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

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“Grieve not the Holy Spirit”

Ephesians 4:30

ALL that the believer has must come from Christ, but it comes only through the channel of the Spirit of grace. Moreover, as all blessing thus flow to you through the Holy Spirit, so also no good thing can come out of you in holy thought, devout worship, or gracious act, apart from the sanctifying operation of the same Spirit. Even if the good seed be sown in you, yet it lies dormant except He worketh in you to will and to do of His own good pleasure. Do you desire to speak for Jesus – how can you unless the Holy Ghost touch your tongue? Do you desire to pray? Alas! What dull work it is unless the Spirit maketh intercession for you! Do you desire to subdue sin? Would you be holy? Would you imitate your Master? Do you desire to rise to superlative heights of spirituality? Are you wanting to be made like the angels of God, full of zeal and ardour for the Master’s cause? You cannot without the Spirit — *“Without Me ye can do nothing.”* O branch of the vine, thou can’t have no fruit without the sap! O child of God, thou hath no life within thee apart from the life which God gives thee through His Spirit! Then let us not grieve Him or provoke Him to anger by our sin. Let us not quench Him in one of His faintest motions in our soul; let us foster every suggestion, and be ready to obey every prompting. If the Holy Spirit be indeed so mighty, let us attempt nothing without Him; let us begin no project, and carry on no enterprise, and conclude no transaction, without imploring His blessing. Let us do Him the due homage of feeling our entire weakness apart from Him and then depending alone upon Him having this for our prayer, “Open Thou my heart and my whole being to Thine incoming, and uphold

me with Thy free Spirit when I shall have received that Spirit in my inward parts”

“Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with Him” John 12:2.

HE is *to be envied*. It was well to be Martha and serve, but better to be Lazarus and commune. There are times for each purpose, and each is comely in its season, but none of the trees of the garden yield such clusters as the vine of fellowship. To sit with Jesus, to hear His words, to mark His acts, and receive His smiles, was such a favour as must have made Lazarus as happy as the angels. When it has been our happy lot to feast with our Beloved in His banqueting-hall, we would not have given half a sigh for all the kingdoms of the world, if so much breath could have bought them.

He is to be imitated. It would have been a strange thing if Lazarus had not been at the table where Jesus was for he had been dead, and Jesus had raised him. For the risen one to be absent when the Lord who gave him life was at his house, would have been ungrateful indeed. We too were once dead, yea, and like Lazarus stinking in the grave of sin; Jesus raised us, and by His life we live – can we be content to live at a distance from Him? Do we omit to remember Him at His table, where He deigns to feast with His brethren? Oh, this is cruel! It behooves us to repent, and do as HE has hidden us, for His least wish should be law to us. To have lived without constant intercourse with one of whom the Jews said, **“Behold how He loved him,”** would have been disgraceful to Lazarus. Is it excusable in us whom Jesus has loved with an everlasting

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love? To have been cold to Him who wept over his lifeless corpse, would have argued great brutishness in Lazarus. What does it argue in us over whom the Saviour has not only wept, but bled? Come, brethren, who read this portion, let us return unto our heavenly Bridegroom, and ask for His Spirit that we may be on terms of closer intimacy with Him and henceforth sit at the table with Him.

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Editor’s Note: When a person makes sport or light of SIN, this person is gradually hardening his heart and ‘grieving the Holy Spirit’. Quench not the Holy Spirit of God!

“THE heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork” Psalm 19:1.

The Bible is the unique revelation of God to mankind – God’s GRACE. It goes into great detail to support what it says, giving much evidence from prophecies fulfilled, from history, and from the accounts of eyewitnesses. It does not argue, however, nor support with further evidence, that which creation declares and makes self-evident to all mankind. It begins with the simple statement that God created the heavens and the earth, and then goes on from there.

Selected

“For He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” Hebrews 13:5

Jesus is Master of the wind, of the waves, over troubles, and even over death. He will never leave us nor forsake us no matter where we have to go nor what we have to do. (Ed. When apostasy (falling away) takes place, it is basically we who left Him because of the deceitfulness of our heart (the old nature), AND JESUS invites and encourages us to return unto Him). He will uphold us, and He will strengthen us; there is no need to fear.

One evening, a man in Denmark who had been visiting some friends until a late hour, had to walk through a forest to reach his home. He was offered company, but refused it, preferring to walk alone. He started out, but had not gone far when a peculiar fear came over him. He fell to his knees in prayer, committing his soul and body to the Lord. The fear left him, and he resumed his walk home, arriving there safely. He thought much about this experience, but could not explain it.

A year later, a dangerous criminal was apprehended and taken to court. When he was arraigned before the judge, he told how he had set out to kill this man.

“Why didn’t you kill him?” asked the judge. “When he passed me, an angel walked behind him, and I couldn’t do it,” the criminal replied.

The man realized then, that the Lord had not forsaken him. Are you under the protecting wing of the Almighty? If not, the Saviour is waiting to take you under His protecting care.

Dear Lord Jesus, protect us with Thy love and care, whenever we go and in whatever we do. For Jesus’ sake. Amen.

***Come to this Fountain so rich and sweet;
Cast thy poor soul at the Saviour’s feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete;
Glory to His name.***

Altar Steps by Pastor R. P. Haakonson,

By the way, are you looking for a biblical devotional book for the family to gather around the Word of God? *Altar Steps* is a daily devotional for each day of the year. It is available through the Hauge Book Store for \$8.00, plus \$2.00 for shipping. Simply use the envelope in the center of the magazine to order.

Blood in The Bible

“Without the shedding of blood is no remission of sin.” Hebrews 9:22

BLOOD sacrifice runs through the Bible from Gene-

sis to Revelation like a continual scarlet thread. It was at the heart of the sacrifices of Leviticus, the theme of David’s songs, the focus of the prophets’ predictions and the Blood of the Lamb will be the chorus of redeemed multitudes in heaven.

Mention of that blood inevitably makes us think of Calvary where Christ shed His rich, ruby blood for us. Look on His head that was pierced with thorns, on His back, mutilated and torn by a cruel whip, on His hands and feet, spiked by nails and from His side where a Roman soldier shunted a spear into His body. The blood of Jesus Christ is at the heart of the Gospel.

Dr. Ian Paisley preached powerfully on this theme, “Every blessing we receive in the Gospel is stained by the precious blood of Christ. Every deed of mercy, every expression of grace, every moment of love, comes to us through the blood of Christ. The church is a blood-bought body; the road we walk is a bloodstained pathway. The Bible we read is a bloodstained book. The throne at which we bow at is a bloodstained throne. The songs we sing have a bloodstained theme and we are going to a bloodstained heaven. Without the blood there is no remission, no forgiveness, no salvation, no hope, no peace, and no heaven.”

It was the actual blood of Jesus Christ. Calvary was for real. Jesus was made flesh and blood that He might taste death for us.

It was the exceptional blood of Christ. The blood of Jesus Christ was unique. That is because of His person, His purity and the purpose for which He came.

It was the effectual blood of Jesus Christ. There is power in the blood for redemption, reconciliation and remission of sins.

The essential blood of Jesus Christ. It was essential that the blood was shed on the cross, but also essential that the blood be sprinkled on our hearts.

There is power in the blood of the Lamb.

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New Carpet

A new carpet had been laid on the pulpit platform, and the workmen had left a number of tacks scattered on the floor.

“See here,” said the pastor, “what do you suppose would happen if I stepped on one of these tacks right in the middle of my sermon?” “Well sir,” came the reply, “I reckon there’d be one point you wouldn’t linger on.” — Selected

HAUGE'S IMPRISONMENT AND LAST DAYS – 1804-1824

We shall make this, the saddest chapter in the long history of Norway, as brief as possible and let Hauge himself testify:

“I was put in the Hougsund jail, Oct. 24, 1804, and in the evening placed in iron fetters. But that night I slept better than I had done for a long time, knowing that I had a good conscience and my aim had been to do that which was good only.”

From a letter dated October 31, 1804, written to his friends we quote: “I thank, praise and glorify God for all His mercy and grace. Out of love to you dear brethren do I bear this chain. May His love be kindled in your heart. How many things does not God use to wake us up. My heart’s desire for you is that you may be true members of His body and that our suffering may be changed to glory and eternal freedom.”

At the preliminary trial Nov 1, 1804, when asked if he would promise to quit preaching, so that he might soon be set free, Hauge answered:

“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.” Shortly afterwards Hauge wrote a prayer for the whole Christian church, beginning: “Merciful God and heavenly Father, you who have waited so long for our conversion...Father, you see how the hardened sinners are perverted and accuse those who confess Thee... Wake us up from lukewarmness, let those bound under sin be set free and let Thy truly delivered children follow after love with all its gifts.”

On Nov 22, 1804 Hauge was ordered transferred from Hougsund to Oslo. The order was very strict, if needed, military force might be used. It was something like the arrest of Jesus. Hauge wrote:

“My heart is quiet; I am surrendered unto death. God who gave my Master strength will give me strength with Him to agonize in prayer. I admonish you, my friends, to show no zeal on my behalf, but believe that it will further His own plans. May He keep you in a meek spirit.”

Now begins that dreadful and barbaric treatment of Hauge that finds no comparison except in the horrible dungeons of Spain. All writing material and books were taken away; no one was allowed to see him. After

spending a short time in the section for drunkards, he was given his own narrow cell. He was allowed to be out in the open air only 3 times the first year. Food was very poor. He lost his teeth and his hair. Before one year was ended his health was broken. He suffered indescribably from the fear, as year after year went on, that God might entirely have forsaken him, as he sat year after year in tense expectation to know his fate, — either acquittal or conviction. He waited in vain for nine long years. In the meantime, a number of miserable trials were held. During them we shall quote a brief word from him now and then. What made these trials so many and so lengthy, was first that the Church department wanted to get from every minister in Norway his opinion of the Hauge revival movement. Of course, almost all condemned it and Hauge in the strongest terms. Then they had to get witnesses from all over Norway to testify that Hauge had “spread his poison.” They procured over 600 witnesses in all. They held 28 different trials. In all, he was given 544 questions to answer, as found today in the old report book.

Here are samples of some of those 544 questions: “What call have you to pose as a preacher?” “Who had given you authority to be a judge over the ministers?” “Are you not a father of children born out of wedlock?” “How much money did you squeeze out of this or that person?” To stand trial 28 times, surrounded only by suspicious enemies and in that hostile atmosphere, caused Hauge extreme anguish. After one such trial he wrote:

“As to my money and property, I am sure I have given away 50 times more than I have received (He had about \$2.50 on his person when arrested). It was extremely bitter to stand before the court and answer such questions... My anguish was intense.”

It took about four years to conduct the main trials.
To be continued in next issue of the Morning Glory

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Editor’s Note: We most certainly do not idolize nor worship Hans Neilsen Hauge; but want to encourage you to take a biblical stand on the Solid Word of God, the Bible, similar to what he did!

This ministry (Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory) is indirectly an off-shoot of what ***God did in and through*** that sinner (Hans Neilsen Hauge) who was saved and kept by God’s Marvelous GRACE!

Editorial

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The Four F's in a Godly Home

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

(II Corinthians 9:15)

A Living Faith

There is a difference between a house and a home and this editorial is definitely directed toward the '*home*'! A house is a building, while a home is the people who dwell within!

"Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches" Proverbs 24:3-4.

In your dwelling place of a house, apartment, room or tent, according to Scripture, your physical dwelling place should be 'graced' with pictures, plaques, etc. that indicate your abode is a Christian home.

Naturally, as God created man and woman – with a definite distinction between male and female – as HE created man first in His own image and then taking a rib from Adam. HE knew before He even created us that it was not good for the man to be alone! Although before this magnificent realization, HE 'breathed into us' the following: **"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being (soul)." Genesis 2:7**

There are two reasons why God ordained that one male should be joined together with one female and that is to reproduce 'after our kind', and for physical activities, but with separate callings! Also HE saw that it was not good for the man to be alone!

As an adult who is going to choose a life-partner (team-mate), a godly-home begins with Specific PRAYER, even before the process of dating takes place, for each date could *possibly* be the one who will become your 'life-mate'.

Prayer is intended even before the miracle of conception and knowing that God intends that this 'inheritance from the Lord' needs a personal-faith-relationship with JESUS! You see, GOD does not have, per-say, any 'grandchildren' in the 'family of God'; but ONLY sons and daughters through the BELOVED, JESUS. John 1:12-13, Revelation 3:20, 1 John 5:11-13. In other words we are only baby/child-sitters as they are lent to us for only a short

period of time in the light of Eternity. Each of us, individually will one day spend all ETERNITY in either Heaven or Hell and both destinies last as long as the other!

As parents, GOD intends that we are to nurture our children in example, word and deed! Proverbs 22:6.

When a child is old enough to know the difference between right and wrong – what is SIN – then that child is old enough to come to a conscious personal relationship with JESUS! FAITH is not inherited from one individual to another individual, but must be experienced personally.

Even though, in a way, too many families in congregations today believe that when Mom and Dad are godly-folk, the younger generation is often accepted as official believers without a personal relationship with JESUS. SALVATION IS NOT LEARNED, BUT EXPERIENCED!

Fairness

IF our Creator and Redeemer entrusts an inheritance into our midst (children), keep in mind, that even though children have the same father and mother, each child will have a different personality. So children should not have to compete with one another. Treat them fairly, but be a mentor (child-sitter) for God and thus invest for all eternity!

I've been told of a large conservative Lutheran Congregation which had a biblical stand on chastity before marriage (Hebrews 13:4); but that rule could be bent depending upon how prominent the name was. Naturally this became offensive to certain individuals.

Firmness

Proverbs 14:26. Meal time should be a fun time and if your child (misbehaves) during your attendance of worshipping our God in 'Spirit and Truth' – wait until after your meal to first of all explain why you have to discipline them in LOVE! There are several ways of firmly disciplining a child, but in years gone by it has been said: When the 'wood-shed' was part of the 'home-stead', many a cases were settled behind the wood-shed and out of court. One Scriptural place is

that when you apply the rule of learning on the seat of understanding; the child will smart on one end and smarten-up on the other! Not necessarily a spanking but notice: He who spares the rod spoils the child.

As meal-time should be a happy-time, by no means do not let the world influence you in having any alcoholic beverage be any part of your family nutrition as the BIBLE is very clear in regards to this subject – which, sad to say, is invading even some professing Christian homes! There is NO question alcohol is of/from the world – Proverbs 20:1, Hab. 2:15-16.

Fun nourishment

Whenever we sit down together for a meal, let us not forget that many in the world are yet going to bed hungry. When we enjoy the comfort of our home, let us not forget that there are many in this sinful world who really do not possess or rent a living quarters to go to. As we ride in our vehicle, let us also keep in mind and heart that many people in the world still must use (mainly) the *foot-mobile*!

We, the people of USA and other free-countries, have been so richly blest y God. We need to pray for our leaders; both secular leaders and religious leaders.

May our prayers be saturated with praise and thanksgiving as gratitude is desperately lacking in our society and culture!

Martin Luther shares that when we pray the petition of the Lord's Prayer – Give us this day our daily bread – we actually are praying for the whole 'communion of saints'! As we receive so many blessings from **Him** who ***changes not***; we receive all these blessing that our lives might express THANKS unto the **GIVER**. 1 John 3:17. "*Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.*" Acts 14:17.

Couples should not only have prayer together, read God's Word together, work together, but play together! Thus we of the MG/HLIF are seeking to live in obedience (out of LOVE for **Jesus and for the Family of GOD**) to faithfully serve HIM, for FAITH, FAMILY AND FREEDOM! **Jude 3**. **AS** to your physical beverage, don't be deceived/fooled by the arch-enemy of our soul, and the sinful world that we are living in. GOD clearly states total abstinence from any alcoholic beverage. The one and only true God is not a God of confusion! (In its context, there is a clear distinction between 'old' (fermented) wine and 'new' wine (grape juice).

Also don't forget to build a home around Christian Fun, Fellowship and Hospitality, as there are things

you will learn and experience in the area of Christianity that you would will never experience except through 'Christian Hospitality'.

Isn't it marvelous how a child of God can have 'fun' and have NO regrets the next day! While the unsaved world can make 'fun-of', scoff, scorn, ridicule and persecute Christianity, they 'laugh' their way into Hell, but not out! YES, the "pleasures of sin" is so yearning both to the saved and unsaved sinner as found in Hebrews 10:25 (temporary). In Reality it was Jesus who was born to die for your sin and mine. King Herod responded to the newborn Jesus with blood-thirsty hostility; and this response grew and swelled until one day, approx. three decades latter, it became a mob's terrifying cry: **CRUCIFY HIM!** A life-changing Jesus Christ is unacceptable to millions of people, made up of individuals just like you and me. He is a menace to their way of life! ***Ephesians 5:22-33, 1 Peter 3:1-12, or 1 Timothy 3:2, 8-13.***

God's Word teaches ONE HUSBAND and ONE WIFE until DEATH DO YOU PART.

The same goes for congregational leadership – Hebrews 10:24-25 and keep in heart and mind that the word "exhort" is not only admonition, but encouraging!

AS individuals and families, the closer we get to the day of our exodus, and in a sense the "Pearly White City," likely the more Satan will be working overtime in our midst!

Even where there is a definite difference in personality clashes, IF this person is IN CHRIST and covered under the blood of the crucified and risen One who is coming again; we are to LOVE one-another (support/encourage) as similar as a shepherd is willing to lay down his life for the sheep!

EVEN in the physical family, I firmly suggest that you keep in contact with one another. For example: even as adults, even though *maybe* many miles separate you from one-another, write, call or on occasions, contact mother and father, grand-mother, grand-father at least once or twice a week, regardless how brief the contact may be!

It is ONLY those who are walking by faith with and in JESUS who can truly pray "Our Father." In what we call the Lord's Prayer, praying for God to: "Deliver us from temptation" means to over-come temptation or rescue us from temptation.

Don't forget, EVEN before the foundation of the earth, in a sense God waited these 'thousands' of

years in order that you might become a member in God's Blessed little Flock that you and I might become part of His Blood-bought 'Bride', AND in the meantime the temple/tabernacle of the third Person of the Holy Trinity, the *Holy Spirit!*

What a GOD of truth, mercy, grace and love: which is a sense makes each redeemed Person "Awesome"— *now look up in the dictionary the definition of 'awesome'!*

Continue to exercise the gift of a living faith as Jesus

was born (God's Incarnation) in a lowly stable (similar to a barn) as a 'Lamb' to be crucified for our SIN, even though He was, is and will be the coming King! In a stable – what a proper place for a "Lamb"! Yet one day HE is coming as King of KINGS! And you and I (in Christ) will stand before this *perfect, sinless, HOLY ONE* in love. IN the meantime we are His 'ambassadors'.

HOW GRACIOUS ARE YOU TO BELONG IN THE FAMILY OF GOD AND JOINT HEIRS WITH JESUS!

MISSING!

Maybe I am approaching this biblical item from a negative side; but the plain open truth is that something is definitely *missing*, even in the average evangelical congregation, and that is series of evangelistic meetings – no doubt about it!

A couple of questions: When did GOD withdraw the calling and using of Evangelists? God had and still does use evangelists and evangelistic meetings! God has used evangelistic meetings for centuries! Not only some years or decades ago, but according to His Word, and thus my conviction, He wants to use them TODAY ALSO! When I state centuries ago, take for example JONAH!

The Second question: I am informed that folks just don't come out for evangelistic meetings like they used to! SO! I am reminded of what one of the great reformers said years ago: He would rather be the means (vessel) of setting ten souls on fire for the LORD, than one hundred converts. WHY? Because ten souls could do much more in the Lord's Work than one 'vessel'.

Years ago, in my home community, they used to have evangelistic meetings for weeks at a time! During one such series, to my knowledge, only one precious soul came to know JESUS as his personal Savior, and YET how GOD used this individual in reaching many souls for Christ and nurturing God's children, by the GRACE OF GOD!

So why not give it a try again: even if only a small number come under the hearing of God's Eternal Word; God is still there, for where two or three are gathered in His Name...! IT IS PART OF GOD'S PLAN!

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**All forsook me: may it not be laid to their account
II Timothy 4:16.**

ONE would think that so truth-loving a man and so

holy a Christian as Paul would have been spared being forsaken by his friends; but he also had to see them go when he most needed them most. A heavy and dark philosophy of life lies in the words, that we must not rely on men. So we, too, must count on losing our best friends. Life tells us, too, that gradually as the years pass, many must put up with being more and more lonely and friendless.

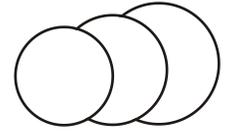
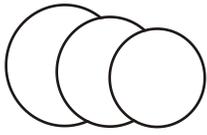
Think only of all the fathers and mothers who wore themselves out to help their children get on in the world, and who in their old age were left alone, to be forgotten by all!

Brother forgets sister, and sister brother, and in a pinch, the person that you expected the most help from can add the heaviest stone to your burden. Many who worked together in the kingdom of God as Christian brothers and good friends, for many and long years, pulled apart as evening came on. That is the way we men are. We are no more reliable than that. "All forsook me" says Paul. *ALL!*

But the big thing that we must learn of Paul is that he faces all this with a loving and forgiving heart. "**May it not be laid to their account,**" he says. He who can say that is unspeakably happy. It is the will of God that we forgive everybody, and in the midst of adversity glorify Him who has said: "*I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.*" When you have the Friend who never fails you, then you are surely not lonely either in life or in death.

*Let the world despise and leave me;
They have left my Savior, too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me,
Thou art not, like them, untrue;
And while Thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate, and friends may shun me;
Show Thy face and all is bright.*

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LUTHERAN COMPOSERS

Martin Luther (1483 – 1546), whose Gospel rediscovery lit the flame that ignited the Protestant Reformation five hundred years ago, had a tremendous impact on the musical landscape of his time. He was the foremost of the reformers in acknowledging music as a gift from God. He is credited with restoring congregational singing. Luther gave the German people the Bible, the catechism, and the hymn book in their own tongue. All were to take part in worship. Luther also translated many hymns from Latin and wrote thirty-six hymns. He had a huge influence in creating the first hymnal. Luther's most popular hymn, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, is best known in the chorale, hymn-like form which we sing today. However, Luther's original rhythm to this melody was very syncopated and rhythmic...

Heinrich Schutz (1585 – 1672), is generally recognized as the most important German composer of his time. He wrote what is considered the first German opera, yet he is most known for his sacred music compositions, from works for solo voice and instrumental accompaniment, to acappella choral music. Some of his works include *Psalms of David*, *Seven Words of Jesus Christ on the Cross*, and three Passion settings. His musical style had a large influence in the works of J. S. Bach.

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847), was born into a

prominent Jewish family and later in life converted to Lutheranism. Most of Mendelssohn's music was written for the concert stage. Among his sacred works, he is most noted for two oratorios, *Elijah and St. Paul, Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord*,...

FAITH ALONE, GRACE ALONE, SCRIPTURE ALONE

Often, the Reformation is understood in light of "solus" or solae. Solus is Latin for "alone." Three that describe Martin Luther's teaching on the Gospel include Sola Scripture (Scripture Alone), Sola Fide (Faith Alone), and Sola Gratia (Grace Alone). "***All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be complete, equipped for every good work***" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Scripture must govern over church traditions. All traditions, creeds, and teachings must be in unity with the teachings of Scripture. "*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*" (Romans 5:1). We are justified by faith, not works. Good works are not a means for salvation, just evidence of saving faith. "*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God*" (Ephesians 2:8). ...

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And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she bid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho Joshua 6:25.

The perceived differences between the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament are mainly the result of the presumptions we bring to the Scriptures rather than a natural interpretation of the same. For example, we see God's grace and mercy extended to Rahab and her family, even though her origin would forever preclude her entry into the nation of Israel. The same can be stated of Ruth the Moabites. Indeed, the Old Testament Scriptures are full of examples of God acting in grace – overriding His pronouncement and showing His mercy.

Apples of Gold. The Berean Call.

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Egypt!

The approximate year-long rule of Mohamed Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood brought Egypt somewhat to its knees, both economically and socially.

On November 1, 2017, for the first time known in history, a leader of Egypt, President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, met with American evangelical leaders. They met for nearly three hours at the Presidential Palace in Cairo.

Michelle Bachmann (former Congresswoman for Minnesota) later said, "As evangelicals in the U.S., we came to support and thank President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi for unprecedented evenhandedness toward Christians and other minorities in Egypt."

God bless you as you pray for (especially for) the peace of Israel and the peace of Egypt and that the name of Jesus would be glorified throughout the same!

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Corrective Tobacco Ads Have Begun

In 2006, a federal court judge found tobacco companies guilty of lying to the American public about the deadly effects of cigarettes and secondhand smoke, and ordered them to do corrective advertising... After eleven years of stalling and negotiating, the companies [have begun] their extensive corrective campaign, at their own expense, admitting the truth about their products. Television ads will run on major network and cable stations during prime time for 52 weeks. Full-page ads will appear in more than 50 major cities through April 2018.

Consumer Health Digest, edited by Stephen Barrett, M.D.

Editor's Note: How about the liquor/alcoholic companies telling the truth about what effect drinking has on the road, home and community!

NFL Agrees to Commit \$89M Over Seven Years to Social Justice Causes

The NFL and a group of players reached an agreement in principle (December 6) to partner on a plan to address social justice issues considered important to African-American communities, sources told ESPN.

The unprecedented agreement calls for the league to contribute \$89 million over seven years to projects dealing with criminal justice reform, law enforcement/community relations and education.

The agreement does not include language calling for players to end protests during the national anthem in exchange for funds; there's no implicit quid pro quo.

Gopusa.com

Editor's Comments: Eighty-nine million dollars? "Social justice" is often a code word for liberal causes. It will be interesting to see if even one "conservative" group receives funding from this. Not likely!

Sword of the Lord

Coach Denied Job Because She Rejects Homosexuality

Former WNBA player Camille LeNoir had an offer from New Mexico State University to coach women's basketball, but it was rescinded when the school learned her views on homosexuality.

Homosexuality is welcomed, if not pervasive, in women's basketball culture.

So when New Mexico State University's head coach saw a video in which Camille LeNoir said she was no longer gay, he rescinded the offer for LeNoir to become an assistant coach at the school.

Now she's suing the school for discrimination...

Mark Trakh, NMSU's coach at that time, offered LeNoir the job; and she booked travel to New Mexico. But two days before she left, Trakh called her and told her the offer was no longer on the table.

Aaron Collen, theblaze.com

New Suicide Machine Invented With Detachable Coffin

Australia's best-known euthanasia activist, Dr. Philip Nitschke, is back in the news with another machine for committing suicide, the Sarco capsule.

The machine will allow anyone who has the access key to end (his) life by simply pressing a button. Developed in the Netherlands by Nitschke and an engineer, the machine can be 3D printed and assembled in any location. Access to the Sarco capsule will be by an online mental questionnaire which will provide a four-digit access code.

When the person lies in the capsule, he can activate it, and liquid nitrogen will rapidly drop the oxygen level, leading to death (in) a few minutes.

The novel feature is that the capsule can be detached

from the Sarco machine and used as a sleek and shiny coffin. The machine base can be re-used.

Lifenews.com

Editor's Note: God, the creator and preserver of the gift of life, clearly states for both the saved sinner and the un-saved sinner: **“Thou shalt not kill.”** This is true for ALL people, ALL ages, ALL times, Everywhere!

John Wanamaker's Bible

When he had become one of the country's greatest merchants, John Wanamaker once said, “In my lifetime I have made many purchases. I have bought things which have cost me thousands of dollars. But the greatest purchase I ever made was when I was a boy twelve years old.

“Then I bought a Bible for two dollars and fifty cents. That was my greatest purchase, for that Bible made me what I am today.”

“The righteous God trieth the hearts and the reins” Psalm 7:9.

God is righteous in his judgments. This is an absolute truth. He shows His righteousness by considering all factors before He judges, even the hidden ones. He alone can do this, for He alone knows *“the hearts and the reins.”*

When it says that God tries the hearts, it means that He will not judge the life of a human being or a single act according to superficial evidence, but according to the motives. The great Judge does not look merely at the outward acts by themselves, but He looks for the reason which has driven a person to commit them. Without a noble motive an act is not good. Love must be the driving power. Without it, we are nothing before God. And the sinfulness of sin is the evil disposition behind it. All sin is measured by this standard.

Test yourself by the standard of God.

Streams of Gladness, by Fredrik Wisloff, Augsburg Publishing house, © 1958

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“Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right.” Ephesians 6:1

It was quiet all over the house. In one room a man lay in a coffin. His wife and daughter stood nearby and wept; but the son sat in a chair off by himself. This son

had caused the father much sorrow. He had been disobedient. The mother and sister spoke between themselves about the wonderful husband and father whom God had taken from them.

When they left the room the son walked over to his father's body. “Father,” he said, “you were always good to me even when others turned from me. Oh, how sorry I am for all the evil I have done to you! With your cold hand in mine, I promise you and God that I shall be a different boy.”

We hope he meant what he said. How much better it would have been if he could have told it to his father while he was alive. If we have something good to say, or do to anyone, let us not wait until that person is dead, but say it or do it now. The dead cannot hear us, but the living can.

Oh, God, as I walk through this world, let me not forget to say the kind words or do the kind deeds I should while the loved ones are living. May I not have any regrets when they are gone. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies,
Saviour may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.***

Daily Devotional *Altar Steps* by Pastor R. P. Haakonson, Permission Granted

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EVANGELISM

Evangelism is the lifeblood of the church. Without it, the assembly becomes an eventide home for the aged, a social club for tired businessmen, a super basketball club for the young. Evangelism brings men and women to Christ; if the church fails to do this great work, inevitably it must die. Ivor Powell

Editor's Note: Scripture shares that ‘where there is no vision the people perish’. We of the MG/HLIF want to be a blessing to you, your church, your community by the GRACE of GOD! So we have resources available for you to utilize in your own life, church and community, etc. Thus we have a Gospel Tent available for your convenience and the necessary equipment to go with it, even Gospel Song Books!

IF you are interested in having Gospel Tent Meetings, please contact Mr. Paul Peterson of Kenyon, MN at (507) 202-5329.

IF you are interested in holding evangelistic meetings in your church building, community hall, etc. please contact the editor.

THE HOLY SPIRIT ALSO HELPS (Leads) US

By Herbert Peterson

It would be amiss should I fail to relate the experience of transition that occurred in our family, namely, a SPIRITUAL REVIVAL! In 1920 members of our family, Harry and I particular, were awakened relative to our personal relationship to the Lord. Under conviction of sin, Harry became restless and seemed unable to fathom the promises and love of God. I searched the Scriptures and shared the Word with him, but it failed to release his sin burden. What more could I do?

Then, as I recall, the possibility of some help came when the thought occurred to me that we should visit Pastor Olson at the Lutheran parsonage in Badger. I went to Harry and asked him, "Why don't we go to Pastor Olson with the excuse (reason) that we want to purchase a Bible; then in conversation we can share our spiritual problem."

Pastor Olson perceived our problem before we got around to ordering the Bible, and Harry and I poured out our hearts to him. He advised us well: Join our Bible study group, read the Word faithfully, and pray! Prior to this visit at the parsonage, the two of us met up with an unplanned challenge Harry went to see His girlfriend, Julia, who was attending a "cottage fellowship" meeting in the home of one of her friends. She extended an invitation to us to join the group. Now the girl I had with me knew more about this get-together than I did; and, nudging me in the ribs, said, "That's not the place you'll want to go." Well, what could shock me? It was at this session that I received what I really needed, not what I wanted! I'm so happy we accepted the invitation and responded with, "Let's go in." Among those who made decisions for Christ that night were Harry and I. We were warmly received into the Christian fellowship and found much encouragement and blessings for our lives.

The following morning we met our first test. After relating to our parents the experience of the previous evening and that we had accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Savior. Father advised us, "There now, you boys will have to show your decision of life and faith in your conduct. No Pharisees in this household." Dad was an avid Bible reader and Mother also knew the Scriptures well. Harry took the family Bible, opened it, and began to read. Dad suggested that we find a Psalm and use God's Word carefully as beginners in Bible reading. That same evening I had the Scripture reading and prayer, and thus we continued to search the Word faithfully and pray.

Other members of the family, including Mother and Father, were convicted of their sin and came to faith in Jesus Christ. God's Holy Spirit was gracious and moved

powerfully in our family and in Badger Lutheran Congregation. Someone has well written the following verse:

*"Thou didst reach out Thy hand, and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea,
It was not so much that I on Thee took hold,
As Thou, dear Lord, on me."*

You have honored me in reading this portion of this book on the Peterson Family. Perhaps you have been a blessing in so doing. Hence, whether a Christian or a seeker, may you be on the same wave-length. John 13:34 says it well: **A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another, as I have loved you.**" (JESUS).

Submitted by Paul Peterson

Perhaps you can *guess*, these were very close relatives of Paul, who is a Hauge Board Member and the Treasurer, who knows and loves this same JESUS!

Trusting God Even If

(Please prayerfully read: Daniel 3:13-25)

The God we serve is able to deliver us.

Due to an injury that occurred in 1992, I suffer from chronic pain in my upper back, shoulders and neck. During the most excruciating and disheartening moments, it's not always easy to trust or praise the Lord. But when my situation feels unbearable, God's constant presence comforts me. He strengthens me and reassures me of His unchanging goodness, limitless power, and sustaining grace. And when I'm tempted to doubt my Lord, I'm encouraged by the determined faith of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They worshiped God and trusted He was with them, even when their situation seemed hopeless.

When King Nebuchadnezzar threatened to throw them into a blazing furnace if they didn't turn away from the true God to worship his golden statue (Dan. 3:13-15), these three men displayed courageous and confident faith. They never doubted the Lord was worthy of their worship (v. 17), even if He didn't rescue them from their current predicament (v. 18). And God didn't leave them alone in their time of need; He joined and protected them in the furnace (vv.24-25).

God doesn't leave us alone either. He remains with us through trials that can feel as destructive as Nebuchadnezzar's furnace. Even if our suffering doesn't end on this side of eternity, God is and always will be mighty, trustworthy, and good. We can rely on His constant and loving presence.

Lord, thank you for being with us, no matter what we're going through.

Whom at my Door is Knocking?

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.” Revelation 3:20

IN this life no one will ever be able to find the dividing line between God’s omnipotence and our free will. But even though we cannot do that, we must still hold fast to the truth that we ourselves are responsible in determining whether we shall be saved or lost. The key to the heart is in our hand in this matter.

The Savior stands outside and knocks, but He does not break in, and He takes no one by force. He knocks, He asks permission to save, He invites, yea, He weeps when people do not know the time of their visitation: but He never uses force.

What a miracle of love that God seeks us, that it is the almighty, the eternally rich God who knocks at our door and asks permission to save us. Should not we have knocked at His door, to ask whether He, in grace, would receive the lost sinner. But, no, no one seeks Him, if He does not seek us first.

If all of you who have not opened the door to Him, would remember this, then must you soon understand that the greatest sin you can commit is to keep the door closed against Him. Beware of that great sin, and open the door!

A word to you who earnestly desire to be saved, but who dare not believe that you are saved. Cannot you, too, understand that He who now knocks at your door has a much greater desire to save you, than you have to be saved?

***Behold, He at the door is knocking!
Hark, how He pleads our souls to win!
Who hears His voice – the door unlocking—
To sup with Him He enters in!
How blest the day my soul, how blest!
When Jesus comes to be thy guest!***

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Editor’s Note: Basically, the word “sup” here means to dine, eat or fellowship.

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GARMENTS FOR THE KING

“All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.” Psalm 45:8.

One of the most beautiful of the Christmas hymns (though rarely sung at Christmas) is “Out of the Ivory Palaces,” telling how the King of heaven left His heavenly home and laid aside His perfumed, royal clothing to enter “a world of woe.” That this 45th Psalm is symbolic in part is obvious, but that it refers to Christ is also obvious from its use in Hebrews 1:8: *“But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is this scepter of Thy kingdom,”* quoting Psalm 45:6.

That the eternal King left heaven to come to Earth is not symbolic, however, but very real; nor did He have royal robes in which to be arrayed, for they “wrapped (Him) in swaddling clothes”, (Ed. I understand this is the same kind of linen or cloth they used around the corpse at burial), and laid Him “in a manger” (Luke 2:12).

Then, as He later walked the dusty roads of Judea, we know little of what He wore, but we do know that on one notable occasion, He “*laid aside His garments; and took a towel, and girded Himself...and began to wash the disciples’ feet*” (John 13:4-5). A strange garment, and stranger action, for the **King of glory!**

Yet, stranger still that men whom He had created, later “*took His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also his coat...but cast lots for it*” (John 19:23-24), leaving Him naked to die a painful death spiked to a tree. Finally, His little remnant of friends took “the body of Jesus and wound it in linen clothes” (John 19:40) for His burial.

Now, however, in glory, He once again is arrayed in kingly apparel, “**clothed with a garment down to the foot, and... with a golden girdle**” (Revelation 1:13), and one day, all His redeemed shall see Him – in His beauty – the king in whose law we delight!

Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

Days of Praise, Institute for Creation Research
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“Our works do not generate righteousness, rather our righteousness in Christ generates works.”

Martin Luther

“O that I knew Where I might find HIM!” Job 23:3

IN Job’s uttermost extremity he cried after the Lord. The longing desire of an afflicted child of God is once more to see his Father’s face. His first prayer is not “O that I might be healed of the disease which now festers in every part of my body!”, nor even “O that I might see my children restored from the jaws of the grave, and my property once more brought from the hand of the spoiler!” but the first and uppermost cry is, “O that I knew where I might find HIM, who is my God! That I might come even to His seat!” God’s children run home when the storm comes on. It is the haven-born instinct of a gracious soul to seek shelter from all ills beneath the wings of Jehovah. “He that made his refuge God,” might serve as the title of a true believer. A hypocrite, when afflicted by God, resents the infliction, and, like a slave, would run from the Master who has scourged him; but not so for the true heir of heaven; he kisses the hand which smote him, and seeks shelter from the rod in the bosom of the God who frowned upon him. Job’s desire to commune with God was intensified by the failure of all other sources of consolation. The patriarch turned away from his sorry friends, and looked up to the celestial throne, just as a traveler turns from his empty skin bottle, and betakes himself with all speed to the well. He bids farewell to earthborn hopes, and cries, **“O that I knew where I might find my God!”** Nothing teaches us so much the preciousness of the Creator, as when we learn the emptiness of all besides. Turning away with bitter scorn from earth’s hives, where we find no honey, but many sharp stings, we rejoice in Him whose faithful word is sweeter than honey or the honeycomb. In every trouble we should first seek to realize God’s presence with us. Only let us enjoy His smile, and we can bear our daily cross with a willing heart for His dear sake.

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Editor’s Note: Our daily cross is the ridicule, persecution, etc. that comes to a true believer in Jesus Christ – who has Him as their personal Savior. This affliction comes from the world, religious or not!

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And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary, his mother, Behold, this Child is set for the falling and the rising of many in Israel; and for a sign which is spoken against.” Luke 2:34

AS the rock in the midst of the falls, so Christ stands in the midst of the race for falling or for salvation. We cannot meet Him and pass Him in the same way that we meet and

pass other persons. As the sun either burns and destroys, or gives life, so the meeting with Jesus brings about either falling or rising. No one gets by Him and escapes this choice. “*And he that falleth on this stone shall be broken to pieces; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will scatter him as dust.*”

Meeting Jesus entails responsibility. To learn to know Him through the Word of God, to know that He died for our sins and was raised for our justification, to be called into the kingdom of His grace, and then not accept Him, that is adding sin to sin, and judgment to judgment. “*And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light.*”

But as many as received Him, them He raised up and made to be free, saved people. “*If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free, ye shall be free indeed.*” You who do not give yourself to Him who gave Himself wholly for you, you are lost. When the bottomless abyss forever has shut you out from the last hope, then your fall is great. Then you will know what it is to be lost. But happy are you who accept Him. When you have entered within the gates of the city, you will know what it is to be eternally blessed.

***Ne’er think the victory won,
Nor lay thine arms down;
Thine arduous work will not be done,
Till thou obtain thy crown.***

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CRAFTED:

Marriage God’s Way – By Michael Youssef, Ph.D.

I have seen enough to know that there is no such thing as a perfect marriage – such a thing doesn’t exist. In every marriage, there are painful lessons to be learned, trials to go through, and difficult days. But when Christ is the center of our personal lives and of our relationships, even the pain of conflict can be transformed into something beautiful. Sorrow eventually turns to joy, and even failure blossoms into success.

The truth is Satan is crouching at your door, ready to destroy your marriage if you let him. Do not give him even the smallest foothold. Do not allow sin and disobedience to destroy this great gift God has given you. And even if you feel that your marriage is already dead – know that God can raise a lifeless marriage to new glories in Christ.

Regardless of whether you are currently married or not, I hope you will join me this ...

My Journal, January, © 2018

What About Tattoos?

“You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead, nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am the Lord.” (Leviticus 19:28)

The trend in society today is for people to have tattoos put on their bodies. Some people will even go to the extent of having a good share of their bodies covered with different tattoos. Christians have also entered into this. Some Christians will put tattoos on their bodies of a cross or Jesus or a Bible verse or the like. They say that this is a witness to their faith in doing this. How are Christians supposed to look at tattoos?

The prevailing attitude in Christianity today is that God looks at the heart and not the outside. *“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’”* (1 Sam. 16:7) This verse is frequently quoted and the impression is given that God only looks at the heart and we are free to do with the outside whatever we want. The whole context of this Scripture was for God choosing a replacement for Saul to be king in Israel. When the people choose Saul for their king, they went by his outward appearance. *“And he had a son whose name was Saul, a choice and handsome man, and there was not a more handsome person than he among the sons of Israel; from his shoulders and up he was taller than any of the people.”* (1 Samuel 9:2) God was telling Samuel that the qualifications for being a king were not in the outward appearance as Saul had, as God was looking at the heart to find someone who was “a man after God’s own heart.” He was NOT stating that God doesn’t look AT ALL on the outward appearance of a person.

The Scripture at the top of the page clearly spells out for us that God’s people are not supposed to put tattoos upon themselves. Some would read this and reply, “Well, this is from the Old Testament. We’re not under that covenant any longer. Its dictates don’t apply to the New Testament Christian.”

Does that mean that every dictate from the Old Testament is no longer valid? In this text, it also says, *“Do not profane your daughter by making her a harlot, so that the land may not fall to harlotry, and the land become full of lewdness.”* (Lev. 19:29) If we are going to disregard everything that the Old Testament teaches, then is it alright for daughters to give themselves to harlotry? This portion of text also says, *“Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by*

them. I am the Lord your God.” (Lev. 19:31) Does that mean that it is alright for a Christian to seek out spiritists and mediums? No.

When we read the Old Testament, we must ask ourselves the question: “Does the New Testament give further insight into issue?” The Old Testament teaches that animals were to be slain to cover the sins of the people. We no longer do this because Jesus has come and was sacrificed once for all, the just for the unjust. The New Testament instructs us that this part of the Old Testament is put away. (See Heb. 10:1-9) Therefore the Ceremonial Law is instructed for us in the New Testament as put away and not binding upon us. The Old Testament taught *“And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.”* (Ex. 21:17) We don’t put disobedient children to death or stone adulterers today because the Civil Law that Israel was under does not apply to us today. We are governed by the law of the land in these matters.

The Moral Law that God has given to us in the Old Testament still applies today. Specifically, we can look in the New Testament and find all of the Ten Commandments repeated for us. So in terms of the moral dictates of the Old Testament, we should ask ourselves: “Does the New Testament give further instruction on a given practice? Are there things banned in the Old Testament that are lifted in the New? Are there things allowed in the Old Testament that are not done in the New?”

When we think of tattoos, we should ask ourselves, “Does the New Testament give any further instruction on this practice, either in direct commands or in examples?” There is no lifting of the ban put on tattoos in the New Testament, either in direct command or by example.

In fact, the New Testament goes further in its teachings of the role of the believer’s physical body. It tells the Christian that his body is the Temple of the God, the Holy Spirit. He is the place where God now dwells. In the Old Testament, the Temple was revered and set apart as being holy, because this is where God dwelled and where people came to bow down and worship. Jesus Himself even cleansed the Temple when people wanted to defile it. (See John 2:13-22) The thought of painting displays on the Temple were not even considered.

New Testament Christians are given commands on

what to do with their bodies. *“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”* (1 Cor. 6:19-20) Christians are to glorify God in their bodies the way that the Temple was set apart and glorified in the Old Testament. *“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”* (Rom. 12:1) Here our physical bodies are to be presented to God like the sacrifices in the Old Testament. Animals which were physically marred were not allowed for the sacrifice.

It is clear from these New Testament Scriptures that our bodies are not neutral to do with them whatever we please. God commands us to glorify Him with our physical bodies also. According to God’s Word, placing tattoos on your body violates these commands.

Pastor Jim Haga
Shoreview, MN

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Trust, Work and Watch

*Trust today and leave tomorrow; each day has enough of care;
Therefore, whatso’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 Sloam

Update

Money Talks!

An older saying is ‘a penny saved is a penny earned’ OR now ‘money talks’ and it says ‘Good-bye’! Regardless, we seek to be conscientious in regards to what is entrusted into our midst for the Lord’s Kingdom here on Earth!

Anyway, our GOD is the very best financial book keeper, and as the treasurer who not only guarantees, but graciously gives great interest and tells us clearly where a safe deposit lies, for where “your treasure is there will be your heart be also!” This is where a safe savings account is, and there is no concern in regards to depreciation or recession. Not only that, but there are NO taxes or upkeep or maintenance, as moth and rust do not corrupt or decay.

Most certainly we realize there are a number of biblical conservative causes where you can make donations, but we would like you to seriously and prayerfully consider this ministry as part of your eternal deposit in the form of money.

As you are already aware, there will be no April, 2018 issue of the *Morning Glory* because of a lack of funds – along with a July issue. This decision was made by the board of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation.

There is NO-doubt that Satan would like to shut-down this ministry, but we most certainly trust that is not your desire.

As you pray about what YOU should entrust in this ministry, we will seek to be faithful unto and in obedience with God’s Eternal Word, the BIBLE.

Income for the month of January for the *Morning Glory* is app. \$4,785.00.

As you are aware, we also have other noticeable expenses in addition to the cost of printing and mailing the *Morning Glory*. The cost of each issue of the *Morning Glory* is approx. \$2.75 delivered to your door. Can you help defer these costs?

THANK YOU for what you give to this ministry as you are led by the Holy Spirit. May our crucified and risen Savior, who is coming again, richly bless YOU!

P. S. Please note the change of E-mail address for the Editor indicated on pg. 2.

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9:30 a.m. – Coffee/Refreshments

10:00 a.m. – Pastor Jim Haga, Shoreview, MN

11:00 – Wayne Almlie, Des Moines, IA

Noon Meal at the Church (Free Will Offering)

1:15 – Pastor Jim Haga

2:15 – Testimonial/Singspiration

Fellowship and Refreshments following

7:00 p.m.– Pastor Reuben Unseth

SUNDAY

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service: Pastor Reuben
Unseth

There is lodging available in the surrounding area, as
for example, West Union, also possible lodging in
homes, if desired.

*If feasible; please bring home-made goodies for Re-
freshment times!*

Basic Direction: Central Iowa, South of *old* Hwy
175 & *old* Hwy 215 or **HWY 150 & 36 & 18.**

***Please pray for that the ‘windows of Heaven’ will
be open through messages, Songs and Christian
Fellowship.***

MAY GOD BE GLORIFIED as it is His minis-
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