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# **That Comfort Zone**

n 1944, when I was ten years old, I spent eight weeks of the summer working on the farm of my uncle and aunt, David M. and Laura (Wagler) Miller. Each forenoon and afternoon for a few hours, Uncle David had me walk among and keep an eye on his small herd of about a dozen milk cows as they grazed in the ditches beside the rural roads two miles east of Partridge, Kansas. I was comfortable doing that.

One day, Uncle David gave me a new assignment. He asked me to do something for his father-in-law, Peter Wagler. Old Pete kindly asked me to take the horse and buggy to Partridge and bring home a hundred-pound chunk of ice for the family ice box. I nearly panicked. I had finished fourth grade and I could drive a horse all right, but to do something I had never done before – and that I feared doing wrong – pushed me well beyond <u>my comfort zone</u>. But Pete was very reassuring and finally persuaded me to go on that errand. Things worked out well and, to my surprise, nothing bad happened!

Why is being comfortable so ...well – comfortable? While we're asking questions, let's ask a few more:

- Is the work of God done better by people who make comfort priority than by people who follow God beyond their comfort zone?
- Do those who find adventure in their walk with God always avoid paths that others before them have taken?
- Does God have the right to ask us to go with Him where the future looks uncertain?
- I thank God that my great-grandfather, Daniel E.

#### By Paul L. Miller

Mast, addressed his comfort zone. In 1886, he believed God was leading their family to move west. When his young wife died shortly before their planned departure, he faced a very difficult decision. Should he give up what he and his late wife thought God was leading them to do? Should he take the young family and go West even as a widower? The farm was already sold. They'd have to make other arrangements if they didn't go ahead with the move. He must have wrestled mightily with questions! Finally, he went ahead, leaving heir newborn daughter, Sarah, in the care of a friendly neighbor, a childless couple. In spite of other neighbors who helpfully urged him to give up his insane idea, D.E. Mast left the beautiful, productive hills of Ohio and moved to the plains of Kansas.

Here he broke sod with a walking plow and worked hard in many other ways to make a living in this sparsely-populated, wind-swept land that we still call home. Whether or not he enjoyed the adventure, Great-Grandpa Mast somehow overcame his fear of the unknown.

I do not enjoy pushing out of my <u>comfort zone</u>. I must not have inherited Great-Grandpa's courage. It seems that's how it is for many of us. We don't like the discomfort of the unknown. We want things predictable and safe. When the unexpected comes up that disturbs the status quo, we hope someone will quickly set things straight.

Is there something bad about being cautious? I don't think so. But several extremes must be acknowledged and avoided.

#### We must avoid the extreme of independence. The

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work of God depends on direction from the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus gave the Great Commission, He promised His direction and power to those who lean on Him. This promise applies across the years to the end of time and across the miles to the ends of the earth.

We must avoid the extreme of primarily seeking adventure. Man's desire for adventure does not justify every new undertaking. Sheer adventure is not reason enough to do anything, but if God calls us to a task, we honor him when we trust him to supply our needs and to lead us forward in it.

We must avoid the extreme of always avoiding risk. No one knows what all life will bring, but we can come to a place of fully committing everything to God – come what may. When special needs arise, God will be there and He will give us what we need in abundant measure. Our anxious fears, hugged to ourselves, do not foster Godhonoring faith.

We must avoid the extreme of telling God what to do. The faithful Christian follows God's agenda, not his own. Although it is not in our power to earn salvation, we can obediently follow His Word and this we must do.

Proverbs 3:5 and 6 speak meaningfully to this struggle: "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Fortunately, God's willingness to help us doesn't seem to disappear when we wait longer than we should to say "Yes!" to Him.

With confidence in God's boundless wisdom and love, we can venture where we have not

gone before. If He asks us to do something new, He will give us what we need for the assignment.

I've been noticing that, when I'm yoked to Christ, He takes the heavy end of the load.

I wish I could always honestly say with Paul, When I became a man, I put away childish things" (1 Cor. 13:11). I'm working on it. Whenever duty calls me out of my comfort zone, I mean to claim this promise, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). Fortunately, the man who walks with God always gets to his destination!

Taken from 'The Calvary Messenger'/ 'The Sword and Trumpet'.

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### **God's Word Not Bound**

Pastor Alvin Larson

What are some of the facts about God's Word as written in the Bible? Hebrews 12:4 reads, "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

What great power is shown here; God's Word can enter where other forces cannot. Man cannot force man to become converted, man cannot convince man to become converted. All man can do is to tell the good news to theirs to receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour. It is only the Holy Spirit of God working through the Word that can bring salvation, joy, peace to man. Luther writes that "I believe that I cannot of my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ or come to Him but that the Holy Spirit calls me through the Word ...," Yes, when it comes to salvation it is God's work and of His grace, and mercy all the way. I Peter 1:23, Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." If God is only given a chance to work in our hearts through His Word, changes will be made in every individual who will submit to Him. Romans 12:2, And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." This becomes real only as the Holy Spirit speaks to us through the Word of God, the holy Bible, and we are willing to follow and obey.

Can man misuse the Word of God? Yes, I believe they can and are by not rightly dividing the Word of Truth (II Timothy 2:15). There is great danger in using the Word of God so that the hearers will not profit. There is a danger of comforting the people who are living in sin and outside of fellowship with God that all is well. In the Old Testament one of the prophets tells us that those who were meant to be spiritual leaders of their day cried out saying, "*Peace, peace when there was no peace.*" (Jeremiah 6:13,14). There is a danger of <u>false peace!</u>

May God through His Word bring us to a living relationship with Him and then may He sanctify us through His Word into a fruitful service all unto His glory. It is His will that sinners come to repentance, that fellow believers be edified, and that we will remain in a revived state until we see Jesus face to face.

God's Word is not bound and never will be. "Heaven and earth may pass away, but my Word shall stand forever" (1 Peter 1:25).

Friend, if you are not submitting yourself unto God's Word, do so now for your eternal destination depends upon it.

Taken from 'The Christian Fellowship Banner'

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### Martin Luther Speaks to Us

A Christian Lives IN the World But Not WITH IT

We Christians are admittedly not citizens here on earth, where the worldlings dwell and have their home and heaven. But our citizenship, says Paul (Phil 3:20), is with Christ in heaven, that is, in yonder life. For this we are waiting. We are hoping to be released from this world as the Jews hoped to be released from Babylon and to go where we shall be citizens and lords forever. But since we must continue in this misery of our Babylon as long as God wills it, we should do as they were commanded to do. We should live with the people here, eat and drink, keep house, cultivate the soil, rule, be peaceable in our relations with our fellow men, also pray for them until the hour arrives in which we are to depart for our home.

...But since we, as Christians, have the forgiveness of sins and are now the people of God and children of the Kingdom, who no longer belong to this Babylon but to heaven, we should also know that during the time we are still to live here among strangers we should live godly, honorable, and orderly lives. We should aid in maintaining the common civic and domestic peace and by our advice and help serve and benefit even the wicked and ungrateful. Meanwhile, however, we are continually to remember and ponder our inheritance and the Kingdom for which we are destined. Exposition of John 14:16.

Taken from 'Martin Luther Speaks To Us'.

## **Guest Editorial**

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(I indeed count it a privilege in taking the liberty of reprinting an article by Dr. Sheldon Smith (Editor of 'Sword of the Lord') who is an evangelical, conservative Baptist. Even though we do not necessarily <u>agree</u> on all secondary doctrines, the following article is very Biblical and agreeable to my convictions! May God richly bless the 'Truth' thereof - Isaiah 55:11).

#### What About the Unsaved Who Never Hear the Gospel? Are they lost in Hell forever, or does the Lord have a provision just for them?

...It is a troubling question that deserves a forthright scriptural answer. So with diligence, we will set before you a solid presentation of exactly what the Bible says on the matter.

#### Jesus Came to Save Sinners!

Let's be clear on this! The reason Jesus came to Bethlehem, went to Golgotha, resurrected from the dead and ascended back to Heaven was to purchase salvation for us.

#### There Is No Other Way For Unsaved Sinners To Be Saved!

Human reasoning wants to plot, scheme and concoct a framework that will make exceptions and circumvent the divine plan. Such doings are flawed, and they are futile! Here's why.

"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

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

The "but by me" of John 14:6 and the "none other name" of Acts 4:12 are in no way unclear.

Before we go further, it is important that we raise the question here – do you believe the Bible, or don't you? This issue will quickly boil down to whether you say yes or no to this question.

If you say yes, then the argument is over already. On the other hand, if you say no, then you have very conveniently dismissed the divine authority (the Bible) in order to give place to your own imaginations, reasonings and cogitations.

#### Think About What Jesus Said!

"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." John 3:3,7.

In both instances, Jesus declared the necessity of the new birth. Consider further His account of the man who died and went to Hell in Luke 16. "*Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house.* "For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment." Vss. 27,28.

The rich man's five brothers were in jeopardy. They were blundering along, living their lives, on their way to the morgue – and to Hell. The point is that they were unsaved – and untold. The fact that they were untold gave them no reprieve and no exemption – not at all.

Here is some additional light on the status of the untold multitudes.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36. "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse." Rom. 1:20. "For there is no respect of persons with God." 2:11. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." 3:23. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

"Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life." 5:12, 18. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." 6:23. "And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?"

"Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." 1 Cor. 15:30, 34. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to what he hath done,

whether it be good or bad. "Knowing there the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." II Cor. 5:10, 11. "For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. "Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." I Tim. 2:3-6. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Pet. 3:9. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." 1 John 5:12. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:15. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. 21:8.

#### The Magnitude of Our Soul-Winning, Missionary Mandate!

A lot of people, including some Bible-believing Christians, simply do not get the picture. They are playing church and acting as though there is no hurry about our evangelistic agenda.

We file past the casket of a departed loved one, and, in an attempt to be comforting, we say, "He is no longer suffering," or, "He is at rest now." If the person died unsaved, that is an untruth, a lie!

No earthly suffering can compare to the eternal torments of a Hell!

"But what if they had no opportunity to be saved?"

we reason! "They never heard the gospel message," we plead. Listen to me and, please, listen carefully!

What do you think the Gospel is all about? What is the deal with the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19, 20; Acts 1:8). What is the cause we serve? What is the mandate for the New Testament church?

Do we not understand that the witness we bear is so vital as to be the difference between Heaven and Hell for many people?

If we do not get the message to them, they remain lost, unsaved and condemned to an everlasting Hell.

When the road is dark and the bridge is out, does it matter whether or not we stop traffic? It matters so much, that if we do not do it, some people will be dead before morning!

When the food is contaminated with poison and we do not make it known, are we not held accountable for the deaths that result?

When the house is on fire, are we at liberty to ignore it?

#### The Conclusions Are Obvious!

As we take a look at what the Bible says, there can be no doubt as to the status of those who have not the Saviour. We cannot escape the conclusion that those who have not heard cannot escape the judgment of God!

We also must come to grips with the responsibility that has been given to us to get the message to them.

There are untold millions of people in our world who, as yet, remain untold.

Taken from 'Sword of the Lord'.

### PREFACE

*Carl Olof Rosenius* occupies a place in the history of Sweden similar to that occupied by John Wesley in England, John Knox in Scotland, Christian Scriver in Germany, and Hans Nielsen Hauge in Norway. In the day of these holy men of God, rationalism, externalism and worldiness threatened the life of the Church, even as they do this day. As orthodoxy sank into orthodoxism; as the Spirit was quenched by the letter; as the spiritual life of the Church was being choked by forms and ordinances, God raised up living witnesses to translate profession into practice, to call men to repentance, to faith in the atoning blood of the Son of God, and to a new walk of life after the Spirit.

Like the prophets of old, they demanded truth in the inward parts. They fearlessly denounced the sins of their

day and generation. Their testimony has come down through later generations and, please God, it shall ring in the ears of men to the end of time. Their sermons and other writings have been a leaven which today is as effective for the conversion and spiritual stabilization of men as ever it was in the day of their authors' earthly pilgrimage. *"The words that I speak unto you,"* says Christ, *"they are spirit, and they are life"* (John 6:63). Men die and pass away, but the words of Christ live and shall never pass away.

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## The Holy Law Of God

We know that the Law is good, if a man use it lawfully (I Timothy 1:8.)

DOCTOR SWEBELIUS says: "The Law is fairly well known by nature; the Gospel, however, is a mystery concealed from reason." This is true, and strikingly expressed. And yet the greatest misapprehension and misuse of the Law are frequently found within the bounds of Christendom, a misapprehension and a misuse which render the whole Law and the entire Word of God without power and benefit, thereby destroying souls in their helplessness. By the gracious assistance of God, we shall consider the gravest of these misapprehensions and misuses.

We do not speak of the despisers of the Law, whose condemnation is swift and easily understood. For everybody understands well enough that God does not admit into His heaven such as are not only sinful, but also contemners of His holy will. What is the Law but the will of God? He who despises the will of God despises God, and surely no one has ever found a single promise that God would be merciful to those who despise Him. You may be weak and sinful; you may have transgressed the Law of God, yet His mercy is great enough to forgive your sin and guilt for the sake of Christ. But if you despise God and His will, not even trying to love and obey Him, how can you expect that such utter contempt of God and His Word shall be forgiven? How can you believe that you are on the way to heaven? Stop a moment and consider.

We have, then, a matter before us which may not be brushed aside as of no importance. It is a matter which involves the eternal destiny of your soul. We shall soon discover, however, that it is not enough to respect the Law of God and to make some sort of use of it. What is required is, that we use it "lawfully," that is, rightly, or as God wants us to use the Law.

The Apostle Paul writes concerning his brethren in Israel, that "they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge" (Romans 10:2); that they "followed after the Law of righteousness" (Romans 9:31); that "they go about to establish their own righteousness" (Romans 10:3); but that for their sakes he had "great heaviness and continual sorrow" in his heart (Romans 9:2), and that he could wish himself "accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Romans 9:3), if thereby they might be saved. What, then, was the fault with Israel? The fault was, the apostle says, that "when Moses was read, the veil was upon their heart" (2 Corinthians 3:15), so that "they went about to establish their own righteousness" (Romans 10:3). "But Israel, which followed after the Law of righteousness, have not attained to the Law of righteousness" (Romans 9:31). They did not permit the Law to serve them by condemning them, convicting them, driving them to Christ: they made the Law a way of salvation. They failed to understand the purpose of the Law and as a result, made a wrong use of the Law.

The essential purpose of the Law is to arouse and drive sinners to Christ, who is "the end of the Law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Romans 10:4). "For what the Law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh" (Romans 8:3). "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life" (John 5:12). "Wherefore the Law is our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ" (Galatians 3:24). Such is the purpose of God's holy Law. The Law is a Boanerges, a son of thunder (Mark 3:17), who indeed does not baptize with Spirit and with fire, but with "the Baptism of repentance," thus presenting unto the Lord a well-prepared people. The Law is the prison-house wherein "we were kept under the Law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed" (Galatians 3:23-24).

This, then, is the first, greatest and most dangerous misuse of the Law. It renders the entire Law useless. It misses its purpose altogether. When the Law is thus made useless, "when the salt has lost his savor" (Matthew 5:13), wherewith shall souls be aroused and humbled? When the heart has no experience of the power of the Law to its abasement, the Gospel also remains ineffective; Christ, with all His merit, remains ineffective. For "*they that be whole need not a physician, but the sick*" (Matthew 9:12), that is to say, they that have been made sick through the harsh dominion of the Law. But when both Law and Gospel, that is, the whole Word of God, no longer exert any influence upon the human heart, the soul is hopelessly lost; it cannot be saved...

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Talking about someone behind their back won't do them any good.

Praying for someone behind their back will.



# From Our Fellowship Circle

#### EW

#### Welch, MN

Story City, IA Thank you for your timely articles. We need them. God Bless!

#### ES

#### Wanamingo, MN

May you have a Blessed New Year as you continue to send out the news in the *Morning Glory*. It is a wonderful paper to receive each month...

It looks nice and white where there has not been any driving and it is also nice and sunny here this morning.

Editor's Note: Isa. 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

#### A& D H

Twin Valley, MN We really like the Morning Glory. ... We don't want you to stop printing this! Gift enclosed.

In Christ Jesus.

#### DM

#### Fergus Falls, MN

My husband died Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. He always enjoyed your publication. I'm enclosing this memorial in his honor.

#### DL

**Badger**, IA Greetings from the Sunday School...We are sending money to help keep the Morning Glory coming so we can read the good writing you print. In Christ, DL

#### EME

Moorhead. MN

In a world of turmoil God says "Be still and know that I am God." Ps. 46:10

Because of Jesus, ...Gift enclosed.

MB LeRoy, MN We need good reading. Keep up the good work. We enjoy the paper.

R&S W

Bottineau, ND

Dear Friends in Christ.

Thank you, for your service for the Lord. We appreciate your firm stand in your articles.

#### JT

Enclosed is a check of...to help with the printing of the Morning Glory. In the name of Jesus.

#### KT

#### Livingston, NJ

Find enclosed a check for...Please continue to send renewals to...They are well used and a great blessing.

God bless you all.

### SIN

Sin is deceitful. It promises pleasure; it gives pain. It offers life and gives death. It opens out as bright as the morning; it closes as dark as night.

It is a beast of prey. Under a velvet paw, it conceals a claw with which it wounds and lacerates those who would stroke it.

In every sin, there is the seed of another sin. It is self-propagating. It roots itself in the soul of the sinner, until it has used up every bit of good soil in the soul.

It corrupts his nature, perverts his tastes, weakens his will and scars his conscience.

And with each evil deed, inclinations towards evil become stronger and stronger, until he "cannot cease from sin" (II Pet. 2:14) and the sinner is consumed by his own lusts.

Sin, a very promising employer – and a terrible paymaster.

Charles A. Jeffries

#### **Full-Scale Replica of Noah's Ark Coming to Kentucky Theme Park**

Noah may have taken 400 years to build the ark, but investors of a new biblical theme park in northern Kentucky plan to replicate a full-scale model in under 36 months.

The completely wooden ark, which would measure 500-feet (long), 75-feet wide and 45-feet high, is slated to be unveiled in spring 2014 as one of the attractions of the proposed \$150 million Ark Encounter theme park. ...

"We are all very positive initially about this application. We don't really forsee any problems in getting it approved," said (Governor) Bashear at a press conference on (December 1) announcing the venture. ...

"The law doesn't allow us to discriminate the subject matter of theme parks as long as it's legal and in good taste." ...

Mark Looy, spokesman for Answers in Genesis and Creation Museum, told the Christian Post on (December 2) that the ark will be a form of biblical "edutainment" that will help the ministry teach others about the history of the world according to the Bible.

"We are attempting to show our visitors that the accounts in the Bible about Creation, the Flood, the Tower of Babel and Christ coming to earth are historical accounts," said Looy, cofounder of Creation Museum, which depicts a literal six-day creation model of the earth, beginning about 6,000 years ago....

Katherine T. Phan for ChristianPost.com

#### **Ted Turner Proposes One-Child Policy Like China**

Ted Turner, the founder of CNN, called on world leaders ...to address the global warming crisis by drastically reducing the number of people on the planet.

Maintaining that the very future of humanity was at stake, Turner urged immediate action: "If we're going to be here (as a species) 5,000 years from now, we're not going to do it with seven billion people," said Turner, who went on to propose the immediate adoption of a global one-child policy.

Turner makes it clear that he is not proposing that an unplanned pregnancy be viewed as a criminal act, and women who violate his one-child policy should not be forced to have abortions and sterilizations. In fact, he flatly denies that such things happen in China at all, instead claiming that the Beijing regime has enforced the policy "without, as far as I can see, Draconian steps."

According to Steven W. Mosher, president of the Population Research Institute and internationally recognized China expert, this notion is absurd.

"In his panic about global warming, Turner apparently hasn't looked very far," says Mosher, "for Draconian is precisely what China's forced-pace population control is. I know. I have spent three decades studying it."

The Chinese population control police don't merely 'encourage people to have one child,' as Turner says," Mosher continues. "They arrest women for the crime of being pregnant with an illegal child, they subject them to detention without trial, and they forcibly abort them if they don't 'voluntarily consent' to an abortion."

Mosher goes on to assert that a so-called "voluntary" population control program simply doesn't exist. They are entirely 'voluntary' until someone refuses to submit to the knife," Mosher continues "at which time the pretense of 'voluntarism' is abandoned, threats start being made, and forced sterilizations follow."

"CNN has reported such stories before," Mosher concludes. "But apparently Ted Turner doesn't even watch the news network that he founded."

Christian Newswire

# **Ex-Muslim Says Islam Is Intolerant and Dangerous**

Though most Muslims are tolerant and peace-loving, Islam itself is not a religion of tolerance, a former Muslim asserted.

Well-known activist and author Ayaan Hirsi Ali made the argument recently at the National Press Club, as security guards stood in the back of the ballroom. An outspoken critic of Islam, Hirsi Ali has been living under a fatwa, a religious ruling, or in this case an order to kill, for years.

The Somali native addressed the question, "Is Islam a Religion of Tolerance?" to highlight the political dimension of the widely practiced faith.

"I'm frustrated with the continuous belief and, I think, self-delusion that Islam is only a religion," she said. "Islam is more than a religion. It does have a spiritual dimension...but there is another dimension to Islam – a political dimension."...

...Muhammad defined the state of peace and tolerance as a moment when the entire world submits to Allah and embraces Islam, said Hirsi Ali, who fled from her Muslim family and an arranged marriage in her early twenties and sought asylum in the Netherlands.

"That word 'peace,' tolerant' is not defined in Islam as you define it in the West," she clarified. "It doesn't mean ceasefire or compromise. That's temporary.

"In Islam, the way to achieve peace is through settlement, jihad, and the institution of sharia (Islamic law)," she explained.

And before the state of universal Islamization, "it is the duty of every Muslim male to wage war – not just by carrying weapons but by preaching and persuading," she added.

"The proposition that Islam is tolerant is not only fallacious, but it's also dangerous," Hirsi Ali underscored...

While U.S. policymakers focus their attention on armed militias such as Al-Qaeda and Hamas, other groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood and nongovermental organizations -which have "postponed" violence and chosen a method of preaching, settling and slowly infiltrating - are being overlooked...she noted.

"The idea that Islam is (of) peace, tolerant and compatible with Western political theory and values, I think, seems to be useful more as a strategy and not as a pursuit of the truth," she maintained...

"Nothing," she said, "angers Muslim elites more than the criticism of Islam. Unlike....other faith groups, Muslims do not appreciate the questioning of the moral perfection of the Quran and Muhammad."

ChristianPost.com

## **Christians Bringing Values into Voting Booth**

New findings show that the 2010 mid-term elections saw the highest Christian voter turnout ever.

"We had a very high Christian voter turnout two years ago, but they did not bring their values with them," explains David Barton, founder and president of Wall-Builders, which is an organization that supports the moral, religious and constitutional foundation on which America was built ...

"You (clearly) have Christians showing up. Not only did they show up this time; they actually brought their values with them," Barton notes. "And not only did they bring their values – they voted their values."

But despite the massive increase in voter turnout, he laments that none of the national news outlets covered

how socially conservative this year's election was. "It's all been a focus on economic issues...All that's fine, but it's really the social issues that just absolutely flourished in this election," (he)...points out.

OneNewsNow.com

*Editor's Note:* Every vote/voter is <u>important</u>: *Each vote* <u>makes a difference!</u> **Thank GOD for the privilege and responsibility! II CHRONICLES 7:14 is the real** *Answer!* 

#### Street Preacher Sues City Officials Over Unconstitutional Noise Ordinance

The Rutherford Institute has filed a first Amendment lawsuit in federal court against the City of Winchester, its police chief and another police officer, charging that the city's noise ordinance, which prohibits sounds that "annoy" or "disturb" others, is unconstitutional. The case arose out of events that transpired during the 2010 Apple Blossom Festival in which a Christian street preacher was prevented from preaching about his religious beliefs on a public sidewalk after a passerby complained that he felt "uncomfortable" with the message...

"The First Amendment does not permit free speech to be conditioned upon how others feel about the message," said John W. Whitehead, president of the Rutherford Institute. "We cannot stand idly by while local government officials bully citizens out of exercising their First Amendment rights."

... Under the city's noise ordinance, sounds that "annoy" or "disturb" others are prohibited.

The Rutherford Institute News

### Presbyterians Teetering on the Brink of Catastrophic Changes

In the coming months, ministers and elders in all 173 presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will vote on a series of amendments to the PCUSA constitution...

Amendment 10-A would remove from (the) Book of Order the expectation that church officers practice "fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness."...Amendment 10-2 would insert...a 1980s manifesto for leftist liberation theology.

Presbyterian Action E-Newsletter

# How Do You Perceive God?

"See now that I, I am He, and there is no god besides Me; I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of My hand." (Deut. 32:39)

There are many preaching today that God is love. This is certainly a truth from Scripture which says, "God *is love.*" (I Jn. 4:8) But to proclaim that as the only aspect of God is to only present one side of a coin or to present a half-truth. God is also holy and just and, as such, He will punish every form of sin which mankind commits. This even includes killing people, as God states in the above Scripture, "I kill." This may sound harsh to the modern mind, but it is still the truth of Scripture, and part of who God is and what He does.

After all, God destroyed the entire population of the earth in Noah's day with the exception of just eight people. "And behold I, even I, am bringing the flood of water upon the earth, to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is on the earth shall perish." (Gen. 6:13) We are not told how many people there were, but it had been approximately 1,500 years since Adam for people to multiply, so it must have been a sizeable number. It wasn't that these people just happened to drown, this flood came directly from God to kill them. In this instance, God killed an entire civilization.

God also destroyed entire armies. When Moses and the children of Israel went out from Egypt, Pharaoh had a change of heart and sent his army to destroy them. God made a way for Israel to make it through the Red Sea on dry ground, but just when Pharaoh's army was in the midst of the sea, God wiped out the whole lot of them. "*The Lord is a warrior; The Lord is His name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; and the choicest of his officers are drowned in the Red Sea.*" (Ex. 14:3-4) Just one stroke by God took the lives of an entire army. This happened right after God killed the first-born of every home in Egypt.

This aspect of God killing people is carried over into the New Testament as well. Jesus said, "But I will warn you whom to fear: Fear Him, whom after HE HAS KILLED, has the power also to cast into hell, yes, I tell you, Fear Him!" (Lk. 12:5) Jesus states that God not only kills people, but also casts them into hell afterward! In just this one verse, Jesus emphatically repeats twice that we are to fear God because of what He can and will do to us. This admonition is given to Jesus' disciples, not the heathen. Thus, part of the Christian's relationship to God is to fear Him because He kills and judges afterward with an eternal judgment in a flaming inferno. It is not Satan that we are to fear, it is God. When we realize this part of God, it puts life in a proper perspective. The Tsunami of 2004 or the attack on the Trade Towers of 9/11 take on a whole new perspective. Whether you believe that God was directly responsible for these events, or did nothing to keep them from happening, the end result is the same: God was directly responsible for taking the lives of these people. God is still sovereign over everything and everyone, for not even a sparrow falls to the ground (dies) without God's permission.

Fortunately, the Scripture above tell us that the same God who kills is also the same God who makes alive. Every living thing in this world is alive because of God's giving of life. God is also the One who gives spiritual life to dead sinners who are under His wrath and headed for His judgment. God in Christ took God's own wrath and punishment on the Cross! The very punishment of death and hell that each one of us deserves is what Jesus took for us on Calvary. This is the greatest demonstration of love that God has for you: the crucifixion of Jesus for your sins. In so doing, God's judgment of death is fully vindicated and God has an innocent substitute to bear His wrath. Now sinful mankind can be declared righteous in God's sight through repentance of sin and faith in Jesus. Regardless of when God decides to end our lives in this world, we will be accepted in the Beloved and go to heaven to love and serve God forever and ever.

So how are we to perceive God? He is a holy, just and even fierce God who judges all wrong, AND He is our loving heavenly Father who loves and cares for His own and forgives sinners who come to Christ. We must keep BOTH of these aspects of God present all the time, which means we live in both the Fear and Love of God all our lives. I feel this proper balance of understanding God is what the modern Seeker Sensitive/Contemporary movements have abandoned.

> Pastor Jim Haga Shoreview, MN

"He has shown thee, O Man, what is Good and what the Lord requires of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." (Micah 6:8) You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl, Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. (Matthew 5:14-15)

LIVING! We spend an entire lifetime exploring it. In my younger years, living consisted of an abundance of cookies, riding my pony and listening to Bible Stories. I especially loved to hear about the greatness of God. But this list changed during my teenage years. Then I thought *living* would be about material things - especially plenty of money. There was also a real interest in fun and anything that made me happy. No doubt about it, that which pertained to Harland Helland became more important all the time.

Then I had a sudden testing of my philosophy of life. Out in the field one day my Dad and I came across two bodies. We knew this couple. They seemed to have everything that a person would strive to obtain in this life. But as the man wrote in the later-discovered note, he felt life was no longer worth *living*. For the first time in my life I asked myself, "What am I *living* for? What is the greatest joy in my life? What difference has my life made for the good of others?"

How I thank God for Christian family, friends and church that brought me into the Word of God. How thankful I am to God for the Holy Spirit who opened my eyes to 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." As an 18-year-old, I acknowledged my sin and was thrilled to know, on the basis of God's Word, that I was a child of God and it was my privilege to have Him guide and direct my life. The only problem was that it seemed God was calling me to enter the ministry. I took a quick inventory of my gifts for this calling and reasoned that I could plant corn but I lacked the qualifications to be a pastor. I had been so busy farming with my dad that I only had an eighth-grade education, and I was almost 19 years old. Again God made it clear to me that He never called people into the ministry without equipping them.

Ten years later, after going to high school and college, I graduated from Lutheran Brethren Seminary. Ten years in the books had been good for me. But most important of all, I had seen time and time again the value of knowing

#### By Pastor Harland Helland, Fergus Falls, MN

other disciples for Jesus Christ. They helped me so much to trust in God. They taught me as a young person the importance of living a life directed by the Holy Spirit.

In my 55 years in the ministry I saw how important it was for congregations, families and individuals to live their lives as witnesses and disciples of Jesus Christ. A witness is one who has seen or knows something and is therefore competent to give evidence concerning it. A disciple is a person who accepts and follows a teacher or a doctrine. What a perfect outline for a fruitful and happy life!

Let me share with you a few stories of the joy of witnessing for Christ. These stories are true but the names and places have been changed for reasons of confidentiality.

John was a boy eight years of age. A family who were charter members of a new home mission church had invited him to church and Sunday school. He attended faithfully along with his younger brother and sister. They were so excited about the Gospel and were so concerned for their parents – wonderful people, but not interested in *living* for the Lord. John would always ask for prayer for his parents. Those prayers were answered and his parents became the first of three generations who have been actively involved in the work of the Kingdom of God.

Witnessing is for all ages. Grandma Johnson was a widow in her seventies *living* on a very meager income. She had very few earthly possessions but she was so happy and thankful for God's great plan of Salvation. Her yard was often filled with little wagons, tricycles and scooters belonging to little children. They came to Grandma Johnson's and sat on her living room floor listening to Bible stories that she made so living and real. Grandma would also bring a plate of cookies and a meaningful Bible verse to anyone sick in the neighborhood. God used Grandma's evangelistic program to bless young and old alike. What a wonderful recipe for a happy and worthwhile retirement!

As the result of an invitation to church, a young couple and their daughter started coming to Sunday school and worship services. They came searching for answers – the wife was very depressed. They joined a Bible class and the Holy Spirit brought them to a place of commitment to the Lord. The woman's first concern was that she could not witness. She had heard about this and did not feel she could do it. We shared with her that she could just ask the Lord to use her and make her willing as the opportunity arose, and she came to rest in this. One day, as we stopped by her house, she was very excited to tell us that the neighbors had noticed that she has such new-found peace. They were coming by and wondering what was going on. She proceeded to tell them about her commitment to the Lord and the peace He had given her. As she told us about the third neighbor, we couldn't help but smile. We pointed out to her that she had been witnessing. She invited all three neighbors to attend church, and they came. God asks us to be faithful as He places situations before us. We have the wonderful privilege of sharing the Message. <u>The Holy Spirit does the calling</u>.

God has not promised that being a witness for Him is always an easy road. Sometimes He leads us on roads that are difficult, but we have the assurance that He is always with us.

One of our pastors had invited his neighbors to visit his newly established church, but the young couple had ignored his invitation. One cold, rainy Saturday the pastor came home about nine o'clock. It was the kind of evening when it would feel so good to sit down in a warm house and relax. As the pastor got out of his car to open the garage door, his neighbor - who shared the same driveway crawled out from under his parked car. This man was having trouble installing a new muffler. He was very limited in his car repair skills and was learning that what is easily taken apart does not always go back together so easily. In fact he was completely stumped. The pastor had knowledge of mechanics sufficient to take care of this situation. After putting on his work clothes he crawled under the neighbor's car and completed the muffler installation. The pastor and congregation were more than delighted when the second-rate mechanic and his family were in church the next day. As time went on this family not only experienced the mighty power of the Gospel but they also became involved in the ministries of the church.

We can make witnessing so complicated. We don't get started because we feel we lack the talent and gifts to share the good news with others. Why not share your burden with other disciples? Perhaps you can find strength in a team effort? God alone can save people, but we have the privilege of being a part of His great work by being his disciples and witnesses.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

> Taken from 'Faith and Fellowship' with their permission

*Editor's Note:* Hans Neilsen Hauge was asked/challenged how he thought he could be <u>used</u> of the LORD preaching God's Word. His response was; "Then He said to them, '*Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.*'" Matthew 4:19. He went on to say that, "...at the least, God could use an unlearned farmer to plant the seed, and he had promised **obedience** to the *Holy Spirit* and that he was trying to fulfill!"

<u>Interesting</u>, in Matthew 5:14-15, Jesus does not say you shall become 'light'; but **are** – speaking to people who are truly "born again"!

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"For in time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion." Ps. 27:5.

In this world we shall have trouble, so the Lord told His followers. Most of the Christians learn to know Him best in time of trouble. He hides us in Him; He holds us fast so that we will not fall, or be a stumbling block to those who are weaker in the faith than we are.

Long ago, in the year 325 A.D., there was a meeting of the Christians in a place called Nicea. About five hundred people were at this meeting. Of these about two hundred could walk on only one leg. They had been forced up against a stone wall where their enemies had broken the bones in one leg. The enemies thought this would make them turn from the Lord, but these Christians would rather go on one leg than to give up their Lord. They were men of the Cross of Christ, and they went on in obedience for Him. Christ was their strength, and their hiding place.

A mother, who lived in one room with her many children, had no privacy for prayer. But that did not stop her from praying. She taught her children that, when they saw her with her apron over her head, they would know that she was at prayer. They were quiet when they saw her in this attitude. Prayer was this mother's pavilion.

Do you know the Lord as your personal Saviour, so you can go to Him in trouble? If you do, He will hide you in His pavilion.

Dear Lord, we want Thee to be our hiding place. We want to know that we will be abiding under the shadow of the Almighty when our days on earth are over. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Taken from the Devotional Book: "*Altar Steps*" by Pastor R. P. Haakonson

*Editor's Note:* We have this splendid year-long devotional book and it can be yours for a suggested five dollar donation plus one dollar for shipping and handling.

## **A BETTER LIFE**

How to Live It According to the Epistle to the Hebrews

#### By Samuel Miller

#### Preface

The Epistle to the Hebrews presents a wonderful exaltation of our Lord Jesus Christ which is especially applicable to our own day and age. Here is God's own remedy for skepticism and unbelief and for every weakness and sin which might beset the Christian.

In this Letter the Holy Spirit continually brings the backslider and sinner into the presence of a holy God to show him the awful consequences of continuing in the way of sin. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." "Our God is a consuming fire."

But the remedy lies not in ourselves but in Christ Jesus. What a marvelous picture of Christ we have in this Letter! In His person He is so plainly set forth as the Son of God who became flesh. As the God-Man He accomplished by His death that cleansing from sin of which all the Old Testament sacrifices had been only a type and shadow.

Now since Christ has died there is a new and living way by which we may come into a saving fellowship with the holy God Himself. But Christ not only died for sin. Having been brought again from the dead, He has ascended and is seated on the right hand of the Majesty on high. The Epistle to the Hebrews particularly emphasizes the reality of our ascended Lord who is our Brother; having experienced all our temptations, having died for us, having conquered death, He now lives forevermore to make intercession for us, an intercession which is prompted by His great sympathetic love for those who, suffering temptation, look to Him for succor and help. Being seated on the right hand of God and possessing all the powers of His Deity, He is "able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through Him."

Do we not need such a Saviour? And is not this a message for a generation which, having trusted in the knowledge and philosophies and plans of man, is realizing its desperate helplessness?

Then too, this Letter shows us the reality of the unseen world. What a message for an age of materialism! Here we see that the great heroes of faith were great in their lives because to them the unseen realm was real and they were on their way to a more glorious fellowship with God in that unseen realm. By faith in the ascended Christ Jesus this can be even still more real to us. Such a realization would be the solution to many an apparently impossible situation in which we find ourselves in this material universe of time and space. ... Taken from "*A Better Life*" by Samuel Miller

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## The Cross, the Crook, the Crown

My God, my God why forsaken am I? My Saviour groaned from the tree. The holiness of God demanded no less, As He was made sin for me.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want, Is my claim on this narrow way; Through waters deep and trials sore; His Presence has been my stay.

Who is this Sovereign of glory, Who has done so much for me? Tis Jesus, my blessed Redeemer, Whose face I soon shall see. S. McEachern/Gospel Folio Press

#### Another Pilgrim

*Has* gone <u>Home</u> to be with JESUS for all eternity! Mr. Lester D. Hinderaker experienced graduation on December 3, 2010. Mr. Lester Hinderaker served on the Board of Directors of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation for a good number of years and, if I am not mistaken, served as President of the same for some time. Blessed be his memory and may Psalm 116:15 be a special blessing and encouragement to his beloved wife and loved ones: *"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."* 

## **The Miracle Of Forgiving Grace**

#### INTRODUCTION to the Booklet: 'Hear Him'

The purpose of these ...meditations on Luke 15 is to help you to find your place at Jesus' feet. Mary found it and Jesus said, "This is the one thing that is needful."

He calls it the good part that shall never be taken away from you.

Martha was troubled about many things, just like you and I are today. Therefore it is so important to sit down quietly and hear Him.

Hear Him as He speaks to you through one of the most wonderful parables of the Bible: the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. As you listen, may you discover whether you are lost or found.

#### The Miracle Of Forgiving Grace

On the way to the father, the younger son was planning what to do; he was going to pray earnestly, sorrow deeply over his sins, and maybe reform, but did not succeed in anything. He failed completely to merit salvation by any of his own doings. He was far off from sorrowing over his sins as he should, or praying as earnestly as he should; in fact, he was nothing but an unworthy, lost, condemned, hell-deserving sinner. He deserved to be scolded, reprimanded; but not a harsh word was said, the father forgave him all.

Let me say and underscore right now, that this is a clear evidence of a genuine conversion. He didn't find anything of himself on which to build his salvation.

What miracle of amazing grace! As I said before, the whole order of salvation seems to fall apart. But let us not forget that it is Christ Himself who is here describing God's marvelous grace. No one knows the Father better than the Son. And He says, "That is the way God is."

What shall we say to these things? I will say, "Thank you Lord for giving us such a revelation of the Father."

I have experienced and can testify that this is the way He is. It was the greatest surprise of my life when God met me with His free forgiving grace while I yet was far off.

God is not following our program. We do not experience salvation step by step so we can follow the process with traditional, dogmatic formulas.

God in His grace is not sitting, waiting, as you and I imagine. No. He is seeing, running, meeting, receiving sinners right out on the road while they are yet far off.

Praise God! We can neither take measurement of His salvation, nor of His method of saving. Our yard-stick is different from His.

The father kissed the younger son even before he got his filthy rags off. Yes, even before he actually confessed his sins.

You will notice he confessed his sins after he was forgiven. The father saw the confession of sin in the heart, before it was expressed in so many words. He was so full of compassion and forgiveness that He could not wait until the confession reached from the heart to the mouth.

The heavenly Father sees and feels differently from us. At the time we were saved we thought our case was absolutely hopeless. We thought we had to reform, do this and that to make us acceptable to God. We needed to feel more remorse, a stronger desire, a real concern, but before we knew it were in the arms of our compassionate and forgiving Father.

Saved, forgiven, while yet far off.

This I believe is a clear evidence of a real conversion. You do not believe that the younger son was saved before he got the best robe on, do you?

Indeed I do. He became alive, a new creature when he laid there in the arms of his Father. The Father's squeeze and kiss was the outward sign that he had been forgiven; and where there is forgiveness there is life and blessedness forever. Col. 2:13.

While I was serving a church in a town in the southern part of Norway, the door bell rang late one evening. When I opened the door five young men stood on the porch. I said, "Come in. It was sure nice to see you, what can I do for you?"

"Well, we have been coming to your church the last two or three months, and we are thoroughly convinced that we are lost, condemned sinners. We didn't quite know what to do, so we decided to come here to inquire if you think there is any hope for us. We can't even believe that Jesus died for such sinners as we are."

I said, "Praise the Lord! It is only the Holy Spirit that can show sinners anything like that." I gave each one a New Testament, and I told them to turn to Romans 5, "Let us read from the  $6^{th}$  verse. God is talking to you here. He mentions four classes that Jesus died for. Who can name the first?" "He died for sinners, yes, for the ungodly, for the weak, for his enemies." That's right, here we have all four of them. Now the question is, do you come in under any of these classes?"

One of them answered, "I come under all four. I am so weak I cannot in my own strength turn away from sin and the world to God. I know I am a sinner, ungodly, and I have a nature that is at enmity with God." Then I said, "Well, isn't this wonderful. It looks like you have it made. You belong to these four classes and Christ died for all, and therefore you can come just as you are to God through Jesus Christ and be saved." Before I knew all five of them were on their knees praying and sobbing, and as the Holy Spirit revealed Christ and Calvary they started to smile through their tears. When they rose from their knees they were saved and became living witnesses for the Lord. My, what power there is in the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now they could sing:

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

Taken from "Hear Him" by Pastor Lars Stalsbroten

*Editor's Note:* "Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" 1 Timothy 2:4.

## AREA HAUGE BIBLE CONFERENCE

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AT

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Pastor Terry Olson, Host Pastor

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**Pray that** we will sense the PRESENCE of God (Seasons of Refreshing from the Presence of the LORD) and that folk with a Spiritual hunger & thirst will attend!

### **UpDate**

Tell It Like It Is and may God be Glorified!

Trustingly you and I are blessed and encouraged through the 'vessel' called Morning Glory and many others NEED it as well! Yes, many need (especially Lutherans) such a Christian newsletter. A 'newsletter' with great Gospel preaching, with Bible teaching, with a revival favor, with help on soul winning and a clear, strong defense of the Faith! Jude 3: "Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints." True to the Word of God, True to the Faith, True in being sharp and plain on the sin question, True in opposing modernism and worldliness, True in calling people back to Bible Christianity and challenging them in being TRUE because GOD is faithful and true. We thus know that HIS Promises are the same! "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation" Hebrews 2:1-3a.

<u>Every</u> issue of the *Morning Glory* goes far and wide: The MG goes to 'many' of the states of our great USA.

The *MG* goes to several foreign countries, jails, colleges, churches, <u>homes</u>, etc. In other words, it goes <u>many</u> places where you and I cannot go nor ever reach!

*Let's keep on, keeping on – until He comes in a twinkling of an eye!* (By His Grace – to His Glory!)

Thank You for what you have done and will be doing as every gift and any gift is truly appreciated!

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