betray the true purpose of Christ’s life, death and resurrection.

The only major Lutheran body that holds membership in the Lutheran World Federation is the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We pray that none of the newer Lutheran Church bodies will join the LWF, since it cannot seem to recognize the truth from a lie.

The Vine and Branches

## Cal Thomas Nailed the Muslim Game Plan!

In his syndicated column entitled “Egypt Aflame” published in late January, Cal Thomas said, “The history of radical Islamist movements is being repeated in our time. First, there is infiltration and, when their numbers are large enough, domination. Next comes subjugation, followed by eradication of nonbelievers. To think things will be different this (time) is folly.”

He is so precise, so right, so on target here. But Mr. Thomas adds, “This isn’t bigotry. It is provable fact, which the Islamists believe we will ignore.”

In other words, they believe we are stupid enough to let them do whatever they please until they get the upper hand. At that Point, they don’t have to be nice anymore, and their track record proves they have no intention of doing so.

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## ELCA Promotes Homosexual Lifestyle Among Youth

“ELCA camp experiences support gay youth,” headlined an article in the April, 2011 edition of *The Lutheran*. The article highlights the ELCA’s various works directed at GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual) youth. According to the article, “GLBT youth are also supported by programs in ELCA congregations and at least three camps. The camp experiences are led by ELCA members and all three rent space from ELCA camps.”

Last year *The Vine and Branches* reported on such activities of the ELCA for “GLBT” youth at several of their church camps, but a number of people suggested we were just making this up. Now the ELCA releases an article publicizing their efforts to make gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered youth and young adults feel welcome in the church and urging them “not to give up.”

Also highlighted in the article is the comment: “The Spiritual Pride Project” in Austin, Texas began after a mother discovered there were no camps in the southern U.S. where her child’s sexuality would be respected. Two additional ministries that serve gay and lesbian youth throughout the year, the magazine stated, are The Light-house, Minnetonka, Minnesota and the Louisville (KY) Youth Group.” According to *The Lutheran*, the Light-house is a youth group that draws from more than eight high schools in the western suburbs of Minneapolis.

The Vine and Branches

## U. S. Passed 53 Million Abortion Mark in 2010

At some point in 2010 – 37 years removed from the Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision – a doctor in the United States performed the nation’s 53 millionth legal abortion...

The statistic is based on data compiled by the Guttmacher Institute, a pro-choice organization whose studies are acknowledged by most major pro-choice organizations.

The nation’s abortion rate reached a peak of 1.6 million in 1990 and has steadily fallen in most years ever since, although Guttmacher’s latest data, from 2008, showed the abortion rate had risen slightly to 1,212,000 from 1,206,000 in 2005, the most recent data point. Because Guttmacher no longer releases abortion data every year, the 53 million figure is based on assumptions that the abortion rate remained relatively unchanged in 2009 and 2010.

The 1973 *Roe* decision, coupled with the companion *Doe v. Bolton* ruling, legalized abortion nationwide for ef-

fectively any reason during all nine months of pregnancy.  
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Editor Comments: *Stunning! Staggering! Scandalous! Sordid! Shameful! What words can possibly describe the horror that goes with killing 3,921 unborn babies every day of the year for 37 years? Absolutely barbaric, unthinkable genocide!*

Sword of the Lord

**Editor’s Note: “Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.” “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.” Proverbs 14:34, 11 Chronicles 7:14 & Proverbs 29:2.**

## U. S. Court of Appeals Rules Favorably for World Vision

“World Vision applauds (the January 25) action by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, upholding our legally protected practice of hiring people who share the same faith.

“The court rejected a petition to re-hear a case involving three former employees terminated in 2007 because, after several years working for the Christian humanitarian organization, they no longer agreed with World Vision U.S.’s statement of faith. The court ruled 2-1 last August that World Vision qualifies as a religious organization under the 1964 Civil Rights Act, thereby upholding the terminations. We hope (the) action by the court settles this dispute...

“Regardless of any further legal proceedings, World Vision will continue to vigorously defend our organization’s freedom to hire employees who share our faith.”

Christian Newswire

*There’s a new variety of preacher today  
who’s not interested in being called a  
“holy man of God.” He wants to be called  
by his first name and be just one of the  
boys. He’s so anxious to be relevant that  
he’s forgotten how to be reverent.*

Vance Havner

# Just Like Before

By Dr. Norris Belcher

*“And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.”* Judg. 16:20.

The story of Samson is one of the saddest and most tragic stories that you will find in the Bible. You have to look long and hard to find an individual who is as unique as Samson was. God called this man to be a judge over the children of Israel and to lead them in their struggle to rid the Philistines from the land that God has promised to Abraham.

Samson, however, made a mistake by falling in love with Delilah. He soon trusted Delilah and went against the principles of God. He trusted her even after she tried on three different occasions to learn from him the source of his great strength.

His admission to her in Judges 16:17 should be understood as a denial of the trust he had with God. He eventually was swallowed up by this worldling.

Let me say it this way: The world and the Devil ruined him. His flesh robbed him of the strength God had given him. Samson became but a byword to those people in that day.

Delilah tried on other occasions – earlier in this chapter – to get the secret of his strength out of him, but Samson would not reveal the sacred trust that God had given.

**Let neither fear nor favor of man induce us to keep back or avoid or change or mutilate or qualify any text in the Bible. Surely we ought to have holy boldness when we speak as ambassadors of God. We have no reason to be ashamed of any statement we make in our pulpits, so long as it is Scriptural.**

However, she kept on; she kept pressing the issue; she kept working deceitfully in an effort to learn the source of Samson’s strength.

When she wakened him out of his sleep the first couple of times, he went out and faced his enemies by breaking the cords wrapped around his wrists as if they were only threads. As the world will do, Delilah stayed after him until she broke him down. She stayed after him until she weakened him so that he finally succumbed and told her the secret.

Delilah lured Samson to sleep. While he slept, she brought the Philistines into the tent and shaved off his hair. When his hair was gone, so was his power. And the sad part was that Samson did not know that the Spirit had departed.

They chained him up in fetters, put out his eyes and made him slave to grind in the mill the rest of his natural life.

Oh, what sin can do in the lives of God’s people! Sin is binding – Samson was put in brass fetters. Sin is blinding – they put out his eyes. Sin reduces us to grinding – he was put in a mill and made to work like a slave.

This is exactly where many of our churches in America are today. So many preachers are like Samson in their spiritual lives. This is the place to which some of us have found ourselves reduced.

In fact, in the last several years, we have gotten up from our slumber with the world, only to walk into our pulpits and open our Bibles to do battle against the Devil and with sin, without knowing that the Lord has departed from us. We do not understand that the power we once had is now gone. We have been lulled to sleep by the world, but we cannot understand what the problem is and why we are not seeing results.

What has happened? Just like Samson, we have allowed the world to steal our power. Just like Samson, we have allowed our flesh to rob us of the power of God.

We need to understand what the Devil is trying to do. Satan has stayed after us and kept up the attack. He has kept up the battle until we yielded, eventually breaking down, and now we go to our pulpits just like before. We go out as at other times, but nothing happens.

All over America this is taking place. This is happening in fundamental ...Churches because the Devil has focused his direction and attack upon those of us who have been called into the ministry. He continues to stay after us and will not quit until we are defeated and we are robbed of the power that God had in our lives.

Taken from “Sword of the Lord”



# Look Carefully How You Walk

## Read Nehemiah 4-6

For almost a hundred years, the Jews had excused their failure to rebuild the wall that had once surrounded and protected Jerusalem. They blamed this failure on the opposition of their enemies. The man of faith will find a way, but the majority always find an excuse. Nehemiah placed his faith in the Lord, saying: *Our God will fight for us* (Nehemiah 4:20). His words of faith remind us of Jehoshaphat's words to his soldiers: *Fear not nor be dismayed ...for the Lord is with you* (II Chronicles 20:17) and David's promise to Goliath: *The battle is the Lord's* (I Samuel 17:47).

Sanballat had done all he could to sidetrack Nehemiah through ridicule, flattery, and threats. He finally resorted to openly accusing the Jews of rebelling against Persia. He made every effort to distract Nehemiah, asking often for an opportunity to discuss the situation. But Nehemiah said: *They intended to do me harm. And I sent messengers to them, saying, I am doing a great work and cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave to come down to you?* (Nehemiah 6:2-3).

It seems incredible that in just 52 days the walls were restored. But there was a sense of rededication, and the *people had a heart and mind to work* (4:6). It seems a pity that they had waited for so many years and, as a result, had suffered from looting from nearby enemies.

Nehemiah utilized human strategy and armed his workers *with their swords, spears and bows* (4:13). They also *labored... From dawn until the stars came out* (4:21). But his dependence was upon the Lord as he said: *The God of Heaven will prosper us... So the wall was finished* (2:20; 6:15).

Nehemiah's unreserved adherence to God's Word and his realization of the vital importance of the destiny of God's people inspired his faith that God would give them victory. Eleven times it is recorded that Nehemiah prayed (1:4-11; 2:4; 4:4-5,9; 5:19; 6:9,14; 13:14;22,29,31). This, too, reinforces our faith that *all things are possible with God* (Matthew 19:26).

Faith in the Lord grows by continual obedience to His Word. The commitment of Christ to the Father should be the desire of all believers; *I do not seek or consult My own will (I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself).....but only the will and pleasure of the Father who sent Me* (John 5:30).

Opposition is to be expected and lack of ability provides opportunity for the Lord to receive the glory. The one great problem in serving the Lord successfully is not caused by external problems or lack of ability, but by un-

willingness to do the best we can with what we have. Through prayer God will lead us to the help and knowledge we need to accomplish His will.

*Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise, sensible, intelligent people, Making the very most of the time, buying up each opportunity, because the days are evil* (Ephesians 5:15-16).

Taken from "Bible Pathway"

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## Thanks, Dad

Read: 1 Thess. 2:1-12

*We exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children.*

- 1 Thess. 2:11

In the US, more long distance calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day. But on Father's Day, the most collect calls are made. It seems that children still depend on their fathers to provide, even when they are far away from home.

Fathers are needed and wanted for much more than financial help. While 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12 is primarily directed toward church leaders, Paul talks about how their role is similar to a father's. He states: "You know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children."

*Exhorted* is "to call near." It is easy for fathers to think that all that's required of them is to bring home a paycheck. But children need their close encouragement.

The word *comforted* is "to console." Nothing is more valuable to a child than the time given by a father to listen and talk. Without constant relating, relationships turn cold.

*Charged* is "to affirm." Fathers challenge their children by affirming the truth of God's Word as they live it out in front of them. And even in failings, they affirm what is right through the asking of forgiveness.

How thankful we can be for fathers who help their children "walk worthy of God" (v. 12). -Albert Lee

*We're thankful for our fathers, Lord,  
They're special gifts from You;  
Help us to show we honor them  
By what we say and do. - Sper.*

## Good fathers reflect the heavenly Father.

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# *First Lay Witnesses in Norway*

*Hans Nielsen Hauge*

(Continued from last issue of the Morning Glory)

The kernel of wheat was put into the ground, through a long, slow and horrible imprisonment and martyrdom, but it was to bear much fruit. Hauge's own personal and evangelistic work was a most unique and wonderful visitation from heaven. God's Spirit had shoved him on in spite of dungeon, fire and sword; yet it was not his greatest work.

The saying that it is better to put ten persons to work than to do the work of ten persons was fully realized by Hauge. He encouraged others; he sent out others. He started a movement that was destined to live after him and lives yet, praise be to God. So by this time there are far more lay-evangelists in Norway than there are ordained ministers. Hauge sent them out, men and women, only he required of the women-preachers that they should be reputed as good house-keepers also. If they could not preach, he wanted them to use the other gifts God had given them - to do personal work, to sing, to pray, to give to his cause, to be hospitable, etc. A sense of blood-bought pardon and passion for souls should shove them on and on.

Another great and enduring work Hauge initiated was the centers for spiritual fellowship and spiritual headquarters. These he established from Tromso to Lindesness, lengthwise, and from the Swedish border to the North Sea, crosswise. So when Hauge was imprisoned and left the scene of Christian work, these fellowship centers carried on. By this time, through God's marvelous grace, there are fellowship and prayer meetings in every one of the 600 parishes, and many groups in each parish, and innumerable chapels or "*bedehus*" where God's people gather. In the course of time the ritualistic and formalistic ring of iron has been broken, so the lay people have free use of the churches too-long before this time. Then they have their spiritual Bible schools and young people's schools for the conversion of sinners-and evangelistic courses, *Bible conferences*, etc. God used Hauge to lay the foundation of it all. But he started it on *both knees*, and that is the way it must be carried on, for the devil is not dead yet. And the moment you aim for higher ground he will hurl his darts at you.

From 1853 and on, God's people commenced to organize their laymen's societies, so every spiritual group by this time belonged to some laymen's organization. At the same time, in 1842, foreign mission work was started -

which is now encircling the earth - in China, Mongolia, India, Africa, etc., just from one small country. If we shall fight the devil, there must be no let-up in the soul-winning work. *Else we stagnate. Stagnation is death.*

This will suffice for this part. We shall in the next part see how the spiritual work that God began through Hauge was transferred to America. The living spiritual power like a flame in the wind made a jump across the Atlantic. So the river of life was started among our people in America in 1825 - small at first, but it has carried much living water through living preaching, living witness-bearing, living Christian work resulting in real and true conversions and living spiritual life. But God began it through Hauge one day out in the field in Tune parish, April 5, 1796. *It is for us now living to carry it on, work, testify and pray - till Jesus comes.*

It is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

## **Hauge Movement Transplanted**

...Among the several million immigrants from Norway who have found their homes in *America*, building innumerable churches, schools, institutions of charity, scattered mostly throughout the Northwest, we shall follow just the narrow lane, the scarlet line, the blood-line running through the converted hearts of the few, who have had real and personal experiences with God' who have walked with Him and talked with Him and won souls for the Lamb of God through the medium of lay-activity and personal evangelism.

We don't thereby undervalue what God might have done and still is doing through the organized churches and church bodies, but that does not come in under our subject. The church work done by the various denominations and their leading ministers, etc., have been described in innumerable books. We have very few real books on the spiritual life, struggles and soul-saving work that had their origin in the prayer meeting, in the personal work, and in the free and independent lay-activity. May we draw life, power and inspiration from the long row of unselfish witnesses in the laymen's work. Some of them are well-known, many less known, many not known at all, but their names are in the Book of Life. God, add Your blessings that the power and heat of heaven may be upon us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Taken from "The Hauge Movement in America"  
*Editor's Note:* Emphasis mine.

**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.** John 14:6.

The politics professor stated at the beginning of his course, "There is no such thing as an absolute truth." One of his students replied, "Does that include that statement?" Dear friend, in a world filled with philosophies each claiming to be the truth, Jesus proclaimed He was the only way, the only truth and the only life. Do you want peace with God? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. - Bob Cretney

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, that's what Jesus said.*

Without the Way there is no going;  
Without the Truth there is no knowing;  
Without the Life there is no growing.

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; that's what Jesus said. - N. Woychuk

Taken from 'Choice Gleanings'

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**Bearing the cross for Himself – John 19:17**  
**And he that doth not take his cross and follow after Me, is not worthy of Me.** – Matt. 10:38

THE cross that Jesus bore was ours; but He took it and made it His own.

No one else could have carried that burden, and in truth it was heavy enough for Him, too. He could still the tempest, heal the sick, and raise the dead from their graves, but when He bore His cross, He sank to the ground. In sorrow and anguish of soul He cried out, "My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken Me?" This burden was verily more than a piece of wood; it was everything that made trouble between God and us. All this He bore in spirit and soul, and on His body; and then He died on a tree!

It is this cross of Jesus that has made a cross for all who will follow Him. To depart from all the sin that He bore for us, and to follow Him from day to day in things great and small, that is our cross. The cross is not sickness, poverty, and the hard life that sin lays on all men. Only those who follow Jesus walk the way of the cross.

When you deny yourself and give Christ your allegiance, when you leave the world and go to your Bible, into your prayer chamber, and when you go out among people, and walk as a child of light with a humble mind, in honor and dishonor, in evil report and good report, then you are following Jesus, and then you are bearing the cross after Him.

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave, and follow Thee;  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Though, from hence, my all shalt be.

Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought, and hoped, and known,  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.

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## UpDate

*"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing," 1 Timothy 6:10, 13-14.*

### Don't Know?

As privileged and responsible as being the 'editor' of the *Morning Glory*, I don't know for absolutely certainty what to say or not say in this 'specific' 'UpDate'.

I know **Scripture** is very clear that when it comes to 'giving' in the Lord's Work, it is too given from a joyful and cheerful heart as we give unto the LORD. I also know from a human point of view, that **unless** 'giving' unto this portion of our Lord's Kingdom Work; is definitely increased; not too far in the fairly near future some area will have to be minimized. I also know that the Board Members of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation seek to be conscientious and good stewards of what the Lord entrusts into 'our' midst. So what is my "**Don't Know?**" about? I believe 'we' should give not so much out of 'need', BUT want too, voluntarily/cheerfully because I/we **love HIM** and thus HIS KINGDOM'S WORK! YES I am very much aware of that there are a 'few' evangelical Lutheran Ministries that are worthy of support; SO I am requested once again that you give unto this 'ministry' ONLY AS THE LORD **LEADS!** Thanks for your response and may the LORD richly Bless YOU!

I know the LORD has not promised to give 'us' all our wants – but NEED. YES, the 'means' are available; but it is YET in your pocket and being it is the Lord's Work we are talking about; there is a comfort zone AS we seek to 'occupy' with and for HIM; until the door is closed. **May our Precious SAVIOR be permitted to lead, guide and direct,** (you & me/us) **AS HE knows BEST.**

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Hymns  
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3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Pastor Harland Helland  
4:30 p.m. Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation  
Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service: Pastor Lindell Quam

**Sunday Morning - Worship Service:** Pastor  
Lindell Quam

Conveniently accessible, also convenient lodging and  
meals.

If you want to volunteer, please bring along refresh-  
ments to share

**PRAY, Welcome, PRAY, Invite,**  
**PRAY, Come, PRAY**

Come expecting! and  
**HEAVEN IS FOR REAL!**

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**Traveling Together in the Journey of Life!**

Personally I believe for a Christian when it comes  
to making the decision (prayer) of ‘marriage’ that actu-  
ally it begins in Heaven!

I have been very blest in the choice of a life-mate; a  
conscientious believing partner now nearing the ‘mile-  
stone’ of *fifty years*. Yes, Lord willing Barb and I will  
be commemorating ‘our **golden wedding anniversary**’  
*June 10th, 2011*.

Very early on in ‘our’ journey together we claimed  
1 Samuel 12:24; which reads: “Only fear the LORD,  
and serve Him in truth with all your heart: for consider  
what great things He has done for you”; along with nu-  
merous other nuggets from God’s Infallible Word, **the  
Bible**. Oh we have failed/sinned against our wonderful  
Savior many times; but God is trustworthy and faithful  
as HE never fails! Actually, I believe **forgiveness** is the  
GLUE that holds ‘believers’ together! **THE LORD IS  
SO GOOD** through ‘our’ ups and downs/struggles.  
Taste And See!

Editor & Wife (Rod and Barb Stueland). **Ecc. 4:12.**