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

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Unsolicited Advice

By Fred Willis

Someone said: *“Unsolicited advice is seldom heeded and often scorned,”* but the Bible says, *“A wise man will hear, and will increase learning”* (Prov. 1:5).

“The horse did not stop. He ran into Lucas at nearly racing speed and threw him high into the air. Lucas landed on his head, and the impact on the hard earth fractured his skull and injured parts of his brain.”

Perhaps you read this story in a recent popular sports magazine. It was truly a tragedy that happened in the blink of an eye. Lucas’ marriage ended in divorce, and his children basically grew up without him.

Even though this was an unusual story, a life-changing moment can happen to any of us in the blink of an eye. Sometimes it is for the better, but so often it seems to be for the worse.

As I write this article, the awful storm damage to the Philippine Islands is just coming to light. Besides the thousands who lost their lives, many more will suffer for years to come.

At this time I have not heard of how many missionary lives have been affected, but I’m sure it must be some.

It is so easy for us to say, *“God, why did this happen?”* Job expressed this thought after he lost his children and his wealth and ultimately his health almost in the blink of an eye. How hard it must have been, but Job said, *“The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD”* (1:21).

We never know what tragedy or blessing may be just ahead of us. What is important is the attitude that we take toward God when tragedy does strike. Scripture says that after all of Job’s troubles, *“In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly”* (vs. 22).

Such was not the case with Job’s wife, who told him to curse God and die. We must never forget that life on this earth is short and that *“sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us”* (Rom. 8:18).

Many of life’s greatest tragedies are brought upon us by our own foolishness. When husbands and wives do not guard their marriages, it can bring great disaster upon the family. It takes only one wrong act for the house to crumble. The toasting of your marriage with alcoholic beverage may be the crack through which the Destroyer enters your home.

Perhaps it was the very moment when Adam began to sink his teeth into the forbidden fruit that his eyes were opened to the knowledge of good and evil. But you can’t fix an egg after you step on it. It was too late to turn back. It was the blink of an eye that brought tragedy upon the entire human race.

It may be a telephone call or a knock at the door, but it will happen someday. How we handle bad news is largely determined by how strong a faith we have in the Lord.

God told Ananias that Paul was a chosen vessel and would suffer great things for His name’s sake. I have known several people who seem to fit into this category, but they keep on serving the Lord.

Several years ago I met a man who told me of the recent death of his son in a car wreck. He was an all-American boy as we would say – a leader at church, in school, on sports teams, and who had a 4.0 grade average in college. My heart went out to this father as he told me the story.

A sad epilogue was the fact that this dad was blaming God and had quit going to church. This is the wrong atti-

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tude, and we must not fall into this trap.

Truly “*man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward*” (Job 5:7), but is all going to change in the blink of an eye. Are you ready for the glorious rapture that will end all of our troubles? It could happen today. Have you trusted Christ as your Saviour?

Taken from *Sword of the Lord*

How Did Human Life Begin?

God has used four ways to bring human life into being. He created Adam out of dust. He created Eve out of the side of Adam – a woman from a man! He created you and me by normal means of the human procreative processes.

God also miraculously provided the humanity of Jesus Christ through the instrumentality of a woman alone. Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, the virgin Mary.

God, who could create a woman out of the side of man, can also create the humanity of Jesus out of the womb of a virgin woman.

That which is biologically impossible with men is not an impossibility with God.

Jesus was born of a virgin so that He could be without taint of sin and there be the eternal sacrifice for your sins.

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Depart in Peace

*Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart, Lord,
According to Thy Word, in peace; For mine
eyes have seen Thy salvation. Luke 2:29-30*

CAN a man attain to greater happiness on this earth than to stand at the end of life with Jesus in his arms and in his heart, set free from all earthly ties, and through with this world? When life's long, hard workday ends that way, when all puzzling questions get that kind of answer, then life's evening is bright indeed. Then autumn is more beautiful than spring, and age is happier than youth.

Not all old people are as happy as Simeon. Many suffer because children and other relatives have forgotten them, or treat them shabbily. But most of them are badly off because they have not found Jesus. So they try with all their might to cling to this life, and desire to forget the day that they must depart. But their vitality goes steadily down-ward, and then their cheerfulness dwindles, they complain and are dissatisfied. The world they do not wish to let go of, glides away from them, and they do not know the way to a better land. Then getting old is a dreary business. Then autumn is sour and cold and dark.

Happy is that person who sees the Savior and heaven more clearly as the years become many! Then all ties that bind us to earth are loosened more and more. Then that which is oppressive and makes one struggle in old age becomes as nothing compared to the glory that we shall receive. Then the evening of life is the gate to eternal day with God.

*Let us, O Lord, be faithful
With Simeon to the end,
That so his dying song may
From all our hearts ascend:
"O Lord, let now Thy servant
Depart in peace for aye,
Since I have seen my Savior,
Have here beheld His day."*

God Owns the Cattle

*God owns the cattle on a thousand hills,
The wealth in every mine;
He owns the rivers and the rocks and rills,
The sun and stars that shine.
Wonderful riches, more than tongue can tell –
He is my Father so they're mine as well;
He owns the cattle on a thousand hills –
I know that He will care for me.*

John W. Peterson

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The Grace of God in Creation

*"He left not himself without witness, in that he
did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and
fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and
gladness." Acts 14:17*

There is abundant evidence of the mighty power and wisdom of God in the vast cosmos and the tremendously complex world. *"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"* (Romans 1:20).

But in addition to such evidence of His wisdom and power, there is also wonderful evidence of the grace of God in nature. Although "the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now" (Romans 8:22), laboring under the awful curse on the ground imposed by God when Adam sinned (Genesis 3:17), it has been so subjected "in hope," with God's promise of ultimate deliverance from the bondage of corruption," and "we are saved by hope" (Romans 8:20-21, 24).

This goodness of God is evidenced in the daily victory of light over darkness, the annual return of spring after winter, and the oft-repeated triumph of life over death. Although individuals die, new souls are born; and always, there is hope. Man must eat his bread in the sweat of his face as he labors to wrest a living from the cursed ground, but God does send the rain and the fruitful seasons, and the food is grown. Though he must eat of it in sorrow all the days of his life, somehow God nevertheless fills his heart with food and gladness. And all of the labor and sweat and sorrow is "for thy sake" (Genesis 3:17), urging man to return to God for both his daily bread and his eternal salvation. How foolish is the man who receives all these gifts of God's grace without acknowledging their source. *"Despise thou the riches of his goodness ... not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"* (Romans 2:4).

Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

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Editorial

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Better!

Hebrews 8:6-13 — “Let Us Press On!”

IN one sense the book of Hebrews could appear in God’s Eternal WORD, the BIBLE; before the book of Matthew for it focuses on a BETTER Covenant with our personal relationship with GOD! The book of Hebrews tells us of the transition of the difference of the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. **“Let us therefore draw near with boldness (confidence) unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need.”** – Hebrews 4:16.

The purpose of Hebrews is to show us that we have the privilege of a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, who is the living, sympathetic High Priest and our eternal Mediator; as He has done everything required for our SALVATION! For IN and through HIM we can come into the presence of the one and only true HOLY and LIVING God; as there is NO god equal or like unto HIM!

JESUS has opened a new and living way and though we be sinful we receive mercy for His sake. God has accepted His sin-offering. Now God accepts us for His sake; although we in ourselves are lost and unworthy sinners – marvelous GRACE!

The ‘religionist’ is captivated with have I done enough or I’ll have to take my ‘chances’; while a Christian is saved by Faith alone, the Word alone and Grace alone and is ‘adequate’ as he walk by faith and not sight! 1 Corinthians 5:7. For those of you who are self-cleansing yourself before our Almighty HOLY/PERFECT GOD, notice what God says in His Holy WORD through Jeremiah: **“For though you wash yourself with lye, and use much soap, Yet your iniquity is marked before Me.’ Says the LORD GOD.”** – Jeremiah 2:22, Also Isaiah 64:6

After we have received mercy at the Throne (in the Holy of Holies) and been accepted for Christ’s sake, we are to go on into life, and as a result of our fellowship with God, it will then be apparent by the way we live. Though we will not be satisfied to remain as new born spiritual babes, there will be an urge in us to press on in growth and development.

In the book of Hebrews the word better is very *profound*. Now make a list of Bible verses in the book of Hebrews of the word **‘better.’** Along with the word *‘better’* you should also note such words as “more, higher, greater, new, heavenly and eternal.”

With the help of *Matthew Henry’s Commentary*, I want

you to note ‘three F & P’s.’

I. The Freeness of this Pardon

NO sin is so great that GOD can not forgive, with ‘godly repentance’ (II Corinthians 7:10): once again there is NO Sin that God can not forgive and forget that is brought in and under the **blood of His Son, Jesus**, the only perfect sacrifice; which is the innocent ONE for us guilty ones! II Timothy 1:9.

“My Hope Is In The Lord”

*For me He died,
For me He lives,
And everlasting life and light
He freely gives.
No merit of my own
His anger to suppress.
My only hope is found
In Jesus’ righteousness.*

If a person committed such a crime that he was locked in prison for life; but a higher official granted him a pardon; what would keep him from being ‘released to freedom’ except himself?

Occasionally when it comes to ‘weather’ some folk will make the ridiculous statement it is ‘about time’ OR ‘we deserve it or better’! Well I beg to differ and agree (again) with Martin Luther who stated that if we got what we deserved, we would be like a blade of grass AND I (personally) also believe that we would not fair that well!

II. The Fullness of this Pardon

Occasionally over many years I have ‘kiddingly’ stated that I am going to write a book and the title of it is: *‘Humility and How I attained it’!* BUT in reality a ‘Christian’ should NEVER thank GOD for *‘humility’*; for the present moment and on (until repented of – 1 John 1:7-9); that person is ‘blowing’ his own ‘horn’ and is letting the ego get to the fore-front, called P R I D E; which is SIN, which is the back-bone of all **sin**.

OH, how thankful you and I should be that God’s Pascal LAMB stated on ‘the Old Rugged Cross’ **“It is finished!”** YES, HE paid the full price (nailed to the tree) for ALL your sins and mine; so that we are set free – John 8:31-36.

IN these days when even some ‘Christians’ use GRACE as a pillow to sin upon; I am thinking of a conservative child of God who stated he thought from the pulpit (sa-

cred desk) the ‘sermon’ should be **90% Law & 10% Grace!** Take the time and look up Galatians 3:24.

All men are guilty before a righteous God and all come under His condemnation. John 3:18, 36, Romans 3:23. But through it all, we have a certain hope: Christ died and rose again for our justification, which means *being ‘declared righteous’* AND God is the ‘Justifier’ and He declares the same in Heaven! **Romans 3:24 – 25**.

When a ‘believer’ gets under God’s Law; he will lose his ‘joy’ in the LORD and likely even his assurance of Salvation. And yet JESUS states IF you love Me, you will keep my ‘Commandments/Law’; not because I have too (demand), but I want (love) to.

Hans Neilsen Hauge put it this way: “A believer is removed from the condemnation of the LAW, but not compliance to the LAW.” See **Romans 8:1**.

Sadly, the world would call a saved sinner who is a Biblical pietist a ‘legalist’ and even some ‘Christians’ are thus mistaken; while a ‘legalist’ is performing to become worthy/merit and a Biblical pietist is obeying the Scriptures because he loves Jesus and thus wants to obey the Holy Bible, out of love and obedience.

III. Fixedness of this Pardon – V. 8

Fairly often it is quoted ‘Obey Your Conscience’; especially when the opportunity/temptation is questionable, kind of saying let your conscience be your ‘guide’; and make the ‘final’ decision. Sounds good until you face the fact/realization that a person’s ‘conscience’ can easily be dulled/warped OR just twisted in complying to a Person’s desire.

For a person who is filled with the Holy Spirit/controlled by the Holy Spirit, who becomes very sensitive toward sin and obedience, and at times has a yellow ‘flag’ come up in their mind/conscience. I want to go on ‘record’ as saying **“Just Obey It”** even though you don’t know why the ‘yellow flag’ is there! Take your ‘human reasoning’ captive in obedience to the gentle Holy Spirit who will never lead contrary to the Holy Scriptures/Bible. *“For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love*

which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister” – Hebrews 6:10. (Please read also 6:11-12).

It has been demonstrated by the failure of the Old Covenant that if God’s laws were ever to be fulfilled by man it would have to be by some changing of his very nature. For when man met the Law of God in his own nature, he becomes more and more aware of the wickedness of that nature; but by the New Covenant God would find a way to make His Law live in the mind and heart of the believer.

The ‘fixedness’ of this Pardon is so final and so fixed that God will remember their sins no more; he will not recall EVEN His pardon. It is the effect of that mercy that is from everlasting and the earnest of that mercy that shall be to everlasting. **“I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be My people” v. 10b**. Therefore we have great reason to rejoice that the former dispensation is old-fashioned or obsolete and has vanished away.

LOOK AT, MARVEL ON ‘our’ Almighty, All-knowing, Holy GOD **“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”** Not ‘only’ does the one and only true GOD forgive the repentant sinner through the BLOOD of the Crucified and Living Perfect Sacrifice ONE; for His Names’ Sake; BUT HE forgets! What a SAVIOR! This is Almost too good to be true!

“I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins” Isaiah 43:25. Lord I believe, help me overcome ‘unbelief’. As God is trustworthy and can not lie. (Numbers 23:19). But for the unsaved sinner **“be sure your sin will find you out”** – in time and eternity! Numbers 32:23b.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has gotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you....” 1 Peter 1:3-5.

“The redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion, and everlasting joy shall be upon their head; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and mourning shall feel away” (ISA. 51:14)

***Come, ye pilgrims, cease to mourn,
Press onward to the prize;
Soon thy Saviour will return
Triumphant in the skies:
Yet a season and you know
Happy entrance shall be given;***

***All your sorrows left below,
And earth exchanged for heaven.***

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. (Rev. 21:4, 5)

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Church Discipline

(1 Corinthians 5 & 6)

By Dr. O. Gornitzka

Introductory

In the preceding chapters the apostle has dealt with problems relative to the church and the ministry. In these chapters he deals with moral problems among the members of the church. Scandals have been reported to him and his heart is filled with sorrow and righteous indignation. Therefore the seven-fold “know ye not.” The Christians are to sit down and consider seriously their sins as well as their attitude to sin as manifested in their midst. They are to check up on themselves lest they be drifting into that dangerous bypath of indifference wherein pet sins are excused and flourish.

A Christian is in need of a constant checking up because of his sinful flesh (Rom. 13:14; Gal. 5:13) and his deceitful heart (Jer. 17:9, 10). He is not to forget the cleansing from his old sins but to exercise diligence to make his calling and election sure (2 Pet. 1:9, 10).

Key Verses – Ch. 6:19, 20

These verses give us the key to these chapters. They are the mountain peak from whence we view the sins in question and the teaching given. Sin does not appear equally black and distinct from any and every viewpoint. What from the lowland of human standards may be tolerated and excused will from the heights of God’s Word appear in all its hideous blackness. Therefore we must view life from God’s point of view in order to judge rightly.

The young Christians at Corinth were as yet contaminated with the low ideals of heathenism in that wicked city. The sanctity of the body, as well as the soul, they as yet did not appreciate. Neither had they come to realize the gulf existing between the communion of saints and the world outside. Thus they had wittingly or unwittingly dishonored the name of God among the heathen.

These key verses contain a three-fold truth relative to the Christian in his relation to God.

I. “Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit”

In Ch. 3:16, 17 the Christians as a group were spoken of as a temple of God in which the Spirit dwells. Therefore the seriousness of sinning against that temple. In these verses the body of the individual Christian is spoken of as a temple. Even though a body of sinful flesh yet surrendered to God, it has become a temple in which the Spirit of God dwells. It is now what it originally was intended to be, not a master over the Spirit, but the instrument of the Spirit.

The body is such a temple because the believer has re-

ceived the Holy Spirit as a gift from God. This gift is bestowed as soon as the sinner repents and enters into fellowship with Christ (Acts 2:38, 39). This is a common experience in the lives of all who call Jesus Lord (1 Cor. 12:3). They are not only drawn to Christ by the Spirit but the Spirit takes His abode within – “which is in you.” This truth should be sufficient to give us God’s viewpoint as to the sanctity of the body. However, it is not all that is stated.

2. “Ye are not your own”

By virtue of the fact that the body is God’s temple it belongs not to ourselves but to God. To be born again involves a **great transaction**. It means the shifting of ownership – **self steps down and Christ ascends**. Paul has aptly expressed this truth in Gal. 2:20: “*It is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me.*” The controlling mind is no longer “I” but “Christ.” The various members of the body are to respond to the impulses from the higher source. Thus the tongue, the eye, the ear, the hand, the foot is to serve Him. This transaction is involved in the price paid once for all on the cross. “*Ye are bought with a price*” (Cf. 1 Peter 1:18, 19). This ownership extends into all the phases of human life – body, time and possessions. Only as we recognize this fact will we become true stewards.

3. “Glorify God therefore in your body”

In these words is stated the only worthy aim in life of one who is “bought with a price.” The self-controlled life is the self-centered life, seeking its own. The Christ-controlled life lives the Christ-like life just to glorify the Father. This cannot be done apart from the body, as the body is an integral part of human personality. The Christ-life is to find expression even through our bodies. The application of this truth is found in Ch. 6:13-18. Our very body are the members of the body of Christ. From this lofty ideal we are to view the situation as found among the Corinthians.

II. Church Discipline

1. The Situation – Ch. 5:1, 2

The sin spoken of is a gross form of immorality, not a case of stumbling but of persistent wrong-doing. It was so abhorrent that not even among Gentiles did one hear of such wickedness. How black the sin therefore appeared in the light of the truth already expressed in the key verses! This caused great anxiety and much grief to the apostle but what grieved him even more was the **attitude taken by the church** as such in this case. The sinner was tolerated within the church without being disciplined. Yes, the church was even “puffed up” in spite of this situation. That one member might commit a great sin was in itself great cause for much sorrow, but that the moral tone of the church as such was so low that sin was not judged as sin and dealt with as sin, was

cause for still more sorrow. That was an indictment, not against the sinner only but against the whole community of believers. And, in this case against Christians who did glory in many spiritual gifts, which goes to prove that possessing spiritual gifts and growing in spiritual graces is not one and the same thing. The one may exist without the other.

A Study Guide, 1 CORINTHIANS by O. Gornitzka

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“Houston, We Have Problem”

By Ted Camp

On April 13, 1970, Astronaut James A. Lovell suddenly reported a phrase that will never be forgotten: “Houston, we have a problem.” He was 205,000 miles from Earth on Apollo 13, which had experienced a rupture in the fuel cell oxygen tank. This resulted in an explosion that caused Apollo to lose oxygen, electric power and other essential systems.

Their return to Earth became questionable. They had a problem. There was only one chance for survival. They had to abandon Apollo 13 and the mission. The crew entered into a lunar module during the return to earth. They re-entered the earth’s atmosphere and finally splashed down safely in the Pacific Ocean on April 17, 1970 (Wikipedia).

Astronaut Lovell was having a problem-free journey in outer space. But in just a few moments, everything rapidly changed.

As a Christian, your life can be changed in a moment. Everything can be wonderful, but in a moment things could change. It could be due to a text, an e-mail or a phone call. Your life can drastically change in just a few moments.

It could be finances, cancer, family, health, an accident; or you could be blindsided from an unexpected event. Some things can quickly happen, and your life will never be the same again.

You will learn that just being a Christian does not free you from pain and problems. Life can be tough. We must learn to accept what we did not cause or cannot change.

Everything happened suddenly to Job, and at least sixteen times he questioned, “Why?” Job never knew why. He learned that knowing why would not change what happened. Finally Job said, “*though he slay me, yet will I trust in him*” (13:15).

We may need to stop trying and start trusting as Job did. We may need to ask the Lord to increase our faith and trust in Him. When an unexpected problem suddenly hap-

pens, we can, “My Heavenly father, I have a problem.”

James Lovell sought help from Houston, but we can seek help from the Lord. “*Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you*” (1 Peter 5:7). “Cast” means to roll your cares off you and roll them upon the Lord.

The Lord may not still your storm, but He can still you in the storm. He can change the bad to become good. The Lord will have the last word, and it will be good. The Lord also promises He will never leave or forsake you (Heb. 13:5). The Lord will remain with you when you have a problem, and He will remain until splashdown.

When you can’t see the hand of God, look for the heart of God.

Taken from *Sword of the Lord*.

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“BE YE ... READY”!

The surest thing in all the world is the return of Jesus Christ to take His own unto Himself. The time of His coming is not made known so that we may be constantly looking for Him. The consciousness of His “any moment return” is the greatest incentive for evangelism, revival and soul winning.

If you knew Jesus would come today, what would you do? He may come today! He is coming someday!

A gentleman visiting a certain school gave out the information that he would give a prize to the pupil whose desk he found in the best order when he returned.

“But when will you return?” some of them asked.

“That I cannot tell,” was the answer.

A little girl, who had been noted for her disorderly habits, announced that she meant to win the prize.

“You!” her schoolmates jeered. “Why, your desk is always out of order.”

“Oh! But I mean to clean it the first of every week!”

“But suppose he should come at the end of the week?” someone asked.

“Then I will clean it every morning.”

“But he may come at the end of the day.”

For a moment the little girl was silent. “I know what I’ll do,” she said decidedly; “I’ll just keep it clean.”

So it must be with the Lord’s servants who would be ready for His coming. It may be at midnight or at cock-crowing in the morning. The exhortation is not “*Get ye ready,*” but “*BE ye ready!*”

M. R. DeHaan

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

A Leader Of Conviction

The president of Ecuador, Rafael Correa, threatened to resign his office if the Ecuadorian Assembly legalizes abortion in his country.

Correa, who assumed office in 2007, said he feels betrayed by members of his own party who favor abortion. "They can do whatever they want. I will never approve the decriminalization of abortion.

Selected

Army Lists American Family Association As Hate Group

As reported by Fox News' Todd Starnes, the America Family Association (AFA) was listed alongside domestic hate groups like the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis, the Black Panthers and the Nation of Islam during a military training session at Camp Shelby in Mississippi in October. It is believed the Army got their list of "hate groups" from the leftist Southern Poverty Law Center. An army spokesman later backed away from these allegations by saying the information came from the "internet," but no apology was given. The AFA said they might take legal action.

Information from AFA.net.10/15/13

Outrageous Book by ELCA Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber

Nadia Bolz-Weber, a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a leader in the Emergent Church, and a sought-after speaker for ELCA youth events recently published an outrageous book laced with profanity, vulgarity and even blasphemy against God – [Pastrix the Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint](#).

If you want to read a book that aptly describes what the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has become, get a copy of *Pastrix* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. The book, which describes her journey to become a pastor, is so outrageous that this publication dares only offer up a mild sample. After comparing herself to a fictional teenaged drug addict Bolz-Weber stated, "I was allowed not to die in exchange for working for God. I'd have to become God's [prostitute]."

Nadia Bolz-Weber was a principle speaker at the ELCA's youth convention in 2012. She is one of the authors of a recently published ELCA study called [Animate Faith](#), which challenges foundational biblical doctrines,

including the blood atonement of Jesus Christ. In recent weeks she has been on a nationwide book tour that included appearances at ELCA colleges.

In one interview about her new book, Bolz-Weber commented on the Apostles Creed – "Oh my god, nobody believes every line of the creed." While we do not recommend this book, persons in the ELCA who still doubt or sanction what is taking place in that church body might be otherwise convinced after reading *Pastrix*.

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Nigerian Islamists Force Christian Woman to Convert

The Al-Qaida-linked Islamic group Boko Haram unleashed a new tactic in its war to obliterate Christianity in northern Nigeria: convert or die.

Two gunmen from Boko Haram kidnapped Hajja, a 19-year-old Christian ... as she picked corn near her village in the Gwoza hills, a remote part of northeastern Nigeria where a six-month-old government offensive is struggling to contain an insurgency by Boko Haram.

"If I cried, they beat me. If I spoke, they beat me. They told me I must become a Muslim, but I refused again and again," Hajja told Reuters in an interview.

The Islamists threatened her with a knife pressed to her throat and said her options were to convert to Islam or die...

Boko Haram is generally translated as "Western education is sinful." ...

Tiffany Lynch, senior policy analyst at the U. S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, told the Post by e-mail that "Boko Haram's stated goal is the implementation of shari'a nationwide and in 2012 called on all Christians to leave northern Nigeria. With this goal, Boko Haram attacks churches during worship services to maximize its killings, kills individual Christians, forces Christians to convert to Islam or die, kills persons engaged in what it believes is un-Islamic behavior, and kills Muslim critics.

Lynch added that from January 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013, USCIRF found that Boko Haram had initiated religiously motivated attacks on 50 churches that were "bombed, burned or attacked, killing at least 366 persons." She continued that there were 31 separate attacks on Christians or southerners perceived to be Christian, "killing at least 166 persons." ...

ChristianPost.com

Editor's Note: The so-called "religion of peace" continues to demonstrate that it is anything but peaceful!

Please pray for the 'persecuted brethren' around the world! No doubt some of them are praying for us!

New Lutheran Archbishop Of Sweden Takes As Her Motto – "Allahu Akbar"

The newly elected archbishop of the Lutheran Church in Sweden, who will preside over 6.5 million Lutherans in Sweden, has chosen as her motto the Islamic definition of God, "Allahu Akbar," "God is greater." When Archbishop Jackelen was pressed to say whether Jesus or Muhammad offered the best understanding of God, she refused to answer.

Between the new archbishop's motto and her unwillingness to make a distinction between Jesus and Muhammad, a number of clergy have said they will leave the Church of Sweden. Also alarming to many were her comments to a reporter that the virgin birth of Christ must be understood metaphorically, hell does not exist and the Biblical texts must not be taken as truth.

Leaders of the Lutheran World Federation praised Jackelen's election as archbishop of the largest church body in their membership, calling her election an affirmation of diversity. Between the ELCA and the Church of Sweden, the Lutheran World Federation is now one of the supreme influences promoting heresy and apostasy throughout the world. Hopefully, more conservative Lutheran bodies will reconsider their membership in the LWF.

The Vine and Branches; Winter, 2013

Editor's Note: Matthew 15:14, Luke 6:39, Romans 16:17-19, 11 Corinthians 6:14-18, Ephesians 5:8-16, II Thess. 3:14-15, Revelation 17 & 18 – (especially 18:4-5).

Christian College Considering Allowing Faculty Members to Be in Same-Sex Relationships

A Virginia Christian college is considering reversing its policy that currently bans tenure-line faculty members from being in same-sex relationships.

Following a unanimous board order, Easter Mennonite University President Loren Swartzendruber announced on November 18 (2013) that the school would embark on a six-month "listening period" where students, faculty and staff would be asked to share input with the administration on whether the institution should reverse its ban.

During the period, "faculty will not be penalized for

violating the policy, meaning some professors in same-sex relationships could keep their jobs or be hired," reported Inside Higher Ed. The board will subsequently vote per the recommendation of EMU's president...

"...Collaborative decision-making means that a community is functioning well," Swartzendruber said in a statement, summarizing the thoughts of a board member. "This board's decision and this process will, I think, show how well our community functions. God is giving us the opportunity to model respect for each other, honesty and integrity."

Same-sex marriage is not legal in Virginia. In 2006, voters ratified a constitutional amendment that affirmed the definition of marriage as the union between a man and a woman.

Morgan Lee for ChristianPost.com

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: *Incredible! Such carefully worded rhetoric is appalling! How any "Christian" group can head down this trail is unimaginable. Sword of the Lord.*

New Employment Law Passed

The U. S. Senate delivered a sneak attack on religious liberty ...in a stunning 64 – 32 vote to pass the Employment Nondiscrimination Act (ENDA)...

Despite the name, ENDA most certainly does discriminate against Christian business owners, Christian schools, Christian camps and counselors, and Christian families by forcing schools and employers to hire and retain transgenders.

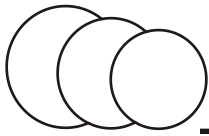
...Classrooms with students as young as five or six years old will be forced to watch should their teacher choose to transform ...from Marvin to Mary.

And parents opposed to this? Should (parents) choose to remove their child from such an environment, it will be treated as a discriminatory act.

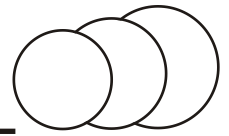
Traditional Values Coalition

Hans Nielsen Hauge

AT one of Hans Nielsen Hauge's trials, he faced the possibility of being released from jail in 1804. He was promised freedom IF he would stop preaching. Hauge said the following: **"I cannot promise to discontinue my devotional meetings and my prayers, and I cannot see that these should be detrimental when so many gatherings are permitted where people carouse, get drunk and swear."**



From Our Fellowship Circle



Mr. & Mrs. D. R. **Beulah, ND**
 We have been sharing the *Morning Glory* with family – and it is so good to sit together as a family and discuss Scriptural issues and where we are today in preparation of Jesus coming again! Thank you.

Could you please send the *Morning Glory* to the following ...

M. T. **Twin Cities Area, MN**
 Thank you for the receipt and all the work you do in taking care of this money aspect for the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory as the Assistant Treasurer! May God Richly Bless You!

We sure are having some very cold weather and now I am hoping it warms up very soon...

I am asking if you would be so kind as to send a subscription of the *Morning Glory* to my sister and her husband, as at times when she and I are visiting I refer to something that I've read in the *Morning Glory*. So now I think it's time she gets the *Morning Glory* directly and then be able to read all of it. Following is their name and address ...

Thank you so much and may you experience a Joyous New Year!

A. & K. T. **Livingston, NJ**
 Thank you for your blessed magazine. Please continue sending it to us and also please continue sending it to the following ...

Enclosed is our donation of \$... from us all. Thank you again.

J. C. J. **Pelican Rapids, MN**
 May God continue to bless you as you minister through upholding of Scripture and staying true to True Faith.

J. H. **Ames, IA**
 Thank you for your wonderful ministry that is sent out to so many. May the Lord bless you as you continue to send His Message out so that many may read and hear.

I am enclosing my check to you as you continue and further this Great Work.

My husband Jim, died very suddenly ...while we were in

Arizona. I miss him so much. I am thankful however that he is with the Lord now.

May God bless you.

Pastor & Mrs. J. A. **Yuma, AZ**
 We greet you from Yuma, AZ., where we are now spending the winter months in assisting our son who is a Pastor here of ... So during the week my Husband has the Mid-week Bible Studies and does visitations also during the week.

We know you have both been having health issues and trust you are doing better now. We are praying for you and the important work you do through the *Morning Glory* magazine.

We would like to order ...

IF possible could you send back issues of the *Morning Glory* so we can hand them out to the members here?

Editor's Note: Most certainly, as we like many more to get exposed to the Morning Glory and possibly as a result of the same, more NEW Subscribers. SO why don't YOU ask for the same, or current issues to be prayerfully handed out? A donation is always welcome! Are YOU willing to take up this challenge???

E. G. **Story Plain, Alberta**
 I was so shocked to read of the "Animate" Bible the ELCA has written and all the other facts, as such as, marrying gays. It is absolutely disgusting! (Ed. Tragic and anti-scriptural). Do they not know what **Revelation 22:18-19** says?

I still use the King James Version of the BIBLE and on occasion will read others in order to get a fuller understanding of what God is saying! But I always go back to the King James as regular manual. I like memorizing from that Version and I like the words "Thou" & "Thee". It has a more holy reverence to it than the others.

To satisfy my curiosity, please send me some quotes from this 'Animate' Bible so I can see how bad it really is.

I believe we are living in days like before the Flood in Genesis. There is not much genuine faith in the world today and outward sin is certainly rampant.

Regardless, however I will praise the Lord anyway and look to HIM as the Solid Rock!

Some Bible Verses From The New Living Translation That Relate To Healing!

Prayerfully submitted by Pastor Willmore Gundersen,
Fergus Falls, MN

The Lord and Creator of the universe is the Author and Finisher of my faith. When it comes to the healing of our physical body we often feel helpless. Therefore, I want to go to the One who has created the faith in God that I have in my life. My desire is to do His will and live in a right relationship with Him in all that I do.

First of all I start with the promises. Rom. 12:2: “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.”

Joshua who led the people of Israel and had lived a long life said to the people of his day. Joshua 23:14: “Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.” That’s quite a statement! Several million people could think back to all the promises that they knew of and not one promise had failed!

In Psalm 146:5-6 we read: “But happy are those who have the God of Israel as their helper, whose hope is in the LORD their God. He is the one who made heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them. **He is the one who keeps every promise forever.**”

Secondly, I want to establish for you **the greatness of GOD’S name.** This is needed so that you can understand the awesomeness of His Holy name. I will only quote a few Bible verses that tells us of this.

Psalm 111:9b-10: “**What a holy, awe-inspiring name he has!** Reverence for the LORD is the foundation of true wisdom. The rewards of wisdom come to all who obey Him. Praise His name forever.” Isaiah 64:4: “For since the world began, no ear has heard, and no eye has seen **A GOD LIKE YOU,** who works for those who wait for Him!” Do you see how He is on our side? He is thinking of us and praying for us all the time. Notice what He wants to do next for us in regard to His name. Isaiah 52:6: “But I will reveal My name to My people, and they will come to know its power. Then at last they will recognize that it is I who speaks to them.”

His name is above every other name on earth as well as in heaven because **He died for our sins.** Philippians

2:9-11: “Because of this, *God raised him up to the heights of heaven* and **gave him a name that is above every other name,** so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

That is why Jesus taught the people that heard Him before His death and resurrection took place, how we as individuals should pray to God the Father in the name of Jesus. We should do this because Jesus is the mediator between God and man. This is what He teaches us to do when we pray. John 16:23-24: “...The truth is, you can go directly to the Father and ask him, and **He will grant your request because you used my name.** (Jesus’ name) You haven’t done this before. Ask, using My name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.”

Jesus teaches us in John 15:7 that we are to have a personal relationship with him. “But if you stay joined to me and my words remain in you. **You may ask any request you like, and it will be granted!**” Jesus has just been teaching them; John 15:5: “**Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches, those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit.** **For apart from Me you can do nothing.**”

Thirdly, physical healing. Luke 4:40: “As the sun went down that evening, people throughout the village brought sick family members to Jesus. No matter what their diseases were, the touch of His hand healed every one.” Matthew 4:23-24 mentions what Jesus did when he went from place to place. Jesus traveled throughout Galilee teaching in the synagogues, preaching everywhere the Good News about the Kingdom. And He healed people who had **every kind of sickness and disease.** News about him spread far beyond the borders of Galilee so that the sick were soon coming to be healed from as far away as Syria. And whatever their illness and pain or if they were possessed by demons, or were epileptics, or were paralyzed – **He healed them all.**”

I think John 14:12-14 is one of the mightiest portions of Scripture that I have come across of late in regard to healing. Think of what we just read about in the previous paragraph and then think of what He is saying here. “The truth is, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, because the work of the Son brings glory to the Father. **Yes, ask anything in my name, and I will do it!**” Lord, it’s like these verses are too good to be true! “For nothing is impossible with God.” (Luke 1:37) You encourage us to pray for one another about any need we might have! 1 John 5:14-15: “And we can be confident that He will listen to us when-

ever we ask Him for anything in line with His will. And if we know he is listening when we make our requests, we can be sure that he will give us what we ask for.”

My prayer starts out where I come to you Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus. You tell me that *anybody who believes in you* has the right to come and ask for healing or any other need we might have. It says in your word that you “healed them all.” You are the same yesterday, today and forever. That is why I pray for _____ who needs healing. You tell me I can pray for anything so I pray that you heal _____ from _____ in the name of Jesus. I believe it is true that ***nothing is impossible for you***. I believe that you are the maker of heaven and earth and the Creator of all mankind. For your name’s sake heal _____ ***completely***. I quote your word just like the psalmist prayed. Psalm 119:132. ***“Come and show me your mercy, as you do to all who love your name.”***

LORD, you never disappoint us! Psalm 145:18-19: “The LORD is close to all who call on Him. Yes, to all who call on Him ***sincerely***. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cries for help and rescues them.”

LORD Jesus you are the ONE that ***encourages us to constantly pray and never give up*** like you say in Luke 18:1. I am so glad that you tell us in Matthew 7:7 that we ***can “Keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for.”***

Thank you for your words that are so positive and gives us hope and encouragement! I pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior!

Editor’s Note: Likely YOU have heard many times over, that the Lord not only listens to the prayers of His children; but answers YES, NO or Wait! This is true for healing as well.

JUST THINK, how ‘marvelous’ as we pray in total ‘harmony’ with His Will for the Salvation of Precious SOULS, as we know that it is *His will*: ***“who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*** (1 Timothy 2:4) YES, ***HE SHED HIS VERY PRECIOUS BLOOD FOR THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD; BUT must be ‘personally’ received!***

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.

There is something so very special/Precious about that Name JESUS! See ACTS 4:7-8

Love ... rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4 -7.

The kindly attitude of love has a peculiar capacity for understanding others.

This is because the new life of love can never be created within us until we have learned to understand ourselves and our own inner defilement of soul.

Those who realize their own sinfulness always become charitable in their judgment of the failings of others. There is something within them which desires to know whether the intentions of those who have erred were as bad as they seemed.

In every secular court there is a defense attorney whose duty it is to indicate all the mitigating circumstances. Is there in us any such defender who is permitted to express herself and point out the circumstances which might excuse our neighbor?

So many have dismissed this defender. As a result, slander often flourishes even among Christians.

True love does not only excuse a failing neighbor; it reproves him also. This is undoubtedly love’s hardest duty. But it cannot do otherwise; for it rejoices with the truth.

We Christians of today need to give heed to this aspect of love. There is very little sincere and kindly neighborly discipline among us.

And there are reasons for this.

There is often a great deal of rivalry among the various Christian groups. People do not dare to exercise discipline within their own groups because they are afraid of losing some of their members. And it is impossible, for obvious reasons, for members of one group to discipline members of other groups. Often times they are the subjects of slanderous remarks. Here is a danger greater than most people suspect.

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**“He has a right to criticize
who has a heart to help.”**
Abraham Lincoln

Rod and Staff

Psalm 23:4

“Thy Rod and thy Staff they comfort me.”

“Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

This Psalm, above any other Scripture, has brought comfort into the sickroom in both home and hospital. It has been quoted at bedside and at graveside. It has brought its consolation into the bereaved family circle. It teaches of God’s care and hushes our fears to rest. It even brings gladness in a time of sadness. It encourages the discouraged and comforts the discomfited.

This Psalm brings *food* to the *famished*, *freedom* to the *fettered*, *firmness* to the *fickle*, *force* to the *feeble*, *favor* to the *faulty*.

This Psalm *feeds* us in green pastures and at a prepared table; it *leads* us by still waters and through the shaded valley; it *deeds* to us daily goodness and mercy; it *reads* to us our title to a mansion in the sky; it *needs* from us only faith and trust for permanent peace.

This Psalm *lightens* the pathway of the pilgrim; it *brightens* the highway to heaven; it *tightens* the hold of the Savior’s hand on us.

This Psalm *strengthens* the saint all the days of his life; it *lengthens* his joy to eternal duration with its “forever.”

This Psalm *urges* our footsteps in the paths of righteousness; it *merges* for us peace with power and protection with provision; it *purges* from us every anxious care.

This Psalm *brings* sympathy and strength to the sorrowing; it *sings* its way through the valley of the shadow of death; *wings* its way into the Father’s house; it *rings* the bells of heaven in happy human hearts.

THE SHEPHERD’S APPAREL AND EQUIPMENT

The shepherd also carried a rod and a staff. The rod was a heavy stick about two and a half feet long, large and thick on the one end. The thick end was studded with spikes or flint stones to make it a deadly weapon to be used against thieves or wild beasts. The staff was longer than the rod and was used by the shepherd to help the sheep.

“THY ROD AND THY STAFF”

These terms are not synonymous, although oftentimes they may appear to be so. They were two instruments and not one, as some seem to suppose. The one might be called a club; the other a crook. The rod had a knotty knobby end; the staff had a crook or a hook on its end. The rod was about two and a half to three feet long; the staff about six and a half or seven feet long. The rod was car-

ried suspended by a thong from the waistband; the staff was generally carried over the shoulder. Each might be called a rod in the sense that they both came from trees; each might be called a staff in the sense that each might be called a pole. These distinctions might be made: a rod speaks of authority, a staff of aid; a rod was for defense, a staff for direction; a rod was used to govern, a staff was used to guide; a rod was used to rule, a staff was used to restore; a rod was used for the enemies of the sheep, the staff was used for the sheep.

A great many pictures of the shepherd show him with his staff or crook. The rod has found no place in such pictures, yet the Oriental shepherd to this day carries both the club and the crook. Both are necessary in the care of the sheep and are used together for that purpose. In Zech. 11:7 the prophet names or gives names to these two instruments of the shepherd: “*And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands.*” These two staves are undoubtedly the rod and the staff of the shepherd. “Beauty and Bands” is literally “Graciousness and Unity.” The staff is called “Beauty” or “Graciousness because of the grace of God in entering into covenant or relationship with His people. It is called “Bands” with reference to the unity of His people. Zechariah’s prophecy is one of judgment. It speaks of cutting these staff asunder. “Beauty” is broken because fellowship with God is broken. “Band” is broken because the brotherhood of Israel and Judah is broken and they became scattered sheep.

We quote from B. H. Carroll: “Beauty must be broken before Bands can be broken; that is, the covenant relation with God, being first broken, the ties which bind us to each other in loving brotherhood are necessarily broken. In other words, when sheep are separated from the shepherd, they will necessarily separate from each other and become scattered. It is equally true that to bring sheep together you bring them to the shepherd. When all come to him they are together. The secret, security, and the perpetuity of fellowship and harmony among men is the honoring of our relations toward God.” (See Zech. 11:10 and 14).

Taken from *The Psalm of Psalms*, by R. L. Moyer, D.D.

– Submitted by Paul Peterson, Kenyon, MN

**People who think they are too
big to do little things are
perhaps too little to be asked to
do big things!**

Conversion

What? How? When? Where?

A Christian man asked his pastor to preach on the text, *“Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.* (Matt. 18:3).

The pastor readily consented. He thought, Let me see; *how will I divide it? Conversion: What? How? Conversion: When? Conversion: Where?*

He thought of conversion – what? Well, conversion must be the turning of the heart to God; so he elaborated on that.

And then he came to conversion – how? How is a man converted? A little perplexed, he thought, Well, *let me see; how was I converted? Why, I don’t know. I think I’ll pass over that just now.*

He came to the next point: conversion – when? Well, one may be converted as a child, as a youth; or one may be converted in mature years.

But then the thought came constantly to him, **When was I converted?** *Was it when I was a child? I can’t even remember. Well, was I converted when I was a youth? No, I am sure I was not, for I got far away from God out in the world. No, not as a youth. Was I converted when I came to more mature years? I do not recall.*

And so he passed on to the next point conversion – where? It might take place in the home, in the church, or in the Sunday school, or out in the open. God is ready to meet men wherever they may be.

Then the thought came to him, *Where did it take place with ME? Was I converted at home? Was I converted in church? Have I ever been converted?*

Suddenly, it came to him with tremendous power: *I am preaching to other people, and I have never been converted myself! I don’t know when I was converted. I don’t know how I was converted. I don’t know where I was converted. I have never been converted at all!*

He preached his own sermon to himself, got on his knees, and told the Lord Jesus that he would trust Him as his Saviour.

That was the beginning of a new life and a **new ministry!**

Dr. Harry A. Ironside

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Trust, Work and Watch

Trust today and leave tomorrow; each day has enough of care;

Therefore, whatsoe’er thy burden,
God will give thee strength to bear.
He is Faithful! Cast on Him thine every care.

Work today, and leave tomorrow; all around there’s urgent need;

All around there’s sin and sorrow
Broadcast, daily sow the seed.
He is faithful! He shall bless thy work indeed.

Watch today, and leave the morrow; for tomorrow may not come;

For today thy loving Saviour,
May appear to take thee home,
He is faithful! Look for Him, the coming one.
William Sloan

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And she (Ruth) went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers. Ruth 2:3

In Ruth’s day, gleaning was to gather the grain left by the reapers (Lev. 19:9-10). In its figurative sense gleaning means to gather knowledge and wisdom bit by bit. As a young believer, my Christian friends and I greeted each other by asking, *“Where are you gleaning today?”* We wanted to encourage each other to be in the Word. Daily reading of God’s Word often brings “choice gleanings”, golden surprises from God’s heart to ours. ...glean from the Word of God daily.

Robert Gentile

*The Word of God, a river of pleasure;
The Word of God, ‘tis food for the mind;
The Word of God its light faileth never,
The Word of God, what treasure we find.*

Arthur E. Smith

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Pride Goes Before Destruction

“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.” Proverbs 16:18

This is the middle verse of the entire book of Proverbs, and, in view of the obviously structured original verse divisions through the book, it may well have been divinely designed as such. In any case, the sin of pride is so deadly, it is appropriate that a solemn warning concerning it should be placed here right at the heart of God’s book of true wisdom.

The sin of pride was the primeval sin of Satan: *“thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou has corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness”* (Ezekiel

28:17). It was the sin by which Satan led Adam and Eve to fall. “*Ye shall be as gods*” (Genesis 3:5), he had said. It is always the “easily besetting” *sin of Christian leaders, especially those who have assumed such leadership prematurely. “Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil”* (1 Timothy 3:6). Even Jesus was 30 years old before He began to teach.

Though pride is not named as such in the Ten Commandments, in reality it is implied in the very first one. “*Thou shalt have no other gods before me*” (Exodus 20:3). The essence of all false religion is evolutionary humanism – worshipping and serving the creature more than the Creator (Romans 1:25). Pride and unbelief are two sides of the same coin. When men and women refuse the word of their Creator, it is fundamentally because they want to be their own “gods,” as did Adam and Eve. Human pride is the hidden root of humanism, and of evolutionism, and of “*every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God*” (2 Corinthians 10:5). It is the very essence of the sin nature which we have inherited from our first parents. How carefully we need to guard against this secret sin of pride. If we do not, it will inevitably lead to humiliation and defeat.

Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

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And exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude (Ed. GOD) was deeply concerned about the problems facing the believers of his day. His warnings to them are given with force and authority. At the root of their problems was a drift from truth that had become an open denial of God’s Word. Foundational truth was paramount to Jude (Ed. Is to God) and it ought to be to you and me. Someone has well said, “I looked for the church and I found it in the world and I looked for the world and I found it in the church.” The only cure for such a situation is renewed obedience to the Scriptures. May God preserve us in this day of departure!

James Comte

*Revive Thy work, O Lord! Disturb the sleep of death:
Quicken the smouldering embers, Lord,
By Thine almighty breath.*

Albert Midlane

Update

DISCOURAGEMENT OR ENCOURAGEMENT?

Likely YOU have heard or said many times ‘Discouragement is Satan’s best ‘tool’ AND most ‘worn tool’ – RIGHT? For an ‘Under-shepherd’ who is called of the LORD, and empty pew is a source of ‘discouragement’, while a pew being occupied by you (or someone else) gives ‘encouragement’ as the potential is great and rewarding of what GOD can do in and through YOU to His Honor and Glory! (Psalm 126:5-6).

This is also ‘true’ of a faith ministry, such as the Morning Glory/Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation, (which is a Free Biblical Lutheran Conservative Movement); which is no exception!

Our income is somewhat like a miniature yo-yo: some months the income is marvelous and other months a semi-drought: so we are in the midst of catch-up, besides the basic monthly expenses. Why am I telling you this? Because YOU hold one of the “KEYS” to the open door the LORD has placed before us.

You see, some of our support is received consistently through regular Givers; others give periodically and the majority of you haven’t given to this ministry of the Lord’s Cause for a long time and trustingly have received many rich blessings through this means.

So we continue to stand in need: **1). PRAYER, 2). Financial Investments & 3). Your encouragement** by your presence when the opportunity for you is within reasonable distance. The bottom line, though, is that we only want the same as our Lord of lords lays upon your heart; for the Lord loves a cheerful GIVER!

Any and **all** support is greatly appreciated and may our Living Savior Bless YOU as you are obedient unto HIM; out of love as we seek to Occupy Till HE comes! Thank you & **God Bless!**

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Rural Cannon Falls, MN

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Host Pastor: Pastor Curtis Fox, (507) 875-2847

ON

March 28 – 30, 2014, Lord willing.

THEME: ***Marriage Supper of the Lamb***

Revelation 19:7–9

(Friday Evening thru Sunday noon)

Friday, March 28th

7:00 p.m. – Rodney Stueland, Dilworth, MN

Saturday, March 29th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time

9:30 a.m. – Coffee/Refreshments

10:00 a.m. – Pastor Paul Tjelta, Westby, WI

11:05 a.m. – Pastor Jim Haga, Shoreview, MN

12:00 Noon – Meal Served at church with a Free Will Offering

1:15 p.m. – Missionary/Pastor Connely Dyrud, Maple Grove, MN

2:20 p.m. – Pastor Jim Haga

3:15 p.m. – Coffee/Refreshments

3:45 p.m. – Testimonies, Fellowship, Singspiration

7:00 p.m. – Rodney Stueland

Sunday, March 30th

First Session at 9:30 a.m. – Missionary Connely Dyrud

Closing Session at 10:45 a.m. – Pastor Paul Tjelta

IT WILL BE WORTH IT ALL!

Remember: Throughout all Scripture they gathered to hear the WORD OF GOD and **GOD honors that!**

Motels in Cannon Falls, MN are: Best Western – (507) 263-7272 & Caravan – (507) 263-4777

All are WELCOME: Please PRAY for, try to attend and invite others!

P. S. IF convenient, please bring along ‘goodies’ for ‘Refreshment times’.

Thank You & may our Living Savior be glorified!!

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