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

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Two Words Not Found in the Bible

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The reader may well ask: Which two words? The answer is “theologian” and “theology.” These two words are not listed in Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible.

Someone may ask: What is a theologian? The answer from Webster’s Dictionary is “a specialist in theology.” In clearer words, a theologian is a person, a descendant of Adam.

The next person may ask: What is theology? Let us turn again to Webster’s Dictionary for this answer also. Webster defines theology in part as “the study of God and His relation to the world.” Webster speaks of theology as a theory, a system, or an opinion. So we have the theologian that reads the Bible and comes up with a system, an opinion, or a theory as to what God is saying in and through the Bible. But from where does the theologian’s theology (writings) come from? The true theologian reads the Bible and discovers truth through checking the meaning of words found in the original language, Hebrew or Greek. Only then does the theologian have truth.

Then, there are theologians that read the Bible and determine what God means. These theologians then come up with a theory, a system, or an opinion as to what the Bible teaches. When a theologian determines what the Bible teaches, his determination flows from an Adamic nature. That is from a corrupt heart. It is written in Matthew 15:19 *“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.”*

Someone may ask: Why don’t all theologians discover truth rather than determine truth? The answer is that it requires hard work to discover truth. It is much easier to determine what one thinks the Bible teaches. Every pastor must be committed to discover truth when preparing his message from week to week.

There are some folks who quote a certain theologian as if their writings on theology are absolute truth. “Theologian” and “theology” are two words not found in God’s Word. Do not base the eternal well-being of your soul on some theology which may not be truth at all. Most assuredly, somebody had to say this.

I close this piece with 11 Timothy 2:15 **“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.”**

Notice this verse does not say, *“dividing error from truth”* but rather, *“rightly dividing the Word of Truth.”*

Editor’s Note: I have been privileged to have known this godly Pastor for many years and he most certainly believes any person needs the enlightenment of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity – the Holy Spirit – to truly teach us to correctly understand (divide) God’s Eternal Word, the Bible, for HE is the Author of the same! The Holy Spirit is the great Teacher/Instructor for whosoever will submit to Him! Nehemiah 8:8.

And Martin Luther states that unless we are willing to deal with sin, the Bible is a closed Book.

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“They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.”

(Psalm 36:8)

No child of God needs to dwell in spiritual poverty. It is his own fault if he does. We limit God’s gifts by our unbelief. (Ed. Especially in countries where there is FREEDOM to share God’s Law & Gospel freely).

God’s storehouses are full. He always has enough for His children, at all times, and under all conditions.

“They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house.” Admission is free. We may take as much of God’s supplies as we please. God desires that His children shall live in spiritual abundance.

With abundance comes happiness (be blest). *“Thou shall make them drink of the river of thy pleasure.”* God want His children to be happy (blest). The river of happiness is open for all. Strength will come through happiness. Rejoicing in the Lord shall be your strength. (Ed. AMEN).

Streams of Gladness,
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Baptism without personal faith in Jesus is of no avail to save you. “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.”
(Mk. 16:16)

“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he die, yet shall ye live.”

John 11:25

AT long last Jesus arrives at Bethany; but in human opinion altogether too late. Now He stands by a grave where death has extinguished the last hope, and He stands there and weeps together with the others. But the tears that flow from His eyes are not hopeless ones. Just as surely as He stands there as a true man and weeps over the great power of death, so surely is He the Captain of life; and so He calls a living man out of the grave where a human body was just beginning to mix with the earth.

“*Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died,*” said Martha to Jesus. Many people say the same thing today. But now as then Jesus answers, “*If thou believest, thou shall see the glory of God.*” Just after He had said this, Lazarus stood in the family group very much alive. After all, then, did not Jesus arrive in time? He who just has faith enough to wait for Him, will find that everything is right at the last. He who places his confidence in the Lord will never be put to shame.

“*I am the resurrection, and the life. Whosoever liveth and believeth on Me shall never die.*” I confess that these words of Jesus are the most delightful music that reaches my ears. And when I can also answer Yes to His question “*Believest thou this?*” ***I smile at the grave that may*** be mine, and that contains so many of my dear ones. Christian, lay hold on the Word of Jesus about Eternal Life!

***Jesus lives! Let all rejoice!
Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth!
Praise Him in a nobler song,
Cherubim of heavenly birth!
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway
Sin, and death, and hell obey.***

“And if Christ hath not been raise, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.” (1 Corinthians 15:17)

THE fight that Jesus stepped into is not only a meeting with Satan and sin, but also a battle between life and death. No one can vanquish death who has not first conquered sin.

There is therefore an organic connection between the value of the death of Christ and His bodily resurrection. If the death of Jesus is only a revelation of God’s love, then His grave is not empty. But if He took sin away by His sacrifice, if He blotted out the bond written in ordinances that was against us, if God made peace by the blood of His rose, and if He entered in once for all into

the holy place and obtained eternal redemption, then Jesus is risen from the grave.

This is in complete harmony with the Word of God. “**If Christ hath not been raised, ye are yet in your sins,**” we read. “*Then they also that are fallen asleep in Christ have perished.*”

One cannot separate the atoning death of Jesus from His bodily resurrection. The rationalist has no Atoner and therefore no empty grave but the Bible and the Christian faith have both. The rationalist sees an original cell that came into being somewhere, and then through millions of years gradually has been changed and developed to higher and still higher forms of life. The Christian see a new creature, he sees a new race step forth in Christ who took sin away, and thereby obtained power over death. Apart from Him everything moves toward a grace; in Him are resurrection and life. He who finds Him has found the way out from sin and death. Eternal life is in the risen Christ.

***Jesus lives! I know full well,
Naught from me His love shall sever;
Life, nor death nor powers of hell,
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure defense:
This shall be my confidence.***

Thy Kingdom Come, by Ludvig Hope, Augsburg Publishing House, © 1938, Permission Granted

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What “Lovingkindness” Means

A mother asked her six-year-old what *loving-kindness* means.

“Well,” he said, “when I ask you for a piece of bread and butter and you give it to me, that’s kindness. But when you put jam on it, that’s **lovingkindness.**”

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Testimony of Abe Lincoln

I was one day walking along a street in Springfield holding the hands of my two boys who were crying lustily. “***What’s the matter with the boys, Abe?***” asked a neighbor.

I replied, “**The matter with them is the matter with the world: one has a nut, and the other one wants it.**”

A UNITED FRONT!

(Editor – Marriage)

By Michael Youssef, Ph.D.

GOD is the one who conducted the very first wedding. It took place in the Garden of Eden, and the marriage was perfect – until Satan got in the middle of it.

Satan knew that his best chance of getting Adam and Eve to sin was to divide and conquer. He knew the only way to destroy what God had so carefully crafted was to separate them. Therefore, he did not come to them while they were having dinner together and say, “Excuse me, can I talk to you both about something?”

There has never been a more perfect marriage than the one between Adam and Eve. They were without sin, in a perfect love relationship with one another and with God, and yet Satan *still* led them into temptation, conflict, and pain. How much more should we – sinners living in a fallen world – watch out for Satan and his attempts to turn us against our spouses? Today, resolve to not let Satan divide your marriage...

Crafted: Marriage God’s Way

Everyday, the world spurns marriage. Our culture declares marriage is not necessary. It rants that marriage can be between two men or two women. People even question why marriage should be restricted to just two people. Obviously, there are many in our society who believe marriage can be whatever they think it ought to be at any given moment. But every one of these false ideas about marriage stems from a single lie.

People who want to redefine marriage do so on the premise that marriage is a human idea. But it’s not. Marriage is God’s idea. In the beginning, God created the first man, Adam, placed him in paradise, and said, “It is not good for the man to be alone” (Genesis 2:18). Think about that – Adam was sinless. He enjoyed an intimate relationship with his Creator. Yet God still declared that it was not good for Adam to be a bachelor. And so, He created Eve and instituted marriage.

Of course, a short time later, sin entered the world – and Adam and Eve found that they were each married to a sinner. Today, when the honeymoon ends, husbands and wives often discover something similar. That is why we each need God’s grace and guidance as we seek to cultivate our marriage in righteousness...

The Second Key to a Fulfilling Marriage: FORGIVENESS

Have you ever tried to count stars? Try it one night, and you’ll see it’s impossible. You could sit there night

after night and still never finish. When God called Abraham to count the stars, He was not asking His friend to attempt a proper calculation (see Genesis 15:5). He wanted Abraham to see just how vast His promise was.

Read Matthew 18:21-22. Similarly, when Jesus told Peter that he should forgive “seventy-seven times,” His intention was not that we should keep track of how many times someone sins against us. Rather, just as Abraham would have lost count staring up into the Middle Eastern sky, Jesus is saying we should keep forgiving until we lose count, too. And nowhere is this more important than in marriage.

Many secular people today talk about forgiveness, but I don’t believe you can really understand true forgiveness until you’ve experienced the forgiveness of God. Only when we recognize the utter depravity of our sin and our need for the Savior can we know His deep, cleansing forgiveness and then offer sincere life-giving forgiveness to others. Only those who know they have been forgiven much can forgive others much. But how can we, as Christians, intentionally develop this type of radical forgiveness in marriage? ...

Finally, we must hold fast to our true identity.

Though our old nature clamors for revenge when someone sins against us, we are called to practice forgiveness and let our righteous, perfect God exercise justice. Why? Because we, too, are sinners. We have offended a Holy God, we have wounded the heart of Jesus. And yet, every time we come to Him in confession and repentance, He extends forgiveness to us. This same power to forgive is available to all God’s children through the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Thus, husbands are able to freely forgive their wives, and wives, their husbands, as they remember their true identity.

It is not easy to forgive with this kind of freedom. But if we can remember that forgiveness is an act and a process, we will never become burdened by feelings of bitterness.

Excerpts from *Crafted: Marriage God’s Way, My Journal*, copyright – January, 2018.

Editor’s Note: GOD HATES DIVORCE, but because of hardness of humans’ (sinners’) hearts, it was permitted! (See Deut. 24:1-4) “For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce” Malachi 2:16a.

Editorial

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What's Lacking? – The Sin of Omission!

*“Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”
(James 4:17)*

*The Naming of SIN as GOD defines it is sadly **LACKING IN TODAY'S PULPIT!***

Martin Luther objected that the Book of James should be included in the Biblical Canon because he felt it taught that good-works were part of EARNING personal **SALVATION!** But later, he realized that the book of James was as much of God's Inspired Book of Eternal wealth as the rest of the BIBLE! (The problem is that of getting the cart before the horse in their teaching and practice, and so for many folk today). AS there is a **DISTINCT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ANY AND ALL RELIGIONS AND TRUE CHRISTIANITY.** Where in Religion there is a certain amount of “DO” (you have to) and held together by fear; while “Christianity” is done and held together by Love and motivated by LOVE!

Martin Luther shares unless we are willing to deal with SIN (yours' and mine), the BIBLE is a closed Book! How true! As we don't even deserve to have access to or possess a BIBLE as in reality it is God's Amazing GRACE that HE gave us the plan of SALVATION through the same. What Grace & Agape LOVE.

I will challenge you to check it out and also guess that the following “sins” of omission & rationalizing are not only missing in the secular world, but among eighty to ninety percent missing even in the basic biblical congregation in regards to being preached or taught from the Pulpit! I will at this time name several sins of omission as following:

Very first thought: SIN is always enticing/attractive – likely reasonable to both saved and unsaved sinners! The Basic author is the Deceiver, the father of LIES!

1. Christian Fellowship: Hebrews 10:24-25. ONE of the very crucial, vital NEEDS in the USA and Canada today is to pray for a true hunger for the pure Word of God and Christian Fellowship and to put it into experience and practice! Included in this hunger is a real need for Evangelistic Meetings in your midst! God calls some to be Evangelists, but IF not used; why does God still call them? Notice how the early Christian Church operated in the book of ACTS, not a book of resolutions, but ACTS, and God blest them and gave the increase!

2. Disobedient blood-bought vessels in obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit as trumpet-bearers OR calling sin by name and sharing the same out of LOVE with others – both saved and unsaved individuals! A great part-of professing Christians will say: Just let the Holy Spirit/Word of God convict individuals of sin in their lives and I want to preach on what I want too! YES, in a great measure that is true, as HE is faithful: and it is the work of Holy Spirit to convict, convince, correct, enlighten and remind us that there comes a Judgment Day for both the saved sinner and the unsaved sinner! Keep in mind though there are two different Judgments: The Great White Throne Judgment Seat where the unsaved will appear individually before God and the Judgment Seat of Christ where each true believer will show up, individually; but the Holy Spirit wants also to work in and through His vessels in doing the same; which is a VERY BIBLICAL FACT.

3. Lack of modesty both among the saved and unsaved individuals. This definitely includes not only females, but males as well.

I believe very firmly that IF godly females knew what goes through the average males heart/mind in the exposure of lack of modesty (scantily, tightly dressed); many thus should re-examine their attire! These are sins that cause others to sin in mind, thought and deed. Thus, IF not corrected, are a stumbling-block trap/snare and offense. Matthew 5:28 Avoid all appearance of evil – 1 Thess. 5:22. (As stated, this includes males also, even among professing Christians, who need to pull up their pants).

4. Also this point you may question: but proper dress/apparel as you go to the house-of-God to WORSHIP! But no means am I suggesting you are to rent a tuxedo to worship publically in an assembly or need to purchase a formal dress. YES, most importantly is that both saved and unsaved SINNERS come under the hearing of God's LAW and GOSPEL: for faith cometh by hearing (reading) the Eternal Word of God – the BIBLE and it is the POWER for SALVATION & NOURISHMENT as God's Word will not return unto HIM void. BUT keep in mind we

are to worship the Sovereign Almighty **GOD** in spirit and truth, **who is Lord of lords and King of kings**; thus first of all, in "Spirit and Truth". In a sense YOU are upon holy ground. AWESOME, what a privilege and responsibility! *Amazing Grace*. AS your reverence for GOD rises and falls, so will your worship of the same like a shadow.

AGAIN I am not suggesting you have to purchase a new ward-robe; but dress according to your means and what's in your clothing closet.

EVEN Joseph of old; when he was released from prison wanted to be clean-shaven and clean clothing before he was to appear before an earthly king. Also basically the same: the individual who was demon possessed and lived in a cemetery (among tombstones); when marvelously delivered by JESUS, was properly in his right-mind dressed, *but ALSO properly dressed!*

By the way: how many of you spiritually are wearing the garment of Salvation; wrought through the finished work (blood-atonement) of Jesus, personally? Have you exchanged garments with JESUS?

5. WHEN making light of SIN in your own life OR of the world around us; but which a person is gradually hardening their heart.

6. Males with long hair is to their same, according to the Word of God (I Cor. 11:14, while it is the beauty of a female! (I Corinthians 11:15). How many times does GOD need to say something before we sinners understand and obey?

7. Lack of Scripture at Worship Services, etc. At large, even at conservative churches, it is not now needful to bring your Bible with you to church; because it will be projected or written in the Sunday bulletin. Tragically, even now behind some sacred-desks (pulpit), the Bible is not opened OR read from. (As an example – physically: Pastor Billy Graham or Pastor Stanley as possible mentor in this regard).

Personally, I agree with a Pastor who stated "I like to hear the rustle of pages turning." Evidently the Bereans of old believed in that as they searched the Scriptures daily.

I know of a pastor who intentionally would leave his Bible in the car/vehicle when on home visitation calls to use the Bible of the visited home as that would tell a lot about their Christianity.

WHERE the **LAW** of **GOD** is not preached and testified of in concern and love; SIN will definitely move in! Now I know some will say that the Law is Old Testament, and we live in the era of the New Covenant, which is very true – but when GOD says the Old Testa-

ment is absolute and is not complementary to the New Testament – in harmony? NO, we don't live under the Law, but in compliance in obedience to the Law. IF a person, even as a born-again child of God, lives under God's Law; this person will lose their assurance of Salvation. BUT notice what God says in Psalm 19 and in Galatians 3:24 "**Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith!**" We as believers not only have experienced the purpose of GOD'S LAW, but need to "continue" to be brought **to Christ (need) daily**.

ALSO, the Cross and blood-atonement is not as frequently mentioned, even in printed form, yet a scarlet thread runs throughout God's Eternal Word, from Genesis through Revelation.

The Bible states that a time is coming when there will be a famine for the WORD, as folk will search for the Word and not find it! **Without the shed BLOOD ATONEMENT there is NO remission of SIN.** Physically, the life is in the blood, and in true Christianity even so much more!

VERY SERIOUSLY, there is not only the temptation or danger of adding to Scripture, or subtracting from it in order to get a larger following, or of not wanting to disturb/upset folks; BUT THE **SIN OF OMISSION, omitting or in other words leaving out what GOD clearly states for our benefit! GRACE/LOVE.** *If God should give you and I the same measure of LOVE we have for HIM (OBEDIENCE): HOW WOULD you FAIR?*

8. The list goes on ... BUT the only real answer for our congregations, community, locality, nation, world is the following God's recipe.

Years ago I was privileged to be the hired-man of a conscious, industrious Christian (& his Spouse) and he said later in life that the Pastors ought to preach ninety-five percent Law and five percent Gospel. Now I don't agree with that equation, but GOD'S Law definitely NEEDS to be shared more through cleansed vessels daily as they who are whole need not a Physician, and JESUS came to seek and save the lost sinners! Question: Could it be that because the LAW is not preached/shared and that SIN is not identified by name as God saw/sees in Agape LOVE, that we in the USA and Canada have become Gospel hardened and feel pretty much free to live as we please. Maybe GOD is gradually removing the Candlestick from our midst???

God's "freedom" provided for us in John 8:31-36 is freedom from the condemnation/penalty of our sin; but not freedom to destroy or as a stumbling-block/bait to others; but freedom to ABIDE in

His TRUTH/WORD. *1 John 1:7-10, 2:1*. How important are the two words “IF & walk”?

How many times does God in His marvelous Grace and Love need to state (say) something; for HE says what HE means and means what He says AND does not change HIS Mind!

Notice FOUR conditions & THREE Promises!

“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.” II Chronicles 7:14.

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE BODY OF CHRIST

One of God’s greatest gifts of grace is the Church, the Body of Christ. We are not saved in isolation, nor are we required to “go it alone.” The Lord places us within the life – nurturing fellowship of His people so that we might have the hands, hearts and gifts of fellow believers for strength and support.

Those who have gone through a time of personal hardship and have felt the love and support from fellow believers know the joy of belonging to the family of God. Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, former president of the seminary that I attended, once told us that the greatest compliment he had ever heard about any congregation came from an old woman who said: “When you come into this church, you never have to bear another burden alone.” That is surely what God intended for His Church in every place and time.

Paul wrote to the Church in Rome: ***“Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”*** Romans 15:5-6. We need one another for personal strength and effectiveness in the Kingdom’s work.

When the fellowship of the Church is unified through the agape love of God, there is power, warmth and joy in the Body of Christ that cannot be found anywhere in the world. Satan, knowing that, tries to destroy unity among Christians. Focusing on our weaknesses, he is amazingly successful in causing Christians to turn on one another. It is a sad commentary when Bible-believing congregations are unable to maintain unity in the fellowship. Satan wants to destroy congregations that proclaim salvation and uphold the Truth of God’s Word. He uses unkind remarks, misunderstandings and differences of opinion to fracture the fellowship, but we must never give in to his wiles.

The Church is composed of redeemed sinners who are still in the process of growing in Grace. We often fail God and one another. But when those failings are placed under the Blood of Jesus, the Enemy has no means to turn

them against us.

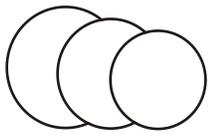
Endeavor to be a source of encouragement to your pastor (Ed. Provided that he know JESUS as his personal Savior and is walking in fellowship with HIM each day) and to fellow believers in your congregation. Write a note to someone who is going through a trial. Assist someone who needs a helping hand. Let forgiveness flow whenever you are wronged in any way. Be God’s instrument of comfort to those around you. And when your heart is heavy, remember to draw strength from the family of God.

Excerpt taken from the article *“Encouragement for Bible-Believing Christians*, by Pastor David Barnhart, The Vine and the Branches.

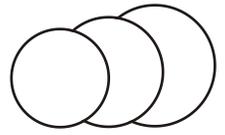
Editor’s Note: Encouragement is one of the very vital principles that the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation was organized in 1920 to accomplish – and it still is! WE want to, and are by the GRACE of God, helping to nourish the Lambs and Sheep in God’s sheepfold, and also seeking to be a means of Evangelism!

*Jesus said “I am the Way,
the Truth, and the Life.*

*No one comes to the
Father but through Me.”
(John 14:6) To state that
all religions lead to God is
to call Jesus a liar.*



From Our Fellowship Circle



M. B. **Eden Prairie, MN**
Please accept my check for \$... for the *Morning Glory*. I am praying for you and for the publishing of the *Morning Glory*. God Bless!

Editor: Thank you! As we are standing in need of specific prayer support and finances!

M. J. **Hixton, WI**
Thanks as always for your excellent publication! I pray you will be able to continue till our Lord's return!

God bless you all.

A. J. B. **Huron, SD**
My, what a wonderful magazine that *Morning Glory* is! It sure makes us examine ourselves in the light of Scripture.

Please find a donation for the ministry of the same.

K. H. **Hutchinson, MN**
Thank you for blessing me each month (now it is only nine times a year), with the *Morning Glory*. I seek the Truth each day and I find it also in the periodical called *Morning Glory*.

It's because of my Dad and Mom that I discovered and learned about it. Dad would always tell me to read it, but I never would take a copy and read it. Then after my Dad died in 2008, and I had to move Mom into town, I had to go through their things in their previous earthly home and I came upon some of the copies of the *Morning Glory*. I couldn't throw them away! I took them home and read them; then I ordered my own since.

It makes my heart sad when I think of how I rejected what my Dad was trying to do to help me. But I also thank the Holy Spirit for leading me to the truth in the *Morning Glory*.

I thank my Jesus for having wonderful parents that cared so much to help me; to seek the TRUTH in what I read and what's important in our lives.

Editor: Thank and Praise God for what HE has done and is doing in this individual's life and for many others as we continue to sow/spread His Incorruptible SEED and continue to seek to be found 'faithful' unto HIM!

THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROFITABLE

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable...." II Timothy 3:16.

A minister was about to leave home on a long journey. As he packed his suitcase he found that he had a little space left in it. He said to a friend, "there is still some room left in my case. I am going to pack a guidebook, a hammer, a lamp, a mirror, a sword, a telescope, a book of poems, a hymn book, a bundle of letters, some biographies and a small library of books."

The friend looked at the case in bewilderment and asked the minister, "How do you expect to find room for all of those in that small space?" "Oh, it is easy," said the minister, "My Bible contains all of these — in it I have all I need."

Today we need fresh appreciation of the Word of God and a greater appetite for the Scriptures. How would your Christian life be without the Word of God? Would it make any difference? Without the Bible we would have little knowledge of God, no assurance of eternity, no standards of morality, no victory over sin, no direction for our lives and no hope of Heaven.

Our friend Alberto has been a patient in a leprosy hospital in Brazil for forty years. He is blind, he has lost his hands and feet and he is badly deformed as a consequence of his disease. However, Alberto loves the Lord and he loves God's Word. The last time we visited with him he sang to us and he offered to quote Psalm 119, - all of it from memory! The Scriptures are everything to him.

***In corrupt times God's Word will keep me clean** – Psalm 119:9 & 11.*

***In confused times God's Word will keep me balanced** – Psalm 119:18.*

***In a selfish world God's Word will bring consecration** – Psalm 119:38.*

***In a hurting world God's Word will make me concerned** – Psalm 119:92-93.*

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Believable. . .Yet Unbelievable

New AI Church to Start

Anthony Levandowski is the founder of a new church that will be called The Way of the Future and will worship Artificial Intelligence (AI). Levandowski, who was formerly with Google and Uber, says the church will have its own gospel called “The Manual,” public worship ceremonies, and probably a physical place of worship. The advanced artificial intelligence will be smarter than humans (the concept is known as singularity), and it will effectively become a god. He aims to “develop and promote the realization of a Godhead based on Artificial Intelligence and through understanding and worship of the Godhead contribute to the betterment of society.”

Source: businessinsider.com –
The Vine and the Branches.

France

The pastor of Paris Elim Church in France reports that the government is trying to get them to leave their current place of worship. A contingent from their church will soon be going to court in hopes to keep their building. This French pastor says that similar things are happening to other Protestant churches all across Paris and in places all across France. Local authorities desiring churches to be closed are increasingly anti-Christian in their policies. The rise of Islam in France has also made things difficult for churches because Muslims in France are growing more aggressive, anti-Christian, and anti-church in nature.

Cbn.com/assist news service

Mexican Support For Israel

Mexico recently announced that it will now refrain from voting in favor of the Palestinians and plan to vote in favor of Israel’s interests at the UN and other international bodies. Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited Mexico last September to meet with President Enrique Pena Nieto, the President of Mexico, to sign agreements that would encourage cooperation between the two countries. Mexico’s positive posture toward Israel comes from a wave of gratitude toward Israel. Mexico received humanitarian aid from Israel following an earthquake that killed over 300 people and left many other Mexican citizens displaced. To Mexican Ambassador to Israel, Pablo Macedo Riba call Netanyahu’s dele-

gation to Mexico “amazing” and said, “We appreciate it very much.” The ambassador said of Israel, “With the good in your hearts, you conquered the heart of the Mexican people.”

Unitedwithisrael.org

Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer: “Kansas Is a Pro-Life State Because All People Have Value”

The new governor of Kansas said he plans to make protections for unborn babies a priority under his leadership.

A pro-life Republican, Governor Jeff Colyer outlined his goals.....during his first major policy speech. He replaces Sam Brownback, who recently resigned to become the U. S. ambassador at large for international religious freedom.

In a speech to a joint session of the Kansas House and Senate, Colyer described Kansas as “a pro-life state,” according to the AP.

“Kansas was founded on the ideal that all people have value,” said Colyer, a surgeon by profession. “Everyone has a God-given right to life and liberty”

lifefews.com

Planned Parenthood Now offers “Sex-Change” Services

Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider, has expanded its services to offering “transgender” hormone therapy.

Planned Parenthood’s 2016-17 annual report states: “We’re expanding access to care – from pioneering research on self-injectable birth control to offering new services for our transgender patients. Planned Parenthood has focused on expanding services to people who are too often overlooked by the larger medical community – including trans-patients. Seventeen states now have Planned Parenthood health centers that provide hormone therapy.”

While masquerading as a “healthcare” provider for women, Planned Parenthood works more to exploit women, provide abortions, and now promote gender confusion.

LIBERTY COUNSEL

Satanist Sues to Stop Pro-Life Law Telling Women Abortion Kills a “Living Human Being”

Satanists aggressively are fighting to overturn a Missouri law that informs women that an abortion kills a “separate, unique, living human being.”

On (March 4), the Satanic Temple announced its third lawsuit to challenge state abortion regulations, the AP reports.

Though its previous two lawsuits largely have been unsuccessful, the pro-abortion religious group has not given up. It currently is appealing a similar lawsuit to the Missouri Supreme Court.

Lifenews.com

Homeschool Battleground

One significant area that our freedoms are continually challenged in is the area of parental rights. It seems the encroachment against our freedom to raise our children without government oversight never seems to end. On February 16, AB 2756 was introduced to the California General Assembly. It is a bill written in an over-reaction to the horrific case of child abuse reported in the news recently, where a home-school family in Perris, CA, imprisoned and abused their children. Rather than homeschool families being “innocent until proven guilty,” lawmakers often consider parents, especially homeschooling parents, guilty from the start. AB 2756 would require all private homeschool families in CA to submit to “fire code inspections” – a law that is more about giving government authorities raw power to enter private homes to “look around than it is about fire codes. On February 14, however, when the Hawaii Senate Committees on Education and Human Services convened to vote on S. B. 2323, a bill requiring all home school parents to submit to criminal back ground checks before being approved to educate their children at home in the state of Hawaii (again, “guilty” until proven innocent), the power of democracy brought victory. Facing an up-hill battle, scores of homeschool families, homeschool alumni, and even 2nd generation homeschoolers flooded the state capital with 700 pages of testimony. The end result was amazing! The bill was dropped and the homeschool families celebrated a powerful victory!

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BUT ONE LIFE TO LOSE FOR MY COUNTRY!

“I AM NOT INFLUENCED BY THE EXPECTATION OF Promotion or pecuniary reward. I wish to be useful and every kind of service necessary for the Public good, be honorable by being necessary.”

Nathan Hale, 1776.

Editor’s Note: GREAT, and can you imagine what would take place by the Grace of God, if we individually, who know Jesus as our personal Savior, had such dedication/motivation in the Christian realm!

Patrick Henry said: *“There is a just God who presides, over the destiny of nations... who will raise up friends to fight our battle for us. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave... Is life so dear, or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me Liberty or give me death.”*

Editor’s Note: OUR GOD IS THE ONE, ONLY GOD WHO IS ALMIGHTY GOD AND THE SOVEREIGN GOD. We as individuals have the privilege and choice to make our own decisions, as a whole. Even Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden evidently had a free-choice as recorded in God’s Eternal Word, the BIBLE (Genesis 3). Satan, that crafty LIAR, deceived them into sinning.

Eve stopped, listened, looked and took and basically enticed her husband Adam to do the same – TO DISOBEY!

Another example: The Israelites noticed/looked at their heathen neighbor nations and desired to have a king similar like unto their heathen kings, and GOD let them.

The Scripture says, “Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Acts 20:21

If you don’t have both of these in your life, you won’t be saved, but lost.

The Word of God Advises Spiritual Discernment

By Dr. Sheldon Smith

This passage teaches us that spiritual discernment is taught to us by the Holy Spirit of God. How does He do that? He wrote a Manual for us and it's right here in front of you! It is called the BIBLE.

Some read the Bible and then say, "*Paul said,*" and "*Moses said,*" or whoever. Listen, when you pick up the Bible, you are not listening to Paul or Moses; you are getting the very Word of God.

Paul and Moses were secretaries; they were not the authors. They put down what God dictated to them. Second Peter 1:21 says, "*The prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*"

We have the Word of God, the mandates of God, written in the Bible. That's the reason we need to read it, study it, memorize it, hear it preached and then take it to heart. The Holy Spirit of God can teach us the concepts that will enable us to be spiritual.

People ask about whether or not they should smoke or drink beer or go to honky-tonks or play rock music or dress like the world and so on. They are wanting some verse which says specifically, "Thou shalt not smoke filtered cigarettes," or, "Thou shalt not drink light beer," or whatever.

God, being omniscient, wrote for us what we need on those subjects before cigarettes and beer were invented. He gave us the concepts that enable us to view the issues through the lens of the God-given Book. We are then prepared to make a decision by discernment to judge like we ought to judge.

You say, "Wait a minute! You're talking about judging." You're exactly right! The favorite verse of the weak, compromising, carnal crowd is Matthew 7:1: "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

They quote it with a preconceived conception of its truth. Consequently, they misapply it to support their own ideas and agenda.

It amazes me that they don't read the following six verses. The full context makes clear we are not to judge unjustly, but it does not mean we are not ever to act on information and make decisions. How do I know? Because 1 Corinthians 2:15 says, "*He that is spiritual judgeth all things*".

Spiritual discernment helps you judge whether or not a preacher to whom you listen is a real man of God. In fact, Matthew 7:15 and 16 say, "*Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits.*"

Do you not inspect fruit before you buy it? That is judgment. Not all apples are alike, nor are all cantaloupes or watermelons or peaches. And not all prophets are alike. As there are good and bad apples, so are there good and bad prophets. There are good and bad eggs and you cannot make a good omelet with a bad egg.

Matthew 7 tells us a Christian should have a spiritual ability that enables him to make the right judgments. The decisions we make must be taught by the Holy Spirit of God as He has revealed them in the Manual – the Book – the Bible.

How to Discern Spiritual Discernment

"He that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." 1 Corinthians 2:15-16.

Spiritual discernment is discernible as we identify ourselves with the mind of Christ. We learn to think like He thinks, "comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (vs. 13).

Sometimes we say, "Why can't we do things in our church like the churches around town do?"

You cannot compare the spiritual things with a worldly institution or organization but you should compare a spiritual matter with a spiritual standard.

In other words, go to the Bible and base your judgment on what the Bible standard is, not on the standard of what everyone else in town is doing.

We begin to do things not based on the consensus of the local ministerial association or the local ecumenical movement but on the consensus that is built out of the mind of Christ.

In so doing, this spiritual discernment that He gives us allows us to make decisions and judgments that need to be made and we make them properly.

The Bible says, "*I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it*" (1 Cor. 3:2).

We need milk sometimes; but to make a balanced diet, we also need meat – something with vitamins and protein. If we are going to have a good, solid feeding, we're going to have to eat at God's table.

Spiritual discernment recognizes the human and the divine. God is not going to do His work unless we give Him our hands, our bodies, our minds. He has chosen to do His work in any given place, through human instruments. That is why He says one plants, another waters, but He gives the increase.

If I say, "I will let God do whatever He wants to do, but I'm going to do what I want to do," then I have missed it because I have not spiritually discerned and ascertained what it is that God is up to in our town.

Spiritual Discernment or Lack Thereof Has a Payday

Whenever we discern things as we ought to, we understand the payday is out there someday and “*every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour*” (3:8).

Some may read that and think it is a work-your-way-to-Heaven verse. That’s not what the passage says. It says he who is saved will be rewarded and he will be rewarded for his labors.

But if he is not saved, he will not even be at the Judgment Seat of Christ when the rewards are handed out. Instead, he will be at another place called the Great White Throne Judgment where punishments are handed out (Rev. 20).

If we do things God’s way, see things as God sees them, count what God counts and accept the things God has declared, spiritual discernment has a payday.

Excerpt taken from the article *Spiritual Discernment* from The Sword of the Lord.

Prayer — Keeping the Door to Freedom Open

By Jerry Newcombe, D. Min.

Especially in the early centuries of the American experience – long before our present encroaching secularism – many of America’s leaders dealt with challenges to our liberty through calls to prayer.

When facing hurricanes, drought, foreign invasion, civil war, and the threats to our freedom in general, both Congress and our presidents called for days of prayer and fasting. And God graciously answered these prayers.

David Barton has said that between 1633 –and 1812, there were over 1,400 official “government issued” prayer proclamations – calling for fasting, prayer, or thanksgiving to God. Many of these were in New England colonies where the Puritan influence was strong – but not exclusively.

For example, the Continental Congress called on Americans to pray on March 16, 1776 – months before we even declared independence – petitioning God for His help because of the danger of the brewing conflict with Mother England. This wasn’t some sort of “To Whom It May Concern: watered down, mamby-pamby prayer – like what we’re used to in our politically correct age. In that **proclamation**, the founding fathers wrote:

“The Congress... do earnestly recommend, that Friday, the Seventeenth day of May next, be observed by the said colonies aa day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer; that we may, with united hearts, confess and bewail our manifold sins and transgressions, and, by a sincere repen-

tance and amendment of life, appease his righteous displeasure, and, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, obtain his pardon and forgiveness; humbly imploring his assistance to frustrate the cruel purposes of our unnatural enemies; and by inkling their hearts to justice and benevolence, prevent the further effusion for kindred blood.

Those prayers were answered. And freedom was the result. Who could have predicted that 13 colonies with a ragtag army of farmers and mechanics could take on the empire with the most powerful army and navy in the world at that time... and prevail?

After the Constitution was written, Congress asked the new president to declare a day of prayer and thanksgiving to thank God for this opportunity to create our new government. So, on October 3, 1789, George Washington wrote up a **proclamation** of prayer and thanksgiving:

... It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor... And also that we may then unite in the humble offering of our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions...”

His hearers, being biblically literate, knew the “Ruler of Nations” referred to Jesus (cf. Revelation 12:5).

Later, President James Madison issued a prayer **proclamation** as our nation’s chief executive officer “in the present time of public calamity and war.” This was shortly after the British had attacked our nation’s capital, burning down the Capitol building and the White House.

President Lincoln called for **prayer** during the dark days of the Civil War, lamenting that because of our success as a nation, “we have forgotten God.” ...

As President Reagan said at a prayer breakfast in 1984: “We command no worship. We mandate no belief. But we poison our society when we remove its theological underpinnings. We court corruption when we leave it bereft of belief.”

To continue as a free people, America needs to pray now, perhaps more than ever.

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Editor’s Note: I personally am definitely NO History buff; but at times it is good for all of us to reflect upon history (where we came from) and it helps us realize where we are going – both Secularly and in Christianity!

Don't Just Do Something, STAND THERE!

By Pastor David Barnhart

“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground” Ephesians 6:13.

The first reaction to a crisis in most congregations is to form a committee and leap into action. Problems in churches seem to be exceeded only by the number of committees established to solve them. If answers to dilemmas facing the religious community were to be found through the formation of committees, today's churches should be trouble-free. After more than 50 years of being involved in parish ministry, I take comfort in believing that there will be no committee meetings in heaven.

While committees are essential to many tasks, often they are only a means to pool personal opinions and act on misguided recommendations. It is not unusual for congregations to experience a false sense of security after committees are appointed to deal with problematic and complex issues as faith – not in God – but in human ingenuity is applied. However, if church boards or committees are not properly constituted, or if they do not operate by basic biblical principles, it is unlikely that their labor will benefit the Kingdom of God. In fact they are more apt to make matters worse.

In recent times, congregations, pastors and laity have formulated committees and organizations in reaction to groups that want to sanction sin and false teachings in the church. Why have so many of these efforts failed to bring about the desired changes or to turn things around locally or nationally? Though the intentions of these conservative Christians may be honorable, too frequently their structures and strategies lack the applications of biblical principles.

As the intensity of spiritual warfare increases in this sin-loving society, it is vital that the church's energies not be wasted, or that ill-advised decisions not be allowed to compound the problems. To achieve victory in the great issues of life, biblical principles must be applied in the decision-making process by both individuals and congregations.

SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS REQUIRE SPIRITUAL PEOPLE TO SOLVE THEM

Congregations that hope to solve problems in a God-pleasing way need persons who are not only good at problem-solving but, more importantly, persons who are grounded in the Word of God and who operate from true biblical convictions.

Frequently, committees and church boards are formed through attempts to create a balanced panel or by political considerations, without adequate thought being given to their spiritual qualifications. Persons without a spiritual foundation or who are lacking in spiritual maturity are unlikely to discern the will of God. The greater the problems, the more earnestly a congregation should endeavor to appoint to its committees and boards persons who demonstrate a love for the Lord in their daily walk – people of the Word, prayer and conviction.

PRAYER should be the first and the last item on the agenda of a committee or church board that is seeking direction or the solution to a problem. Indeed, the entire congregation should be called to prayer regarding serious issues confronting the fellowship. It is alarming that so little prayer goes into so many tasks and issues in the life of the church.

Committees charged with examining moral or doctrinal issues in the church would do well to devote several meetings exclusively to prayer and a study of God's Word. For some, these exercises are considered a waste of time, so they press the group to get on with the “the issues at hand.” But unless church leaders seek the face of God in their deliberations, they will inevitably arrive at the wrong conclusions. **The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.** Ephesians 6:17.

BASE DECISIONS ON THE WORD OF GOD, NOT ON HUMAN CONSENSUS!

Through the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures, the Lord has given His Church basic principles of faith and life. Christians need to learn these principles and stand on them if they hope to walk in the center of God's will. The Holy Spirit will never lead or inspire us to believe anything that is in contradiction to God's Word.

Those who lack biblical convictions – when they deliberate important social and doctrinal issues – are not likely to come out with the right answers. Christian convictions are not based on human wisdom or on personal opinion, but on the revealed Word of God. It is essential that Christians who are endeavoring to deal with a moral or doctrinal issue search the Scriptures to learn what God has to say on the matter. We would do well to follow the counsel of Paul – “*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*” 2 Timothy 2:15.

A right decision or proper course of action cannot be determined simply by the consensus or a committee, or even by the majority vote of a congregation or denomination. Many mainline church bodies arrogantly establish unbiblical positions on moral issues through a majority vote of their conventions as though their plurality of opin-

ion could change what the Sovereign GOD has revealed in HIS WORD.

The fact that a church committee has delved into an issue or has made recommendations should not be acceptable unless the information and recommendations are grounded in the Word of God. Scriptures must always be elevated above the opinions of human reasoning and considered to be the last word on any issue.

WHEN INFORMED OPINIONS CONTRADICT THE WORD OF GOD!

In the typical church committee of five persons, there will be at least six opinions. How do we sort out the opinions and come up with the right answers? In the church, as in society, the majority opinion is often wrong. In the arena of moral and social values, there are always conflict of opinions. Some people are inclined to accept a point of view based solely upon a person's educational credentials or standing in the community.

Committee members (or individual Christians) who are evaluating their denomination's stand on moral or doctrinal issues should never accept the views of "expert," regardless of their educational degrees or training, especially when their views contradict the revealed Word of God. Those who look in the wrong places or consult the wrong people cannot expect to find the right answers.

Furthermore, such committees should seek to determine if persons whose opinions are under consideration believe in the absolute authority and inerrancy of Holy Scripture.

When "authorities" suggest that the Bible does not contain relevant information for our modern problems or that science has given us new data unknown to the biblical writes, their views should be rejected forthrightly.

Lay people should not allow themselves to be intimidated by church officials or by persons with theological training. A lay person – even one who is poorly educated and has the most menial job – who stands in faith upon the revealed Word of God – has supreme credential in the Kingdom of God. (Editor: IF I am not mistaken, I believe Martin Luther stated somewhat the following: "A layman armed with Scripture is mightier than the mightiest Pope without Scripture".)

COMPROMISE IS NOT THE ANSWER

While Christians should be considerate of one another's opinions, there are times when compromise and toleration are out of order, namely when the positions being proposed stand in opposition to the Word of God. Many problems in our churches are due to people's willingness to compromise biblical principles. Richard Wurmbrand tells the story that illustrates the absurdness

of compromising absolutes: Imagine two schools of mathematics, one run by a wise man, the other by a fool. In the first, children are taught that 2 plus 2 equals 4; In the second that 2 plus 2 equals 3. Then along comes a teacher who says that after all, love is the most important thing. Why should there be differences between teachers of mathematics? Let them each agree to make a small concession so that both can teach the same way. Then the children can be taught that 2 plus 2 equals 3.5. Whoever refuses to accept such a loving solution is a fanatic, a bigot, and is no longer worthy to be a teacher of mathematics.

Such is the thinking in today's churches. However, to concede one point of Holy Scripture is an act of disobedience to the Lord. Today, God's people are asked repeatedly to compromise the Word of God, but we must be faithful and never give in to their demands.

COMMITTEES MAY BE APPOINTED ONLY TO SILENCE THE OPPOSITION

Bible-believing Christians should realize that sometimes committees are appointed and studies are undertaken in the church only to silence the opposition. Frequently, liberal church leaders appoint one or two conservatives to study committees, knowing that if they give the appearance of being fair and having heard all sides they can take their congregations or church body in the direction they intended to move it all along. (Editor: ALSO, a person who is rejecting compromise on biblical grounds; will, at times, put some into leadership in the congregation; so it is so important not to leave/or resist and obey God's Eternal Word!)

THERE IS A TIME TO JUST SAY NO!

There comes a time when talking should end and standing upon God's Word should begin. Too many church members today know how to talk about standing for the Lord, but they never seem to get around to doing it. Christians must learn when to quit deliberating and get on with standing – for truth and righteousness.

Through the years, I have observed Christians who wanted to make a stand for God's Word but become sidetracked by one study and diversion after another. If a congregation or denomination presses on with its plans to sanction sin, either by statement or practice, Christians need to act upon their God-given convictions and separate themselves from the apostasy.

Elijah cried out to the compromising people of Israel: "**How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him**" (1 Kings 18:21). Joshua also set the challenge for Israel and all of God's people when he said, "**Choose you this day**

whom ye will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” –

The Vine and Branches, Spring, 2018

Editor's Note: By NO-means am I seeking to distract from this very good biblical article, but in my opinion/con-
victions; eventually compromise will lead to Confu-
sion/Discernment and lack of direction! For one example,
please prayerfully read Mark 11:15-26.

It Is Finished

“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, He said, ‘It is finished’, and He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit. John 19:30.

WHEN Jesus gave up His spirit on Golgotha, that work was finished which He had assumed for our salvation before the world was created. Through the centuries everything has been sustained on His promise and responsibility. Before the death of Christ, too, all those who repented and ***believed, received in Him grace and release*** from their sins. He bears all things by His Word, and His promises are valid for all times and all generations. The God who appeared unto Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, and who commanded the angels to take the filthy garments off from the high priest Joshua, and to clothe him with new apparel, was the same as He who died for our sins according to the Scriptures. The rock that followed Israel in the wilderness was Christ. In the old Covenant the people of God looked forward to Golgotha, and believed on Him who was to come: we of the New Covenant look back, and believe on Him who came.

The question about the difference between the promise and the finished work of salvation, we shall leave unanswered until we see Him as He is. But this is certain, that as sun in the middle of a circle shines on all parts of the circle, so Jesus stands as Savior both in the Old Covenant and in the New. We will grasp Him in faith as our only Redeemer; we hope in Him, and are fully assured that what He has promised, He has performed; and what He now is in heaven, that is enough for our salvation.

***That Lamb is Lord of death and life,
God over all forever;
The Father's Son, whom to that strife
Love doth for us deliver!***

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Update

ONLY APPROPRIATE

It would not be improper, but appropriate at times to at least express our appreciation and gratitude to all who have been investing and are faithful to contribute in the Lord's Ministry in and through the Morning Glory and Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation as a faith ministry. Your encouragement with kind words, specific prayer support and financial gifts have enabled us to continue this ministry that is so needed in today's world. Thank you and the LORD richly bless you and strengthen you to faithfully carry the love of the Lord to this sinful lost and dying world and, in some cases, lack of nourishment for fellow-believers.

By the Grace and empowerment of GOD, this ministry is a timely reminder that the church of our generation needs to be reformed (revived) anew. We desperately need someone(s) like Martin Luther and Hans Neilsen Hauge to lift the banner of the Law and Gospel high, to shake worldly evangelicals out of their spiritual stupor, and to declare war on the old nature, world, the Devil.

We believe that that this ministry is part of 'occupying until...', and a trumpet sound in these days of apostasy; along with nourishing lamb and sheep with His Love.

Thank you, and may our Living Savior richly bless YOU abundantly in return for your faithful support and giving as the Lord lays upon your heart what to give to one of His Ministries. THANK YOU.

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Pastor Don Greven, Host Pastor

June 22 – 24, 2018

(Friday Evening through Sunday Noon)

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Jude 3 – Also Philippians 3:12-21

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9:30 a.m. – Coffee/Refreshments

10:00 a.m. – Pastor/Evangelist Willmore Gundersen

11:00 – Wayne Almlie, Des Moines, IA

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1:15 – Pastor Willmore Gundersen

2:15 – Testimonial/Singspiration

Fellowship and Refreshments following

3:30 – Annual Business Meeting

7:00 p.m.– Pastor Steve Lombardo

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service – Pastor Steve Lombardo

10:50 a.m. – Closing Session – Pastor Steve Lombardo

PLEASE pray specifically for the Bible Conference if you are in attendance or not!

MOST CERTAINLY all are **welcome!**

May GOD be glorified and Souls nourished!

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Thank you for your concern for us and this ministry.