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

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Persevere In Prayer!

By John Siemens

*“And he spake a parable unto them to this end,
that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.”*

(Luke 18:1)

How near to fainting we are much of the time! Fortunately, our Lord’s intimate knowledge of our frailty does not affect Him adversely. He is the Friend who knows all about us and loves us still!

How this truth shines forth from the parable of the unjust judge – one of the great Scriptures on importunate prayer. Knowing the inherent weakness of our flesh the Lord Jesus in love and patience uttered a parable (an earthly story with a heavenly meaning) to counteract this ever present tendency to faintness and to encourage us to persevere in prayer.

This is the purpose of the parable: “Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.”

Major Contrast

Here is a picture which majors in contrast and minors in comparison. Certainly our loving Father looms Heaven-high in contrast to the hardhearted judge who “feared not God, neither regarded man” but finally, for a selfish reason, decided to avenge a persistently appealing client against her plaguing adversary. The judge gave in because it seemed the cheapest way; he did not want to be wearied “by her continual coming.”

How utterly unlike this is our God, who invites us to come boldly to the throne of grace, although, for reasons which to Himself are clear and justifiable, He may discipline us with delay. Someone has suggested that if when

you pray you do not get an immediate answer, be sure that the delay is of more value in God’s sight than the answer. Delay is not denial.

Our all-wise, loving Father knows best. The answer is not only certain but will be better than we can ask or think, because it will be according to His perfect plan.

“Shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? “I tell you that he will.” - Vss. 7,8.

The parable presents also an interesting study in relationships. The widow was only a humble citizen of the town where this judge held office. She went to him repeatedly with a single errand, and she won.

We, on the other hand, are God’s children by His grace and therefore are not “*strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God*” (Eph. 2:19). “*Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need*” (Heb. 4:16)

Minor in Comparison

So much for the contrast. Now by way of comparison, we find our needy selves pictured in the person of the widow plagued by a pestilent adversary. We were, because of the fall, stripped! To add to our plight, we, like the widow, have an adversary to plague us.

“Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour; Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren.” (1 Pet. 5:8, 9)

Fellow-believers, let us not faint but continue “*instant*

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in prayer” (Rom.12:12), that we may “through faith and patience inherit the promises” (Heb. 6:12), encouraging one another with “exceeding great and precious promises” (II Pet.1:4).

“If God be for us, who can be against us? “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?” (Rom. 8:31, 32) “Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” (Gal. 6:9) “Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.” (Luke 18:1)

Unanswered yet? Pray on.

Taken from “The Sword of the Lord”

EXPOSE the ERRORS (or Else)

When pastors hesitate to expose the errors of the charismatic movement for fear of offending some who attend their church, they are only paving the way for greater charismatic infiltration in their local churches. If the charismatic movement embraces and propagates unscriptural doctrines and practices – which it does – (Editor: Compare with Scripture as a fair amount do) a warning must be sounded, and the sheep should be alerted to erroneous charismatic doctrines and practices. (Editor: This is not only true about charismatics; but many other “influences” in doctrine and practices as well).

As a result of such silence, many aggressive charismatics have taken over once-strong churches, and faithful believers have been left without a church home. The responsibility of God’s undershepherds is to feed, guide and protect the flock.

Foundation

Do You Really Want The Congregation?

George Sverdrup For Our Day

By John Stensvaag

Editor's Note: The following excerpt is taken from an address delivered at the 52nd Annual Conference of the Lutheran Free Church which was a goodly number of years ago (1948)! Professor George Severdrup served as president of Augsburg Free Lutheran Seminary from 1876 to 1907, the year of his death.

The Disintegration of Congregational Fellowship

In recent months I have become sharply aware of a particular way in which the congregation is being threatened from within. In the old days, the congregation did at times have one or two auxiliary organizations, such as Ladies' Aid and Luther League. But these were not exclusive. Quite often they stood for a congregation-wide fellowship.

But for some time now a process of division and subdivision has been going on within the congregation. So that today we have boys' clubs and girls' clubs, Junior Luther League and Senior Luther League, brotherhoods and circles, and finally, young married couples' clubs. Each organization is designed for a specific group, often for a specific age. Now a good case, humanly speaking, can be made for each one of these groups, and I am not prepared to say that they all should be abolished. But the fact remains that this segregation and compartmentalization of the members of the congregation is definitely destroying the congregational fellowship as such.

In the New Testament we see that the early congregation was like a large family. Old and young, children and adults—all were together, united in love for a common Savior and a common cause. United in prayer, praise and testimonies.

You may shrug it off, but I personally fear that one reason we have so few living congregations is that we have settled for active organizations instead. These are busy with many things and many doings, but they tend to rob us of the kind of congregational life which in time past welded the believers into one, set them on fire for Christ,

and sent them forth to be witnesses for Him to the ends of the world.

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**O faithless generation, how long shall I be
with you? How long shall I bear with you?**

(Mark 9:19)

WHAT can it be that presses these bitter words of distress from the gentle lips of Jesus?

It was not the worldliness of the Sadducees, nor the enmity of the Pharisees, nor the indifference of the multitudes, nor the ungodliness of the publicans.

Nay, it was the unbelief of the disciples.

When Jesus came down from the mount of transfiguration, the disciples were trying to heal a boy possessed with demons. But they did not succeed. And that notwithstanding the fact that Jesus had given them authority to drive out demons.

It was then that these woeful words were pressed forth from the heart of Jesus: "O faithless generation!"

The unbelief of His disciples grieves Jesus more than the hatred of His enemies, someone has said.

Now, we are disciples of Jesus.

We, too, have received His authorization, one which reads as follows: "Ask, and ye shall receive!"

Jesus places His own omnipotence in our hands and says: Make use of prayer, and you will move both heaven and earth.

No doubt there are few words that are harder for Jesus to speak to His disciples than these: "Ye have not, because ye ask not."

Unlimited power has been placed at our disposal, enabling us to feel our own helplessness and the guilt of sin, to rest in the finished work of Christ, rejoice in God, and loathe all disobedience; enabling us to deny ourselves and to serve others, to praise God, to pray and to make intercession, to work and to rest, to rejoice and to suffer, to live and to die.

All this we have in Christ.

And He says: Ask, and ye shall receive! Thereby is my Father glorified and your joy made full.

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**"NO ONE CAN KNOW THE TRUE
GRACE OF GOD UNTIL HE
KNOWS THE FEAR OF GOD."**

A. W. Tozer

When No One Seems to Care

(Psalm 142:1 – 7)

In David's distress he cried out to the Lord, "*No man cared for my soul*" (v. 4b)! He was distraught. Although he had called to God for help (v. 1), he had not yet received His answer, and a feeling of loneliness overwhelmed him (v. 3a). He found himself in a very difficult time of trouble (v.2b), for his enemies were laying "snares" for him(v.3). Everywhere he looked, he was "overlooked"(v. 4). His earthly refuge failed. He had been brought low, and his enemies' strength surpassed his own (v. 6). Daily cares and dangers brought this man of God to the brink of despair.

Today, many of God's dear children are facing similar situations and are going through times of greater trials than ever before. The world is experiencing rapid change and great upheaval. Nations are changing; churches are changing; people are changing, moral and spiritual standards are changing. Separation from those we love or those we have come to depend upon often causes emotional devastation, whether it be separation because of the death of a husband, wife, child or some other dear one or whether it be separation from family members or fellow believers who are living in sin and resentful of scriptural reproof and rebuke. But let us not forget that whenever God takes a dear one from our side, He has promised to fill the void (68:4-6). And, when our loneliness is a result of biblical separation from false teachers, disobedient brethren and the world, let us not forget the promise of God to "*be a Father*" unto those who "*come out*" and "*touch not the unclean thing*" (2 Cor. 6:14-18). The Lord has a perfect place of refuge for you, and He does truly care when no one else does. MHR

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Behold, the Lamb of God, that beareth the sin of the world!

John 1:29

SIN is the great calamity for us men, yea, for the whole creation. Sin is the cause of all the sorrow and distress in the world. If sin were banished, all evil would disappear as dew before the sun. Sin has separated us from God, and has brought upon us sorrow and sickness and death. The entire world is sunk down in blood and tears. Generations come and generations go — but their ways and goings look so hopelessly much alike.

But in the midst of all this dark night, the heaven is opened to us in grace. God comes down to us and becomes man. Out over the sin-ravaged generation sounds the voice of God's prophet: "Behold, the Lamb of God, that beareth the sin of the world!"

A wonderful word! Can anything greater be told us, and can anything more comforting reach our ears?

What we were in duty bound to bear, the Lord laid on Christ, and He removed "the iniquity of that land in one day." When He tasted of death for every man, He took away our sin and debt, and when you and I repent and believe that we are saved in Him, then He cleanses us by faith, and God regards us in Christ as if we never had sinned.

Repentance and forgiveness of sins shall be preached in the name of Christ unto all the nations, because the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins. And when the believing sinner leaves his body, to be at home with the Lord, he is freed from sin forever.

In that way the Lamb of God takes away the sin of the world.

Far, far away, like bells at even pealing,
The voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and sea,
And laden souls by thousands meekly stealing,
Kind Shepherd, turn their weary steps to Thee.
Angels of Jesus, Angels of light,
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night.

Taken from "*Thy Kingdom Come*"
by Ludvig Hope

WHAT'S NEXT???

Tragically a 'host' of well meaning 'Lutherans' have been deceived in making "Infant Baptism" *eternal security*, which is **heresy**. **NOW** there are well meaning 'Lutherans' putting 'Luther's Small Catechism' into a comic book format and will use these 'comic books' in their Confirmation Classes!

When Luther returned from visiting a number of churches after the Reformation began, he said, "Good God what wretchedness I beheld!" He was convinced that the churches would not continue on, so he wrote the Catechism "for fathers to teach their children at home."

I wonder what Luther would say if he could visit most Lutheran churches today?

Why I am a Capitalist

By Carl McIntire

Communism (Editor- Socialism) attacks capitalism. So general has been the denunciation of private capital that some people even hesitate to use the term "capital" any more. Instead they talk about "private enterprise." In the communist attack upon capitalism, however, and also upon Christianity, we see the main thrust of atheistic materialism in its drive to destroy the freedom of the individual.

The state (Editor- Government) takes possession of all the individual's property and even of the individual himself. (Editor - IF the government takes control of health care, likely it eventually will control the people). In varying degrees this struggle is on now in almost every nation in the world.

I am a capitalist

1. God made me responsible to Him.

God did not make me responsible to a totalitarian state. In Holy Scripture we are repeatedly told, "Each of us shall give an account of ourselves to God." I am an individual. God intended for me to be an individual. I intend to remain an individual. God gave me property to use as an individual and for His glory. God gave me the right of those possessions.

2. God ordained and protected the right of private property in the Eighth (7th) Commandment.

This commandment says, "Thou shalt not steal." I therefore, on the authority of God, am entitled to have property, to use it and to get gain from it.

3. God has instructed me in the stewardship of my possessions.

I am to be thrifty, industrious; I am not to waste or dissipate that which He has put in my care. The fool and his money, He says, soon part. He warns against being slothful and being a sluggard. In fact, He tells me that all that I have has been given to me by Him.

4. God gave me my capital.

I am told, "He giveth thee power to get gain," and "What has thou, O man, that thou hast not received?" In the parable of the talents and the parable of the pounds, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ laid down principles of gain and reward on the basis of faithful and unfaithful stewardship.

The Communists (Editor: Socialists) hate the Bible because it makes the individual responsible. The Communists (Editor: Socialists) hate the Ten Commandments because they grant the divine right to private property. The Communists hate God because God claims the worship and service of the individual. This the Communists want.

5. God's Word forbids me to steal.

"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Eph. 4:28). This one verse alone has in it all the elements for a free and capitalist society. First, the respect for the property and the rights of others - *"Let him Steal no more."* Second, the responsibility of a man to labor and to get gain. Third, the obligation to labor at that which is approved by God, which is good. Fourth, to get profit. The profit motive is not sinful but is proper before God, "that he may have." And, finally, capitalistic benevolence - *"to give to him that needeth."* Benevolence should be a private thing before Almighty God.

6. God judges me for my use of my property.

The capitalist's abuse of his possessions is sin. The Apostle James, chapter 5, verse 1-6, says, *"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you."*

7. God's judgments against the capitalists are eternal.

God's judgments are forever. They are true and just. But God wants every man to be a good steward.

The smallest boy, with the few pennies that he has earned, is a capitalist. The widow with the inheritance that she has received is a capitalist.

I am a capitalist. I want the freedom to be a capitalist. As a capitalist, I want to expose all the deceits, the frauds, the total slavery of the communist system. God has made me a capitalist. The Bible has instructed me on how to be a good capitalist, and I do not intend to give up my freedom for a socialistic state.

We must have individual freedom to be a capitalist. The Christian faith supports freedom, and God's Word should guide every man in the use of his capital.

Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

Selected

Editorial

RES *Infant Baptism*

As we approach this Biblical topic I do not want to give anyone a “false assurance” but to examine the Scriptures as to what they teach. Remember, a “sacrament” is a holy ordinance made by God Himself, in which He gives and confirms His invisible grace through outward and visible means. Grace is an attitude of God. The primary (chief) means of, or channel of, God’s grace is the Bible – it is all the same means or source of grace. The Bible not only tells us the way of salvation, but saves us also; it is through His Word and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Bible not only tells us how to live, but empowers us to do the same by the Holy Spirit.

I. THE ORIGIN OF BAPTISM (Please notice the “alls” as we go through this study).

- A. Mark 16:15-16
- B. Matthew 28:19-20

II. THE ELEMENTS OF BAPTISM

- C. John 3:23
- D. Acts 8:36
- E. Ephesians 5:26

It is not the water, indeed, that does such great things, but the Word of God! For without the Word of God, water is simply water and not baptism.

III. THE CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

F. All who have sinned. Notice we do not learn to sin; for it is not only what we have done, but what we ARE! In the Greek there are at least six definitions translated into the English word SIN!

- 1. Missing the mark
- 2. Transgression
- 3. Iniquity
- 4. Wickedness
- 5. Guile
- 6. Lawlessness

Martin Luther shares that the Bible is a closed book without the knowledge of sin! Anything that separates us from God is sin, be it any thought, word or deed.

- 1. James 2:10
- 2. Psalm 51:5, 58:3
- 3. John 3:6
- 4. Romans 3:23, 3:9-12, 6:23
- 5. Romans 5:12, 18
- 6. I Corinthians 15:22
- 7. Romans 7:14, 11:32
- 8. Genesis 6:5, 8:21

- 9. Isaiah 48:8, 53:6, 64:6
- 10. James 1:15
- 11. Ephesians 2:1-5
- 12. Revelation 21:27

In the context of Ephesians 2, in the Greek it means that by nature we are in active rebellion, ongoing towards God, unable to act. In verse 3, it is speaking of wrath, which means judgment under the holiness of God. Romans 8:6-7

G. All who can believe (have faith). Remember a “living faith” is a GIFT from God! If we have to know so much before we can experience salvation, then salvation is not all of grace (gift), because a gift is not dependent upon understanding. It is not faith in my faith that saves, but faith in JESUS! Faith is a vehicle. I do not need to be conscious of something in order to be effective. Two examples of this are:

- 1. When born, one becomes a citizen of our beloved country (USA).
- 2. In adoption. Faith is trusting, relying, committing, resting, and obeying. It is taking God at His Word! (If infants are not to be baptized, the burden of proof lies with those of such persuasion). Infants (small children) are a part of a nation and of a world, and are definitely sinful and unrighteous – because they are a part of us (all)!

If faith and repentance are not a gift from God (work of God) then we have a little to DO, in order to be saved (not 100% Grace). Scripture and experience teach us that with the call of God comes the grace to respond positively.

Now, in our study, we are not questioning what an ALMIGHTY GOD can do, but what He has instructed US to do!

- 1. Hebrews 11:6
- 2. John 6:29, 44a
- 3. Acts 2:38-39
- 4. Ephesians 2:8-9
- 5. Acts 8:12
- 6. Mark 10:13-16
- 7. Mark 9:36
- 8. Matthew 18:2-6 — “Little children” (verse 3) in the Greek, means “an infant who is yet unable to speak”
- 9. Mark 16:16 — Notice: One is condemned even if it has been baptized, but does not “believe.” (If an infant or small child is not capable of receiving the gift of faith, then it is lost!)
- 10. John 3:18, 36

11. Psalm 22:9

12. Psalm 71:6

13. Luke 18:15-17— Notice: A child (children) is capable of receiving blessing(s) from God; so why not the gift of a living faith? Do you think that Jesus would use a young child (infant) as an example of faith, if the child was incapable of believing/receiving the gift of faith? I think not! Alas, it is the work of the Holy Spirit to quicken, awaken, convict, draw, call empower, and really understand His Word, etc.

IV. THE EFFECTS OF BAPTISM

1. Matthew 28:19 How do we make disciples? Baptize & TEACH

2. Mark 16:16

3. Romans 6:4

4. Romans 11:16-21 (engrafted)

5. Galatians 3:27 (please notice tenses of verse)

6. Acts 2:38

7. Acts 22:16

8. Ephesians 5:26

9. Titus 3:5-7

10. I Peter 3:21

11. Genesis 17:11-14 (Notice the covenant is between God & infant (candidate); not God and parents Deut. 29:10-15, see also Col. 2:11-13

14. Romans 3:1-2

15. Acts 16:14-15, 33, 18:8

16. I Corinthians 1:16

(The Greek word translated “household” means not only her immediate family - Acts 16, for example - but also her servants and their families. Notice “household” in verse 33, I Corinthians 1).

Notice the difference of baptism “with” water instead of “in” water. For example: John 1:26, Acts 1:5. The word “with” indicates an object which is used or handled. Another exam-

ple: III John 13. Here the objects to be handled are “ink” and “pen”. For baptism, the amount of water is not the all important thing, but water with the WORD.

Christian baptism cannot be viewed apart from the redemptive work of JESUS. It is effective and powerful to accomplish God’s work of grace because Christ has made atonement for sin. Baptism is not an end in itself, but a beginning. Let us not make eternal security out of infant baptism, which would be false and wrong, and likewise so if we were to try to make eternal security out of adult baptism! The all important thing is, what is my relationship (your’s) with Jesus Christ right now? Do you personally (consciously) know Jesus as your personal Saviour?

Salvation is in the person of Jesus Christ and each of us need to know HIM as our personal Saviour! EVEN for a person who has not gone out into “open sin”, such a person must have a conscious personal relationship with Jesus or is lost. When a child is old enough to know right from wrong and what sin is, this child is also old enough to be led to Jesus in a conscious, personal way (the subconscious, baptized, brought to a conscious). To have no definite acceptance of Christ’s finished work personally is a decision to go the way of the religious but lost or the world, sin and eternal separation from God. As food is vital to physical life, so is true of spiritual life, for unless it is fed and nourished, it will die! Do not make light of the vital ingredient of “teach” as well. Grow in grace and knowledge.

1. II Peter 3:14-18

2. Proverbs 22:6

3. Job 23:12

4. Mark 4:24

5. Luke 2:52

6. Duet. 6

7. Colossians 2:6-10

8. Psalm 119:89, 105

9. II Timothy 3:16-17

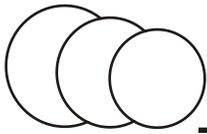
His Because of Calvary,
Pastor Rodney Stueland

The Greatest Need

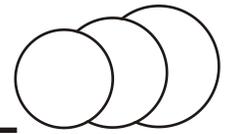
We dare to say that the greatest need of ...Today is a company of separated saints of God who will refuse steadfastly to be swayed by the world’s program. ...No greater blight has ever beset (us) than the blight of compromise and conformity to the world and its program. We are a redeemed people and a peculiar people and a holy nation...The line of difference and demarcation between the church and the world has almost been wiped out, and those few followers of Christ who dare to be different and refuse to go along are so small in number that they are looked upon as odd and peculiar and even fanatical and narrow-minded. The scandalous and positively immoral

innovations of dress and attire, which I am sure are the prime causes of immorality and divorce and juvenile delinquency, are meekly accepted and, worse than that, are copied by the folks who profess to be Christian with hardly a protest from those who are spiritual leaders ...The reason Christians are not taken more seriously by the world and why our testimony falls on deaf ears most of the time, is (that) the world cannot see a difference between themselves and us. They see Christians frequenting the same places of worldly amusement ...using the same language, dressing in the same shameful ways ...the only difference is that we have our names on church rolls and go to church.

M.R. DeHaan, Taken from ‘*The Sword of the Lord*’



From our Fellowship Circle



GN **Owatonna, MN**
Thank you for continuing to send the Morning Glory as I enjoy every issue.

AT **Britton, SD**
You have so many good stories in your paper. We pray that many will be saved through this work. Please send the following a subscription to the Morning Glory...It is so sad that many go through life not knowing our wonderful Savior.

WA **Des Moines, IA**
It was great to be able to be with you and fellowship with you last weekend. (Winter Conf). Enclosed is a check.

AT&FW **Red Wing, MN**
Enclosed find a check as I would like to subscribe to the Morning Glory. May the Lord Bless your work and our prayers are with you. Thank you.

W&S L **Byron, MN**
A check is enclosed in loving memory of Delbert Erickson. Thank you for the good work you are doing for the Lord in the Innermission Federation. We are sorry we were unable to attend the Bible Conference.

(We are thankful to the Lord for the many years that Delbert Erickson served on the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation Board. He was a dear brother in the Lord. Blessed be his memory. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." **Psalm 116:15** - Editor.)

A&V C **Litchfield, MN**
We are sorry that we can't make it to the Conference. We had planned to come but it did not work out....The Lord has been so good to us as we are still living on our hobby farm.....I am 97 years old and my wife is 91. We celebrated 70 years of marriage together November 26,2006. We look forward to every issue of Morning Glory. What a wonderful Christian Magazine. We pray for a special blessing to those who are in attendance.

N&M B **Fergus Falls, MN**
We enjoy reading the articles in Morning Glory and hope you had a good Conference as we were unable to attend...

EB **Gilmanton, WI**
Thanks for sending the Morning Glory and I talked toand she enjoys the paper. A check enclosed.

ET **Grand Forks, ND**
Enclosed is a check for Morning Glory...May the Lord richly bless you in your work for Him.

R&A G **Karlstad, MN**
Sending a ...gift to help keep your paper coming our way. We do enjoy it so much with all the 'timely' and precious nuggets. Very few are brave enough to write about the spiritual war that is in progress. "He is Coming Again."

EN **Duluth, MN**
...Am thankful for Godly pastors in....It all started back in the 90's with Rev. W. Gunderson's meetings. I stood outside ...Church and prayed that it would be a beacon light on the hill overlooking Duluth. When Pastor...first came he was slandered by those who had preached and heard dead orthodoxy. Now we haveBible studies...intercessory prayer group. Praise and thank God with me....God continues to bless me with excellent basic health and I'll be 90 years old 5-13-09...Do I have a dull and boring life? No, a life of God's surprises and His wonderful love, mercy and grace.

Praise Him! Glorify Him! Would you send the Morning Glory to the following... Blessings, Prayers and Love.

AL B **Bismarck, ND**
Thank you for your great little magazine as I enjoy it so much and recently I talked to a friend and she would like to receive it too....May you continue to serve Him 'til Jesus Comes.

H&D E **Northfield, MN**
We surely enjoy the Morning Glory. Very good articles. We look forward to it coming in the mail. We wish we could be at Conference but we will be with you in prayer.... We sure miss the fellowship with the Hauge people that we used to have. Guess we didn't appreciate it enough back then. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Psalm 103:2

Unhappy reader **Minnesota**
Please discontinue sending the "Morning Glory" publication to me. As I have enjoyed some of the articles from the past, your narrow view of the Gospel seems unloving and judgmental many times. Too often I am left wondering if Christ is honored through this newsletter. In His Love, ...

Freedom to Worship God!

*The breaking waves dashed high
On a stern and rockbound coast,
And the woods against a stormy sky
Their giant branches tossed;
And the heavy night hung dark
The hills and waters o'er,
When a band of exiles mooted their bark
On the wild New England shore.*

*Not as the conqueror comes,
They, the truehearted, came;
Not with the roll of the stirring drums
And the trumpet that sings of fame.
Amidst the storm they sang,
And the stars heard, and the sea;
And the sounding aisles of the dim woods rang
To the anthem of the free.*

*What sought they thus afar?
Bright jewels of the mine?
The wealth of seas, the spoils of war?
They sought a faith's pure shrine!
Aye, call it holy ground,
The soil where first they trod;
They have left unstained what
There they found —
Freedom to worship God.*

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**Tell ye the daughter of Zion,
Behold, thy King cometh unto thee,
Meek, and riding upon an ass,
And upon a colt the foal of an ass. Matt. 21:5**

On Palm Sunday the King of Zion rides on the foal of an ass, and His eyes are full of tears. He is not riding a proud war-horse at the head of a great army. On the contrary He sits mild in spirit on the back of a beast of burden. And He rides into the city, not to be crowned king in Israel's sanctuary, but to purchase us from earth to God with His blood.

*Here is the Man who will embrace you with His love;
Here is the Man who will benefit you with His bloody sweat.*

Such a King fits our case, One who can release "every sin-bound slave." Thus He came to us, too. He came when mother bent her knee at the cradle, He came in school, in church, in the chapel, in the woods, on the mountain, and in the valleys. He came when we left the home of our childhood with the sun of life's springtime over us to go out into a cold and sinful world. He came when night and life's storms made us restless and sick at heart. He came and wanted to save that which was lost. Thus He came to me, and to you, too.

Did you receive Him?

If you did not, receive Him today. He stands at the door and knocks now. Open the door to Him and He will save you, and in grace take you into His eternal kingdom. The greatest sin anyone can commit is to shut Jesus out.

*Dear Master, Thine the glory
Of each recovered soul'
Ah! Who can tell the story
Of love that made us whole?
Not ours, not ours the merit;
Be Thine alone the praise,
And ours a thankful spirit
To serve Thee all our days.*

Taken from "Thy Kingdom Come"
by Ludvig Hope

"One of the greatest foes of the Christian is religious complacency. Orthodox Christianity has fallen to its present low estate from lack of spiritual desire. Among the many who profess the Christian faith, scarcely one in a thousand reveals any passionate thirst for God." A. W. Tozer

Light Burdens

(Matthew 11:28 – 30)

In contrast to the heavy burdens placed upon the shoulders of those who follow false religions, all who follow Christ find that His yoke is easy and His burden is light (v.30). Yet, sad to say, even believers sometimes look to worldly philosophies and programs for guidance rather than looking to Christ. All who do so will soon discover that such an unequal yoke, while it may seem to provide temporary relief, will eventually increase the weight of the burden because it is, in reality, a yoke of satanic deception. What sensible Christian would try to continue carrying his own burden and reject the blessed invitation given in Psalm 55:22 to “cast thy burden upon the LORD, and He shall sustain thee”? Tragically, many believers continue to walk by sight, clinging to their trials and burdens when God could be bearing them instead.

Satan often robs believers of the blessings and joys God has provided for them by filling their minds with fear and contempt for the hardships and supposed “restrictions” that Christ’s followers are called upon to bear. However, our Lord never misleads us. He makes it clear that we will indeed pay a price for following him and obeying His Word (2 Tim. 3:12), but He also promises that the rewards will far outweigh the sufferings. We must never forget the blessed truths found in 2 Corinthians 4:17-18. Walking by faith helps us to recognize and value the things that are eternal rather than temporal. It enables us to understand that our “light affliction” is momentary in contrast to the “far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory” that lies ahead. May God help us to learn afresh the glorious truth that Christ’s yoke is easy and His burden is light. MHR

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“Thou gavest me no water for my feet; but she hath wetted my feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair.” (Luke 7:44)

THE LORD looked upon the heart, both of the woman and of Simon.

He also looks at your heart.

What does He see? Would you like to know what Jesus thinks about your innermost attitude of heart?

We all have some *friends* and *acquaintances*.

We meet some people on the street, greet them, stop and talk. And think it very congenial. Then we say good-bye. And think no more about them until we chance

to meet again on some other street corner. Thus it is with our acquaintances.

But our friends –well, it is not certain that we meet them much oftener. But we do call them by telephone and write to them. And think of them every day.

God has many acquaintances. They appreciate the opportunity of visiting with Him on Sunday mornings in church and occasionally also in their homes, when they have time. But as soon as the visit is over they think no more of Him until they meet Him again the next Sunday in church.

With God’s *friends* it is entirely different.

It is true that they are never wealthy. (Editor: A ‘wealthy’ person can know, love and serve Jesus also). As a rule they are in poor and humble circumstances. Oftentimes they can only do what the woman in the house of Simon did: Weep. They weep because of their sins. They as she. But that they are friends of Jesus becomes clearly evident to God and to others. They cannot live without Jesus. And they creep to His feet with all their sins and all their needs.

Moreover, Jesus helped Simon also. He helped him to see himself in his true light. And to see *Jesus*.

This put him where he had to choose. Would he acknowledge that he was only an acquaintance of Jesus, and not His friend?

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Editor’s Note: “*These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me, And in vain they worship Me, ...*” (Matthew 15:8 – 9a, Mark 7:6b-7a.)

Consecration!

During the forty years of his horseback ministry, John Wesley rode on the average twenty miles a day, and often within the round of twenty-four hours he horse-backed as much as a hundred miles. He laid the secret of his tremendous accomplishments to the time-defying schedule with which he charted the course of his day. From his early injunction never to waste time he could not release himself. Checking through his Journal for instance on June 23, 1787, in his eighty-fourth year, we find this entry: “Sat. 4:30, prayed, sermon. 8 tea, conversed, sermon; 2:30 dinner; conversed, sermon; 4:30 tea, conversed; 6 Matt. 13:33; 7 at Mr. Smythe’s, sermon; 8 supper, conversed, prayer, on business; 9:45.”

That was the log of a Wesleyan day and little did he deviate from such a schedule ever. He could not forget those “five minutes lost forever.”

Taken from *John Wesley* by Basil Miller

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

The media touts “hate crime” legislation as fair and proper – but that is a MYTH!

What is a “hate crime?” Any “criminal offense ... motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender’s bias against race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity/national origin.”

A federal “hate crime” would undermine our First Amendment rights in dangerous and unprecedented ways. It would give unusual protection to some groups on the basis of their sexual behavior.

Victory Church in Amirillo, Texas

Hosted its third annual Fashionable Loud event on Feb. 24, featuring fashion models, rock and hip hop music, light shows, break dancing, and electric guitar battle, and other things. The fashions included very low cut necklines, short skirts, bare midriffs, etc.

Around the world

Christians are under attack likely as never before. Worldwide persecution of Christians is, in part, as the result of the radical Muslim mission to “take the world for Islam!” – by purging Christianity from the face of the earth.

Now, one of the largest organizations inside the United Nations has made a bold move. You likely are the target.

The Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) at the U.N. is pushing a sinister resolution called “Combating Defamation of Religions.” It’s an anti-Christian measure and it clearly endorses what is taking place in many Muslim countries – where those who even speak out against Islam are severely punished with imprisonment, torturing and even death.

Hollywood Has Record January

In the midst of a major economic meltdown, the Hollywood movie industry set a January record for income. Box office receipts were a whopping \$1.03 billion for the month (USA Today, February 2, 2009).

The appetite for profanity, vulgarity, nudity and violence seems to be so pandemic that whatever comes to the big screen draws a crowd.

From all we can see and hear (from a distance) about

what the film makers are producing, we strongly recommend that Christian families keep their distance from all of it.

Sword Press

U.S. Government Growth Out of Control

Rich Lowry ... In *National Review* ... writes, “From 1983 to 2000, the size of the federal government relative to (the Gross Domestic Product) declined from 23.5 percent to 18.4 percent. Federal spending didn’t shrink, but it grew at a slower rate than the economy, providing more breathing room for the private sector. It bounced back to 20.9 percent last year and could conceivably go as high as 28 percent this year. According to Newsweek ... 2010 total U.S. government spending will be 29.9 percent of GDP, only about eight percentage points below the average in the socialistic (European) countries.” In just six months, America will have moved from free-market capitalism to quasi-socialism!

Family Research Council

Feelings & Entertainment

It’s not surprising – today’s “positive” gospel emphasizes love, minimizes doctrine and ignores Divine Justice and God’s righteous wrath! The essential Biblical truths that prepare hearts for genuine repentance and conversion no longer fit.

Many of such simply dismiss the notion of “sin” as old-fashioned legalism and shut their eyes to its corrupting power in their own lives and the lives of others. When faced with today’s non-offensive teaching on sin, many translate it into a more comfortable half truth: *Sin is a normal part of life, and I’m just as good as everyone else – maybe a little better. Besides, God understands and loves me as I am.* For example: In my conviction/opinion Pastor Rick Warren is a ‘mised goat/hireling in sheep’s skins. Notice that basically he side steps SIN, godly repentance and experienced Salvation and substitutes **“Purpose.”**

Pastor Rick Warren, at Saddleback Church, is unapologetically contemporary “...I passed out a three-by-five card to everybody in the church, and I said, You write down the call letters of the radio station you listen to.” I wasn’t even asking unbelievers. I was asking the people in the church. “What kind of music do you listen to?” When I got it back, I didn’t have one person who said, “I listen to organ music.” Not one ... so, we made a

strategic decision that we are unapologetically a contemporary music church. And right after we made that decision and stopped trying to please everybody, Saddleback exploded with growth...

"I'll be honest with you, we are loud. We are really, really loud on a weekend service ...I say, 'We're not gonna turn it down.' Now the reason why is baby boomers want to feel the music, not just hear it ...God loves variety!"

Editorial Note: Does God really love today's cultural "variety?" Since when is God's standard of acceptance based on what people want? I doubt that God is pleased when we feed our cravings and strengthen our "need" for emotional stimuli. When ancient Israel became bored with God's Word and embraced a wide variety of cultural and spiritual thrills, God disciplined them severely. He even compared his wayward people with a "wild donkey ...That sniffs at the wind in her desire." **Jeremiah 2:24, 11-13.** (Please read the entire chapter two of Jeremiah).

Stimulus Package Anti-Christian Bigotry

Buried in the rubble of President Obama's \$1 trillion monstrous pork/stimulus plan is a section that bans Christian Bible studies, worship services and other religious activities from any public education buildings!

All of this found in the "greening" (supposedly to help the environment) of our nation's school section of the bill and to the tune of at least \$3,500,000,000 (Editor: I question the amount -\$ - check it out). The greening funds are to be used for the "modernization, renovation, or repair" of higher education facilities but prohibit the repairs where religious activities or services may be conducted ...

The ultimate impact will be to drive religious activities out of public education altogether. If higher education institutions worry about not getting part of this federal grab bag, they'll simply eject religious activities from their campuses so they can easily get the money.

Traditional Values Coalition

(Specifically the bill says,) "Funds may not be used for the modernization, renovation or repair of facilities - (i) used for sectarian instruction, religious worship or a school or department of divinity; or (ii) in which a substantial portion of the functions of the facilities are subsumed in a religious mission."

Family Research Council

Gay Marriage Arrives in the Heartland

Iowa, the center of the American heartland, became only the third state in the union to recognize gay marriage when its Supreme Court on Friday declared a ban on such

unions was un-constitutional.

"We are firmly convinced the exclusion of gay and lesbian people from the institution of civil marriage does not substantially further any important governmental objective," the judges wrote in the unanimous opinion.

The court said gays could marry in Iowa in 21 days, when it will join Massachusetts and Connecticut as the only states where gays can obtain full married status.

But some aren't waiting to begin the process.

Dean Genth of Mason City filed paperwork for a marriage license at the Cerro Gordo County Courthouse on Friday afternoon before heading to Minneapolis for a flight to New York with his partner, Gary Swenson. "We wanted to be the first couple in the county to file, at least symbolically," he said. Genth and Swenson, co-founders of the North Iowa chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), were married in a Mason City church in 2004, but that did not carry legal status.

The newly legalized Iowa marriages won't be recognized in Minnesota, where gay rights advocates said they expected it would be several years before legislators might make gay marriage legal. The Iowa ruling could also spark a backlash, energizing efforts for a constitutional amendment forbidding homosexuals to marry, gay marriage foes said.

Iowa opponents of same-sex marriage also pledged to fight Friday's ruling outcome, but acknowledged that there appeared no immediate way to undo it. The only avenue would be a constitutional amendment, but under Iowa law that process would take at least two years.

...A constitutional amendment would require the Legislature to approve a ban on same-sex marriage in two consecutive sessions after which voters would have a chance to weigh in.

Advocates for gay marriage argue that committed gay couples should have the same practical and civil rights as heterosexual couples, including the ability to participate in health care and end-of-life decisions and other financial and legal actions. California allowed gay marriage until November's election, when residents rejected the idea in a voter initiative.

Richard Socarides, an attorney and former senior adviser on gay rights to President Clinton, said the Iowa ruling "represents the mainstreaming of gay marriage."

By Bill Mcauliffe and Lora Pabst, *Star Tribune* staff writers, April 10, 2009

PEPSI, refusing to be neutral in the culture war, remains the leading corporate sponsor of the homosexual group, PFLAG.

Literal or Nonliteral?

That is the Question

For several decades it has been fashionable in many quarters to insist that the early chapters of Genesis, which describe the creation of the world, must not be considered a literal record of actual history. The claim is that the events are better understood as allegorical representations of grand metaphysical realities — cunningly devised fables that may be mined for spiritual truth but that are not historically viable.

Various alternative readings of the creation account reject the historicity of the narrative based on some supposed syntactical or theological insight. Among those alternatives are the Day-Age Theory; the Gap Theory; and, more recently, the Framework Hypothesis. All these nonliteral readings are motivated by a determination to reconcile the scriptural record of creation with the demands of uniformitarian scientism. That is, they seek to understand the Bible within the limitations of secular meta-physics that deny the possibility of supernatural/divine intervention.

How we view Genesis, however, is critical because, as the name suggests, the book is God's clear and absolutely true instruction concerning the origin of all that exists in the physical and moral universe. And out of that truth arise all the issues of life.

John Gibson argues that Genesis 1 is to be taken as a metaphor or story or parable. He claims, "If we understand 'day' as equivalent to 'epoch' or 'era', we can bring the sequence of Creation in the chapter into relationship with the accounts of modern evolutionary theory, and so go some way towards recovering the Bible's reputation in our scientific age."

In similar fashion, progressive creationist Stuart Briscoe insists the following in his popular commentary on Genesis:

The natural scientist talks convincingly in terms of millions of years and evolutionary eras while the Bible believer looks at the six days and wonders what on earth to do. ...It is not at all unreasonable to believe that "day" (Hebrew, yom), which can be translated quite literally as "period," refers not to literal days but to eras and ages in which God's progressive work was being accomplished.

What Is a "Day"?

Basic to the entire debate regarding the historical integrity of the creation account is the question, "How is the

word *day[s]* to be understood?" Genesis 1:5, for example, reads, "God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day."

The point is often made that the Hebrew word for "day" (*yom*) can be used in more than one sense. This is true. But that fact does not mean that, in any given passage, the word might have any one of several meanings and that the reader is free to use whichever meaning he prefers. It is basic to grammatical-historical interpretation that the meaning of every passage is determined and fixed by the author, and it is the business of exegesis to arrive at that intended meaning.

It is hard to imagine how God might have provided any more definitive evidence to compel readers to conclude that, in Genesis 1, *day* means a literal 24-hour day and that the week of creation was a literal seven-day week. Two most basic arguments to defend this position are these:

(1) A numerical qualifier and the phrase *evening and morning* occur with each of the six creative days (1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31). This fact is exegetically significant because the rest of the Old Testament uses *yom* 359 times with a numerical qualifier; and every one of those cases denotes a literal day. Again, throughout the rest of the Old Testament, *yom* is used in association with either *evening or morning* 23 times; and the phrase *evening and morning* is used without *yom* 38 times. Each of those 61 passages refers to a literal 24-hour day. There is no reason to make the text of Genesis 1 an exception to this remarkably well-attested-to pattern.

(2) In Exodus 20 Moses traced the command "Remember the Sabbath day" (v. 8) to the historical reality that "in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, ...and rested the seventh day" (v. 11). The one-to-one analogous relationship between the days of an ordinary week in the lives of the Israelites and the days of the week of God's creative activity is basic to the way the Fourth Commandment is expressed in that passage. Indeed, if the days of the creation account are taken as eons of time, the statement recorded in Exodus 20:11 — a statement spoken aloud by Yahweh Himself (vv. 1-21) — is reduced to a cosmic non-sequitur. Yahweh then spoke illogical nonsense!

Old Testament scholar Gerhard Hasel concluded,

The author of Genesis 1 could not have produced more comprehensive and all-inclusive ways to express the idea of a literal "day" than the ones that were chosen. ...The combinations of the factors. ...corroborated by the divine promulgations in such Pentateuchal passages as Exodus 20:8-11

and Exodus 31:12-17, suggest uniquely and consistently that the creation “day” is meant to be literal, sequential, and chronological in nature.

What’s Really at Stake

Those who deny that Genesis 1 is literal history insist there are important metaphysical truths to be quarried from the supposedly mythical/ metaphorical account. But once you abandon literal interpretation, determining what those truths are becomes the reader’s prerogative. The text becomes a wax nose to be bent into this shape or that, depending ultimately on the predilections of the one doing the bending.

On the other hand, if the historical integrity of the creation narrative is carefully honored, that narrative will confront the reader with truths at once undeniably valid and unspeakably important.

The omnipotence and omniscience of the Creator God who spoke the worlds into existence; the ineffable majesty of that Creator God by whom and for whom all things were created and who is thus perpetually worthy of worship and service; the unique, intrinsic, and ineradicable dignity of mankind based on the reality that man alone is created in the image and likeness of God; the wisdom and goodness of God manifested in His creation of male and female and in His crafting each to play the distinct role He has equipped them to embrace and enjoy; the reality of man’s sinful condition and consequent condemnation, as well as his responsibility for that moral corruption—all of these truths and many more are clearly and undeniably taught in the early chapters of Genesis when they are read as literal history.

But if the divinely provided record is construed as mere myth and metaphor, all of these truths become subjective at best and suspect at worst.

Ultimately, alternative readings of the creation account do something else as well. If we take away the first Adam, we have no right to trust what God has told us about the Last Adam—Jesus Christ, His Son.

Douglas Bookman
Israel My Glory
January/February 2009

“THE BIBLE IS FOR ACCEPTANCE,
NOT DEBATE”
E. M. Paisley

The Transforming Power of the Gospel

“Ah! I see a man. He walks to the banks of the Seine, in Paris, to end his life. He walked to the bank four times, but he didn’t plunge in. He filled a cup with poison, three times raised it to his lips, but he did not drink. He cocked the pistol, put it against his temple. He did that twice, but he didn’t pull the trigger. He heard the story of Jesus Christ and dropped on his knees, and William Cowper wrote:

*“God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.”*

*“There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel’s veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty strains.”*

So that’s what you found, is it, Cowper?

I go to Bridgeport, Connecticut. I rap at a humble home and walk into the presence of Fanny J. Crosby, the blind hymn-writer. She has written over six thousand hymns. She never saw the light of day, was born blind, and I say to her, “Oh, Miss Crosby, tell me that I may tell the people what you have found by trusting in the finished work of Jesus Christ? You have sat in darkness for ninety-four years; tell me, Miss Crosby.” And that face lights up like a halo of glory; those sightless eyes flash, and she cries:

*“Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!”*

*“Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,
Hear my humble cry!”*

*“Jesus keep me near the cross,
There’s a precious fountain.”*

*“Once I was blind, but now I can see,
The light of the world is Jesus.”*

*“And I shall see Him, face to face,
And tell the story, Saved by Grace.”*

I go to Wesley as he walks along the banks of a stream,

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while the storm raged, the lightning flashed and the thunder roared. The birds were driven, in fright, from their refuge in the boughs of the trees. A little bird took refuge in his coat. Wesley held it tenderly, walked home, put it in a cage, kept it until morning, carried it out, opened the door and watched it as it circled around and shot off for its mountain home. He returned to his house and wrote:

*“Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly.”*

What have you found by trusting in the finished work of Jesus Christ?”

Taken from “Billy Sunday Speaks”
“What Shall the End Be?”

The Hope of the Resurrection

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ, shall all be made alive.” (1 Cor. 15:22)

Perhaps all of us have laid a loved one to rest. There is a feeling of helplessness and defeat, because death has claimed another victim. Everything they have lived for is gone. All of the plans, hopes, aspirations and future are dashed to the ground. There are no more chances for life with this person because they are dead. The funeral service is typically a very sad, somber occasion, with tears flowing. The Law of God suddenly becomes very real to us, and the violators are promised that death is the wage that is earned for those who have not kept it fully all their lives. That includes everyone, including you and me. What is especially somber is this: What happened to them will one day happen to you. One day it will be you who will lie motionless in the casket. One day it will be you who will die and face eternity. *“For as in Adam, all die...”*

But the Lord Jesus Christ has changed that forever! He has gone the way of death for every man, and He has risen bodily from the dead! He has proved that He is exactly Who He said He was: The very Son of God. He has defeated the power of sin, death and the devil. His resurrection is the sure hope that we can have about our future in eternity! *“...even so in Christ, shall all be made alive.”* The child of God can face death with full assurance and hope that heaven is their home and they will live eternally, and their body will be raised from the dead. *“...and this mortal will put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’”*

This gracious promise is only for those who are *“in Christ.”* It is not for those who are simply *“in church,”* or *“in the Bible,”* or *“in religion.”* All of these are fine, but in

and of themselves, they will not give you assurance and hope over death. You personally must be *“In Christ.”* This means that you must repent of your sins and personally receive Christ as your Savior and follow Him as Lord of your life. Only as Christ is in you will you find this sure hope, as the Scripture says, *“Christ in you, the hope of glory.”* (Col. 1:27)

Our bodily resurrection and eternal life are the joys and hope of Easter. This is what the Resurrection of Jesus really means.

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Up Date

“When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.” (Isaiah 59:19b)

Since we live in the Red River **Flood** Area, we marvel at the magnitude, size and power of the flood; but also what a united group (over twenty thousand *volunteers*) can do in determined effort! AGAIN God has been so merciful to US! We are told it took three and one half million sand bags to protect the Fargo/Moorhead area and nine (or nine and a half) million were used in North Dakota and Minnesota. This is also a spiritual relearning lesson. As the enemy/sin comes in like a “flood,” **GOD** will raise up a standard against it! Are you being involved as a conscience/ standard in this sinful world of what is *right and wrong in this sinful world?* God’s Word (the Bible) absolutely teaches clearly between black and white, right and wrong as the plumb line! God’s **STANDARD** doesn’t change. By God’s GRACE, we are striving to be part of that ‘standard’ and encourage you to stand with us in this ‘Spiritual Battle’ in prayer, finances and encouragement; **making NO apologies for the old time Christianity!** AS ‘signs of the times’ are so rapidly being fulfilled right before our eyes, it *could be* that the *Trumpet Sound* will soon take place! That blessed purifying, comforting Hope is not for speculation BUT to encourage us unto a more Biblically ‘pietistic’ type of living. **Occupy till I come!** *“Let no one deceive you by any means, for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, ...For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.”* (II Thessalonians 2:3 – 7)

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Where? Stavanger Free Lutheran Church, Garden
City, Iowa

Host Pastor: Pastor Earl Korhonen

SCHEDULE

Friday evening, 7:00 p.m.: Singspiration
Service at 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker, Pastor Jim Haga,
Shoreview, MN. He will be speaking on: “Ps.
139:1-18 – God’s 3- Sided Attributes” (Omniscience,
Omnipresence and Omnipotence)
Refreshments & Fellowship following

Saturday

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. : Prayer Time
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Bible Session — Pastor Earl
Korhonen
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.: Refreshments & Fellowship
11:00 a.m.– Noon: Bible Session — Rod Stueland
Noon – 1:15 p.m. Lunch at the Church
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.: History and Current Hauge
Ministries — Rod Stueland
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Testimony time, Gospel Songs
& Hymns
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Refreshments & Fellowship
3:30 p.m. – Annual Meeting of the Hauge Lutheran
Innermission Federation. PRAY for the decisions &
Elections. (Board Meeting to follow.)
7:15 p.m. – Evening Service with Pastor Jim Haga,
Text – Acts 2:22-24, “The Sovereignty of God and the
Free Will of Man.” Refreshments and Fellowship fol-
lowing

Sunday

Please “join” the friends of Stavanger Free Lutheran
Congregation at their Worship Service at 10 a.m. with
Pastor Jim Haga speaking on Isaiah 6:1-8, “The Holi-
ness of God.”

Lodging may be secured at Story City which is 15
miles from Garden City.

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Please PRAY for “*Seasons of refreshing from the
Presence of the Lord*” and that ‘our’ fellowship might
be pleasing to the LORD! **Psalm 133:1, Hebrews
10:24-25.**

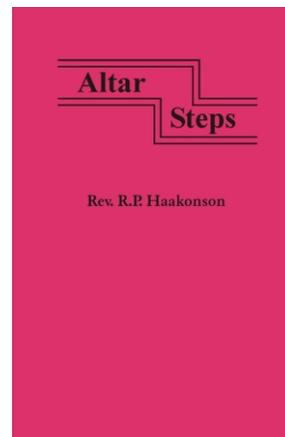
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ceive many in return!

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