



# Morning Glory

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

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## A Few Thoughts to Ponder!

**F**irst of all, what is truth? I want to believe in something that is 100% reliable, I don't want to deceive myself. There is no better place to turn to but to God's Word – the Bible. “All your words are true; all your just laws will stand forever.” (1) Then as you read the Bible you see the Word of God is personified. “In the beginning the Word already existed. He was with God, and he was God.” (2) “So the Word became human and lived here on earth among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father.” (3)

Now if Jesus is the truth as we read I will refer to His word in my statements. I will quote his word using the NLT throughout this article.

I ask myself the question, how can I know for sure that I will get into Heaven? I just don't want to hope that I will. I want to be 100% sure, with no doubt in my mind. I read the serious words like; “And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.” (4) That's reality, there is a heaven and there is a hell, they exist for ever and ever.

Many times when I would help people get it right with the Lord I would refer to these verses. “Then those who feared the Lord spoke with each other, and the LORD listened to what they said. In His presence, a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared him and loved to think about him. ‘They will be my people,’ says the LORD Almighty. ‘On the day when I act, they will be my own special treasure. I will spare them as a father spares an obedient and dutiful child. Then you will again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God

and those who do not.”(5)

How do I get it right with the Lord? By dealing with the sin problem in my life. You and I can't excuse sin away, or try and hide from it. “...you may be sure that your sin will find you out.”(6)

Can I pray to a saint, can he or she forgive me? There is only one way to get forgiveness. First of all we have to confess our sin before God and sometimes before man. “This is good and pleases God our Savior, for he wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message that God gave to the world at the proper time.” (7) Another verse that describes this transaction very clearly for me is written like this. “The sins of some men are obvious reaching the place of judgment ahead of them. The sins of others trail behind them.” (8) When God forgives us he never brings up those sins again. They are forgiven forever. “He has removed our rebellious acts as far away from us as the east is from the west.” (9) Have you experienced this in your life where the burden of sin is removed and the peace of Christ now fills your inner most being? If you have, then I can say this to you.

“Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again — rejoice!” (10) Thank and praise Him every day! He alone is worthy of all praise, honor and glory now and forever more!

One of His Servants, Rev. Willmore Gundersen

(1) Psalm 119:160. (2) John 1:1. (3) John 1:14. (4) Rev. 20:15. (5) Malachi 3:16-18. (6) Numbers 32:23. (7) 1 Tim. 2:3-6. (8) 1 Tim. 5:24. NIV (9) Psalm 103:12. (10) Phil.4:4.

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## WHO KEEPETH TRUTH FOREVER

Psalm 146:6 ASV

We are inclined to apply human measurements to God. We know ourselves, and we know others. We know how little we can depend on human beings. Even though they have the best intentions, their abilities are limited. Even the best of men may disappoint us.

But there is ONE who never disappoints, our Lord and God. His love knows no bounds. He never becomes tired, even though He might have reason to. ***“he keepeth truth forever!”*** He is patient with His fickle children. Even when we are faithless is He faithful. He must be true to His own self. Love is His being. And he who loves does not become tired. The Lord has been faithful to this hour, and He will be faithful throughout coming days, yes and forever.

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## The Muslim Brotherhood Connection

The Muslim Brotherhood was initially founded in Egypt in 1928 by Islamic scholar Hassan-at-Banna. The organization is a pan-Islamic religious and social movement which promotes the idea that the Quran (Islam's holy book) and the Sunnah (Islamic writings) should be the sole sources for ordering the life of Muslim families, communities, and nations.

According to the Brotherhood they promote their ideology through political activism and charity work. However, many nations including Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Russia, have labeled them "a terrorist organization."

Through the years, the Brotherhood has garnered significant influence within the Arab world and exerts a great deal of influence very many Islamist group such as Hamas, which is entrenched in Gaza and seeks to de-legitimize the Israeli government and eradicate the Jewish state.

Turkey, and its president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, along with the Persian Gulf nation of Qatar, support the Muslim Brotherhood and have been actively working to undermine Saudi Arabia. The Saudi Crown Prince, Mohammed bin Salman sees the Brotherhood as a significant threat to the monarchy and his ascent to the throne.

During his recent rise to power, one of the prince's signature moves has been to cut off all ties with Qatar and instill an economic blockade on his rival. He blames Qatar for financing the Muslim Brotherhood with natural gas revenues for the purpose of fomenting a popular uprising in the Muslim world against Arab governments.

Crown Prince bin Salman understands that Turkey, Qatar, and the Muslim Brotherhood would like nothing more than to push Saudi Arabia off its coveted Islamic pedestal. Turkey's ultimate plan is to form a caliphate of Islamic nations over which it can reign supreme.

Jamal Khashoggi was a vociferous critic of the Saudi monarchy, a former (if not current) Muslim Brotherhood member, and an advocate for the spread of an "Arab Spring" – type of movement across the Middle East. This may be the reason he was murdered in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

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### An Ordinary Man

*(Please read 1 Samuel 16:1-7)*

**People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart – 1 Samuel 16:7.**

WILLIAM CAREY was a sickly boy, born to a humble family near Northampton, England. His future didn't look too bright. But God had plans for him. Against all odds, he moved to India where he brought incredible social reforms and translated the Bible into several Indian languages. He loved God and people, and accomplished many things for God.

David, son of Jesse, was an ordinary young man, the youngest in his family. He was seemingly an insignificant shepherd on the hills of Bethlehem (1 Samuel 16:11-12). Yet God saw David's heart and had a plan for him. King Saul had been rejected by God for disobedience. While the prophet Samuel mourned Saul's choices, God called Samuel to anoint a different king, one of Jesse's sons. When Samuel saw the handsome, tall Eliab, he naturally thought, "surely the LORD'S anointed stands here before the Lord" (v.6). However, God's strategy to select a king was much different than Samuel's. In fact, God said no to each of Jesse's sons, except the youngest one. Selecting David as king was definitely not a strategic move from God's part, or so it seemed at first glance. What would a young shepherd have to offer his community, let alone his country?

How comforting to know that the Lord knows our hearts and has His plans for us.

*Dear Lord, thank You that You care more about my heart's attitude toward You than my outward beauty, possessions, or achievements.*

God's priority is your heart.

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*Editor's Note:* Another vivid example that comes to my mind is Gideon! GOD has a Place, Plan and Purpose for each one of His children! **"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope (blessed end)."** Jeremiah 29:11. Proverbs 3:5-6, Ephesians 2:10, – remember, as a child of God, you are not your own as you have been bought with the Precious BLOOD of Jesus Christ and are now the temple/dwelling place of the Holy Spirit!

THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST  
MEANS NOTHING WITHOUT THE  
CROSS; AND THE CROSS MEANS  
NOTHING WITHOUT THE VIRGIN  
BIRTH!

# Ecce Homo: Behold The Man

By Antoinette Frank

***“Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, ‘Behold the Man!’”*** (John 19:5)

The Latin term ‘Ecce Homo’ when translated means ‘Behold the Man.’ After determining that Jesus was guilty of no crime or wrong doing, the Roman Governor Pontus Pilate, presented himself before the assembly, and then ordered his soldiers to bring forth Jesus out of the Praetorian where Jesus had been detained and interrogated by Pilate. AS Jesus stood before the irascible mob with His head bloodied from the twisted thorns pressed against his scalp and His gaunt body grotesquely bruised and ravaged from the violent scourging He received from the Roman soldiers, Pilate announced to the people, “Behold the man!” Through this lamentable event, Jesus fulfilled the genesis of Isaiah’s prophecy:

***Just as there were many who were appalled at Him (Jesus) – His appearance was so disfigured beyond that of a man and His form marred beyond human likeness.”*** (Isaiah 52:14)

The beating inflicted upon Jesus was so ferocious that most of His human features were practically unrecognizable. However, as Scripture reveals to us, Jesus knew that brutal treatment awaited Him at the appointed time. After all, He offered Himself – His mortal body – to be sacrificed for the salvation of the world. He declared, “*I am the living bread that came down from heaven...This bread is My flesh which I will give for the life of the world*” (John 6:51). We are told in Philippians that Jesus “*made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!*” (2:7-8). The privilege of redemption comes through the sacrifice of the body of Christ. Our Lord Jesus Christ bore our sins in His body on the cross so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness” (1 Peter 2:24).

***“Behold the Man!”*** This is a defining spiritual moment for mankind because we are beseeched to look upon the suffering **Savior**, and then make a decision. Just as Joshua, Moses’ protégée, challenged the people of Israel, God cuts to the quick saying to us, “*Decide today whom you will serve*” (Joshua 24:15). When John the Baptist saw Jesus walking toward him near the Jordan River, he exclaimed, “*Look, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me’*” (John 1:29-30). John had made a deci-

sion he would serve God through Christ Jesus. We who believe in Jesus solemnly affirm that He was fully God and fully Man. As the Son of Man, the Sinless One, Jesus was the human expositor of a Divine Plan. Jesus Himself was heard saying, “*Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life*” (John 3:14).

God, in the person of Jesus, the perfect Man, came to rescue us from the dominion of darkness (Colossians 1:13) and to lead us in paths of righteousness. Our liberation from the power of the devil and our new life in Christ (as inaugurated when Jesus, He hung dying on His ragged Cross, breathed this divine declaration, “**It is finished!**” This compels us to reverently, now and forevermore, “**Behold the Man**” — *‘In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins in accordance with the riches of God’s grace’* (Ephesians 1:7).

Taken from *Hope For Your Heart*, Minneapolis, MN

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## The Triumph of Grace

***“I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions.”***  
Isaiah 43:28

When Charles Wesley experienced the joy of divine forgiveness, he told a Moravian friend of his new sense of pardon and added, “I suppose I had better keep silent about it.”

“Oh, no, my brother” came the reply, “If you had a thousand tongues, you should go and use them all for Jesus.”

Charles Wesley went home and wrote the great hymn: “Oh for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!”

To a burdened, benighted world crushed under the weight of its own wickedness, God says, “**I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions.**” This is glorious news, and it applies to all people – everywhere – including you. Have you received God’s gift of forgiveness? If you have, thank Him for it – and if not, by faith invite Christ into your life today.

### HOPE FOR TODAY

God offers forgiveness and freedom to those shackled by sin and shame. Today, through Christ, you have the option of letting go of guilt and embracing grace.

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# Editorial

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## THE GREAT ARCHITECT

***“Therefore; to you who believe; He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.”***

*(I Peter 2:7)*

In a layman's term, an 'Architect' is similar to a 'recipe-maker'; only much larger in directing permanent doings/dwellings. Etc.!

Interesting but I know of a professing Christian, who has a wonderful reputation of making very special bread, etc., but when you ask for her 'recipe' it is frequently the original receipt, with an 'ingredient' **missing!** This is what is happening in christianity at large in building the 'local congregation'. Most of the 'ingredients' are in place, but one or two 'elements' missing and we wonder why God's rich blessing is not freely flowing in their midst? The answer is 'simple', an ingredient is missing! *Honestly do you and your congregation NEED a season of 'refreshing' from the LORD?*

This is where the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory becomes very significant and important vessel as in God's GRACE and empowerment we emphasize personally the need of experienced Salvation and nourishing fellow believers in and through God's written Word, the BIBLE; and God has and will honor that! That is 'hosting' either a Bible-centered Hauge Bible Conference or series of Evangelistic Meetings! You see no one has all the 'callings' of and from GOD to be all-sufficient, as ONE: After experiences Salvation, God calls some to be Pastors, Teachers, Evangelists, Missionaries, etc.!) It takes 'team-work' in order to follow the 'recipe' of the great ARCHITECT; As HE knows how HE wants to build the local Bible believing Congregation! (Acts 2:40-47). Most certainly "Never" forget that JESUS (Incarnation) personally made Heaven poor in order that you (personally) might become rich: as Jesus was born to die for your sins and you were born to live for time and Eternity! EVEN if you should die and go into an 'christless' Eternity the biblical fact still remains the same – that God loves you! You died with your sins paid for in full; but rejected/neglected the GIFT personally! Just think of going into Eternity loved; but end up eternally lost in the reality of Hell! Because you failed to follow the Great Architects' design for YOU! AS GOD has a p=Plan, Place & Pur-

pose for you and also for a biblical Congregation = JEREMIAH 29:11.

Here is where, I personally, have the privilege and responsibility to seeking to find 'open-doors' (Host congregations or Group(s) that want to obey/follow God's Plan; IN AND THROUGH THIS 'FAITH' ministry of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation. The word 'ministry' basically means to "serve". Would YOU be interested in inviting 'us' to have the same in your midst?

If so, you will find my 'E-mail' address on the second page of the 'Morning Glory' or give me a

Telephone call to talk about the same of this 'faith' ministry (Telephone # 218 – 287-5586)! As this 'ministry' is ALSO part of God's Kingdom Work on Earth! (As 'individuals' let us not be said of us you are like the 'foolish' man who built upon the sand ((leaving out part of HIS Recipe)); BUT what God calls a 'wise man' building upon the 'solid rock', The CORNERSTONE!

ALL of you can 'pray specifically' for this 'ministry', many of you can invest financially as this faith 'movement' is really struggling financially; are you a willing as a 'blood-bought' vessel in obeying the Holy Spirit's guidance? GOD is a very good 'Book-keeper' and SECRETARY!

**Please pray specifically about the different 'opportunities' mentioned above and let the LORD lead, and may He also richly bless you in being involved in this portion of HIS KINGDOM WORK!** Your investment will fuel Gospel ministry, impact lives and your investment will be used carefully! **Give a gift that changes lives for ETERNITY, by the GRACE of GOD!**

HOW 'we' need to be strengthened, nurtured, be fed as believers in these days of Apostasy (falling away) and 'feeding' both Lambs and Sheep is one of the functions of this 'ministry'! One of the great 'Reformers' of the past said 'I would rather be the means (Blood bought 'vessel') of setting on fire TEN souls for the LORD, than one hundred converts.' Just think: If only ONE precious soul got saved and/or a number of

Christians be truly revived by God = *What Results!*

**To GOD be the glory** for what great things HE has done and can do them again!

How about the sin(s) of OMISSION? When 'we' know what the Great ARCHIECT'S plan and purpose is for each person that truly loves JESUS and doesn't do it, what then? Remember any and all 'sin' GOD hates and it cost HIM to make Heaven poor that you and I might become 'rich' in and through His **Grace only!** John 3:16. "*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*" 1 Corinthians 9:15.

Personally, I wear 'hearing-aids' and IF one 'battery' is in *omission*; all the proper other functions can all be in correct position; but IF the 'one' element is missing, then what? The same is true in the realm of 'Christianity'! JESUS gives us a vivid example of that in Matthew 7:24-28. The Bible is very clear as the word 'hear' means does not only mean with 'our' physical ears; but obey in the believers walking in faith with JESUS! Please read again Matthew 7:24-28.

ALSO, could there be a *possibility* that the Congregation could increase it's giving to this portion of His 'ministry' of God's Kingdom Work here on Earth; by the GRACE OF GOD?

I share this frank letter/article with a burdened and concerned loving heart, as precious eternal souls are at stake; both Christians and the lost sinners! Just think IF only one 'soul' gets truly converted, that the 'angels' of Heaven will rejoice as a result thereof! As following/obeying God's prescription **makes an Eternal IMPACT!**

*Thank you so much* for letting me share this with you and hopefully I will have the privilege of hearing from you!

May 'our' Living SAVIOR (Jesus) richly bless you in and through your 'congregation' in order that YOU may become an even richer blessing unto others!

OUR 'focus' should not be so much on the vessel/messenger, but on the 'content' of the MESSAGE the vessel proclaims! OUR attraction/attention should be, is it in real harmony with the Eternal Word of GOD, the BIBLE? **Matthew 17:1-8 & 1 Corinthians chapter 3 & 4.**

His Because of Calvary,

Pastor Rodney Stueland, Editor and Part-time Field Rep.

## Falling Short

**"Looking carefully lest there be any man that falleth short of the grace of God' lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby the many be defiled."**

Hebrews 12:15

THAT grace is the door by which we have access to salvation and peace with God, a Christian can become more and more sure of, but that we having nothing else later on for comfort and help In our Christian life except grace – that is more difficult for us to believe. One is so inclined to think – and it look so godly, too – that what we have received and experienced by grace, IS TO COMFORT AND STRENGTHEN US IN THE DAYS TO COME. Accordingly, when darkness, doubt, and impotence overwhelm us, we look to ourselves for the help that is found only in the grace in Christ.

We are saved by grace alone. We must also live by grace alone. Nothing else can give us strength, and keep the evil root down. If we get away from grace, evil will again overpower us. The sins that we thought we were entirely through with, were only fettered by grace. Then when grace left us, the old root sprang up again, often stronger than before.

No — "*not of works that no man should glory.*"  
Grace can never store up power in a Christian. It is like the manna that the Israelites kept till the next day; there were worms in it. For every new day there must be new grace. Therefore, say the Scriptures, rivers of living water shall flow from within believers. It is running water that makes power, not still water.

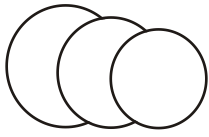
*"By the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not found vain"*

**O may that grace be ours,  
In Thee for aye to live,  
And drink of those refreshing streams  
Which Thou alone canst give.**

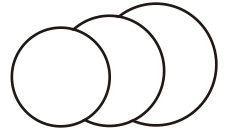
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*How long, O LORD? Wilt Thou forget me forever? How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart all the day? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?*

*Psalms 13:1-2*



# From Our Fellowship Circle



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### **Blessings From SPAIN**

I have sent money to the MG so that I can go on receiving it, because I *read* all the articles and I treasure them. It is a fantastic magazine. I wish I could read something similar in Spanish. Blessed 2019.

*Editor's Note:* What an encouragement and blessing to hear from this 'fellow-believer' in the person of JESUS! Well, it is actually an encouragement to hear from YOU and especially with your financial investment in this part of Jesus' Kingdom Work on the planet Earth!

AND as you pray for this ministry and also invest in the same; keep in mind/heart/practice that we are reaching into many States of the USA, Canada and a little bit into Countries Abroad. Let us seek in God's Grace to seek to bring others into a personal relationship with JESUS and nourishing Lambs and Sheep; to GOD be the Glory as we (as a vessel) seek to press on!

**M. A.**

**Eden, SD**

It is good to have an article now and then from the 'Vine & Branches' also in the *Morning Glory!*

I also got a chuckle out of the joke called 'Shingles' and I pass on this 'joke' to others and they get a good laugh also.

Enclosed please find a donation of \$... to help keep the MG going.

May GOD continue to bless you and the work you are doing.

My love and prayer support.

**J. & R. R.**

**Lake City, IA**

Thank you for this great little magazine, as it is full of "Truths" and we look forward to each issue!

After reading it, at times I pass them on to others and yet I want to keep them. Such good reading and please find enclosed \$...

**E. G.**

**Story Plain, Alberta, Canada**

Two weeks ago, I went to my Aunt's Funeral in a Lutheran Church. The very first word the Pastor said before his Sermon were: "Emma became a child of God at Baptism."

When will the Lutherans, Roman Catholics and others,

preach the simple truth of BORN AGAIN as these are words not only in the Bible, but actual words of Jesus placed in the Bible that Jesus spoke to Nicodemus!

Sad to say, but it is the truth; many a people have no assurance of where they are going in regards to Eternity, when death takes it toll, including my family and GOD of Love wants us to know. They say; "you can only hope to get there".

I was born again in 1974, and yet I have yet to see any of my family saved!

Please keep telling the truth!

In Christian love,

*Editor's Note:* OH, how we need to pray for one-another and yet there are so many folk still lost in their sin; captured by Satan and yet Jesus died for them and they can be set free through the 'finished' work of JESUS CHRIST – ***His Blood Atonement!*** There is much work yet to be done, beginning with PRAYER! Occupy till Jesus comes!

BUT many people do not realize the Essential truth that Jesus spoke these words to Nicodemus and is speaking now to you and I; 'ye must be born again': took place before Jesus instituted the 'Sacrament of Baptism'! YES, we each DEFINITELY need a personal relationship with Jesus.

**M. & M. J.**

**Northfield, MN**

Thank you for your Hard Work, Efforts & Devotion!

May you find a check in the amount of \$..., as an investment and encouragement in this important ministry.

We wish you God's Blessing on this Season and for the coming New Year of 2019.

Major Correction on 'phrase' in January Morning Glory: I want you to be encouraged to continue to pray for 'our' FREEDOM and protection; the word 'not' is a wrong word in this 'phrase'!

# Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

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## Scientists Say Sodom Destroyed by “Superheated Blast From Skies”

A scientific study aligns with the biblical account of the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah being destroyed by fire and brimstone from the heavens.....

And now scientists have found evidence of a cataclysmic event in that area, even if they do not attribute it to God.

*Science News* reported archaeologist Phillip Silvia of Trinity Southwest University in Albuquerque has concluded a “superheated blast from the skies... obliterated cities and farming settlements north of the Dead Sea round 3,700 years ago.”

Silvia found “radiocarbon dating and unearthed minerals that instantly crystallized at high temperatures indicate a massive airburst... (an explosion) in the atmosphere instantaneously destroyed civilization...”

Silvia reported the conclusions recently at an annual meeting the American Schools of Oriental Research.

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## San Jose Christmas Even Includes Satanic Tree Display

Thieves targeted a satanic group’s so-called Christmas tree in San Jose, California...by stealing some of its occult-related ornaments.....

The tree is one of more than 500 on display at the annual Christmas in the Park event.

KPIX’s report included comments that support the satanic group, but it offered no Christian rebuttal of the blasphemous display.

“Some may wonder why a satanic group would have a decorated tree at a holiday display like Christmas in the Park ...” the report states.

... It’s because Devil worshipers’ “religion” typically inverts Christian symbols and mocks Jesus Christ. That’s why occultists use inverted crosses, which are seen in the TV station’s video footage of the tree...

Decorating a Christmas tree with occult symbols is just one of the public stunts staged by Satanists who worship “the father of all lies”...

All of this goes beyond removing the word “Christmas” and nativity scenes from schools as well as private businesses

Now Christians are being asked to tolerate Christmas trees decorated with upside-down crosses and other

devil-worshiper symbols.

theblaze.com

## Instagram Deletes Post Which Says Only Men Can Be Pastors, Calls It “Hate Speech”

A Christian ministry had one of their posts reported to Instagram and deleted because it “doesn’t follow our Community Guidelines on hate speech or symbols.”

An article (posted) on their blog... “Only Men Can Be Pastors: ... (They took a screenshot and posted it on Instagram so their followers could know there was new content available.

The caption ... read, “In spite of the fact that it seems more and more fashionable in our day to say that women may be pastors, the Bible is clear that pastoral leadership is restricted to men.” ...

Scott Slayton, christianheadlines.com

*Sword of the Lord Editor’s Comments:* This ministry is a Calvinist group of several hundred churches within the Southern Baptist Convention. While we do not agree with them on their Calvinism and some other matters, they are right about this. Once again, the liberal bastions are hostile toward Christians who don’t swallow the liberal agenda hook, line and sinker. “Liberal” and “intolerant” are very close partners in the so-called progressive cause.

*Morning Glory Editor’s Note:* To my knowledge, the ELCA has a goodly number of female pastors!

## New “Women’s Bible” Will Promote “Feminist Values”

A group of feminist theologians have joined together to publish a “Women’s Bible” they hope will counter traditional interpretations of texts...

The new Bible, “Une Bible des Femmes” (A Women’s Bible”) was published in October.

All total, 20 female theologians – representing various Christian denominations – worked on the translation, AAFP (Agence France Press) reported.

Michael Foust, christianheadlines.com



## “MAY I KNOW I AM SAVED?”

[Some say], “It is not possible to know that. That is something you cannot know until you die.” And they insist that is a sign of spiritual pride to think and talk about knowing that one is saved. All that anyone ought to say is that “I hope so. I am trying to be saved.” That is a sign of humility, they say. And humility is a precious Christian virtue.

Because of such thinking and talking, many among us are bewildered and troubled, living in the dark and in fear, lacking peace and joy and power in our lives.

We should expect that God would have something to say about a matter of such vital importance. He does. God says clearly and definitely in His Word that you may know that you are saved. *“These things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God that ye may know that ye have eternal life”* (I John 5:18). Note that He says “Ye may know.”

What right has anyone, then, to say that we may not know that we are saved? That we may not know while we are living here on earth? God says plainly in His Word that we may know that we are saved. Of course, only those who are saved can know that they are saved. There is no use wondering why you do not have the blessed assurance that you are saved so long as you merely hope that you are saved.

The very moment that you accept Jesus as your personal Savior salvation becomes your personal possession. That very moment Jesus moves in to live in your heart. From now on it is not only Christ for you, but Christ in you. But His coming into your heart to live and to rule is a very definite experience. So much so that you cannot fail to know about it. It is only reasonable to assume that the heart in which Christ lives and works, under normal conditions, will be aware of His gracious presence and wonderful power.

But so many are not sure that they are saved because they cannot feel that they are saved. They lay so much stress on feelings—feelings of ecstasy. They seem to expect some supernatural demonstration of the presence of the Spirit. Now feelings and experiences have their rightful place in Christian life. It is perfectly natural to feel joyful over the fact that one is saved. But these feelings and experiences must not be made the basis for your being saved. The basis for your salvation must ever be, not what you feel, but what Christ has done for you—His atoning death and triumphant resurrection. You will have to learn that your feelings are not always to be trusted. They vary from day to day and from hour to hour, so very often affected by your physical health and the circumstances surrounding you. You will have to learn to go by

what God says and not by how you feel. What Christ has done for you and what God says He will do for you, that is the foundation that is ever firm and secure.

There are those who lack assurance that they are saved because they have not had the same spiritual experiences that others say they have had. But no two persons need expect to have the same spiritual experiences. We do not have the same feelings and reactions to things in general, so why should we expect that our spiritual experiences should always be the same? What our feelings and experiences were when we were saved is a matter of little consequence. The important thing is that we are saved, and that we take God’s Word for that.

Then there are those who insist that they believe, but they are not saved. Does that make sense? “He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life” (John 3:86), Jesus says. He does not say shall have eternal life, but he has eternal life right now.

So many confuse knowledge of and belief in Bible facts and events with faith in Christ. Knowing about Christ is one thing. Knowing Christ is quite another matter. Saving faith is a matter of the heart. When we receive Christ into our hearts, there to live and reign, then we are saved. “He that hath the Son hath the life” (I John 5:12).

It is a question, then, of having Christ in the heart. And how do we receive Christ into our hearts? Jesus Himself tells us that, *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in unto him”* (Rev. 3:20). When you opened the door He came in, came in to stay. He is there now unless you have forced Him out. As long as you want Him to stay, He stays. You certainly know if you want Him to stay. So you may know that you are saved.

But, you say, isn’t it true that the Word of God speaks of something within the believer that tells him that he is saved? Yes. *“He that believeth on the Son of God hath a witness in himself”* (I John 5:10). What is that something within? It is the Holy Spirit. *“The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God”* (Rom. 8:16). And that Spirit is the same Spirit that speaks through the Word of God to tell you that you are saved. So if you take God at His Word you may know that you are saved.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

TRACT NO. 154 – TRACT MISSION  
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(An activity of the Commission on Evangelism, The ALC)

Submitted by Wayne Almlie  
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Wayne relates the following about this tract:

"I found an old tract in the church office, it reminded me how robust the ALC was back in the early 1960s, makes you want to cry. It might be something to share in the *Morning Glory* to remind people how far the Lutheran church has fallen. What follows is what I shared on our facebook page":

If you walked into most Lutheran churches and ask "May I know I am saved?" They would either ask you if you had been baptized or they would tell you, "Don't worry about it, everyone is saved no matter what you believe, even if you believe nothing." This is a tract put out by the American Lutheran Church (ALC) I'm guessing in the early 1960s. They believed something different back then.

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## A NEW SONG

"He has put a new song in my mouth in my mouth – Praise to our God' Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD."

Psalm 40:3.

The psalmist (very likely David) is sharing his personal testimony as he has been picked-up out of the slimy swamp of the enticing pit of SIN in Psalm forty and God has placed his feet upon the 'solid rock' and put a "New Song" in his heart/life = God's Amazing GRACE!

THUS, God calls you and I too: "***Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.***" Hebrews 12:28.

Here God is calling you and I to service to God and the BIBLE tells us the kind of service we should give.

We should give God exclusive service.

That is, we are to be totally sanctified by His Word unto God. He is to be first in our lives in all that we do. Jesus tells us we cannot have two masters at the same time. Matthew 6:24. Every last one of us are either serving God or the Devil. If we are not for Jesus, then we are against HIM! (Matthew 12:30). It is impossible to be neutral. We are not our own to do as we please, we are not the quarterback calling the plays! Jesus bought us with His own BLOOD! HE actually owns us and there should not be any wiggle room for our selfish flesh at it really belongs to our Savior. 11 Corinthians 6:17.

We should count it privileged service. Just think, we are special servants to the King of kings and

Lord of lords! We are His ambassadors, representing Him to all the world. 11 Corinthians 5:20. So we ought to glory in his high cling to you and i! But be also need to be very careful, to be spiritually proud is the kiss of death! Instead, let us rejoice in our high calling = 1 Corinthians 1:26. The unsaved serve the Devil and end in Hell, so we serve God and end up in Heaven!

We should not tremble as we serve. Why should we be afraid when we know our wonderful Jesus is the Victor and that the fear of man worketh a snare. With our faith/life placed in JESUS; we know Satan is our defeated enemy and he will end up in Hell; as his time is also limited; as actually *maybe* days are now limited, as he is working 'overtime'! AND we are told to 'redeem the time'. To assist in promoting what is beneficial, righteous, and clean, and to do it in the Spirit of Christ that is the worship of God that heaven loves.

We are going to be rewarded for our service. Can you imagine the thrill in will be when Jesus, our **King**, tells us, "well done, good and faithful servant" Matthew 25:21; And besides that, Jesus is going to give us a crown, not for being successful, but for being faithful unto death and ALL of us can be found faithful in His empowerment and GRACE.

"I have fought the good fight I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, he righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." 11 Timothy 4:7-8. But best of all will be that moment when we see JESUS, face to face: because HE paid it all and made the Way possible = John 14:6. YES, we will see HIM in all His Glory!

So 'we' serve the Savior! Another good way to serve HIM is to help us in getting the wonderful Word of God out through the Morning Glory and Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation! How do you help 'us'? First and foremost is to PRAY for this 'ministry'. Then GIVE as God lays upon your heart. And finally, tell others about the Morning Glory, Bible Conferences, encourage Evangelistic meetings, etc. **May GOD richly bless You as 'we' serve together and that You may become an even richer blessing unto others! AMEN!**

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:57-58.

# INTERCESSION

*“Pray one for another”*

James 5:10

What a mystery of Glory there is in prayer! On the one hand, we see God in His holiness and love and power waiting, longing to bless man; and on the other, sinful man, on the other end of the scale, bringing down from God by prayer the very life and love of heaven to dwell in his heart.

But how much greater the glory of intercession when a man makes bold (confidence) to say to God what he desires for others, and seeks to bring down on one soul, or hundreds and thousands, the power of the eternal life with all its blessings.

Intercession! Would one not say that this is the holiest exercise of our boldness (confidence) as God’s children the highest privilege and enjoyment connected with our communion with God – the power of being used by God as instruments for His great work of making men His habitation and showing forth His glory?

Would one not think that the church would count this one of the chief means of grace, and seek above everything to cultivate in God’s children the power of an unceasing prayerfulness on behalf of the perishing world?

Would one not expect that believers, who have to some extent been brought into the secret, would feel what strength there is in unity and what assurance there is that God will certainly avenge His own elect who cry day and night to Him? It is when Christians cease from looking for help in external union, and aim at all being bound together to the throne of God, by an unceasing devotion to Jesus Christ, and ***an unceasing continuance in supplication for the power of God’s Spirit***, that the church will put on her beautiful garments, and put on her strength, too and overcome the world.

*Editor’s Note:* What has happened to the ‘old fashioned prayer meeting’?

## The Opening of the Eyes

*And Elisha prayed and said: Lord, open his eyes that he may see.... And Elisha said, Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. 2 Kings 6:17, 20.*

How wonderfully the prayer of Elisha for his servant was answered! The young man saw the mountain full of chariots of fire and horsemen about Elisha. The heavenly host had been sent by God to protect His servant.

A second time Elisha prayed. The Syrian army had been struck with blindness, and so led into Samaria. There Elisha prayed for the opening of their eyes, and lo, they found themselves hopeless prisoners in the hand of the enemy.

We wish to use these prayers in the spiritual sphere. First of all, to ask that our eyes may see the wonderful provision that God had made for His church, in the baptism with the Holy Spirit and with fire. All the powers of the heavenly world are at our disposal in the service for the heavenly kingdom. How little the children of God live in the faith of that heavenly vision – the power of the Holy Spirit, on them, with them, and in them, for their own spiritual life, and as their strength joyfully to witness for their Lord and His work!

But we will find that we need that second prayer, too, that God may open the eyes of those of His children who do not as yet *see* the power which the world and sin have upon His people. They are as yet unconscious of the feebleness that marks the church, making it impotent to do the work of winning souls for Christ, and building up believers for a life of holiness and fruitfulness. Let us pray especially that God may open all eyes to see what the great and fundamental need of the church is, in intercession to bring down His blessing, that the power of the (Holy) Spirit may be known unceasingly in its divine efficacy and blessing.

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## Seeking Revival

By Louis Arnold

The fact that many of our churches today are backslidden and defeated is not God’s fault. They say that the day of great revivals is over, but that statement is the product the Devil has invented to salve the conscience of those who are not victorious in Christ’s service.

God is ready, anxious and able to send a mighty revival to any church that will meet His conditions. But many churches are not ready for a revival. There are hindrances in the way and it is the business of those who lead in revival work to remove them.

Every church that is not seeking and winning the lost continually,... is in need of revival. Every one that is not aggressively seeking the lost and bringing them to Christ has been affected with nice, decent, polite, dignified, damning apathy.

*Editor’s Note:* God intends that the ‘church’ should be like an ‘oasis’ in a desert/barren land. His intention is that such a ‘church’ should be a shelter/strengthening/nourishing place for the believers – both young and older AND then to go out and seek to reach the LOST by the Grace of God!

# QUESTIONS ANSWERED

BY Dr. Bill Rice

## What Do You Think Is Wrong With Dancing?

A great deal. I was in a revival campaign in a church in Minnesota one time when two young men asked the pastor that very same question. They had come to him one night before the revival service with a complaint. They were losing all the young people, they said, because other churches sponsored dances and their church did not.

They had come to appeal on behalf of the young people of the church that dances be held at least once a week in the church basement. When the pastor expressed his disfavor, one of them asked, "What do you think is wrong with dancing?"

The pastor replied that he thought sex was the primary attraction of dancing and that it led to adultery.

The two young men looked at each other and opened their mouths in what appeared to be utter amazement. They had never heard of such a thing! What kind of young men did the pastor think they were?

The young fellow who had done most of the talking assured the pastor that when he was dancing he never, never had any thought that were not pure and Christian. He only enjoyed the dancing because of the music, the exercise and the conversation. It was a lovely social gathering where young people could enjoy one another's fellowship, and sex had nothing to do with it.

The kind of dance in which the couples move in a tight embrace certainly arouses lust and leads to adultery. But other types of dancing do too. The handling of each other's body in a spirit of reckless gaiety certainly leads to familiarity, to liberties and to sin. Dancing is still wrong!

## Is It Right to Gamble?

I have a friend who says he can afford to lose; what can possibly be wrong with his gambling if he can afford the loss?

I believe gambling is wrong for several reasons.

1. It is God's plan that men should work for what they get. He said to Adam, "*In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread*" (Genesis 3:19). The man who gambles hopes for rewards that he has in no way earned. He covets what the other man has and wants it for himself without earning it.

2. There is nothing generally profitable about gambling. Even if a man studies hard to become a good gambler, he does not do anything that has been beneficial for society on a whole. He does not produce more

food, more houses, more jobs or more pleasure on a whole. He is thinking one hundred percent of himself. If he wins, he causes a loss to those from whom he wins and to their families.

Since there are few businesses that are absolutely certain to make money continually, there may be a sense in which every business-man takes a chance but the man who tries to make money in building houses does provide house for the who buy from him. The man who makes a business of farming does provide food for those from whom he hopes to make a profit. But the man who gambles gives nothing in return to those from whom he takes money.

3. Your friend says he can afford to lose money. Actually, this is a foolish statement. He probably means he could afford to lose a certain amount of money. But gambling can become as strong a habit as drinking liquor. It can get a hold on a man until he does not have enough sense and willpower to top after he has lost all he can afford to lose.

4. Even if your friend could afford to lose a certain amount of money – what about the man who gambles with him? Can he afford to lose his money?

### *Covetousness is a sin!*

"Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's house thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's" Exodus 20:17.

Instead of trying to take another man's house or possessions, let every one of us earn for himself those things he wants.

Permit me to add this word – gambling is as wrong when it is a game of bingo played in a church basement as it is when it is a game of poker played in a gambling hall. Just as liquor has ruined many a wise, decent man, gambling has destroyed many a home and has caused many a man to neglect his family and ruin his own life.

**It is a sin. Leave it alone!**

Sword of the Lord

*Editor's Note:* Actually 'gambling' is a form of SIN/Stealing!

*Give someone a piece of your mind  
and you'll have less brains when  
you're done!*

## Not To Judge

**For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through Him. John 3:17**

WE need no judge from God. The whole creation groans in aching pain under the judgment, and everyman carries the judgment in his own bosom. All fear of meeting God tells us that we are guilty and condemned. But He who saw the burden that we bore, He surely did not desire to make it heavier. So He sent His own Son to us, and laid the sin, guilt, and condemnation on Him.

***The Judge Himself for deaths grim captives died; Our God's atoned, He accepted the sacrifice.***

Though we so well know this, it seems to be so difficult for us to see and grasp this great, redeeming grace. Terror of the Holy One and fear of judgment are so deep-seated in us, that also those who have found Christ often tremble at thought of the day when they shall appear before His holy face. There are so many things in the daily life that cause one to yearn to meet God. If we lose sight of Jesus as our Savior, we are down again fearing the judgment.

All of you who are struggling to be victorious, but who think it appears hopeless: Try to grasp this great word of comfort! Grasp it now and take it with you into life's conflict today, that God sent not His Son to condemn the world, but that the world should be saved by Him! Live in this Word, believe it, and turn your face toward Him who became a curse for us! Then you will be set free from the judgment, and be made strong in God.

***Now mark, O man, and ponder well  
Sins awful condemnation.  
For whom were all those wounds endured?  
To purchase thy salvation.  
Had Jesus never bled and died,  
Then what could thee and all betide  
But fiery reprobation?***

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### Walking in the Light

*(Please read Hebrews 12:18-24)*

**In him was life and that life was the light of all mankind John 1:4**

***Darkness descended*** on our forest village when the moon disappeared. Lightning slashed the skies, followed by a rainstorm and crackling thunder. Awake and afraid,

as a child I imagined all kinds of grisly monsters about to pounce on me! By daybreak, however, the sounds vanished, the sun rose, and calm returned as birds jubilated in the sunshine. The contrast between the frightening darkness of the night and the joy of the daylight was remarkably sharp.

The author of Hebrews recalls the time when the Israelites had an experience at Mount Sinai so dark and stormy they hid in fear (Exodus 20:18-19). For them God's presence, even in His loving gift of the Law, felt dark and terrifying. This was because, as sinful people the Israelites couldn't live up to God's standards. Their sin caused them to walk in darkness and fear (Hebrews 12:18-21).

But God is light; in Him there's no darkness at all (1 John 1:5). In Hebrews 12, Mount Sinai represents God's holiness and our old life of disobedience (sin), while the beauty of Zion represents God's grace and believers' new life in Jesus, "*the mediator of a new covenant*" (vv. 22-24).

Whoever follows Jesus will "*never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life*" (John 8:12). Through Him, we can let go of the darkness of our old life and celebrate the joy of walking in the light and beauty of His kingdom.

*Thank You, Lord Jesus, for bringing me out of darkness into Your marvelous light. Help me to avoid the darkness to continue walking in the light toward eternity.*

If you're a believer in Jesus, how has your life changed since He came into it? What are some ways you'd like to grow in your faith?

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### We Have An Anchor

Priscilla Owens – 1982

*Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift and the cables strain,  
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?*

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
Fasten to the Rock, which cannot move,  
Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.*

## In These Days

By Dr. Sheldon Smith

In these days when compromise is widespread the standards of Scripture have been diluted by many professing Christians. Many churches are being driven by cultural trends. The winds of change are blowing fiercely across the religious scene. By and large those changes are not upgrades but foolish accommodations to a worldly crowd.

When Queen Esther came to power, the question was posed to her “*And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*” (Esther 4:14). Yes, for just such a time!

We do not stand because it’s easy but because it’s right.

In these days – right now – you and I can do what we ought to do as we ought to do it. Others may head off into compromise, but you and I can hold our convictions courageously! Let’s keep our ministries anchored authoritatively in the Scriptures!

Let’s stay excited about the Lord and aggressive in our witness to a lost and dying world! Amen!

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### “Let the people renew their strength.”

Isaiah 41:1

**ALL** things on earth need to be renewed. NO created thing continueth by itself. “*Thou renewest the face of the earth,*” was the Psalmist’s utterance. Even the trees, which wear not themselves with care, nor shorten their lives with labour, must drink of the rain of heaven and suck from the hidden treasures of the soil. The cedars of Lebanon which God has planted only live because day by day they are full of sap fresh drawn from the earth. Neither can man’s life be sustained without renewal from God. As it is necessary to repair the waste of the body by the frequent meal, so we must repair the waste of the soul by feeding upon the Book of God, or by listening to the preached Word, or by the soul-fattening table of the ordinances. How depressed are our graces when means are neglected! What poor starvelings some saints are who live without the diligent use of the Word of God and secret prayer! If our piety can live without God it is not divine creating; it is but a dream; for if God had begotten it, it would wait upon Him as the flowers wait upon the dew. Without constant restoration we are not ready for the perpetual assault of hell, or the stern afflictions of heaven, or even for the strifes within. When the whirlwind shall be loosed, woe to the tree that

hath not sucked up fresh sap, and grasped the rock with man intertwined roots. When tempests arise, woe to the mariners that have not strengthened their mast, nor cast their anchor, nor sought the haven. If we suffer the good to grow weaker, the evil will surely gather strength and struggle desperately for the mastery over us; and so, may have a painful desolation, and a lamentable disgrace may follow. Let us draw near to the footstool of divine mercy in humble entreaty, and we shall realize the fulfillment of the promise, “*They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.*”

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## Religious Counterfeits

By Dr. Bob Kelley

Wolves, false prophets and deceitful workers are counterfeiters. They are con artists and they used crooked methods. They are the greatest of imposters and satanic masqueraders. They change the truth of God into a lie.

They stand in the pulpit in their sheep’s clothing. They have memorized all the little religious clichés. They use the word *salvation* like we use it. They use the word *Bible* in the same context that we use it.

They use all the terms that we use, but down deep inside they are foolers and deceivers. They are destroying the work of Jesus Christ.

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**“Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.”** Philippians 4:1.

We live in a sinful world that constantly opposes and is apparent more all the time the things that are of God! Thus, the people of the Kingdom of God face challenges both inside and outside the church as our Adversary does what he can to derail the work the LORD has give us to do. God has provided what we need through His Holy Spirit and in His Word to guide us through the tests, trials, ad temptations we encounter on a daily basis.

So, the privilege remains as not only hearing the Word of God; but obeying the same out of LOVE for HIM and practice obedience, and in His Marvelous GRACE hear HIS Words of be thou faithful unto death and I will give you the Crown of LIFE!

## He Giveth Snow

**“He Giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. He casteth forth ice like morsels”** Psalm 147:16-17.

**People speak about the “gods of the weather,” as though there were some special gods who had to do with the weather. But there is only one “god of the weather,” and that is the Lord God in heaven. “He giveth snow, he scattereth frost, he casteth forth ice.”** Sunshine, rain, snow, hoarfrost, storm, and quiet, all come from Him. Therefore, there must be some reason for it all. If the weather does not please us, we should not complain. As it is with the weather, so it should be with everything else we meet in our daily life. Whether it is of great or of small importance, welcome or un welcome, it all comes from God, and He has a purpose in everything. We must not complain, but accept it all as something which is sent u from on high.

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## The Old Testament Prophecies of Christ Fulfilled!

Seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15) fulfilled in Galatians 4:4.  
Seed of Abraham (Gen. 17:7; 22:18) fulfilled in Galatians 3:16.

Seed of David (Ps. 132:11) fulfilled in Acts 13:23 and Romans 1:3.

Born the virgin (Isa. 7:14) fulfilled in Luke 1:35.

Born in Bethlehem Judea (Mic. 5:2) fulfilled in Matthew 2:1.

His public ministry (Isa 61:1,2) fulfilled in Luke 4:16-24.

His ministry to commence in Galilee (Isa. 9:1, 2) fulfilled in Matthew 4:12-16.

His entry into Jerusalem (Zech. 9:9) fulfilled in Matthew 21:1-5.

His zeal (Ps. 69:9) fulfilled in John 2:13:17.

Rejected by His brethren (s.69:8) fulfilled in John 1:11, 12:7:5.

Sold for thirty pieces of silver (Zech. 11:12) fulfilled in Matthew 26:15.

His silence under suffering (Isa. 53:7) fulfilled in Matthew 27:12-14.

Spat on and scourged (Isa. 50:6) fulfilled in Mark 14:65 and John 19:1.

Lost cast for His vesture (Ps. 22:18) fulfilled in Matthew 27:35.

His vicarious death (Isa. 53:12) fulfilled in Matthew 20”28.

His flesh seeing no corruption (Ps. 16:10) fulfilled in Acts 2:31.

His resurrection (Ps. 16:10, 11) fulfilled in Acts 2:32

His ascension (Ps. 68:18) fulfilled in Ephesians 4:8-10.

His exaltation (Ps. 101:1) fulfilled in Hebrews 1:3.

—George Beckwith

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## An Ax to Grind

By Benjamin Franklin

I remember that one cold winter morning when I was a little boy, I was accosted by a smiling man with an ax on his shoulder.

“Young man,” said he, “has your father a grindstone?” “Yes sir,” said I.

“You are a fine little fellow,” said he. “Will you let me grind my ax on it?”

Pleased with the compliment of “fine little fellow,” I answered, “Oh, yes sir, it is down in the shop.”

“And will you, my man,” said he, patting me on the head, “get me a little hot water?” how could I refuse? I ran and soon brought a kettle full.

“I am sure,” continued he, “you are one of the finest lads that ever I have seen. Will you just turn a few minutes for me?”

Pleased with flattery I went to work; and I toiled and tugged till I was tired. The school bell rang and I could not get away; my hands were blistered, and the ax was not half ground.

At length, however, it was sharpened.

The man turned to me with, “Now, you little rascal, you’ve played truant. Be off to school, or you’ll rue it!”

Alas! Thought I, it is hard enough to turn a grindstone, but now to be called a little rascal is too much. It sank deep into my mind, and often have I thought of it since.

When I see a merchant overly polite to his customers, I think, Look out, good people! That fellow would set you to turning grindstones.

## Proof Reader Wanted

After many years of faithfully proof-reading the *Morning Glory*, Pastor Jim Haga’s wife, Carlayne, has decided to step down. We would like to thank her for her years of faithful service and the countless hours of dedicated service. Thank You Carlayne!

We are now looking for someone to proof-read the *Morning Glory*. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in doing this for us, please contact Pastor Jim Haga at: [jrhaga54@gmail.com](mailto:jrhaga54@gmail.com).

## UpDate

### A Season of Opportunity!

*“So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive*

We of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation, as a Biblical Lutheran, pietistic FAITH movement are approaching our 100 years Anniversary! Thank God as HE motivated and led in the Organization almost one hundred years; has provided through his people, protected and has reached hundreds of precious souls with SALVATION and Encouragement/Fellowship for thousands of Christians, as vessels, these many years and thus let ‘us’ keep moving ‘forward’ in His Kingdom Work here on the Earth! PRAISE YE THE LORD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW! For almost one century, God has abundantly blessed and *maybe* the biggest opportunity to reach others is still ahead of us. GOD is able, as HE changes not and His Promises fail not! So please partner with us!

Now in our ninety-ninth year of GRACE, let us Thank God for the many blessings upon this His ministry. Through it all, He has been permitted to use His Hand in unmistakably way; in the steps, supplied our needs, and enables us to seek to Occupy now as we look into the future.

This is no time to rest on our laurels. Rather, He expects us to keep busy using our abilities/vessels to sow, water, and reap in fruitful service to with & for Him (1 Corinthians 3:7-8). There is still so much to do.

We trust with your assistance/help, this year will be much encouragement for the same! Exciting opportunities to proclaim the TRUTH of our Creator and His great love for us. Thus with our priority initiatives, you’ll will be led to pray, and give as you are able to help particularly the Morning Glory and Hauge Lutheran Bible Conferences, etc. to do business with the LORD.

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## We are Updating our Mailing List

Perhaps you noticed the insert in the middle of the magazine. We want to keep our mailing list current of people who want to receive the *Morning Glory*. If you would like to continue to receiving it, please fill out your name and address and check the box to indicate that you wish to receive it. We are glad to send it to anyone who wishes to receive it even if they can’t contribute.

If you gave the *Morning Glory* as a gift to another person, please fill out their name and address and indicate that we should send it to them. If you don’t wish to receive this magazine any longer, please check that box. If you have a friend or relative who is deceased or doesn’t want it any longer, please check that box for them. Please return this insert in the envelope provided. If we don’t hear from you, we will assume that you don’t want to receive it.

We want to be good stewards of what the Lord has entrusted to us and we don’t want to waste it by sending the *Morning Glory* where it isn’t being read.