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

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“But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.”

Job 13:10.

The conjunction *but* can make all the difference in the world!

Like Job we can be in the deepest perplexity and yet not in utter despair because we are assured: *“But he knoweth.”* We sigh, *“Oh that I knew where I might find him!”* (23:3). No way is opened to us. We are willing to do anything He tells us; but there is no awareness of His presence. We are desirous of doing His bidding but there are no directions. To the best of our ability we do our part wholeheartedly, conscientiously. We go forward, then backward; to the right, then to the left. In no direction do we find success or any sense of God’s guidance. But we cannot give up for we are sure that He knows the way we take.

We begin to perceive the reality that our walk is by faith and not by feeling. The Scripture says: *“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit”* (Gal. 5:25). The word *walk* in this Scripture implies our taking a step at a time. We cannot see farther than the next step, but the Holy Spirit is faithful to lead us step by step.

Feelings can be deceptive, especially in the darkness. Dangers are imaginary or greatly exaggerated when we are in the darkness. Shadows seem certainly to be substantial, and sounds seem ominous. The trusting soul must learn to discount the darkness and its deceit. We steer by the Compass, the Comforter who has promised to guide us, rather than by the consciousness of His presence. When clouds cover the sun and when fog blot out the stars the Compass does not fail us.

The Christian can have confidence under adverse circumstances, for God knows. Darkness and light are alike to Him. More than that, He knows both the way and wayfarer. He knows me! He understands my sigh of heart, my searching for guidance. He knows the faith that declares, however falteringly and faintly, “Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief!”

The Almighty does not abandon us in our moments of bewilderment. He is with us every moment although, like Job, we are not aware of His presence. We can be sure that *“when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold”*; sighing will become song; darkness will be changed to the delight of daybreak!

Thus there is always an “afterward” for us when we are disciplined by delay or distress. With assurance therefore we affirm with joy: *“...he performeth the thing that is appointed for me”* (Job 23:12, 14).

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Editor’s Note: Remember what Job went through was *Father Filtered/* permitted – BUT not sent!! AFFLICTIONS in ‘our’ lives are the ‘tool’ that God is using either in order for ‘us’ to see our lost condition and ‘our’ desperate NEED of the **Savior** OR that ‘our’ roots might grow deeper into His Grace, that ‘our’ lives might be more fruitful to His Honor & Glory! You know as well as I that chastening/pruning/scourging/disciplining is not present; but NEEDFUL; because HE LOVES ‘US’ SO MUCH! **At times ‘love’ (Agape LOVE) is tough!** *“...Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.”*

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Ps. 30:5b. Thus: by the GRACE of GOD; “Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.” Ps. 119:105.

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“In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness” Psalm 31:1

This is the way the believers have walked through all the ages. Will you walk it, too? Walk it today, right now! The Lord does not disappoint those who put their trust in Him.

Your own cunning and shrewdness will lead you astray. Never seek your refuge in lies, for that will only bring new difficulties, and new sin. Resort not to unkind words. That leads to quarrels and loss of friendship. Entrench not yourself in your self-righteousness. Try not to excuse your mistakes. Defend nothing that is wrong.

Put your trust in the Lord. Cast your burdens upon him, and be still before Him. He will put all things in order for you.

Pray with David: *“Deliver me in thy righteousness.”*

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Today is God’s special gift to you. Have you thanked HIM for it?, Be sure not to throw it away!

Guides For Christian Living

By Pastor David Christianson, Lynnwood, WA

“The Word of God” — *“Your word I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against you.” Psalm 119:11*

It is essential for us as believers to understand the importance of the Word of God for our daily walk with the Lord. First of all we need to know how powerful God’s Word is and then we need to know how to use the Word of God in order to have it capture and control our lives.

The Amazing Character and Power of God’s Word

God’s Word is the truth. **(John 17:17)** God’s Word is living and active. **(Hebrews 4:12)** God’s Word never returns void. **(Isaiah 55:11)** God’s Word is sharper than any two edged sword. **(Hebrews 4:12)** God’s Word convicts of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. God’s Word enlightens the soul and the mind. **(Psalm 19:8)** God’s Word reveals the Savior and the way of salvation. God’s Word regenerates. **(1 Peter 1:23)** God’s Word sanctifies. **(John 17:17, 19)** God’s Word is eternal. **(1 Peter 1:25)**

Five Things We Need to Do with God’s Word:

1. We need to HEAR the preaching and teaching of the Word of God by attending church.
2. We need to READ the Word of God everyday. We should set aside time every morning for the purpose of reading God’s Word.
3. We need to STUDY the Word of God by ourselves and with others.
4. We need to MEMORIZE the Word of God.
5. We need to MEDITATE on the Word of God.

Suggestions:

1. Make it a goal to read through the Bible each year. This can be done by reading three chapters a day in three different parts of the Bible.
 2. Memorize one verse of the Bible each week or each month.
 3. Meditate on the verses you memorize.
- If we consistently hear, read, study, memorize and meditate on the **Word of God** we will grow spiritually and our faith will be strengthened. Do not let anything or anyone keep you from living in God’s Word each day.

INVITE QUESTIONS

Read Exodus 12:1-13

“Always be ready to give a defense to everyone

who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you.” 1 Peter 3:15

When I teach, I sometimes use the motto “Question Authority” to get the attention of my students. I am not inviting them to challenge my authority; I am encouraging them to ask me questions. Some education experts say that more learning takes place when teachers answer questions than when they impart information. By nature, we all place a higher value on what we want to know than on what someone wants to tell us.

There is, of course, a place for both types of teaching, but encouraging questions is one of the first that is found in Scripture. Even before the Israelites left Egypt, the Lord instructed Moses to institute a practice that would invite questions. The Passover celebration would serve two purposes: It would remind the adults of God’s deliverance, and it would cause their children to ask about it (Ex. 12:26).

“Why” can be an annoying question, but it can also be a wonderful opportunity to give a reason for our faith (1 Peter 3:15). Instead of being impatient when others ask questions, we can be thankful they have a heart and mind open to learning. Questions give us the opportunity to answer lovingly and carefully, knowing that our words may have eternal consequences. —Julie Ackerman Link

Lord, may I be approachable and open to listening to others’ questions. May I not feel threatened but instead have confidence that You will give me wisdom to know how to reply or where to find an answer. Amen.

Honest questions can lead to faith-building answers.

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Editor’s Note: Likely the ‘question’ you have is also someone else’s who hasn’t asked! BUT be sure to do as the Bereans’ did! *“These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.” Acts 17:11.*

**“Signs of a strong church: wet eyes,
bent knees, broken hearts.”**

Calvary Messenger

Divided By Christ

By Daniel Berge

“His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is The Word of God” Revelation 19:12-13.

“Yeah, me too. I love Jesus,” replied our neighbor next door. My wife had just attempted to move the conversation toward spiritual matters, with hopes of sharing Jesus with our neighbor.

At first glance this might seem like the kind of response we’d be excited about hearing. But, for some reason, we didn’t feel like we were talking about the same Jesus.

These particular neighbors had exhibited enough questionable behavior that we didn’t really think they had a living faith. A few months later, after they had disappeared from the neighboring apartment, an officer came to inform us that they had been producing meth right next door to us.

Could we have been talking about the same Jesus?

One overwhelming theme of our present culture is the theme of tolerance: nobody has any right to pass judgment on anyone else. This non-judging culture has created a non-judging Jesus in its own image. I’ve heard more than one person “appreciate” Jesus’ non-judging teaching as an example for all of us. But, we must ask, is that the true Jesus?

Certainly we know that “God is love,” and we know that Jesus shared that message with us here on earth. We remember the stories of Jesus providing for the needy, offering care to people whom society had discarded, and loving the unloved. It can seem like the Jesus we remember is so kind, so meek, so gentle – like a lamb – that he has decided to pass over sin, without judgment. But are we forgetting what else Scripture teaches about this lamb?

One of the biggest challenges to seeing Jesus as non-judging comes from the book of Revelation. There the Lamb of God is often spoken of, but the “non-judging Jesus” who is accepted by our culture isn’t there. *“Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on*

white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords” (Revelation 19:11-16, ESV).

Treading the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty! What kind of Jesus is this!

While we are usually quick to point out the love of God, we tend to neglect the wrath of God. As seen here in Revelation, the Scriptures present our meek non-judging lamb (Jesus) as the dispenser of God’s wrath; the very one who “judges and makes war.”

This “other” side of Jesus is not found only in Revelation.

While our culture teaches us to only recognize the peaceful Jesus, Matthew records Jesus saying, “Do not think I have come to bring peace, but a sword” (Matthew 10:34).

While our culture teaches us to only recognize the non-judging Jesus, John records Jesus saying, (The Father) *has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man”* (John 5:27).

While our culture teaches us to only recognize the tolerant Jesus, all four gospel writers record Jesus clearing the temple in a fit of righteous zeal. (Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-46; John 2:12-17.)

We tend to dismiss the judging side of Jesus, and even the wrathful side of God as something ancient. Something that a by-gone era had to worry about, but now we live in the era of tolerance (we must know better). Today’s world says things like: “God no longer has absolute standards; Jesus wouldn’t be that nit-picky.”

The bad news: today’s world is like grass, it withers, it fades, it dies.

We cannot allow ourselves to remake God – Jesus – in our own image. We cannot replace the judging Jesus with a Jesus who is simply there to help us feel fulfilled. We cannot look into our own thoughts and feelings to understand how God wants us to live.

God has revealed who we are (sinners who damn themselves) and who he is (just judge) throughout all of Scripture. If we, the people of the twenty-first century, want to steer clear of these truths because they are not tolerant enough, we are also steering clear of God’s grace. If we forget about God’s wrath, and the coming judgment of our Lord Jesus Christ, we do not have a need to be saved from anything.

If we forget about how holy, holy, holy the creator and sustainer of the universe is, we do not have a need to be sheltered from his judgment.

If we make being tolerant to ourselves and our neigh-

bors the highest virtue, we've lost the ability to speak God's Word.

So what do we do in the face of the Lamb of God who "judges and makes war?"

Ultimately, we look at the full revelation of God. Jesus is the judge, but also the one who bore our judgment. Through faith in him we are delivered from "the wine-press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty." The Lamb of God is best known to us as the one who was offered up as a sacrifice for the judgment due to us. We must remember our God is the true God, in both his wrath and his love.

For "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world," nor to avoid passing judgment on the world's faults, "but to save the world through him" (John 3:17).

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The Prophetic History Of The Means Of Our Salvation

By Lewis Martin

True prophecy, will, always, in time become true history. It could be a short time or a longer time. IF it does not become true history, it is a false prophecy, coming from a false prophet.

"When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the things which the Lord hath **not spoken**.

But the prophet hath spoken presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him." (Deut. 18:22)

Our **Salvation** certainly was depending upon the true prophecy concerning the first coming of our Saviour, which is now true history and we have **His Story**. We have both the prophecy and the history of our Lord's birth, and of His life and ministry. Our **Salvation** depended on (Matt. 1:21) "Thou shalt call His name Jesus for **He shall save His people from their sins.**" The prophecy in Isaiah 53 was fulfilled in the crucifixion or our Saviour on the Cross on a hill called Calvary.

Many years had gone by before it came to pass which was foretold of the coming Messiah. All the prophecies and the promises of His first coming are fulfilled completely as was foretold.

It has been many years now since Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, was here on earth. Before He left, He promised

to come again. (Jn. 14:3) "And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again, and receive you unto Myself that where I am, there ye may be also."

Although almost 2,000 years have gone by, just as sure as the prophecies of His first coming were fulfilled after many years, so the prophecies of His second coming **will be fulfilled** also, though many years have passed by.

The "**Prophetic History of the Means of our Salvation**" will not be completed till Jesus comes and our bodies are redeemed from the grave. Our Lord promised in (Luke 21:33) "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Word shall not pass away."

All of the Apostolic writers prophesied of His second coming. "**The Prophetic History of the means of our Salvation**" will culminate into the eternal ages after Jesus comes again, and "time will be no longer." (Rev. 10:6.) Then there will be no more prophecy and no history to follow. It will be eternity. Read in your Bible about His first coming and be ready for His coming again. Now is the day of **Salvation**. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great Salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3.) Read your Bible and learn about this great **Salvation**, through Jesus.

"Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness"

Psalm 30:11

These words were spoken by a soul well acquainted with tribulation, but who also had experienced God's help and deliverance.

No one escapes sorrow. Blessings are hidden in sorrow, too. When the cup of suffering has been drained, there is a costly pearl left, and that pearl is yours.

God shall some day put off your sackcloth and gird you with gladness. Your joy will be purified and holy. God Himself will give it to you, like a girdle of strength. You will receive again the joy of salvation, and that makes you strong. Sorrow can easily paralyze. It saps the powers of the soul. But joy in the Lord will be our strength.

Some people cling to their garments of sorrow and wear them longer than they ought to wear them. Give them up! God will give you garments of gladness in their place.

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Editorial

RES *DIET*

“So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage; that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof.” (II Kings 4:40)

It is amazing, sobering and shocking how ‘careless or relaxed’ we can gradually become in partaking of that which is ‘forbidden’ in regards to our ‘health’! Oh, I realize as you ‘check’ the ingredients you find that there is too much ‘fat’ included or too much ‘salt’, etc. **ACTUALLY** I am speaking in regards to our ‘**spiritual health**’! Notice what God says through John in His Great Health Recipe BOOK (the Bible): “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers” 3 John 2. Please pay close attention to the word ‘beloved’: that which is in ‘focus’ is for that person’s well being! What am I trying to say? Deception is very rampant in ‘our’ day from behind the sacred desk (pulpit), schools and seminaries. Therefore as God says through the apostle Peter “For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,” 1:12-13. To whom especially is Hebrews 2:1-2a directed too? “Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation,”.

In this day and age it is relatively ‘easy’ to stir people up in regards to sports, evidently rock concerts, race riots, etc. The stirring of ‘emotions’ can be good or bad. Here under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Peter sees the NEED of Christians to be ‘stirred up’ by our memories – that is, our remembrances of his ‘great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature.’ (1 Peter 1:4, 9, 15).

Also something else needs to be stirred up, “Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God” (2 Timothy 1:6). It is very ‘Scriptural’ to remind you and I that each of us have been entrusted with at least one gift from God; that these may be not only stirred up, but wisely and boldly for Christ. Especially in ‘these days’ (later?) that our minds be stirred up as we

live in the critical days with critical needs: thus ‘we’ should have our ‘minds’ full of Scriptures of both Old and New Testaments. Definitely some verses should be committed unto memory. Also Scripture can be received by a child, yet Scripture can stir up our minds with their heights and depths, and will stir our hearts as well.

Now it is well that you pay close attention to your ‘diet’ for your health benefit; but I am especially speaking to you in regards to your *eternal soul that you are!*

I remember very vividly as an ‘under shepherd’ in one of the ‘parishes’ (still open to trying to fill the sacred desk – preaching) how very surprised I was as I called on (in my opinion) one of the more sensitive and mature Christians; to find the magazine ‘The Plain Truth’ most in his house. Asking him why he received such; he responded because the ‘photography’ was so great! May I now ask ‘you’ do you like a little or a lot of poison in your ‘spiritual diet’? The end resolute will be the same; only one diet takes longer than the other. JESUS clearly forewarned the ‘danger’ of the leaven (yeast) that leaveneth the whole lump! Martin Luther clearly taught that the person who does not fear himself has the most reason to fear of all! NO ‘we’ are not minimizing the greatness or power of God Who is able to save and keep unto the ‘uttermost’; but the deceitfulness of ‘our’ own heart. **Jeremiah 17:9**. When you attend ‘church’ do you sense ‘*death in the pot*’? No, I am not suggesting that you can find the perfect ‘church’ or ‘pastor’ on this side of ‘eternity’; but Scripturally, doctrinally!

(No if you think you can find the perfect church/physically; don’t join it because ‘you’ will spoil it!)

IN our text the ‘sons of the prophets’ were studying under Elisha and they became hungry, so Elisha told them to ‘seethe pottage’; (v. 38), evidently a soup primarily made of lentils. However, one of the students proceeded to gather some wild gourds and grind them into the pottage, assuming that their attractive appearance and taste would spice up the otherwise dull meal. (Today, sadly even some professing ‘Christians’ are bored

with the Word of GOD). When others (more mature?) took the first sip, they realized the alien ingredient was poisonous, and cried out, **“There is death in the pot!”**

Some modern Bible preachers/teachers often seek to spice up the ‘old truths’ of Scripture with some new and superficially attractive concoction from the outside world, but this results in merely to adulterate *‘the sincere milk of the word’* – 1 Peter 2:2. II Corinthians 4:1-7, 3 John 7-11, also please prayerfully read Matthew 24 & 25.

The ‘ecumenical movement’ says that ‘doctrine divides’ and ‘love unites’! Martin Luther said that ‘doctrine’ is just an explanation of a fact!

Satan is well and active on the face of the earth and he is out to ‘kill you and Me!’ He doesn’t care how he goes about seeking to kill – just so he can kill you and Me.

Very few *if any* really want to be ‘deceived’! It is only after the sin of deception has captured or captivated, will the individual(s) practice the sin of deception - **II Timothy 3, Jude 2-5**. It is not only the youth that go through the struggle/battle of ‘peer pressure’. How often in a person’s mind is the thought or question; what will so and so think IF I speak up, leave, exhort, etc. **Isaiah 59:1-2, Ephesians 5:8 – 21**.

The word ‘deception, deceiving means: to cause to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid – to give a false impression (like in appearance).

The word/name “Lucifer” in Hebrew means ‘The shining one.’ *“But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so our minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”* 2 Corinthians 11:3. Galatians 1:3-8.

True ‘wisdom’ comes from the Lord/Bible as the wisdom of this world is ‘foolishness’ in God’s sight. Human reasoning is the greatest hindrance to the ‘living faith’! Of ALL animals of God’s Creation; *sheep* are the most dependent upon human beings! The highest of God’s Creation is mankind and yet the most helpless at

the point of birth! And God likens His children as ‘lambs’ & ‘sheep’. Yes, one of the greatest needs today is exercising the gift of discernment = Hebrews 5:12-14, 1 Corinthians 1:10-16, Colossians 1:19-29.

It is so easy to drift and not be aware of it! When JESUS told the ‘disciples’ in the ‘upper room’ that one of them would **betray HIM**: they didn’t one by one point their finger at Judas; but asked “Lord, is it I?” To have begun right on the road that leads to HEAVEN is vital; but remember to have begun in itself is not the end! Not to have Scriptural doctrine to adhere to in one’s mind and heart, is capable of falling for anything. ‘We’ who know JESUS as ‘our’ personal Savior are in a ‘spiritual battle/warfare unto eternal life or eternal death’ Oh, how we need to be ‘daily’ in the Word of God and exercise Christian fellowship. The BIBLE clearly tells ‘us’ to very frequently examine ‘ourselves’ in the Light of Holy Writ.

The remedy for the poison in the pottage was found when Elisha said, *“Bring meal. And he cast it into the pot ...And there was no harm in the pot”* 2 Kings 4:41. Meal stands for the fine wheat flour; that is symbolized as the true Word of God and the antidote for the poisonous doctrines of the world must always be the unadulterated Word of God!

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” II Timothy 3:16-17.

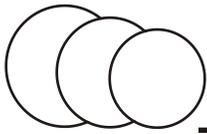
“praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints – and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my ought boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,” Ephesians 6:18-19.

“And they were astonished at His doctrine (teaching), for his word was with power (authority)” Luke 4:32.

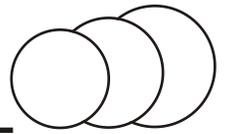
Attention PASTORS

IF you have been ‘called by God’ to ‘pastor’ a ‘congregation’, remember in this privilege and responsibility you are not only to *evangelize* (along with all true ‘believers’), **BUT to feed the lambs and sheep** the Law & Gospel; because to **feed** is equally important as *evangelize* OR maybe even more so! IF the lambs and sheep are fed not

only the *milk* of GOD’S WORD; but also the **meat** of GOD’S WORD – the ‘flock’ will be nourished and thus reproduce healthy ‘off-spring’. REMEMBER you can’t save them anyway; let the Holy Spirit do it through the preaching and living according to GOD’S WORD! It is the WORD OF GOD that is the **Incorruptible SEED that will not return unto GOD void!** ***If you love Me, feed My lambs and My sheep!***



From Our Fellowship Circle



K. K. **Minneapolis, MN**
Please add my name to your mailing list. I am so blessed by this mailing.

J. J. **Rolette, ND**
I am sending \$... to help pay for publishing the *Morning Glory*. I know it costs to publish and mail the paper. I always read it from cover to cover.

G. J. **Austin, MN**
You know birthdays don't tell you how far you've traveled, they only tell you how long it took. God took this thing called life and made it so wonderful that He wants man to have a whole eternity of it. You can't turn back the clock, but you sure can wind it up again so it runs better. On the pathway of life, it's the destination that counts; the journey barely matters. This is but a moment in the flow of eternity.

My prayer for you is to know Jesus Christ more clearly, to love him more dearly and to follow Him more nearly.

Why worry about tomorrow? We haven't made it through today yet!

J. & N. C. **Topeka, Ks.**
Praise The Lord for the *Morning Glory*! After I finish with it, I take it to my good friend in a Nursing Home.

Enclosed is a check to help offset some of your finances.

Thank you so much!

M. B. **Ottawa, IL**
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E. S. **Wanamingo, MN**
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It sure is nice receiving the paper every time it comes.

Hope all is well with you folks.

Ever Learning!!

There is always more to learn in life (The Christian Walk); the person(s) who *thinks* he knows it all is the one to be most pitied! Evidently there is a misunderstanding also in regards to the 'ministry' of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory.

WHEN we are "privileged & responsible" to have a series of Evangelistic Meetings OR a Bible Conference in your 'congregation' (vicinity); 'we' most certainly appreciate the access to your church building (town hall, etc): **BUT** the purpose & intent **IS** that 'we' (by the Grace of God) can be a blessing unto the 'host' as well as you who travel some distance. In other 'words' the 'ministry' that the Lord has entrusted us with is to be an encouragement, nourishment, fellowship & challenge to the local 'congregation' (community), as well as those who 'travel' some distance. In other 'words' it is intended to be team work! We truly appreciate the use of the place; **BUT** are more significantly interested in ministering unto the 'eternal' person (mutually). By the Grace of God we desire to be a '*vessel*' that prepares (sets the table) and provides a full meal and invites both saved and unsaved precious souls to come and participate who are **hungry**! You see it is 'our' (team work) to sow the Incorruptible SEED and nourish it and it is **GOD who gives the increase!**

IN other words it is like when "you" go in obedience to the 'Savior'; you **LOVE** to visit the sick, hurting, needy and as no doubt 'you' often experience; 'you' come away more blest than 'you' *think* were a blessing. **YES** we want the *best* for the local individuals/congregations; but unless 'you' participate 'you' miss a blessing just like "Thomas" did by not being at the 'Upper Room' (the first time) after the Resurrection of "our" **Saviour!**

SO if it be evangelistic meetings, Bible Conference, Fellowship Meeting, etc.: 'we' want you to attend and be blest with 'us' and be a blessing!

In Times Like These!

By Dr. Shelton Smith

“For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews for another place; but thou and thy father’s house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

Esther 4:14

In a time when the well-being of the Jewish people was at stake and there was a fiendish plot concocted to destroy them, Mordecai challenged Queen Esther to use her influence and to utilize her position in an attempt to save her people. She had indeed come to the kingdom “for such a time as this.”

I’ve always liked Ruth Caye Jones’ song, “In Times Like These.” It tells us that in times such as we face today we can feel like a ship being tossed on a rough sea. In that situation, the ship relies on its anchor for stability.

There are some things that we need as anchors for our souls in the times in which we live. We need the Bible, and we need the Saviour who is revealed in it. Jesus is that Rock to which our anchor can hold, even in times like these.

We have a well-outlined description of our own times in several places in the Bible.

“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulcher; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes.” Romans 3:10-18.

Consider also:

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” Gal. 5:19-21.

And then there is the passage about “perilous times” which mirrors the newspaper on your desk today:

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” II Tim. 3:1-7.

Now look at the happenings of recent years which give the face of reality to these scriptural predictions:

1. The United States Supreme Court continues to misfire on key issues, as it did in the *Engel v. Vitale* case on prayer in public schools and the Madalyn Murray O’Hair case on Bible reading (1962 and 1963), as it did in *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, and as in the Texas case on homosexuality in June 2003.

2. The Roman Catholic Church, which has ensnared multiplied millions into a false religious system, has now been publicly exposed with widespread corruption with the homosexual pedophiles in the priesthood and the attempts of the hierarchy to cover it up.

3. The Episcopalians in this country have a brewing scandal over their appointment of an openly avowed homosexual as bishop.

4. Numerous other denominations, including Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, (Editor: Lutheran), etc., have gone liberal theologically; and of course it soon begins to show in their polity and practice.

5. Other groups like the Pentecostals and charismatics have had significant doctrinal problems all along, but with every passing day the stories that surface among them are increasingly ridiculous.

Their major emphasis on miracles, healing, etc., necessitates one “evidence” and then another to support their claims. Much of it is manipulated and totally phony – in other words, an outright scam.

6. “Contemporary” has become the word of choice in many modern churches. Think of the implications of the word. It has the scent and the flavor of the culture all over it.

7. These days even some of our ...brethren are “contemporizing: and “ecumenicizing.” For them, it is no longer legitimate to be separatist. They say they are trying

to “find the center.” Apparently that means developing relationships with groups who are not separatist, but ecumenical.

So they start, inch by inch, one step at a time, to change. They feature speakers on their platforms from a variety of compromised groups, some of whom are ..., some of whom are not! Their music changes. Their program changes.

In times such as these are, it would be well for us to be sure we have our anchors down.

“Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour’s landmark, which they of old time have set.” – Deut. 19:14.

“Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour’s landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen.” – 27:17.

“Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.” – Prov. 22:28.

“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” Ps. 11:3.

“It was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” – Jude 3.

“In times like these,” we need

I. Men of God!

Preachers, pastors, missionaries, and evangelists should be men of God – not crowd pleasers, not “cool dudes,” not everybody’s fishing buddies! They need to be men of God!

When the preacher walks into Walmart, he needs to carry himself gracefully and graciously. When he visits the hospital, he should come prayerfully and compassionately. When he must go to the funeral home and the cemetery, he should minister comfort. When he visits a neighborhood, he must do so warmly and lovingly, yet gently.

When he stands at the church house door, he is a shepherd and a prophet. When he strides to the pulpit, he does so with an open Bible to render the truth in terms even the children understand. He speaks not for himself but as the evangel of Christ, the vessel of the Holy Spirit and the ambassador of God.

Yes, indeed, “in times like these,” we need the servants of faith to be men of God. (Editor: Thus saith the LORD/WORD)

II. Great Churches!

“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” – Acts 2:42.

“Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” – Eph. 3:21.

From the first church on the planet (Jerusalem) to the church in your neighborhood, the Lord has a plan that is centered upon these local assemblies. It was never His plan that any church conform to the culture in which it was located. To the contrary, it is the divine plan that churches confront the culture with their message of salvation, morality, decency, order, and such like.

No church should let the times dictate its course; instead, every church should come to its task with a commitment to give the message of God clearly and convincingly.

The events and circumstances of today’s headlines are quite real and cannot be ignored, but these times are not the proper gauge of what the church is or the catalyst to determine its message, its method, its manner or its ministry!

God intended that His church would be aggressive (Matt. 16:18). The times must not be our theme! The times must not be our thrust! The times are off center and off course! It is our assignment to tackle the times with the truth of God. We need men of God to lead the churches boldly and fearlessly to call the culture to repentance, regeneration and righteousness.

In every city, every town and in every country place where a church exists, may the breath of God enliven it and inflame it. May our churches take their places on the front lines of today’s battles and do God’s bidding “in times like these.”

III. Soul Winners!

“In times like these,” every Christian that has a heart to do the bidding of God should shed every vestige of carnality, let the Spirit of God give His power and devote every energy to the reaching of unsaved sinners.

“They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.” – Acts 4:31.

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.” – 5:42.

Soup lines, crisis shelters and clothes closets are wonderful things, but they are mere Band-Aids in comparison to the major surgery every sinner needs. So many of our churches are playing church, chasing themselves around the religious merry-go-round, talking big and doing virtually nothing!

“Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God” I speak this to your shame.” – 1 Cor. 15:34.

That’s right, there are people in your “Jerusalem” who are lost, and they have not been given the Gospel – not even one time. It is a “shame” (according to this text) for such to be the case.

Just think what would happen in America alone if 25,000 churches would avow themselves doctrinally fundamental, align themselves in uncompromising relation-

ships and arrange their schedules to go after their cities!

If we would train tens of thousands of fundamental, Bible-believing Christians to win souls and then give ourselves to the task, it would change the heart and the face of this nation. Oh, that it may be so in these times! Amen!

IV. *Genuine Christians!*

“In times like these,” we surely do need some folks who will step up to the plate with a genuineness that shows plainly in every fiber of their being.

“*Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee.*” 1 Tim. 4:13,14.

“*And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.*” Phil. 1:9-11.

The “hang-loose, anything-goes, no-standards” mentality that has invaded the church scene nation-wide is not the biblical formula for success. If the demeanor and the deportment of Christians are so closely akin to the culture that you can’t tell us from them, then the culture’s floodtide is going to overwhelm us. There must be a distinguishable difference! There must be visible evidence of Christ in us, or the unsaved world will turn a deaf ear to our appeals...

V. *Publishing!*

In these times the publishing world, along with the other media outlets (radio, TV, the Internet), is churning out garbage twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Even in religious circles, the books, the CDs, the DVDs and the programs are filled with half-truths and outright falsehoods. Heresy is enjoying a heyday.

Christian psychology and other Milquetoast matters have become the standard fare. Soft and easy is the demand. What a sad state of affairs!

Taken from “*Sword of the Lord*”

Editor’s Note: YES the world is in a mess; but we dare not take the attitude ‘*nothing can be done.*’ You and I need to be on our ‘knees’ (**Prayer**) more and then stand on our feet to make our ‘presence’ known. Yes, from behind the (sacred desk) pulpit we need a straight forward, solid, steady scriptural ‘voice’ that will **cry aloud** and **spare not** (Isaiah 58:1).

The Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation was officially organized in 1920 and the ‘ministry’ of the *Morning Glory* is eighty some years in existence; for which ‘we’ make *no apologies* for the old time Christianity and seek

to practice the same. Over the years this ministry (By the GRACE of GOD) has been used as a ‘*vessel*’ for the salvation of many precious souls and even more so in the nurturing and edifying of God’s lambs and sheep for which we praise our living Savior! ‘WE’ water and plant and God gives the increase! God has ‘used’ Evangelistic Meetings, Fellowship Meetings, Bible Conferences, Christian Literature, etc. and by His Grace we continue to promote the same! We have been unashamedly and clearly giving a voice to the issues and causes that honor GOD! AND ‘one’ of the ‘marvels’ of God’s GRACE is that HE still uses the same and thus ‘we’ seek to be faithful unto HIM!

JUST THINK what God still is able to do in and through this ‘ministry’ (*In Times Like These*) as each of ‘us’ seek to be faithful unto HIM as we are obedient unto His bidding. **Just think** what YET could be accomplished IF each reader (which we most certainly appreciate) were obedient to the Holy Spirit in arranging for Evangelistic Meetings, Bible Conferences, Tent Meetings, Fellowship Meetings & adding new names (subscribers) (***Prayerfully***) to the *Morning Glory*! We seek to “Occupy Till HE comes!” (For example: Evangelistic Meetings, as God has not with-drawn the gift/calling of Evangelists!) ***Isaiah 55:10-11.***

“**Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth**” Psalm 31:5

Notice how confidently and affectionately the psalmist addresses God: “*Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.*” Many and rich experiences lie behind these words. He **knows**, for he has experienced that God is faithful. Even now the Lord will be his redeemer, his preserver, and his aid. “*Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.*”

Therefore the psalmist can say with confidence, “*Into thine hand I commit my spirit.*”

Jesus died with these words on His lips. God redeemed Him from the tribulations of His earthly experience, and from death. You, too, will be permitted to die with the same words on your lips, if you believe in Him. You may confidently deliver your soul into the hands of God. And the Lord God of truth will redeem you.

By the same motto you may also **live**. Ever anew, every day, you will be committed into the hand of the Lord God of truth.

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Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Lutheran Church Okays Paganism

In November 2011, a California congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America held “guided meditations” by Loreon Vigne, a high priestess of the pagan fertility goddess Isis.

Vigne said, “Guided meditation is where the audience closes their eyes and you take them on a little journey. Their main concept is to know thyself, know thy heart, know thy soul and know thy purpose.”

The church has also caused controversy by its heavy promotion of a female identity for God with banners saying, “God/dess loves all her children.” They also prefer to call God names such as Mother,...Sophia, Womb, Midwife...She Who Is.

Afajournal

New Army Policy Will Allow Hijabs, Turbans

The Department of Defense will begin allowing Muslims and Sikh students who wear an Islamic head scarf (hijab) or a turban to participate in the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC)

In October, the Washington-based (Council on American-Islamic Relations) wrote to Defense Secretary Leon Panetta after a 14-year-old Muslim student at Ravenwood High School in Brentwood, Tennessee, was forced to transfer out of a JROTC class when her commanding officers told her she could not wear a hijab while marching in the September homecoming parade.

CAIR

Ex-Prisoner of North Korea Speaks Out Against Christian Genocide

Some think the death of North Korean dictator Kim Jong-il has opened a window of opportunity for the international community to take a stand against the atrocities committed against the North Korean people, and well-known activist Robert Park is one of them.

Park, a Korean-American missionary and activist who endured torture after illegally entering North Korea two years ago, says genocide is occurring in the highly secretive nation, yet little is being done about it.

Some 250,000 prisoners have been forced into concentration camps in North Korea. Of those prisoners, about one-third of them are children, says Park. Many of the prisoners are Christians who are forced into slave la-

bor and are tortured and starved to the point of death because of their faith...

Park says the North Korean government is “brilliant” at genocide, and also at deceiving the outside world into believing things aren’t as bad as they seem.

ChristianPost.com

Twenty-One-Year-Old Man Wakes From Coma Before Doctors Take Organs

A 21-year-old man has awakened from a coma just hours before doctors were ready to shut off life support and take his organs for donation purposes. Sam Schmid, an Arizona college student who was thought to be brain dead, recovered from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in October just hours before he was slated to be killed and his organs given to other patients.

The accident took the life of his best friend and college roommate, and Schmid’s injuries were thought to be so grievous that a local hospital could not treat him, and he was sent to Barrow Neurological Institute at St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Phoenix to receive surgery for a life-threatening aneurysm.

As hospital officials began palliative care and talked with his parents about organ donation, Schmid began to hold up two fingers on command and started walking with the aid of a walker. Now his speech has improved, and doctors say he will have a complete recovery.

LifeNews.com

Shippensburg University Offers the “Pill” Through a Vending Machine!

Shippensburg University in...Pennsylvania (has made) the “morning after” pill (available to students for) \$25 (at a) vending machine...

The...Health Center at (the university also)...provides the Plan B One Step emergency contraceptive along with condoms, decongestants and pregnancy tests...

The machine was installed after a request from the student association.

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Religious Minorities in Iraq Suffering “Slow Genocide”

The Christians of Iraq, along with several other reli-

gious minorities, live in constant fear and face potential genocide, claims Gwendolen Cates, a Christian and documentarian who spent the last three years on the ground in Iraq.

Iraqi Christians want to stay in the country that is their home, Cates told the Christian Post. But they cannot. They are a segment of three religious minorities that face extinction and banishment, according to the film maker, together with Sabeian Mandaean and Yazidis populations. ChristianPost.com

ELCA Bishop Asks Obama to take a Stronger Stance against Israeli Housing Expansion

According to a news release from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop Mark Hanson attended a meeting at the White House November 8 with a group of religious leaders who voiced their opposition to Israel building more houses in Jerusalem and the West Bank, saying the construction threatens the viability of a future Palestinian state. Nothing was said about rockets being fired from Gaza into Israel.

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Obama Administration Promises More Homosexual Housing Rights

Barack Obama's secretary of Housing and Urban Development has announced a new "Equal Access to Housing Rule" and it says will ensure homosexuals and transgenders have the right to live where they choose.

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan made the announcement (January 28) in Baltimore at the 24th National Conference on LGBT Equality, a gathering attended by thousands of homosexuals...

In his announcement, Donovan said the new rule includes a new equal-access provision that prohibits owners and operators of HUD-funded housing, or housing whose finances come through that federal agency, from even inquiring about an applicant's sexual orientation or gender identity, or denying housing on that basis.

He went on to say that homosexuals and transgenders are now eligible for taxpayer-funded voucher programs. "(This) new rule makes clear that the term 'family' includes LGBT individuals and couples as eligible beneficiaries of HUD's public housing and voucher programs," he stated.

OneNewsNow.com

Influence Of Godly Moms

Read: Proverbs 31:10, 25-31

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." Proverbs 31:28.

Many people have been richly blessed by what they learned at their mother's knee. Consider John and Charles Wesley. Their names would probably never have lighted the pages of history if it hadn't been for their godly mother who taught them the law of love and Christian witness was to be their daily guide.

Susannah Wesley spent one hour each day praying for her 17 children. In addition, she took each child aside for a full hour every week to discuss spiritual matters with him or her. No wonder John and Charles were used of God to bring blessing around the world.

Here are a few rules she followed in training her children: Subdue self-will in a child and work together with God. Teach him to pray as soon as he can speak. Give him nothing he cries for and only what is good for him if he asks for it politely. To prevent lying, punish no fault that is freely confessed, but never allow a rebellious, sinful act to go unchecked. Commend and reward good behavior. Strictly observe all promises you have made to your child.

Let us honor our godly mothers today, not only with words of praise for them but with lives that reflect the impact of their holy influence!

Henry Bosch

*Of all the earthly things God gives;
There's one above all others:
It is the precious, priceless gift
Of loving Christian mothers. —Anon.*

The virtues of mothers are visited on their children.

Dickens

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Editor's Note: NOTICE husbands how 'he' responds to a 'godly wife'! Other than the call unto 'Salvation'; there is no higher calling from GOD than to be a 'godly mother' in 'home', at home! "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.

Learner

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

The possessive adjective *thy* and *thine* is used four times in this Scripture passage which is basic in Bible teaching on guidance – twice in each verse. It constitutes the key that unlocks the gate leading to the way that we should take.

We are to “*trust in the Lord with all thine heart.*” The divided or indifferent heart is always fainting and fearful. We are taught that “*without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him*” (Heb. 11:6). God does reward the trusting soul with the reality of His guidance. Our confidence is to be implicit and unalloyed.

We are not to lean “*unto thine own understanding.*” The Omniscient is not unintelligent and puts no premium on ignorance. He has sent the Holy Spirit to enlighten our understanding and to incline our will to do His bidding. It is our own understanding, unenlightened by the Spirit and uninstructed in the Scriptures, that we are to distrust. Our best judgment and wisdom apart from God’s help are but the height of foolishness. God’s guidance in answer to our prayer and faith is not unreasonable, but it can be beyond human reason.

Then, “*in all thy ways acknowledge Him.*” That is, put the Lord first in every consideration. Every plan in which He cannot fully and freely participate is obviously not His will for us. Every place into which He cannot Go is not for us to enter. Every partnership or arrangement in which the Lord cannot have the full pre-eminence is not included in His instructions to us. Just as we trust Him with all our heart, we are to recognize His Lordship in all our ways. If He can go with us we need not fear. If He cannot be our Partner and Protector, we can but fail. In everything He is to have the pre-eminence; and we are to keep looking to Him who is unseen to the outer eye but discerned by our faith and faithfulness.

“*And He shall direct thy paths.*” Of course He will! Would we deliberately misdirect a trusting child that asks instructions of us? Of course not! His guidance may be immediate and instantaneous with deep assurance within and open a door before us. His direction may be delayed because other people are involved in His plan for us or the place of His choice is not yet ready. His leading may be by a Scripture that is plain and pertinent, or it may be by silence that is perplexing at the moment. Because He has a

plan and pathway far better than we can possibly imagine He allows us to come to the complete end of ourselves and our best plans, and then He directs us in hitherto untrodden ways of sheer delight.

Only be sure that He will do His part if we will but trust and obey!

Taken from “*He Leadeth Me*”
by V. Raymond Edman, Scripture Press

Editor’s Note: “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart”. Jeremiah 29:11-13.

A PIECE OF CLAY

*I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day,
And, as my fingers pressed it still
It moved and yielded to my
Will.*

*I came again when days were past—
The bit of clay was hard at last;
The form I gave it, it still bore,
But I could change that from
No more.*

*I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by
Day
And molded it with power and
art—
A young boy’s soft and yielding
Heart.*

*I came again when years were
Gone;
It was a man I looked upon.
He still the early impress wore,
And I could change him never
More.*

Selected

A Mother's Influence

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-7

"I thank God ...when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in ...your mother." 2 Timothy 1:3, 5

As a lawyer, as a congressman, as Governor of Ohio, and as President of the United States, William McKinley had a close relationship with his mother. He either visited her or sent a message to her every day.

When she became seriously ill, he arranged to have a special train standing by, ready to take him to her bedside. Mrs. McKinley died December 12, 1897, in the arms of her 54-year-old son. Her gentle, Christian virtues helped mold the President's character, for when he was gunned down in Buffalo, New York, about 4 years later, he showed no bitterness toward his assassin. With Christian courage he said, "God's will be done." Before he died, he asked to hear once again the hymn "Nearer, My God, to Thee," which his mother had taught him.

Perhaps you too have been blessed with a Christian heritage. But unlike McKinley, you've strayed from God. On this day set aside to honor mothers, confess your sin and come back to the Lord. Let the precious memories of that special person in your life, who all these years has been pointing you to God, awaken in your heart a new desire to live for him. Don't turn your back on the influence of your godly mother.

*Our thanks, O God, for mothers
Who show, by word and deed,
Commitment to Thy will and plan
And Thy commandments heed —Johnson*

NO MAN IS POOR WHO HAS HAD A GODLY MOTHER!— Abraham Lincoln

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**CHRISTIAN HOMES DON'T
JUST HAPPEN - THEY'RE
BUILT!!!**

Update MONEY!!!

"And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35b

The greatest things in life are what *money* can not buy! *Money* can not buy Salvation, Freedom, Family, Friends & Health! Isn't that interesting that the greatest things in this life are FREE! Salvation is *free*, but it cost GOD His dearly beloved only begotten SON – in other words Heaven became 'poor' that you and I might become 'rich'. Physical 'freedom' is never 'free' as it 'costs' some one or ones even their life! IN Luke 15 the younger son had 'friends' as long as he had 'money'; but when he realized life's greatest NEED – where were his 'friends'? *If* 'money' could buy health, all millionaires would be 'healthy'! YET 'money' is a necessary part of in 'our' culture & society!

JOY can not be purchased with 'money' – oh 'money' can bring supposedly 'happiness' for a fleeting period of time; but it is not lasting!

YES 'money' even 'talks' as it says 'good-bye'!

As preacher W. A. Criswell said, "Money will buy luxuries, but it will not buy spiritual power. Money will buy advancement and preferment, but it will not buy the recognition of God. Money will buy.....favor and accolades, but it will not buy soul respect."

'We' of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/*Morning Glory* just plainly state that the 'ministry' of the same 'need' is here (both in prayer support & financial) and is on going and hopefully 'on going' (Lord willing) until the great **trumpet SOUNDS!**

So again I lay the 'challenge' before you and just ask you to do as the Lord lays upon your heart! (it's His Work).

Do you know the ONE who satisfies completely as your personal Savior? HE not only saves, keeps but satisfies! IF not cry out to HIM in repentance and confession of SIN and HIS promise is **John 1:12-13.**

JESUS **never** lays something upon your heart that HE will not supply OR provide for!

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2:20 – 3:15 p.m. – Pastor Rodney Stueland,
Dilworth, MN

3:15 – 3:45 p.m. – Coffee/Refreshments

3:45 p.m. – Annual Meeting of the Hauge Lutheran
Innermission Federation

HLIF Board Meeting following Annual Mtg.

7:00 p.m. – Pastor Steve Lombardo

Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Bible Class with Pastor Steve Lombardo

9:45 a.m. – Brief Break

10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Pastor Steve
Lombardo, Guest Speaker

Please PRAY for a ‘real hunger’ for the WORD &
Christian Fellowship

NOT ‘only’ for the Conference; but throughout!

YOU are invited and please bring others with YOU!!

WELCOME!

ASK the LORD to ‘fill your cup’ & be a real
blessings to others!

P.S. IF convenient: Please bring along ‘goodies’ for
‘refreshment’ times. Thank you!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR SEASONS OF REFRESHING
FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD IN OUR
HEARTS.

P. S. The Direction ‘our’ Nation (USA) is going, then
where can we go But to The LORD for He has the
‘Words of Eternal Life’! (The Rock)

In the meantime, ‘obedience’ to His Word! II Chron-
icles 7:14

“And of His fullness we have all received, and grace
for grace.” John 1:16