



# Morning Glory

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

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## Lessons From Amos: *Walking with God*

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” Amos 3:3

**A**mos was a prophet during the reign of Jeroboam II (son of Joash), who ruled the northern ten tribes of Israel from 825 to 784 B.C. (II Kings 14:23). Some 100 years earlier, Jeroboam I (son of Nebat) had led a rebellion against the son of Solomon and started the northern nation of Israel (1 Kings 12). In order to keep his people from returning to Jerusalem, Jeroboam I “made Israel to sin” (Kings 12:30, 16:26; etc.) by developing a “new” religion centered on an image of a golden calf with idol temples in Bethel and Dan (1 Kings 12:28-29).

Those northern tribes never did return to the worship of Jehovah but “sinned against the LORD,” and Israel “feared other gods” (II Kings 17:7). The list of their sins is long and grievous in God’s sight.

They “did secretly those things that were not right against the LORD” II Kings 17:9.

Israel set up “images and groves in every high hill” II Kings 17:10.

They “wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger” II Kings 17:11.

They “worshipped all the host of heaven” II Kings 17:16.

They “used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger” II Kings 17:17.

They “feared the LORD, and served their own gods” II Kings 17:33.

Amos was commissioned in those dark years to openly confront the nation to “walk” in “agreement” with the God they professed to worship. Hypocrisy is at the core of the judgment and warnings that God recorded for us in the little book of Amos. We must learn the lessons or suffer the same judgment.

### *Seek the LORD*

“But seek not Bethel...Seek the LORD, and ye shall live.” Amos 5:5-6.

Bethel had a long history with Israel. Abraham camped near Bethel when he first entered the land of Canaan (Genesis 12:8) and “called on the name of the LORD” at Bethel when he returned from Egypt (Genesis 13:3-4). Jacob’s dream of the ladder took place at Bethel (Genesis 28:10-12, 19), and later it was there his name was changed to “Israel” (Genesis 35:9-15).

Later however, Bethel became Bethaven, the “House of Idols” (Hosea 4:15), after Jeroboam I established a temple to the golden calf (1 Kings 12:28-33). And much later, Assyria, after the destruction of Israel, left false priests at Bethel to corrupt the land (II Kings 17:27-34). The place became a substitute for the person of God.

The danger comes when God becomes fixed to a place or an event, where there is more concern for property than people. The kind of place (one’s denomination) substitutes theology for truth, or the experience gives more credence to intuition than inspiration. Worship of place or

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event supersedes the worship of God. Both substitutes will produce error.

The admonition of Amos is to “*seek the LORD*” (Amos 5:6). The promise is that if we seek the LORD, we “*shall live.*” We will not find God in a place but in a person (Acts 4:12). We cannot find God in a campaign but in a commitment (Matthew 6:33). We surely will not find God in promises from men but in power from God (II Peter 1:4).

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To be continued in the next issue of the Morning Glory

## Many Mansions

**In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.** John 14:2.

*O glorious hour! O blest abode!*

*I shall be near and like my God!*

*And flesh and sin no more control*

*But His sacred pleasures of the soul.*

**We know that if our earthly house of his tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.** 2 Cor. 5:1.

## And Simon Peter said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Matthew 16:16.

Peter had seen beyond the “Son of Man”(Luke 9:22), to the “Son of the Living God.” He had recognized that behind the veil of Christ’s flesh, absolute deity was enshrined in all its fullness. Others had marveled at the wonderful works that the Lord had done, but Peter goes further. It isn’t just that God is “with” Him, but that He Himself “is” God of very God. Many today would be prepared to acknowledge the greatness of Christ as a historical figure, but anything short of acknowledged deity will not suffice. Our salvation depends on Him being, not only “Son of Man,” but “Son of the Living God.” It is only as such that He could be our Saviour.

W. H. Burnett

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***And He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their souls.*** Psalm 106:15

When bringing our requests to God, we are exhorted to pray boldly, fervently and persistently. God’s Word also teaches us to pray in His will, by faith and with pure motives. When we pray with a heart of ingratitude, lust, or presumption, God often graciously declines our pleading. Yet there may be times God responds to our persistent begging by granting our petition, emaciating our soul so that we will turn back to Him. Instead let’s learn to listen for God’s answers, trust His wisdom and like both Moses (Deut. 3:26) and Paul (2 Cor. 12:9) learn to accept His refusals.

George Ferrier

*Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Hold o’er my being absolute sway!  
Filled with Thy Spirit ‘till all shall see;  
Christ only, always, living in me.*

Adelaide A. Pollard

*Editor’s Note:* Often I hear the statement “God is in Control.” WELL, I do not doubt that God is ALMIGHTY (even for a moment) and that there is NO Power equal or like unto HIM, but a few graphic examples likely is in order now!

IN the Garden of Eden before Lucifer and sin entered therein, God did not want Adam and Eve to disobey/sin, yet God in His ‘fore-knowledge’ knew they would.. REMEMBER The Garden of Eden was sinless before Adam and Eve ‘disobeyed’ God!

GOD did not want Cain to rise up and ‘kill’ his brother

Abel, but Cain did! GOD does not want ‘anyone’ to go to HELL, even ‘Judas’, but ...

GOD did not want Israel to be ‘ruled’ by a ‘king’, like their’ heathen neighbors, BUT HE *permitted* them to have a ‘king’ – Saul, who was even a Believer (at least at the start) as he became king of Israel!

GOD does not want a Christian to sin; but we do in thought, word, deed, sins of commission and sins of omission.

GOD does not want the Government to be necessarily *a means of mercy*, but of JUSTICE! It is we as individuals/also together who are to practice mercy/forgiveness, etc.

So what is TRUE of each individual, is ALSO true of Nations. Many *times* GOD *permits* the ‘desires’ of the heart! BUT a ‘Christian’ should want GOD’S WILL to be done, as that is the BEST!

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***And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.*** Matthew 28:9

Here is a lovely verse to stir our worship. The essence of worship is to fall at the feet of the Saviour and this is what these women did. Notice too that they held Him. We should be careful to keep our minds focused so they do not wander from Him. He is worthy of our total occupation. It is interesting as well that these ladies never said a word. Worship is the heart’s overflow. We err if we think it needs to be audible. May God help us today to worship as these women worshipped.

Harold G. Smith

*Editor’s Note:* There are many ‘Services’ today that are called a ‘Worship Service’, but aren’t because it is a performance, instead of lifting up JESUS who was crucified and is risen and not hiding behind the CROSS!

Matthew 17:1-7, John 4:23-24.

*The more dependent ‘we’ (you, I or our Nation) are upon GOD, the more marvelous works/miracles HE can perform in ‘our’ midst and to His Honor and Glory – by HIS GRACE!*

**“Understandest thou what thou readest.”**

WE should be abler teachers of others and less liable to be carried about by every wind of doctrine, if we sought to have a more intelligent understanding of the Word of God. As the Holy Ghost, the Author of the Scriptures, is He who alone can enlighten us rightly to understand them, we should constantly ask His teaching, and His guidance into all truth. When the prophet Daniel would interpret Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, what did he do? He set himself to earnest prayer that God would open up the vision. The apostle John, in his vision at Patmos, saw a book sealed with seven seals which none was found worthy to open, or so much as to look upon. The book was afterwards opened by the Lion of the tribe of Judah, who had prevailed to open it; but it is written first —“I wept much.”

The tears of John, which were his liquid prayers, were, so far as he was concerned, the sacred keys by which the folded book was opened. Therefore, I, for your own and others’ profiting, desire to be “filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding,” remember that prayer is your best means of study: like Daniel, you shall understand the dream, and the interpretation thereof, when you have sought unto God and, like John, you shall see the seven seals of precious truth unloosed, after you have wept much. Stones are not broken, except by an earnest use of the hammer; and the stonebreaker must go down on his knees.

Use the hammer of diligence, and let the knee of prayer be exercised, and there is not a stony doctrine in revelation which is useful for you to understand, which will not fly into shivers under the exercise of prayer and faith. You may force your way through anything with the leverage of prayer. Thoughts and reasonings are like the steel wedges which give a hold upon truth; but prayer is the lever, the prise which forces open the iron chest of sacred mystery, that we may get the treasure hidden within.

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**“Father, I have sinned.”**

Luke 15:18

IT is quite certain that those whom Christ has washed in His precious blood need not make a confession of sin, as culprits or criminals, before God the Judge, for Christ has for ever taken away all their sins in a legal sense, so that they no longer stand where they can be condemned,

but are once for all accepted in the Beloved; ought they not every day to go before their heavenly Father and confess their sin, and acknowledge their iniquity in that character?

Nature teaches that it is the duty of erring children to make a confession to their earthly father, and the grace of God in the heart teaches us that we, as Christians, owe the same duty to our heavenly father. We daily offend, and ought not to rest without daily pardon. For, supposing that my trespasses against my Father are not at once taken to Him to be washed away by the cleansing power of the Lord Jesus, what will be the consequence? If I have not sought forgiveness and been washed from these offences against my Father, I shall feel at a distance from Him; I shall doubt His love to me; I shall tremble at Him; I shall be afraid to pray to Him: I shall grow like the prodigal, who, although still a child, was yet far off from his father. But if, with a child’s sorrow at offending so gracious and loving a Parent, I go to Him and tell Him all, and rest not till I realize that I am forgiven, then I shall feel a holy love to my Father, and shall go through my Christian career, not only as saved, but as one enjoying present peace in God through Jesus Christ my Lord.

There is a wide distinction between confessing sin as a culprit, and confessing sin as a child. The Father’s bosom is the place for penitent confessions. We have been cleansed once (Editor: JESUS paid the price for all sin).

But our feet still need to be washed from the defilement of our daily walk as children of God.

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*Editor’s Note:* Once again I share very clearly that we do not endorse eternal security, for our spiritual heart is very deceptive (Jeremiah 17:9). We do not minimize the power of God to save and keep, but we walk in ‘danger’ all the way! For example: Look at Adam and Eve who were in a ‘sinless’ atmosphere and yet disobeyed/sinned.

Often those who adhere to the doctrine of eternal security use as an illustration: “Once a child, always a child”; but they fail to acknowledge that a child can die OR a child can be dis-inherited.

IF you do not LOVE JESUS, you do not know HIM; but IF you love JESUS you will want to follow Him.

**1 John 1:7 – 2:2.**

There are a number of individuals who fell away from the faith (went into Apostasy) recorded in Holy Scripture, and numerous Bible Verses which remind us of the necessity of a continuing walk by faith with the Author and Finisher of the faith – faithful overcomers unto death.



# Editorial

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## *Unique – HOLY*

Let's look at the Dictionary first:

1) Unique – Being the only one of its kind, without an equal or equivalent, unparalleled.

2) Holy – Belonging to, derived from, or associated with a divine power; sacred. Regarded or deserving special respect or reverence. (In my own words also – pure, spotless, clean, SINLESS)

3) Holiness (From a Bible Dictionary) – the state or condition of being holy, sanctified, saintly, consecrated. The root idea is that of “separateness” or “apartness.” For this reason, holiness is originally a quality of divinity, because of its “apartness” from what is not divine.

In ‘our’ day we hear so *little* about SIN (specifically) from behind the sacred Desk or otherwise; but very little about ‘holiness’ and that GOD is **HOLY!** What’s changed? Certainly not GOD for He changes not! Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8.

In one sense – hearing, reading, and sharing God’s Word is ‘holy’, as we are then upon ‘holy’ ground because we meet GOD on every page of the BIBLE.

Right now I am thinking of a house-cleaning maid, whom her employer ridiculed for her testimony/faith in her Holy God. He ridiculed her faith anchored in the very foundation of the Christian faith – the Bible. Psalm 11:3 says: “If he foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?”

The maid’s answer was that she believed even the ‘Cover’ of the BIBLE was inspired by GOD as it states **“Holy Bible”**.

When Barb and I were getting married, we wanted to have a ‘Layman/Evangelist’ have part in the Marriage Ceremony and the host Pastor said: “There will be NO Layman behind the ‘Altar Ring.’”

Notice what God says in regards to His Holy Inspired Word: **“But to the wicked God says: ‘What right have you to declare My statutes, Or take My covenant in your mouth, Seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you?’”** Psalm 50:16-17.

Toda, many a ‘Pastor’ has compromised by not sharing God’s Law (calling sin by its specific name), because they don’t want to rock the ship. They want to keep things running *smoothly*, and the numbers in attendance are more important to them than God’s blessings in opening the ‘windows of Heaven’.

I, myself, only had one Lutheran Pastor from my infancy

until I left home (young adult), and as I recall he never preached on the Third Commandment. In my ‘opinion’ it was because a neighbor of the church proper worked in the fields on Sunday.

Going back to the basics of Psalm 50:16-17, Martin Luther said; “Even some good could come out of a rotten log” and the ‘bottom of hell would be covered with the skulls of unconverted Pastors /preachers’!

Pastor Joe Stump was the pastor for ten years of a fairly large Lutheran Congregation in a city not too far from where I was raised. Because he was under much stress, it was clearly recommended to take a break. He went to a city at a great distance from where he pastored, and on an evening when he was wondering what to do, he wondered into a Gospel Mission/rescue station service and sat down to take in the evening service.

The speaker told that even those who wore ‘white collars’ needed to be converted and Pastor Stump looked around and he was the only one who had a ‘white collar’ on and that evening he was miraculously CONVERTED/Born Again. WHEN he returned to his Congregation as their under-shepherd – pastoring the congregation he was serving – it wasn’t long before they ‘ousted’ him because he TESTIFIED on how he was miraculously changed – born again! **II Corinthians 5:14-21, John 9.**

Keep in mind that many buildings we call a church not only have God’s Presence through His Word; but that humans very likely had prayed much, sacrificed and sweat in building the church building. **INDEED**, the church property is in that ‘sense’ HOLY GROUND, even though God does not dwell in buildings made with human hands.

A couple of examples from the Book that changes not its message which is recorded in heaven: 1) When God spoke through a ‘burning bush’ to Moses of old, he was to take off his shoes for he was standing on ‘holy ground’. 2) When Peter was drowning out on the troubled sea when he took his eyes off of JESUS. When he was miraculously rescued, he exclaimed: “Depart from me for I am a sinful man.” **BUT** it is sinful men whom JESUS came to rescue!

A congregation ought to be so spiritually alive that the unconverted either get saved or leave. It should be a burning bush so the Pharisees and Sadducees gathered either ‘shed’ their ‘sheep-skins’ or have to leave as para-

sites.

As our reverence for GOD (Holiness) rises and falls, as our attitude toward HIM does likewise, so will our worship service follow like a shadow.

Not so long ago we once again commemorated Good Friday and Easter Morning, on which Good Friday (not necessarily speaking of the literal date), but the most glorious place, and yet where God's Righteous Indignation MET with our sinfulness. This equates a holy ground— which and where the ground is level (spiritually), as whosoever may come.

GOD invites, asks and seeks for those who know HE is **HOLY** to worship: “*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*” John 4:23-24. Isaiah 29:13-14 Psalm 145, 114:7, Matthew 15:6-9, II Timothy 4:2-4, Psalm 2:11, 189:17-18, Exodus 20:20, Proverbs 14:2, Jeremiah 29:16 and Hebrews 12:28 **“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”** As I read/study God's **Holy Book**, the BIBLE, I do not see a lot of emotional/emotions in the Presence of the ALMIGHTY, but people falling prostrate or something similar. Personally I don't seem to see clapping of hands a lot of hip-hip hearsay? (For those of you who like clapping – do you clap for the Pastor's Sermon?)

Often we hear at our Worship Service in a Lutheran Congregation: “*Sanctify them by Your truth, Your word is truth.*” John 17:17. The word ‘sanctify’ means set apart and unto (separated/sanctified/holy).

We fairly often see surveys asking people various questions, but have you ever seen a survey asking people IF they are ‘holy’? How would you answer that? A Bible dictionary defines holiness as “separation to God and conduct fitting for those separated.” This ‘holiness’ is not something that people do (in themselves), but something that God does in them.” Positionally **IN CHRIST** we are holy in God's presence; but there is also a ‘daily walk’ of growing in sanctification. It takes place when there is a daily obedience to the Word of God in the newness of life. Read Romans 6:14-23.

In Martin Luther's Small Catechism Explained we find that when God gave us the Ten Commandments in

Agape Love, Luther says in response to each Commandment: “We should fear and love God so that we...”

August 10, 1628, was a dark day in naval history. On that particular day the royal warship Vasa set out on her maiden voyage. It took two years to build, being lavishly decorated and holding 64 cannons. The pride of the Swedish navy sank only one mile out to sea. The excess weight/load was too heavy to make her seaworthy.

The Christian life can also be weighed down by excess baggage. In Hebrews 12:1 it says: “*Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.*”

God tells us – Lev. 6:16, 7:6, 10:13, “*For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy.*” v. 44a. Numbers 15:40, 16:3, Joshua 24:19, 1 Samuel 2:2, Psalm 99:3, 5, Isaiah 57:15, Romans 7:12, 1 Corinthians 3:17, 7:34, Ephesians 1:4, 5:27, 1 Thess. 5:27, 1 Timothy 1:9, Hebrews 3:1, 2 Timothy 3:15, Titus 1:8, 2 Peter 1:21 and Revelation 15:4. (These are only a few references, compared to the many references in Holy Scriptures).

Actually the only way we can become holy is **in and through Jesus Christ's robe of righteousness – the blood atonement of JESUS!** But in the meantime until we reach HOME/Heaven by His GRACE; we are (who are in Christ Jesus, to be living a sanctified life as we are ambassadors of Jesus Christ in a ‘foreign land’.

As Martin Luther states we are ambassadors (or as he calls it) ‘*little christs*’ as we are the only ‘book’ that part of this world ever reads. What a privilege, honor and responsibility to let the Holy Spirit freely dwell within us and through us. **II Corinthians 5:14 – 21, Romans 1:16.**

HEAVEN will be not only a “HOLY” place; but no SIN will ever enter Heaven, so Heaven will be occupied with people who have sought to live a sanctified and holy life here on the planet earth. That is not by any ‘means’ implying a ‘works-righteousness’ as a pass into this Holy Land. Titus 3:3-5, Ephesians 2:8-10. **“But there shall by no means enter it (Heaven) anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written the Lamb's Book of Life.”** Revelation 21:27.

**Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.** Nehemiah 9:17

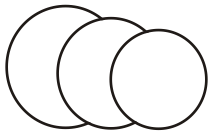
*Whate'er thy providence denies*

*I calmly would resign;*

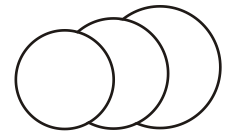
*For thou art just and good and wise;*

*O bend my will to thine.*

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.** Psalm 103:22



# From Our Fellowship Circle



**J. R. & M. L.**

**Lake City, IA**

Thank you for telling it like it is! It seems so many ministers neglect the real end! There are 2 places to go after death – Heaven or Hell.

Please keep up the good works of telling it like it is! Our Pastor does a good job of telling his flock!

I think Lutherans are more faithful preaching this that there is a Heaven to gain or the loss of eternity in Hell as a biblical fact.

God Bless you for telling it like it is!

**A. G.**

**Karlstad, MN**

Greetings in Jesus Name!

I want to thank you for the *Morning Glory*, and all its good reading material. I especially appreciated the article on Contemporary Music. I am so glad our congregation still clings to wonderful old hymns, which carry a vital message.

Solitary caught my eye! I am one who enjoys the solitary time – where I can just sit and talk to my Lord in quietness and confidence without all the distractions of the world.

I am sending a gift – wish it could be much more.

In Christian Love,

**L. H.**

**Piedmont, SD**

Hope all is going well for you and yours!

We have our health problems and struggles and much concern for the spiritual well-being of our children and grandchildren. Please pray for us and ours!

The conservative old style Christianity, as put forth in the *Morning Glory*, is much appreciated. God's peace to all who read the same.

I don't know if you have the address for ... add it, if not.

In Jesus.

**S. N.**

**Dovsman, WI**

Some years ago, my Sister, now deceased, entered my name for a subscription to the *Morning Glory* and my wife and I have been enjoying this publication. Now that I'm in my 88<sup>th</sup> year, we want to send a little financial help from our ... God bless your work as you continue.

**A. & D. H.**

**Twin Valley, MN**

Dear people of the Morning Glory,

Thank you for the paper; we are encouraged, strengthened and enlightened in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, through the *Morning Glory*.

There we see the partnership of God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit bringing us to our rescue to Salvation.

As the *Morning Glory* goes forth, we pray and trust that Folk will see their need of Salvation and others strengthened in their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior as well.

May God continue to Bless you all.

Love in Christ.

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Greetings Friends,

This note is to inform you that ... passed away on Sunday, January 25, 2015.

Perhaps you were aware that Doris had set up an Annuity Trust in 1991 and the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation was listed to receive % of the remainder of the trust on her death.... She requested that Osterhus Publishing House be the Trustee of the Trust and the funds were set up in a separate US Bank checking account dedicated solely to the ..., which I, as Treasurer of OPHI, have administered for the past nearly 24 years, sending Doris a quarterly check at the end of each quarter. The Lord blessed Doris with a life and when she passed on to Glory on Sunday, she was nearly ninety-eight and a half years of age!

Over the many years of the Annuity Trust the funds were invested conservatively with ..., but given her long life and the conservative investment strategy, the Remainder of the funds available for distribution on her death have dwindled and there is a remaining amount available for distribution of somewhat over \$...

May the Lord bless your ministry.

Sincerely, David Osterhus

P.S. I have thoughts that perhaps my Grandfather, Rev. Christopher S. Osterhus, who passed away in 1931 and my father Cyrus, who passed away in 1967 MAY have had connections with Hauge, but I may be mistaken.

*Editor's Note;* Very likely there were 'connections'! Both working in God's Vineyard.

By the way: Reader, have you prayerfully considered setting up a 'Trust Fund' OR "Will" which would include this ministry– HLIF/MG?



**Pastor B. K. Princeton, MN**  
I have enclosed a check for your magazine, limited to living on Social insecurity, the Lord providing our true security. Since the last century my wife and I have been recipients of *Morning Glory*.

Come April 1, I will be 83 years old and in August (Lord willing), my wife Evelyn and I will be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. (Ed. *PTL*).

Also we have been in the ministry since 1960.

The last pastorate was in an Independent Church located in rural ... County by the name of Glendorado Evangelical Country Church. This lasted for five years, when as a result of growth, the church then wanted a full time pastor. ...

Thank you so much for your inspirational and informative periodical.

Getting ready for "lift off."

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### Doxology to the King

*"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."* 1 Timothy 1:17.

In this stirring doxology to the One who allowed him into the ministry (vv. 12-13), whose grace "was exceeding abundant"(v. 14), who "came into the world to save sinners" (v. 15), who showed mercy and longsuffering, and who grants "life everlasting"(v. 16), Paul uses several majestic descriptive terms. Each deserves our attention.

**The King eternal.** God's sovereign kingship is in view here. The phrase literally translates, the "King of the ages." "*But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king*" (Jeremiah 10:10). He is the king, and we must stand in submission to Him.

**Immortal.** The Greek word used here implies more than mere exemption from death. A fuller meaning would include total incorruptibility, i.e., the inability to be stained by either decay or death. What a comfort to realize that the believer's crown in glory will be likewise incorruptible (1 Corinthians 9:25) as will his resurrection body (1 Corinthians 15:52).

**Invisible.** God is a Spirit, and as such cannot be seen. He chose to appear on numerous occasions, most notably as Christ, but is usually unseen, the primary meaning of the word. Christ "*is the image of the invisible (same word) God, the firstborn of every creature*" (Colossians 1:15). Seen or unseen, He merits our praise.

**The only wise God.** God is unique in His existence

and wisdom, "*God only wise*" (Romans 16:27). He stands alone, solitary, apart from all others.

Surely to this eternal, incorruptible, unseen, unique, wise, sovereign King belongs "*honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*" John D. Morris, Ph.D.

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### WHEN YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING

A man asked his minister a pointed question: "What do you do when you can't do anything?" This question reflects a very common mood. In so many ways the world seems to be going to disaster. So many evil things prevail of which we do not approve. Yet in ourselves we seem to be helpless to do anything. What do we do then? *Just sit at a wailing wall and weep?*

There is an answer, or at least a guide to conduct, in the actions of a crowd who once faced a hard situation in which they could do absolutely nothing. And yet, they did much.

It was the group of disciples of Jesus who watched the crucifixion. These are tragic words we read in the gospels: "*They stood there watching.*" Here was the best man they had known, the hope of the future, now gone down in defeat. Yet they refused to say that wrong was right. That is one thing we can do and it is a big thing. They did not say: "Well, that shows that Pilate was right and Jesus was wrong." No matter how powerful wrong seems to be, we can refuse to call it right.

Again, they held that God was more powerful than Rome. We can hold to a faith in a moral and spiritual power in the universe. The evidence was all against them. But we see now that the visible evidence was all wrong. When men hold the faith in the power and love of God, they furnish Him a leverage in their own lives for His saving action.

In the third place, these disciples held together and laid the foundation for the growth of the (Bible and Christ centered) Church which proved to be a greater and more lasting power than Rome. We can do the same thing in our own day, ally our lives in God's purposes. Selected

***If You Do Not Love Jesus,  
It's Because You Do Not  
Know Him!***



# Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

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EVOLUTIONIST must show that *nothing* became OR that something became out of *NOTHING!*

## The American Family Association (AFA)

The American Family Association (AFA) has identified over 200 groups and organizations that openly display bigotry toward the 'Christian faith'.

The website [www.afa.net/bigotrymap](http://www.afa.net/bigotrymap) includes the interactive map that identifies groups that are intolerant of the Christian religion.

## NASA

When NASA began using a new kind of space telescope to capture different spectrums of light, researchers were surprised at one of the photos. It shows what looks like fingers, a thumb, and an open palm showered with spectacular colors of blue, purple, green and gold. Some have called it "The Hand of God."

Selected

## The World Is At War With God And Difficult Days Are Coming

*Dear Special Friend,*

If I were to describe our world at the present hour in just one word I would probably use the word "chaotic." But tragically, our dire situation goes far deeper than that. People and nations are in all-out war – not just with each other but with God himself.

This is a critical, explosive, uncertain, confused, and wicked hour of history. The world is like a time bomb ready to explode. Most people are completely unprepared for what is coming, totally ignorant of what they will soon confront, and unaware of the fact that they are opposing the God who created them and His Son who died to save them...

There is a grave urgency at this hour, and few are picking up on it. For most, it is business as usual.

Even among the remnant of Bible believers there is, at present, little insightful attention given to prophetic teaching.

When I write of these things, I sometimes upset friends. But if I am not true to my biblical convictions, I cannot respect myself, nor can I be a true servant of the Most High God...

Marv Rosenthal, selected.

*Editor's Note:* PRAY. The more dependent 'we' are upon GOD, the more opportunity HE has to intervene in

our behalf – PRAY and obey.

HOW we NEED to Pray fervently, specifically and expectantly for a 'Heaven Sent Revival' among the 'blood bought children of GOD', for a rekindled hunger for the WORD OF GOD, first of all!

## Biden: Denying Climate Change 'Almost Like Denying Gravity'

Vice President Joe Biden slammed those who question climate change, saying that ignoring the scientific evidence is "almost like denying gravity now."

"I think it's close to mindless," Mr. Biden said in a preview clip for the upcoming season of HBO's Vice.

The vice president pointed specifically to 2012's Hurricane Sandy as an example of how climate change is making the world's weather patterns more severe.

"All of a sudden people who were saying it couldn't happen; they're now knowing they have to plan for a one of these storms and another and another and another," Mr. Biden said, Mediate reported Friday.

Read more: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/> March 8, 2015

*Editor's Note:* The Great CREATOR and PRESERVER told/tells us there will be seasons (spring, harvest time, days), etc. on the face of the earth and clearly foretells us in Matthew 24:3-14, as the Perfect Forecaster and HE CHANGES NOT – neither do His Promises! Luke 17:20 – 37, 21:25 – 36, Romans 8:18 – 29.

Secretary of State, Mr. John Kerry said something very, very similar as Vice-President Biden said in denying 'Climate Change' as comparison to 'Gravity'!

NOW 'Gravity' has been around for at least approximately. six thousand years and has not been disputed. How about 'Climate Change'! – which used to be called 'Global Warming'!

ABSOLUTELY there will be, to come, a VERY GREAT "Climate Change", "Global Warming" – **II Peter 3:10 – 13.**

## Marriage!

WHAT is the source of '*marriage*'? Evolution can't account for it! Marriage is a creation ordinance. GOD ordained marriage, and God has also defined it and set certain Standards for it: which is very clearly defined that one man/male and one woman/female are to be united in marriage as one until death do them part!

## **School Superintendent Tells Atheists “I’ll be praying for you.”**

Probably the best response to be given to the fascist anti-God movement that is being coordinated today by liberal activists, the one that White Oak ISD Superintendent Michael Gilbert gave to the Freedom from Religion Foundation after they complained about the reading of Scripture in one of White Oaks Public Schools.

YES, one of the very best responses to any person or organizations that is anti-God is: “I’ll be praying for you.”

WHY is it that Atheists and ‘anti-God’ people spend so much time, energy, talent and money to try to prove that GOD does not exist; and then trying to prove that nothing exists, when their theory is that nothing exists? IF nothing exists, how can you prove nothing exists?

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### **BY THE LETTER**

By Pastor Bill King, Princeton, MN

As I was considering all that is involved in unearthing the burial grounds of a cadaver, I was reminded of what the Bible has to say about the return of Jesus Christ to “rapture,” or catch away His bride. In a sense, the Lord will be exhuming the bodies of “the dead in Christ,” 1 Thess. 4:16, along with translating those who are “alive and remain.” This event will enable the bride of Christ to supernaturally exit earth for Heaven.

While not wishing to be morbid, I’ve learned that a significant amount of red tape is involved in a rare exhumation procedure. The most common purpose for disinterring bodily remains is to assist in establishing the cause of death in the case of suspected homicide. While it is not normal to disturb gravesites, but rather show respect to family members, it does take place.

Courts must be supplied with substantial and compelling reasons before granting a license. Then records need to be checked to insure that the correct name is matched with the proper burial site. An environmental health officer must be secured and be present. Screens are placed around the plot to facilitate privacy, being cordoned off from the public. The excavation work crew must wear disposable protective clothing, respiratory facemasks, and disinfectants must be available. Only when all the regulations have been completed can the remains be exhumed. While the act of reopening a grave must follow the letter of civil law, the worldwide reopening of graves by the Lord Jesus Christ is to be carried out by the letter of God’s Word.

Our Savior will bypass all those requirements – License, special clothing, excavation equipment, etc. Simultaneously, all around the globe graves will be opened. Believers in Jesus who have been buried for centuries will arise. Bodies of the saints will experience a dynamic change; they will become immortal and imperishable (1 Cor. 15:53-54) at Jesus’ miraculous reappearance. They will be transformed into glorious spiritual bodies, adaptable to a new non-atmospheric environment, — fitting His bride for Heavenly residence. Furthermore, God’s Word informs us that this place of celestial bliss will be free from sin, Satan and the curse which had brought death. I’m a candidate for this divine restoration, reconstruction and rejuvenation!

This event reminds us of our Easter celebration and to Jesus’ resurrection. The One who captivated our hearts is returning to transport His bride to glory. This will fulfill what God has planned and promised. We await His supernatural mission with great anticipation and prepare to be ready for lift-off!

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**“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven;”** Matthew 5:10.

*Blest are the sufferers who partake  
Of pain and shame for Jesus’ sake’  
Their souls shall triumph in the Lord,  
Glory and joy are their reward.*

*“You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”* II Timothy 2:3.

**“Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart”**

Psalm 97:11.

*Immortal light and joys unknown  
Are for the saints in darkness sown;  
Those glorious seeds shall spring and rise,  
And the bright harvest bless our eyes.*

**“Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name”**

Psalm 97:12.

*What happened to the ‘biblical’ standard of respect of the elderly and “children obey your parents?”*

## Make 2015 A Year Of Prayer Priority For America!

By Pastor David Barnhart

(*Editor*: EVEN though a fourth of 2015 is now history; PLEASE make the rest of the year a “PRAYER” priority for the USA – America! WE are at a point NOW in desperate NEED of **GOD’S mercy, forgiveness and restoration!**)

Millions of people in America are being deceived into believing that Christians should not try to influence political issues. Instead, they are being told to sit on the sidelines and leave politics to the nonreligious and politicians. Nothing will destroy America more quickly than believing this lie. Most so-called political issues concern moral principles that are addressed in the Bible. Keeping silent about these matters violates both conscience and Scripture. It is my belief that the silence of Christians in America is largely responsible for our nation’s moral and spiritual decline.

Surely the silence of Christians today on moral and social issues plays into the hands of those whose ultimate goal is to transform the United States into a godless, socialistic nation. These disciples of America’s destruction appear to be winning in their efforts to intimidate and silence Christians. The only way out of the gigantic hole that we have dug for ourselves is for us to refuse to allow our First Amendment rights to be trampled! For God’s sake, for the sake of our country, and for your own sake, stand up for your rights and your personal liberties guaranteed by the Constitution!

It is an undeniable fact that our country’s founding fathers established this nation on Christian principles, starting with the Declaration of Independence which declares that the Author of freedom is the Creator God. Here are the exact words:

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them...

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it...

James Madison, known as the “Chief Architect of the Constitution,” stated: “We have staked the whole future of

American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions up on the capacity for mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, and to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.”

If America continues to turn its back on the Creator God, who “hath made and preserved us as a nation,” we cannot and will not survive. Thus, it is incumbent on every Christian to boldly stand for truth by calling our nation back to the principles that were drafted into this nation’s founding documents. Above all, we must humble ourselves before God and earnestly pray for the spiritual restoration of America...

*The Vine and Branches*, Midwinter 2015, Issue 1

*Editor’s Note*: **God’s Word** (the Bible) is relevant for ALL people, ALL places, ALL times and GOD, through the prophet Isaiah, has a pertinent message for us today in Isaiah 30:1-2: “**Woe, to the rebellious children, says the LORD. Who take counsel, but not of Me, And who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, That they may add sin to sin: Who walk to go down to Egypt. And have not asked My advice, To strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, And to trust in the shadow of Egypt!**” (read on, please). First of all, Scripturally a government is intended for the purpose of Justice, not necessarily mercy.

The dire warning given by Isaiah (God through Isaiah) is to the Jewish Nation however, the forever TRUTH should cause ALL of us to take heed as to how troubles on America’s horizons are at our very threshold. Notice the word “WOE”. The Noah Webster 1828 dictionary defines (woe or wo) as grief, sorrow; misery; a heavy calamity. A curse used in denunciation. Definitely the ‘call’ is from GOD, Himself, as a ‘nation’ that has drifted (departed) away from the LORD’S counsel and looks to other nations for solutions (or the United Nations).

The Scriptures give a clear answer for ALL sin – confess it as such, repent and be restored unto our Maker and Redeemer. The prophet Isaiah points out the ‘human reasoning’ for mankind looking virtually anywhere except unto the LORD JESUS for answers to His calamity. Mankind wants to **add SIN to SIN**, as the ‘old nature’ loves sin; but he wants to ‘control’ it, but is rather a slave unto it.

Symbolically, Egypt is the world and ‘worldly wisdom’; but PRAY that America might wake up before it is too late in walking in the *shadow of Egypt*. This is true ALSO of many congregations.

May we repent and walk in the shadow of Psalm 91:1-2: **“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High (under GOD) Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress; My God in Him I will trust.’”**



## Birthday Celebration

Please read: Psalm 71:5-18

*By You I have been upheld from birth ...My praise shall be continually of You.* Psalm 71:6

I used to love birthdays. I can still remember standing excitedly on our front porch waiting for my friends to show up for my 5<sup>th</sup> birthday party. I wasn't just excited about the balloons, the gifts, and the cake. I was happy that I was no longer only 4! I was growing up.

As I've gotten older, however, birthdays have sometimes been more discouraging than exciting. Last year when I celebrated a birthday that marked me by decades more than by years, my wife, Martie, cheered me up with the reminder that I should be grateful to be growing older. She pointed me to Psalm 71, where the psalmist talks about God's presence throughout his life. He remembers that God "*took me out of my mother's womb*" (71:6), and he proclaims with thankfulness, "*O God, You have taught me from my youth; and in this day I declare Your wondrous works*" (v. 17). And now, when the psalmist is older, he has the honor to proclaim: "*(God's) strength to this generation, (His) power to everyone who is to come*" (v. 18). God had blessed the psalmist with His presence through every year of his life.

Birthdays now remind me of God's faithfulness. And they bring me closer to being in the presence of the One who has been with me all these years!

Joe Stowell

*Lord, remind me often that growing older means  
I am growing nearer to You! Keep my heart  
Filled with gratitude for Your many blessings,  
And keep my mind fixed on the joy of heaven.*

### Count your many blessings – birthday by birthday!

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*Editor's Note:* Maybe YOU have heard it said: "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world!"

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**These sought their listing among those who were registered by genealogy, but they were not found; therefore they were excluded from the priesthood as defiled.** Ezra 2:62

Without a genealogy, the children of Barzillai were put out of the priesthood. Sometimes revival results in

blessed reductions. One church leader said to another that they had experienced revival. The other replied, "That's good. How many were added to the congregation?" The former responded, "None were added, but ten were subtracted." The Lord prayed that the spiritual oneness of believers would declare the glory of God to the lost (John 17:21-23). If the unconverted and those in sin join our ranks, the spiritual vitality of the assembly and its evangelical efforts will wane.

W. A. H.

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### *"He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove." Matthew 3:16*

AS the Spirit of God descended upon the Lord Jesus, the head, so He also, in measure, descends upon the members of the mystical body. His descent is to us after the same fashion as that in which it fell upon our Lord. There is often a singular rapidly about it; or ever we are aware, we are impelled onward and heavenward beyond all expectation. Yet is there none of the hurry of earthly haste, for the wings of the dove are as soft as they are swift. Quietness seems essential to many spiritual operations; the Lord is in the still small voice, and like the dew, His grace is distilled in silence. The dove has ever been the chosen type of purity, and the Holy Spirit is holiness itself. Where He cometh, everything that is pure and lovely, and of good report, is made to abound, and sin and uncleanness depart.

Peace reigns also where the Holy Dove comes with power; He bears the olive branch which shows that the waters of divine wrath are assuaged. Gentleness is a sure result of the Sacred Dove's transforming power; hearts touched by His benign influence are meek and lowly henceforth and for ever. Harmlessness follows, as a matter of course; eagles and ravens may hunt their prey – the turtledove can endure wrong, but cannot inflict it.

We must be harmless as doves. The dove is an apt picture of love, the voice of the turtle is full of affection; and so, the soul visited by the blessed Spirit, abounds in love to God, in love to the brethren, and in love to sinners; and above all, in love to Jesus. The brooding of the Spirit of God upon the face of the deep, first produced order and life, and in our hearts, He causes and fosters new life and light. Blessed Spirit, as Thou didst rest upon our dear Redeemer, even so rest upon us from this time forward and for ever.

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## PEACEFUL ISLAM: *The Greatest Lie Since 632 AD*

Written by Audrey Russo on February 18, 2015

It's been some 1,400 years since Islam entered the world's culture. And from its inception, it has maintained a suffocating menu of choices to mankind... none of which concern free will OR peace.

As we have seen and continue to see globally, Muslims hot for the Quran and Sharia Islamic Law, are on a jihad crusade against all who choose NOT to follow Allah or his prophet Muhammad.

There have been over 25,000 (<http://www.thereligionofpeace.com>) deadly terror attacks committed by Muslims since 9-11. From Canada to Denmark to Australia...Islam's influence (by its hateful harangues emanating from Islam's holy books) has encouraged torture, rape, pedophilia and slaughter (via beheadings, incinerations, stabbings and bombings) of thousands upon thousands of innocent human beings.

And yet, anyone who dares mention these facts is subject to a crushing bombardment of verbal salvos by cowering Westerners... as well as death threats by Muhammed's faithful.

Exactly WHEN was the last time an Islamic message broke out in loving and serving non-Muslims (Ed. OR built a mercy Hospital, Shelter, etc.)? Or a street rally of Muslims who chanted: "Love to America", "Hugs to Israel", "Bless anyone who slanders the prophet" or "Be kind to infidels, wherever you find them"? (Ed. Islam/Muslims are motivated by hate, Christianity is motivated by love).

Has this EVER happened? As we say in NYC: NEVA!! (Never)

Western leaders and the mainstream media like to use the term "Radical" when referring to devout Muslims that commit heinous acts for Islam. But here lies the rub... the actual definition of that term is the antithesis of how it's being used. The dictionary defines "radical" as: of or going to the root or origin; fundamental.

These Muhammedans have gone back to the roots of their creed. They are fundamentalists who follow in the footsteps and behaviors of their prophet. Muhammed was not a man of peace, but rather a man of war, having been in 100 violent campaigns. (See [http://Wikipedia.org/wik/List\\_of\\_expeditions\\_of\\_Muhammad](http://Wikipedia.org/wik/List_of_expeditions_of_Muhammad)) We see this STILL occurring with ISIS, Boko Haram, Hamas, et al. They invade the lands of non-Muslims, kill, steal and destroy...

Just like Muhammad did...

The split second these Islamic attacks occur... the West is falling all over itself in a mad rush for the microphone to announce to the world the mantra of morons: Is-

lam is a religion of peace.

But, in actuality... according to the empirical evidence: Islam is a religion of bigotry, hate and brutality. And that's on a good day...

Now, I don't intend to be harsh, BUT... let's stop being the idiotic infidels that Muhammed told his followers we are. Let's instead go back to critical thinking where we use the intellect the Judeo-Christian God gave us... and finally confront this century's old LIE with TRUTH.

### *Shalom through strength...*

Clash Daily with Doug Giles,

Image: <http://warfareages.wikispaces.com/Ayn%20jalut>

**FRANKLIN GRAHAM:** What If 21 Muslims were Beheaded by Christians?... 2/16/15.

*Editor's Note:* The more/greater we are (individually and Nationally) dependent upon **GOD**, the greater the opportunity is for GOD to intervene on our behalf, IN HIS MARVELOUS GRACE!

REMEMBER a **lie** is a 'lie' before 'our' merciful and just God AND that 'lies' will never enter into HEAVEN! (Big 'lies' OR what some call "little-lies").

President Obama has said "Here in America Islam has been woven into the fabric of our country since its founding". **NOT** at least in any meaningful sense/way). The very first 'mosque' in the **USA** was not built until 1915, stated by most reports.

AGAPE (Divine LOVE) is not a bed-partner with 'evil/sin and tolerance towards evil/sin can become TREASON – both spiritually and secularly. When we have the ANSWER and withhold it from man-kind, is that not a *form of TREASON*?

Herein lies ONE of the 'vessels' of ministry of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory, for IF the troops/soldiers are not KEPT alert **on the home-front, 'missions' will fail completely!**

ALSO, I hear that we (Congregations) have so many activities going that we don't have time to have a series of Evangelistic or Bible Conferences! Could it be that we NEED to take a good look at the biblical practice in the BIBLE and make use of the 'calling' of an Evangelist, etc.? This should be among the 'congregational' priorities!

ALSO, a crystal clear distinction: We are to pray for those involved in evil/sin for their personal SALVATION; but NOT that evil succeeds individually, locally, state-wide, national or otherwise. EACH person (enemy or friendly) have (ARE) an **immortal Soul** which will spend eternity in **Heaven or Hell!**

## Bitter

*And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi  
(pleasant) call me Mara (bitter): for the  
Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.*

Ruth 1:20

“ami ngu kawa!” (I am a dog!) said the old lady when we asked her for her name. “No one cares for me; every-one has forsaken me. Some will toss a little left over food my way like they do to their dogs!” Being without Christ she was indeed without hope. How sad however, when a believer thinks like Naomi, that life has dealt them a bitter blow. True, she had lost two sons but we read that God had given her a daughter-in-law who “loves you and is better than seven sons” (Ruth 4:15). In our darkest hour we must hold on to God’s unfailing promises.

David Croudace

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**And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words.** Luke 1:20

**And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.** Luke 1:23

Zacharias was determined to fulfill his days of service. His disability did not deter him and shows what type of man he was. He could have used his loss of speech as a reason to quit his post and go home. But he set aside his hardship and fulfilled his responsibility. Faithfulness, patient endurance, and tenacity are prized commodities in the economy of heaven. Let us follow his example.

– Sid Halsband

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### OUR DESIRE AND PRAYER!

May GOD richly bless ALL godly (Christian) MOTHERS; not only in this ‘month of May’ when we think of “Mother’s Day,” but continually!

May you who have been (and are) entrusted with the GIFT of Motherhood – never apologize for your ‘special calling’ of bringing into this world an ‘inheritance’ from the LORD’ – that of bringing Infants into this troubled world! (Especially you who know JESUS as your personal Savior)!

Being a full-time HOME maker is a special calling/vocation from God, as it has been clearly said: “The

hand that rocks the cradle rules the world!”

God has especially directed/challenged godly PARENTS to reproduce! THANK GOD that your parents, your grand-parents and great grand-parents did not believe in abortion!

There is definitely a ‘special role’ for you also who are godly grandparents and great grandparents!

**MARVELOUS IN and THROUGH CHRIST** (His BLOOD Atonement) you are in the Family of GOD,

Called the “Bride” of CHRIST; married to the king of KINGS and joint heirs with JESUS! “*I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation. He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*” Isaiah 61:10.

Husbands and Dads, keep practicing or put into practice the Biblical mandate: “*Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.*” 1 Peter 3:7.

***We pray that God will continue to ‘richly’ BLESS ALL Christ honoring MOTHERS!***

Can you (reader) truly say AMEN from your heart to this “Our Desire and Prayer”?

**AMEN!**

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**Seek ye the LORD while he may be found,  
call ye upon him while he is near.** Isaiah 55:6

I was asked to visit a lady who was dying. I explained the way of salvation to her. She looked at me and said, “I know all that. I heard it when I was young. I have six months to live and I will go to hell.” She died a few months later and to my knowledge never trusted Christ. How tragic when she could have come to Him as a young woman and lived her life for Him. If you are considering trusting Christ, don’t put it off. Accept His offer of salvation today. - Janet Fleming

*Too late, the words came back to me, For I had reached eternity,*

*I knew at last the wealth I’d lost, Yes, Christ and heaven, what a cost!*

My friend, why won’t you come and say, “Dear Lord, please cleanse my heart today.” Then you will hear at heaven’s gate, “Come enter in” and not “too late!” J. F.

## Glorious Holiness

*“Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?”*

Exodus 15:11

Our finite minds would never grasp the idea of holiness if not for the revelation granted to us in the Scriptures. God’s “separateness” requires even the awesome four-faced, six-winged Seraphim to “*rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come*” Revelation 4:8.

Samuel’s gentle mother, praying before the tabernacle, was no doubt moved by the Spirit of God to proclaim, “*There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee*” 1 Samuel 2:2). Her short statement of faith is the core of holiness – the separate unique character that only the Creator of the universe can possess.

Those who have been “born again” (John 3:3) are “saints” (Romans 1:7, etc.) when they were “*created in righteousness and true holiness*” (Ephesians 4:24). Our “holiness” is part of the “gift of God” from One who is holy, “*without which no man shall see the Lord*” (Hebrews 12:14).

Because our Creator, Lord, and King is “*righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works*” (Psalm 145:17), it should come as no surprise that “*as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy*” (1 Peter 1:15-16).

The “*great and precious promises*” (2 Peter 1:4) given to us by our gracious Lord are the spiritual means by which we can *cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God*” (2 Corinthians 7:1).

Our destiny is sure. Our duty is clear, “*Yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength*” (Isaiah 49:5). Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

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***“It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in man.” Psalm 118:8***

DOUBTLESS the reader who has been tried with the temptation to rely upon the things which are seen, instead of resting alone upon the invisible God. Christians often look to man for help and counsel, and mar the noble simplicity of their reliance upon their God. Does this eve-

ning’s portion meet the eye of a child of God anxious about temporals, then would we reason with him awhile. You trust in Jesus, and only in Jesus, for your salvation – then why are you troubled?

“Because of my great care.” Is it not written, “*Cast thy burden upon the Lord*”? “Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication make known your wants unto God.” Cannot you trust God for temporals? “Ah! I wish I could.” If you cannot trust God for temporals, how dare you trust Him for spirituals? Can you trust Him for your soul’s redemption, and not rely upon him for a few lesser mercies? Is not God enough for thy need, or is His all-sufficiency too narrow for thy wants? Dost thou want another eye beside that of Him who sees every secret thing? Is His heart faint? Is His arm weary? If so, seek another God, but if He be infinite, omnipotent faithful, true, and all-wise, why gladdest thou abroad so much to seek another confidence? Why does thou rake the earth to find another foundation, when this is strong enough to bear all the weight which thou canst ever build thereon? Christian, mix not only thy wine with water, do not alloy thy gold of faith with the dross of human confidence. Wait thou only upon God, and let thine expectation be from Him. Covet not Jonah’s gourd, but rest in Jonah’s God. Let the sandy foundations of terrestrial trust be the choice of fools, but do thou, like one who foresees the storm, build for thyself an abiding place upon the Rock of Ages.

*Morning & Evening*, Charles Spurgeon,  
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**But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men who were brought up with him.**

II Chronicles 10:8.

Advice and counsel are readily available today on any subject which comes to mind. The issue is this: whose advice or counsel will we listen to? Is the one giving the counsel an authority in their field? Do they speak from experience? All too often the young tend to listen to their peers who have no expertise or experience on which to draw. How blessed is the young believer who seeks counsel from older saints who have knowledge of the Word, the ways of God, and can speak from life-long experience of walking with Him. Wm. H. Gustafson

## HAUGE BIBLE (Annual) CONFERENCE

Kasson, Minnesota

**June 19 - 21, 2015**

AT

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church,

Theme – **REVIVE US AGAIN!**

“Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You?” Psalm 85:6

### FRIDAY evening.

7:00 p.m. – Musical & Singspiration

7:30 p.m. – Evening Service with Guest Speaker, Pastor Don Greven, Viroqua, WI. Refreshments following

### SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. – Prayer time

9:30 a.m. – Coffee & Refreshments

10:00 a.m. – Mr. John Monsen, Burnsville, MN

11:05 a.m. – Pastor Dick Erickson, Brooklyn Park, MN

Noon – Meal at the Church (Free Will Offering)

1:05 p.m. – Mr. Wayne Almlie, Des Moines, IA

2:00 p.m. – Singspiration & Testimonial time

2:50 p.m. – Coffee & Refreshments

3:15 p.m. – Annual Meeting of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation. You're invited! prayerfully try to attend.

Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation Board Members Meeting to follow with Election of Officers, etc.

7:00 p.m. – Evening Service – Pastor Don Greven

### SUNDAY

TWO sessions with Pastor Don Greven Speaking (9:30 & 11 a.m.)

**PRAY and Come in expecting many rich blessings from our Living Savior In opening Heaven's Doors!**

YES, come under the BLOOD of the Crucified and Living ONE, Who is coming again!

**WELCOME!**

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THANK YOU for 'Teaming Up' with us as the struggles/battles continue ON: so with your prayers, finances and encouragement we continue on AND we pray that our Living Savior will richly bless YOU in order that you may become an even richer blessing unto others!

FOR “**Where there is no vision, the people perish:**” Proverbs 28:19a KJV and “**Cast your bread upon the waters, For you will find it after many days.**” Ecclesiastes 11:1. “*Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.*” Psalm 126:5-6.

*Where is our vision for souls, Lord? Stir us to pledge anew, Our lives to work in Your vineyard, With passion warm and true.—Adams*

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