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

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The Mixture Mess!

(The Devil Loves It; God Hates It!)

The Devil loves mixture; confounding the things of God and the things of the world is his delight. With this, he confuses and deludes many, including believers.

God hates mixture! Though many men, even some professing Christians, seem to think that God will tolerate just about anything as long as there seems to be some good in it, yet nothing could be further from the truth.

Both the Old and New Testaments are full of illustrations and warnings about this very thing. In Ezekiel 22:26 we read, ***“They have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean.”*** For this, God promised judgment.

How sad to see this spirit of mingling the things of God with the things of the world among God’s people in our day. I believe that spiritual discernment is at an all-time low and compromise is at an all-time high!

An incident in the life of Spurgeon shows much wisdom. P. T. Barnum of circus fame invited the great preacher to come to the United States. Barnum would set up a special tent in his traveling circus in which Spurgeon would speak and do so without restrictions.

Any help he needed would be provided, and all expenses would be paid by Barnum. Spurgeon would preach as long as he liked and would be paid \$1,000 per message (quite a sum in those days). (Ed. Today too!)

No doubt some Christians of that day and many more in our day would say, “What a splendid opportunity this would be to preach the Gospel, have souls saved, and at the same time reap a great sum for the Lord’s work.”

This sort of thing would no doubt be accepted by many evangelicals and, yes, fundamentalists. But Spurgeon did not see it that way, and he did not come to America under the auspices of the worldly Mr. Barnum.

Spurgeon sent this very simple reply to Barnum’s invitation: “Dear Mr. Barnum, you will find your answer in Acts 13:10. Very sincerely yours, Charles Haddon Spurgeon.”

If Mr. Barnum turned to that passage of Scripture, which I am sure he did, this is what he read: *“O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?”*

I don’t think many fundamental ...preachers would respond quite like that today! Many professed Bible believers, beginning with preachers (I am speaking of many fundamental ...), act as though II Corinthians 6:14-17 and similar passages had been rescinded.

Those verses begin by saying, *“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?”* We are not to have any joint endeavor with the unrighteous (the unsaved, the ungodly) or even with disobedient brethren.

We should realize our capabilities and not be content with mediocrity; but few realize their possibilities, and fewer seem to care.

Great men and women are not made overnight, but through the year they have been making the most of their opportunities and possibilities. They have burned the mid-night oil and have been toiling upward in the night. Then at last the world discovers them and their talents and gives them the well-earned applause and credit that are due them.

Nature teaches us it takes time for things to come to ma-

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turity. Seed that is sown in the earth takes time to germinate and bring forth fruit. So it is in the lives of men.

It took John Milton forty years to produce Paradise Lost. William Bryant rewrote his “Thanatopsis” more than a hundred times; and even then he was not satisfied with it, for he felt that he could yet do better.

It took John Bunyan twelve years behind the locked doors of Bedford jail to write Pilgrim’s Progress, but who can estimate the influence of this book upon the world?

Let us have a worthy goal in life; and whatever we do, let us do it all to the glory and honor of God and the uplifting of humanity. Let us strive with all our might, for we pass this way but once.

The rest of those verses basically say the same thing in different words. In Ephesians 5:11 it says, *‘Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.’* I read many years ago this good advice: “Never do evil that good may come.” You have probably heard of Jesuit Casuistry, which says the end justifies the means. In other words, if it will help the (Roman Catholic) Church, it is all right to do it! But that is not what God says! He says, **“Touch not the unclean thing”** (II Cor. 6:17). The Bible has abundant evidence that God hates mixture! It is confusion!

By Rolland Starr, Belmont,
Massachusetts in the *Sword*
of the Lord

I BELIEVE

By Dr. Howard A. Kelly

I BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, inspired in a sense utterly different from that of any merely human book.

I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, without human father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. That all men, without exception, are by nature sinners, alienated from God, and thus utterly lost in sin. The Son of God Himself came down to earth, and by shedding His Blood upon the cross, provided atonement for everyone. Whoever accepts Jesus Christ as his Saviour is born again spiritually, as definitely as in his first birth, and so born spiritually, has new privileges, appetites and affections; and will live with Him forever. I believe no man can save himself by good works, or what it commonly known as a “moral life,” such works being but the necessary fruits and evidence of the faith within, and come after salvation.

I believe Satan to be the cause of man’s fall and sin and his rebellion against God as rightful Governor. Satan is the prince of all the kingdoms of this world, yet will in the end be cast into the pit and made harmless. Christ will come again in glory to earth to reign even as He went away from earth, and I look for His Return day by day. I believe the Bible to be God’s Word, because as I use it as spiritual food. I discover in my own life, as well as in the lives of those who likewise use it, a transformation, correcting evil tendencies, purifying affections, giving pure desires and teaching that concerning the righteousness of God which those who not use it can know nothing of. It is really food for the spirit as bread is for the body.

Perhaps one of my strongest reasons for believing the Bible is that it reveals to me, as no other book in the world could do, that which appeals to me as a physician, a diagnosis of my spiritual condition. It shows me clearly what I am by nature – one lost in sin and alienated from the life that is to God. I find it as a consistent and wonderful revelation of the character of God, a God far removed from any of the natural imaginings.

It also reveals a tenderness and nearness of God in Christ which satisfies the heart’s longings, and shows me that the infinite God, Creator of the world, took our very nature upon Him that He might in infinite love be one with His people to redeem them. I believe in it because it reveals a religion adapted to all classes and races, and it is intellectual suicide, knowing it, not to believe it.

Faithful Words

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Jesus and the Flood

“For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

Matthew 24:38-39

The Lord Jesus Christ not only believed in the special, recent creation of all things by God (note Mark 10:6-8), but also in the worldwide Flood of Noah’s day, including the special preservation of life on the Ark. The Flood in which He believed was obviously not a “local flood,” for He compared it to the world-wide future impact of His Second Coming.

Neither was it a “tranquil flood,” nor a “selective flood,” for Jesus said, *“The flood came, and destroyed them all”* (Luke 17:27). It is clear that He was referring to – and that He believed – the Genesis record of the great Flood! There it says that the whole earth was “filled with violence” (Genesis 6:13), having first been filled with people, and that the resulting world-cleansing deluge was so cataclysmic that “every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth” (Genesis 7:23). Indeed, **“the flood came, and took** (literally ‘lifted’) **them all away.”**

This is what Jesus said, and what He believed, and therefore, those who are truly His disciples must also believe this. The destructive effects of the Flood can still be seen today not only in the biblical record, but also in the abundant evidences of cataclysmic destruction in the rocks and fossil graveyards all over the world. To refuse this evidence, as do so many modern intellectuals, can only be because they *“willingly are ignorant,”* as Peter said in referring to this testimony (2 Peter 3:5).

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“If we will not be governed by God, we must be governed by tyrants.”

(William Penn, Founder of Pennsylvania, 1644 – 1718)

LOVE

“Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works” Hebrews 10:24.

By this statement in Ch. 10 the author (God inspired, in-breathed, so definitely God’s Will) indicated his intention to show that our fellowship with God in Christ Jesus would not only be revealed in a life of faith (Ch. 11); and steadfastness of hope (Ch. 12); but also in a life of love. This he now sets forth in many practical aspects in Ch. 13).

The Better Life of Love.

1. Love of the brethren, vv. 1-6,
2. Love of teachers, vv. 7-17,
3. Closing words, vv. 18-25.

1. Love of the brethren. Ch. 13:1-6.

13. 1. Let love of the brethren continue. 2. Forget not to show love unto strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. 3. Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; them that are ill-treated, as being yourselves also in the body. 4. Let marriage be had in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled: for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. 5. Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, “I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee.” 6. So that with good courage we say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?’

“Let love of the brethren continue.”

The language suggests that Christ Jesus is the source of that love and we are to permit it to continue in its onward course of blessing through us. This love of the brethren reminds us of the new commandment that our Lord Jesus Christ gave that those who are saved in Christ shall love one another. Before Christ died and gave the grace for this new commandment men knew about love of God and also love of man, the latter to be expressed deeds of kindness and mercy, but that men should love one another because they have become members in the body of Christ, was something that had not been known on earth before. We know, too, that the early Christians were noted amongst the heathen for the love that they showed one another.

There can be no doubt that this is an admonition which Christians need to heed in our own day. There is a great stream of love issuing from Jesus Christ, but too often it is not permitted to flow out through the members of His body in love one for another. Love would solve all the problems of our relationship with each other as

fellow Christians. When the heart is filled with love of Christ towards fellow-believers, then every vice and evil desire is crowded out. In this connection it would be profitable to again read 1 Cor. 13.

a. Strangers.

In the early days of Christianity, because of the many persecutions, many Christians became wanderers over the face of the earth and were therefore in need of hospitality, which was also enjoined by the apostles. It is interesting to note how the author (GOD, who most certainly states for you to use the discernment He has given you and test the spirits) suggests that the entertainment of strangers might bring about an intriguing and blessed experience, *“For thereby some have entertained angels unawares.”*

The reference here to Abraham is, of course, evident. However, the author of Hebrews believes that there are angels now too, and as he has already said, *“they are sent forth to do service for the sake of them that shall inherit salvation”* Hebrews 1:14. Even though God might not cause an angel to appear in human form as a stranger to be entertained, there can be no doubt but that the angels ministered to many Christians who were driven hither and thither in the persecutions, and receiving one of these pilgrims would also be receiving the angel that had been sent of God to minister to him. And there still are children of God in the world who are strangers and who are certainly in need of the kindly hospitality of Christians who are better situated.

b. Prisoners.

Many Christians were in prison or in bonds because of their faith in Christ and, as Christians, the readers should feel so really a part of the same body that they would *“remember them...as bound with them; them that are ill-treated, as being yourselves in the body.”* Those of us who are Christians and live under the great blessing of a land in which we are not persecuted for our faith, are surely tempted to forget the brethren who suffer as in Russia and China today. It would indeed be well to remember that we are also in the body and that we may be called upon to experience such sufferings, too, for most assuredly these are days that are evil.

A Better Life, by Samuel Miller, B.D, D.D.
Dean of Lutheran Bible Institute,
Minneapolis, MN (many years ago)

*To be continued in the June issue
of the Morning Glory.*

Editorial

RES

CIRCUMSPECTLY

“See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.”

(Ephesians 5:15)

(Get – Go – Gone)

A person's greatest individual NEED is get forgiveness from a thrice Holy God and receive the gift of a Pearl of Great Price! As the Eternal Word of God clearly states: A person is either for Jesus Christ or against Him as there is no middle ground whatsoever. This personal relationship must be experienced before the last breath is taken for as the tree falleth, so shall it lie.

NO other gift is as important or significant as receiving and walking in fellowship WITH Jesus/Holy Spirit – walking in harmony with the BIBLE, by faith – all by Grace as even a living faith is a gift from GOD.

Personally, I try not only to be a realist, but also a little optimistic. After receiving by faith what John 1:12-13 states is when the battle really intensifies.

Personally, I not only know, but at the present time I am experiencing this battle. It has intensified on three fronts: Spiritually or Christianity, Physically and secularly.

Indirectly the Word Circumspectly – A condition or fact that determines or must be considered in determining of a course of action.

The word redeem means – To recover ownership by paying a specified sum. To fulfill a pledge is an example).

“The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe” Proverbs 29:25.

“There is no fear in (Agape) love: but perfect love (Agape) love casts out fear, because fear involves torment.” 1John 4:18a.

YES, the children of God are certainly despised and today around the world there are many who are sent to their execution or thrown into prison and we wonder if we would have the courage to stand for the truth when really tested.

Today, we in free-countries are embattled with the fact of peer-pressure. This is wanting to be warmly accepted in our society and culture.

Have you noticed that the standard of God's Word is being eroded among Christians in the area of Christian

Liberty?

The Bible reminds us that at times we will suffer for doing what is right – taking a stand on moral issues/biblical stands – whether for sharing the Word of God or for living godly lives which will be against today's values. We are definitely told not to be frightened (1 Peter 3:14), but to (revere Christ) as Lord in our hearts” (v. 15). Very likely the main battle will take place in our heart. When we finally make up our minds to choose and stand for Jesus and let it be known, the courage we need to be found faithful will be very assessable. Because when we stand with Christ, He will help us to be bold and to overcome our fears in the midst of opposition.

In Second Timothy chapter three it speaks of Perilous times. I was wondering if that also includes physically – not only religiously and in Christianity – especially among the children of God!

IN my immediate physical circle God seems to be taking one fellow warrior after another, and I wonder who is going to fill that gap/void.

ALSO, have you noticed and/or experienced how easy it is today to become drowsy and comfortable? You know when someone else becomes drowsy (spiritually) it is so easy to become the same. An example found in Matthew 25:1-13. See also **Romans 13:11-14, Ephesians 5:8-17.**

IF you and I are truly honest with ourselves, we will find it is so easy to become lax and comfortable and really don't want to be disturbed. YES, even some sleeping unto death.

While we are sleeping, we do not know what is happening, and are totally dependent upon others to inform us what has/is taking place while we slept.

Jesus asks the disciples while HE was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, “Could you not pray with Me for at least an hour?” CRUCIAL TIME! Today, both wise and foolish are very active in their Congregation. Titus 3:5

A believer is called by God to be a watchman and as you know a night watchman has a tremendous amount

of issues which are dependent upon him. We are responsible before God to be praying, watching and occupying! The word **Gospel** has a big “GO” in it! We are commanded to go into the highways and byways and compel them to come in! IN agape love, Jesus is angered/grieved towards those who hardened their hearts. Mark 3:5, John 3:18 & 36.

My brother-in-law, who was on His death-bed (Chair to our Pearly White City) said among the very last things to my Spouse and me: “We got to get them in!”

That’s what the Commander-in-chief says also, but much, much more significant: “Go into the Highways and Byways and compel them to come in!”

Christianity is not just telling folk of a better-life; but when we come to Jesus as Lord and Savior, we are to OCCUPY TILL HE COMES! In HIS GRACE we are saved to serve – Ephesians 2:8-10. IN order to do that in love for HIM, we must share His Law and His Gos-

pel. We water and plant and GOD gives the increase!

Story: Marbles and Diamonds. Luke 21:34-36. Over a hundred years ago some boys in Kimberly, South Africa, were playing marbles in an open terrain, using stones for the same. Afterwards it was discovered that the marbles the boys had been playing with were in fact crude, very precious diamonds. A person may play marbles with diamonds when he thinks more of himself than of God and His Word! Now please reread Luke 21:34-36 and at this time notice especially the word “cares”. Matthew 16:24-27. (Disciples: are you a disciple with Jesus?)

GONE! As I understand the Bible; there will be very little hope for the Gentile world; after the Trumpet Sound/Rapture of experiencing REDEMPTION/PERSONAL SALVATION. Notice that this was most certainly true of the five-wise virgins of Matthew 25.

Revelation 19:7-9, 21:1-8 and chapter 22.

Tithes and Offerings

(Editor: Seemingly, EVEN the title of this article will turn some folk off, even among professing Christians! Why? Because they don’t believe GOD is a good bookkeeper nor financial advisor!

Furthermore they say indirectly to the Third Person of our Triune God, the Holy Spirit – your indwelling of the Blood purchased temple, “You can have access to every room of the temple except the financial room – which I will take care of myself!”)

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me who herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” Malachi 3:10

Today there is much talk of financial security. The biblical formula in today’s verse, given to Israel but applied to all, begins with a scathing indictment. “Will a man rob God?” *Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings”* (v. 8). What a terrible thing, to rob God. The result of their thievery, in God’s eyes: “*Ye are cursed with a curse*”(v. 9) such that their financial state was much worse than it would have been had they been obedient. This teaching and promise has not been rescinded (Luke 6:38; 1 Corinthians 16:2; etc).

God’s charge to us as given in [this] verse is in three steps. First, we are told to obey; i.e., “bring ye.” This cannot be considered an option. Secondly, God pro-

poses a test. “Prove me.” He says, give and see if He lives up to His promises. Thirdly, trust His promise to meet our needs.

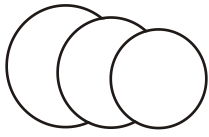
Note that His promise is also threefold. It abundantly covers present needs, for He promises to “pour you out a blessing” immeasurable in quality or quantity. Likewise, it covers the threat of future loss. “*And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field*” (v. 11). Most precious is His promise to reward obedience and trust with a special relationship. “**All nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land**” (v. 12).

Thus, we see that with less than 100 percent of our income at our disposal, we will have greater financial security than if we had kept it all to ourselves, thereby robbing God. — John D. Morris, Ph.D.

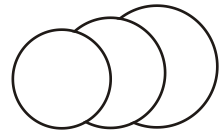
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Editor’s Note: Some folk give in order to get, which is the wrong motive for giving. GIVING should be given out of a heart of love as a cheerful giver in obedience to God’s Eternal Word. ALSO, are blessings of tithing even richer than temporal blessings? This directive of tithing is given for our benefit/blessing as the “cattle upon a thousand hills” are the LORD’S.

Are you in agreement with this article? Are you practicing the same, as long as you are investing in a ministry, congregation or service that is in harmony with the Bible?



From Our Fellowship Circle



P. & K. S. Anchorage, Alaska
Thank you for stepping up and taking a stand for the Truth! *Morning Glory* inspires me to do the same. (Ed. Praise the Lord), God bless you!

I. M. U. Starbuck, MN
I want to send you a donation for your fine publication that I so enjoy receiving. Thank you.

Mrs. D. (S). K. Hiawatha, KS
Your magazine is such a blessing to read and my family also reads it too! I am enclosing a donation to help where it is most needed. My arthritis is bad so I can't get around much, but I can be at home and read the *Morning Glory*.

P. & V. F. Colfax, WI
Continue to Praise God and preach the Gospel in your Newsletter. Your ministry gives us much hope in likely these last days.

M. J. Hixton, WI
Praying the Lord will continue to bless your ministry and provide the funds to continue your excellent magazine!

Let us also consider the phrase, "for good works."

This new creation of God in Christ is to be transferred to us; we receive it by faith, and it is to be built up in us. The foundation was laid in us when we were born of God. As time goes on, and God's power is made perfect in weakness, God works in us so that we live not after the flesh but after the Spirit. All that a Christian does as the love of Christ constrains him is the work of Christ/Holy Spirit in us; indeed, it is Christ in us.

A Christian/bond-servant becomes a servant of Christ, a channel through which God's power flows, a candlestick which carries God's light of salvation, and an agent for the works before prepared that we should walk in them. All that is done out of such a life with Christ in God is done by God in us. Since it is of God it shall never perish, but follows the Christian into eternity. All else will burn as straw in the day of judgement, only that which is of God shall abide.

Two people can be engaged in identically the same activity; in our eyes their deeds may be exactly the same. Yet the one may be done in and for self and the other done

in Christ. The first shall not stand because it is not done in God, while the other shall abide because it is done in God.

"Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow them." Rev. 14:13.

"And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

The halo of glory which they shall receive who have turned many to righteousness is not the basis of their salvation, but the fruit of a life in God's grace. It seems that there shall also be those in heaven who will not shine with brightness. All who believe in Christ shall be saved but there shall be a difference in glory according to the faithfulness with which we have served God. We are saved on the basis of Christ's merits; but it is God's will that we shall be obedient servants and present ourselves as an offering to God. As Christ gave Himself completely for us, so ought we to give ourselves wholly to Him; this we should do, not only for salvation, but also for service.

We are created for good works. May no Christian ever forget this.

Then we have the great hope that one day all our work shall be perfect. We shall not only be saved by faith in what another has done; we shall one day stand before God with a soul and body that is a perfect work of God. WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM.

Even the earth with its myriad forms of life shall whirl through space as a perfect work of God. Death, and the fruits of death, shall have vanished away. Instead of tears and lamentation, eternal life shall rise up in every soul...

The Christian hope is truly great. All suffering and strife is as nothing compared to the glory that awaits us.

It will be a great day when we shall see this work of God and realize fully that we are also a part of it. It is small wonder that heaven itself shall resound with living echoes in praise of Him who made us, sinful and wicked though we were, to be a complete and perfect work of God.

*O blessed thought! Speak thou to fill my heart
With hope each time the road seems hard and long;
And sweetly mellow every bitter smart
Of sin, and fill my weeping soul with song.*

Excerpt from *Spirit and Power* by Ludvig Hope, Hauge
Lutheran Innermission Federation, 1959

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Girl-guiding UK Allows “Transgender” Guides to Share Showers, Tents With Girls

Male guides who “identify” as female will be allowed to shower with girls during camping trips, Girl-guiding UK literature has revealed.

Official guidance distributed by the organization, which applies to Girl Guides between the ages of five and 25, tells guide leaders to let “transgender” members share changing rooms, toilets, tents, and cabins with girls while away on excursions...”

In addition, the guidance states that families should not be told if a “transgender” child joins their group, adding that it is not “best practice” for parents to know if their daughters are sharing facilities with males who “identify” as female while on trips away...

Virginia Hale, breitbart.com

Education Secretary DeVos Decries Public Education Failure

(January 18, 2018) Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said there has “not really been anything: from President George W. Bush’s No Child Left Behind initiative and President Obama’s changes to the law that the federal government should “embrace: going forward, calling for a “new approach” to public education policy.

“The bottom line is simple: Federal education reform efforts have not worked as hoped – that’s not a point I make lightly or joyfully...”

“According to the most recent National Assessment of Educational Progress data, two-thirds of American fourth-graders still can’t read at the level they should; and since 2013 our eighth-grade reading scores have declined.”...

Nicholas Ballasy, pjmedia.com

Sixty-Three Percent of U.S. Dads Say They Don’t Spend Enough Time With Their Kids

American fathers says they don’t spend enough time with their kids. (A) new study by the Pew Research Center has found (that) nearly 63 percent of fathers report they spend “too little” time with their

children – and they overwhelmingly cite work obligations and a lack of custody as the primary reasons why.

The study also found that one in four fathers (doesn’t) live with (his) children...

The results of the Pew Research Center study were based (on) a survey of 4,573 parents in August and September of 2017.

Toni Airaksinen, pjmedia.com

Georgetown University Sets New Agenda on Gender and Sex Exploration

Georgetown University... now has a new claim to fame...

The Office of Residential Life at the school just approved housing to be set aside exclusively for those students who want to explore their genders, their sexuality and all things related to sex...

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Canadian Government Says Priest Has to Support Abortion to Qualify for Federal Program

An Ottawa Catholic priest had hoped to employ three students this summer to work in the churchyard and office.

But (he) will not be able to this year unless he complies with government’s demand that he support abortion for any reason up to birth.

Many churches and other groups provide students with summer jobs through the Canadian Summer jobs program. However, the new 2018 grant application requires groups to say that they respect “re-productive rights,” including abortion on demand, as one of their core values. Groups cannot submit the on online application unless they do, National Report reports.

... Hundreds of groups that used to employ students have said they cannot comply with the government’s ideological demands.

Lifenews.com

Sword of the Lord EDITOR’S COMMENTS: Where “public policy” reigns supreme, this is to be expected. Where atheists and humanists get full control, liberal polices will be embraced which will inevitably stifle individual liberties. Religious freedom will be

among the liberties most severely affected.

Sword of the Lord

China Bombs Megachurch in Drive to Silence Christianity

The bombing demolition of a megachurch in China is indicative of a rush to silence Christianity under new laws that will heighten religious persecution, according to a human rights group ChinaAid.

The Golden Lampstand Church in Linfen, Shanxi, was home to some 50,000 worshipers before the Chinese government bombed and demolished the church January 9, according to news reports...

Military police directed by the highest government officials detonated explosives in underground worship halls beneath the church and proceeded to demolish the above-ground building, ChinaAid said.

Diana Chandler, Baptist Press

MARIE'S MOMENT

"He is the Lord our God... ..He remembers His covenant foreverwhich He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac, and confirmed it to Jacob...to Israel as an everlasting Covenant, saying 'To you I give the land of Canaan as the allotment of your inheritance.' When they were few in number ...and strangers in it."

THE VOICE OF SCRIPTURE: The GOD of the Bible made an eternal covenant decree to Abraham and his descendants through Isaac and Jacob. **Genesis 17:7-8 Psalm 105:8-11.**

THE VOICE OF THE PROPHETS: After the Israelites were scattered, GOD promised to re-gather them to the land He had given them. **Ezekiel 11:16-17**

THE VOICE OF JESUS AND THE APOSTLES: Jesus gave four predictions concerning Jerusalem: Jerusalem would be destroyed. The Jews would be dispersed among the nations. Gentile nations would rule in the area until the Jews were brought back to their land. This was fulfilled in 1967 when the Jews gained supremacy after 2000 years. **Luke 21:24**

THE VOICE OF HISTORY: King David established Jerusalem as the capital of Israel about 1000BC – before the rise of Christianity or Islam. Several empires have ruled in the area of Israel, but none ever made it sovereign state and it has known no other capital than Jerusa-

lem. In the 1880's, to escape persecution, Jews in Russia began emigrating to Israel and making it their home again! The land was worked and gave a good yield. Arab workers came also to share in the prosperity and work the newly responding and prospering land.

THE VOICE OF MORALITY: Israel is the only true democratic state in the Middle East. Her neighbor countries are authoritative regimes. But democratic forms of government work best to promote self-worth, equality and liberty. As the only democratic State in the Middle East, Israel is considered an "enemy" to her neighbors!

THE VOICE OF THE LAND: In the years before 1948, Israel had been a wasteland! As more and more Jews have returned since 1880, they have reclaimed their land by working hard and planting trees and crops, draining swamps and solving irrigation problems, and even raising beautiful flowers to ship to the Netherlands, etc. The land has come to LIFE!

THE VOICE OF JERUSALEM: Jerusalem itself is the conflicting element between Israel and the Arabs. There have been Jews living in Israel continuously for 3000 years! Jerusalem is mentioned over 800 times in the Bible, but mentioned even once in the Koran. Mohammed never went to Jerusalem. While Jews pray facing Jerusalem and make pilgrimages there, Muslims pray facing Mecca and make pilgrimages there. When Jordan controlled East Jerusalem and the Temple Mount from 1948 – 1967, they weren't concerned about making it a Palestinian or Arab capital. Then later, they wanted to make it the third holiest site in Islam, AFTER the Jews regained control of the Temple Mount! ...

Marie Linn, taken from *Hope For Your Heart*

A Small Place

*"Father, where shall I work today?"
And my love flowed warm and free.
Then He pointed me out a tiny spot,
And said, "Tend that for Me."*

*I answered quickly, "Oh, no, not that.
Why, no one would ever see,
No matter how well my work was done,
Not that little place for me!"*

*And the word He spoke, it was not stern,
He answered me tenderly,
"Ah little one, search that heart of thine;
Art thou working for them or me?
Nazareth was a little place
And so was Galilee." — Author Unknown*

A Personal Testimony – Written Almost Sixty Years Ago!

To (now-known) Pastor Willmore Gundersen
Dear Willmore, Oct. 30, 1959

I have thought of sending you a letter so I will do it now. Hope you can understand my hand writing. To write about the summer, winter, weather, people or cattle could be interesting. But there are things I have more interest in than that. I want to write and ask about where you are spiritually!

You are young and I am old, but isn't it interesting how things in common work together for us? Please listen to what I have to say and don't reject what I am saying. I believe it can be of good help for you all through life. Life can be divided into two segments. You can live according to the flesh, your old nature. Or, you can live according to the Spirit, the new nature; that we receive when we accept Jesus.

My father and mother were Christians. From them I was taught and learned about Jesus as a child. I was taught as a child to pray. I went to Sunday school and I went to grade school. In school we had Christianity as one of our subjects. Then I had Confirmation and was taught many things. And I had to learn a lot about Christianity.

I did not remain in childlike faith or in what I was taught. After Confirmation I wanted to live the way I felt like living. My mother's and father's warnings went by the way side. I did not heed them. I wanted to be free and live according to my own desires. I did this until I was Twenty and a half years of age. Then a great conversion took place in my life. I was called by God during those years, but I did not want to heed His call. I just wanted to live my own life and have fun. I was carefree and careless. I followed the way of the world. Contentment and peace never lasted very long.

I went out to sea and sailed on ships at the age of 15. It wasn't long before I got malaria fever and (berry berry?). I was sent back to Europe. I was very sick. One of the men on board the ship said to me, "You'll never get home to see your mom again. We are going to have to fix up the goat quarters, and make it into a church before we throw your dead body overboard." However, I believed that the God of my mother had power over me though I was so sick and weak. This happened in 1896. The following year, 1897, was a good year at sea. I was healthy. We had good weather and no storms. I felt great with no sickness. The year of 1898 our ship sprang a leak and sank in the North Sea. I lost everything and drifted in the water. We were rescued by an

English fishing boat. During this experience the Lord was calling me. I prayed to the Lord and promised I would be a good young man, but I didn't keep my words of promise. I did my own thing and lived it up, and then I got sick once again. They had to get me to a hospital where I was for three months. I was very near death. Once again I prayed to the Lord. I told Him I would change. Again, I did not keep my promise.

In 1899 I sailed, for a short time, on a boat where the captain prayed to Satan. The boat was in sad shape. Things were not good on board. "I'm going to hell on our next voyage," the captain said. That's the way it went with them also. The boat, men, even the mice onboard, were destroyed and went down into the sea.

Then in 1920, which was the last boat I worked on, was called "Spira." This boat sailed from Sisor, Norway between Christmas and New Year. I was on board that boat four and a half months. I left the boat when we landed the 17th of May in Lillesand, Norway. While on board that boat, the Lord really called me in a powerful way. In the middle of the night we were sailing in the North Sea. There was a voice that called out my name "Joakim!" I said "hello", but nobody answered back. I laid down once again and this voice called out once again "Joakim!" I did not hear my name mentioned after that. That same night I had a dream. There was going to be a war between Jesus and the Devil. The place where this was going to take place was a big open field next to a mountain. The Devil with all his followers were ready to fight. I was on the Devil's side. I was not standing far from him. But then Jesus came, with just a few people following Him. We stood opposite from one another. Jesus called out to me and said, "Joakim, whose side do you want to be on and fight?" I turned around and looked and saw millions of people on our side. I didn't know what to answer Him. But then it was as if I could hear my mother whisper in my ear, "remember this is Jesus who is speaking to you." Hearing this, I called out with a loud voice, "I want to be with you!" As I was running over to Jesus I woke up. Right there and then I asked Jesus to save me. I also prayed that I could become sick (to get off the ship) and I did get sick. During that time of sickness I was saved. The Word of God opened my heart to the Lord as I read the Bible. I was like the lost son that had left his father, and now was returning home. I experienced the great, great love of my Heavenly Father.

A pastor told it to me this way: Just as the father loved his wayward son, who returned home, penny less and in miserable shape, that's the way God loves you. "Oh my, is that true?" I said, "Has the Lord really loved me like that? Then I want to love Him in return." From

that moment on, I have had assurance of salvation and that assurance has been with me until today.

Yes, He is with you every day until your life is over. That’s what Jesus says! It’s very rewarding to be true to Him, so that no one can take our crown from us. Don’t wander off to the right or left. Walk on the straight path. Jesus is the way! Remain in Him and He will remain in you. In that way you will be building your life on a sure foundation. Yes, on a sure foundation, because Jesus is that foundation. These are important things I want you to be aware of Willmore. I am telling you the truth; I’m not lying. This has been my life experience these last 58 years. Nobody is like God. Nobody is as good as God. If you want to see Him and hear Him, follow Him. Then the puzzle of this life will be revealed.

Jesus Christ has all the answers. He solves all of life’s problems and puzzles. Take to heart that which you have heard. This is your grandfather’s personal life experience. I have told of my conversion to Christ. I greet you with 2 Timothy 2:2-15. (Editor: Please now read 2 Timothy 2:2-15, which is part of his personal testimony written to Willmore: now known as Pastor Willmore Gundersen).

I lovingly greet you.
Greet your parents, sister, Leif, and Johannes,
Your grandfather,
Joakim.

Editor’s Note: As many of you may know, Pastor Gundersen is one of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Board members.

NOW, how about writing your personal testimony to a beloved, for friends and perhaps also for the *Morning Glory!* (Please make it as brief as feasible possible)! Thank you and just think – It can and will be such a rich blessing unto others!

GRACE UPON GRACE

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

We can never exhaust the riches of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we receive Him as Savior, we receive “**grace for grace**” – that is, one grace after another, grace upon grace.

In the first place, we have received His **saving** grace: “*For by grace are ye saved*” (Ephesians 2:8). We also receive **justifying** grace, because we are “*justified freely by His grace*” (Romans 3:24), having the very righteousness of Christ credited to our account. It is then **standing**

grace, enabling us to stand confidently in our grace-given salvation. “*We have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand*” (Romans 5:2).

That same **boundless** grace soon becomes **working** grace and **servicing** grace. “*By the grace of God I am what I am: and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me*” (1Corinthians 15:10). “*Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear*” (Hebrews 12:28).

Yet, there is more, for we need grace for times of testing and opposition as well as for serving. When such times come, “*He giveth more grace*” (James 4:6). “*My grace is sufficient for thee,*” (2 Corinthians 12:9). He gives **strengthening** grace and **sufficient** grace for every need.

The grace of Christ is thus truly **abounding** grace, for *God is able to make all grace abound toward you*” (2 Corinthians 9:8). It is even **giving** grace, and we should “*abound in this grace also*” (2 Corinthians 8:7). Therefore we should continually “**grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ**” (2 Peter 3:18).

Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

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Very, very likely the most significant way...

Very, very likely the most significant way you can see and experience a **change** in your congregation, community and definitely beyond is to share your own personal testimony of the saving grace and keeping grace of God in your own life, in and through Jesus Christ as your Lord, anchored most certainly in and upon the Word of God and USING His Incorruptible Seed.

So while some people may be fascinated by politics – *which is important*—it can never compare to the sheer power of sharing your testimony with your neighbor, community and beyond. Thus we also need to make a concerted effort to share the TRUTH!

IN a realistic sense, the way to change your community/church is to let JESUS use YOU as a cleansed vessel to change the people, and the only way to change people is to expose them to the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit.

HAUGE'S IMPRISONMENT AND LAST DAY – 1804 – 1814

*(Continued from the March issue
of the Morning Glory)*

Finally Dec. 4, 1813, the prosecuting attorney summed up his accusations: "1. Hauge had traveled about the country and held devotional meetings and had encouraged others to do the same. 2. He had tried to find a new sect and a new community within the state. 3. He had used sharp and accusing words against the clergy. 4. As a dangerous person he had used religion as a mask to cheat people; therefore he was not only a dangerous fanatic, but a defrauder of the people."

The prosecuting attorney demanded that Hauge should be given "slavery" for life. The court found him guilty on the first three points and sentenced him to "slavery" for two years plus the cost of the trial. Hauge appealed to the Supreme Court. Norway's great year, 1814, had now dawned and should have had some influence on the minds of the Judges. On Dec. 23, 1814, the Supreme Court ratified the sentence of the lower court, but made the sentence much milder. They ordered \$1,000 to be paid, and Hauge to be set free. His friends paid the fine at once and Hauge was a free man.

During Hauge's long imprisonment the following well known incidents might be referred to:

His old friend, Erik Saue, walked across the country from Voss to Oslo for an interview. It was denied. As he stood in deep sadness outside the prison, Hauge saw him through the little grated window. He held up the light and trimmed it. Erik understood the meaning. "trim your light and let it shine before men". God so strengthened his heart that he felt well repaid for his long trip. The story of this light trimming in the prison window has been used over and over in sermons and testimonies now for 130 (Ed. Plus) years and has become a sort of household word among God's people.

Hauge did the same thing for two of his spiritual children... who had walked some 40 miles to talk with him. They went home again weeping as if their hearts would break in the crowded rooming house where they stayed overnight on their sad homeward journey, they were allowed to sleep on the floor. "They read, sang and prayed and went to sleep in sorrow and fatigue."

By 1806, the enemies threw some rationalistic and atheistic literature into Hauge's cell. "I did not believe what I read, but the devil found opportunity to tempt me," Hauge said.

Hauge had been slowly dying from being cooped up in a little cold cell winter and summer. Finally the humane judge, J. L. Bull, from 1807 on allowed him to go

to Toyen near Oslo and work a little in Bull's garden. This really saved his life, for he was by this time almost dead from the number of illnesses that afflicted him.

From 1808 and on, during the wars with Napoleon, the English fleet blockaded the coast of Norway so effectively that nothing could be shipped in. Bull signed a bond of \$300 for Hauge, so he could go out and make salt for the people. Then he was good enough to help when the country was in deep need. In 1809 he went around the coast for over a half year and started salt industries here and there. Although he had performed this great service for his country, he was returned to prison...

His home was becoming a blessed headquarter for God's people. The blessed Christian fellowship meetings that Hauge had missed so many years were now revived. Hauge experienced a wonderful renewal of his spiritual life. "I wept and prayed and my soul was renewed," he said.

After Hauge won his liberty completely at the close of 1814 his friends helped him to buy the Bredtvedt farm just out of Oslo, which became a blessed headquarters for God's people. He married Andrea Nyhus in 1815, but she died a year later after giving birth to a son. In 1817 he married Engeborg Olsdaughter, who outlived him...

He (Hauge) wrote a great deal including a little church history. Before his imprisonment he had written 19 books. After he was set free he published 14 (33 in all). Some of them ran through many editions. The almost incredible number of 250,000 copies of his writings were distributed. During his imprisonment all who possessed his books were required to bring them to the authorities, as they were looked upon as spreaders of poison. Those who refused were heavily fined.

Hauge set up his "Last Will and Testament" to his friends March 7, 1821... Hauge's wife, Ingeborg, tells about his illness and death as follows: "He was very sick for about two weeks before he died. The last Friday he lived (March 27, 1824) he felt very happy and said: 'We have so much to thank God for.' Sunday he was very sick. In the evening he was trying so hard to say something. I said, 'Oh, how I wish I could understand you!' But then he spoke out plainly so all could hear: '**Follow Jesus!**' ('Folg Jesus'). Then he exclaimed as his face beamed with joy 'O Thou everlasting, loving God!'... He will soon take you home now,' I said. To which he answered, 'Yes.' Then he asked us to pray with him. Next morning at 4 A. M. he left us..."

"Until his last breath he held fast to the (living) faith, hope and love he had spread among others by word, deed, writings, and Christian life. He lived in the

Lord; he died in the Lord; by the grace of Jesus does he receive eternal salvation.”

Innermission Church History, By P. Ljostveit,
Published by Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation,
1948.

Editor's Note: How many of us are willing to daily take up our cross and follow JESUS like Hans Neilsen Hauge did and share the truth of God's Incorruptible SEED with those near and far? Is that *Daily cross of persecution* too heavy/costly for You to *seemingly* bear? IF so, then you need to look upon the face of JESUS who bled, died and rose again for you! Will you be meeting Hans Neilsen Hauge someday in Heaven? He was a lost sinner, saved by the grace of God and kept by the GRACE of **GOD!**

Here is trusting that these indirect series of articles have been an blessing and inspiration to you!

A Solution for Boredom

*“For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands:
happy shall thou be, and it shall be well with
thee” Ps. 128:2.*

By Dr. Terry Frala

The psalmist tells us something about the labor of our hands. The labor of our hands makes us happy, and it causes things to go well with us.

Few people are more miserable than someone who does not have anything to do. That is really true. It reminds me of one of my favorite cartoons. It had only two panels. The first panel has the dad and mom lying in bed asleep. There is a kid flying through the air heading toward their bed screaming, “SCHOOLS OUT!” In the last panel he is sitting right on top of Dad and Mom saying “I’m bored!” I can remember those days. It was difficult getting used to not going to school when the summer came.

I’ve heard people say, “When you retire you are going to be bored to death.” I’ve known people who were, but I’ve also known people who did just fine. But why would some people associate retirement with boredom? Because if we are not going to work, it can lead to boredom.

People who retire and do well are usually people who are active and do something whether or not they are getting paid for it. Activity is a really good thing. And that is what God is trying to get across here; if we work, we will fare well – and not need welfare.

Selected

IF WE COULD SEE BEYOND TODAY

*If we could see beyond today
As God can see,
IF all the clouds should roll away,
The shadows flee;
O'er present griefs we would not fret,
For many joys are waiting yet
For you and me.*

*If we could know beyond today
As God doth know,
Why dearest treasures pass away,
And tears must flow,
And why the darkness leads to light,
Why dreary days will soon grow bright,
Some day life's wrong will be made right,
Faith tell us so.*

*If we could see, if we could know
We often say,
But God in love a veil doth throw
Across our way.
We cannot see what lies before,
And so we cling to Him the more,
He leads us till this life is o'er,
Trust and obey.*

Norman J. Clayton

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Keep me as the apple of the eye Psalm 17:8

In Deut. 32:10 we read of Israel, God's chosen people: “*He kept him as the apple of His eye.*” In Zech. 2:8 we read of Israel, God's chosen people: “*He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye.*” And in today's Scripture the psalmist prays: “*Keep me as the apple of the eye.*”

All the children of God feel their unworthiness in His presence. We wonder why He does not disown us. We know that we have never deserved His love.

For that reason it is more wonderful to read these words. We are so precious in His sight that we are compared with the apple of His eye. The body has no more tender and precious point than the eye. The smallest particle of foreign matter in the eye causes pain and must be removed. No part of the body is therefore watched as carefully as the eye. And that is how the Lord watches over His children.

Fear not. You are the apple of His eye.

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“Is It Well With Thee?”

“Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well.”

(2 Kings 4:26)

By Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman

More than fifty miles north of Jerusalem, near Tabor and a few miles from Jezreel, once stood the ancient village of Shunem. It was beautifully situated. It is said that “in that older time every house had its little park about it” and that “every park had its fountain, the waters of which climbed the ladders of light.”

But it is not of the beautiful situation of Shunem that I am to speak.

We know something about one of the families of the city. We know the number of the house-hold — the father, the mother and the little boy who was as truly a gift of God and a miracle as was Isaac. We know something about the home-life of the little company.

We say in these days, if we know what company a man keeps, we may study the man through his company. And if you will tell me the names of your chosen friends written upon your guestbook in your home, I can tell you very accurately the story of your home-life. I can tell you very truly, no matter whether or not I have been in your home.

One of the very best things I know about the home in Shunem is this: it was the place where Elisha used to tarry. Over and over again he passed through Shunem, and the Shunammite woman provided for him.

It is said in the account that she was a great woman (vs. 8). John McNeille has said that he *thinks* that means she must have been a great discerner of character. She knew by the way the man walked that he was God’s man.

She said to her husband, “We will invite him into our home.” Since the home was small, they built for him the prophet’s chamber (vs. 10). They gave him a special invitation to tarry with them; and when Elisha was weary, he rested there. When he was hungry, he found refreshment in the home of Shunem.

We know something more about the household. One day in the midst of the harvesting season, the little boy of the family turned his face away from his mother and sought his father and the reapers in the field (vs. 18).

The hot sun of the East beat down upon him so that as he came into the presence of his father he threw his hands to his head, saying, “My head, my head.” His father turned to a servant and said, “Carry him to his mother” (vs. 19).

The lad carried him to his mother and placed him upon her knees. He lay upon her knees until about noon,

and then he died (vs. 20). You can only imagine the sorrow of that Shunammite woman unless you have passed through like affliction.

She was an exceedingly wise mother. She did not shut herself up with the body of her dead boy and refuse to be comforted, nor sit alone with her grief and let her heart break. She turned away from the home at Shunem and said, *“Elisha is across the plains in the mountains of Carmel”* (v. 22).

Elisha saw her coming. He turned to his old servant, Gehazi, and said, *“Yonder is that Shunammite; Run now, I pray thee, to meet her”* (vss. 25, 26). And Gehazi, obedient to his master’s command, started down the mountainside.

When he came near enough for the woman to hear his voice, he cried out to her after the manner of the East, *“is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child?”* And she in turn replied *“It is well”* (vs. 26).

I suppose he thought she would stop and tell him the nature of her errand to his master, but she pushed on past him and up into the presence of Elisha where I suppose she sobbed out the account of the death of her boy.

By this time Gehazi appeared and Elisha said to him, *“Take my staff in thine hand... and lay my staff upon the face of the child”* (vs. 29). Just as he started to obey Elisha told him not to salute anyone on the way.

I never realized what this expression meant until in the Holy Land I noticed the length of time required to complete the Eastern salutation. I am quite sure that what Elisha meant to say was that there was no time for even the ordinary courtesies of life.

The boy was dead. The mother was heartbroken, and the father was waiting in grief and despair, thinking that Gehazi might be the means of raising the child.

I have an idea that Elisha thought the Shunammite woman would follow Gehazi when he started down the mountainside at his master’s command, but she did not do so.

I see her at the feet of the master saying to him, *“Did I desire a son of my lord? Did I not say, Do not deceive me?... As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee”* (vss. 28, 30).

And so Elisha took her by the hand and started down the mountainside. He came into the home in Shunem, shut himself in with the boy, put his hands to the boy’s hands, put his mouth to the boy’s mouth, put his eyes to the boy’s eyes, and prayed as only a servant of God could pray.

Suddenly there was a touch of color in the boy’s cheeks. He sneezed seven times. His eyes opened. Elisha took him by the hand and bid Gehazi call his

mother. I think I see her rushing up and down the streets of Shumem, saying, My boy was dead and is alive again!” And there was joy in the old home in Shunem.

Oh, to Pray With Importunity!

Why do you suppose this was placed in the Old Testament? It is true that it is one of the miracles of Elisha. But why is it told? It would seem to me that among other reasons it is there for this purpose: that we might understand what it is to pray with importunity.

“Do you believe,” said a young woman to me in the city of Boston, “that if my mother and I should pray all night that my brother would be saved?”

I said to her, “If I were you, I would pray all night if I were led to do it.”

To my certain knowledge that brother had not been within four miles of the meeting place. Before ten o’clock they were on their knees. At twelve o’clock they were praying. At three o’clock they were still crying out unto God when the mother rose from her knees to say, “I believe God will hear us” and closed her eyes in sleep.

I saw that young man the next evening stand in the great church and say that he had spent a sleepless night. I heard him say that he occupied a most important position in the city of Boston. He said “This morning, as the day was breaking, I gave myself to Jesus.”

I think the account of the Shunammite is in the Old Testament that we might thus learn how to pray.

One evening my telephone rang. When I went to answer the call, I heard a voice that seemed to me to be almost choked with emotion, saying, “Will you pray for me?”

I said, “Certainly I will pray for you, but will you not meet me this evening at the close of the service?”

I went to the service that night, and at the close of the meeting there came up to me this man who had telephoned me. He said he occupied a responsible position as a bookkeeper in the city.

He said, “My father is a pastor, my mother is a sincere Christian. I have been feeling the power of their praying. I have felt a great sense of need in my soul, and when I heard this evening the song that says, ‘O Mother, when I think of thee, ‘tis but a step to Calvary.’ I bowed my head and took Christ.”

It seems to me that this may be in the Old Testament that we may be led to the kind of praying that went up to God on behalf of the pastor’s son. I am sure it is there to teach us how to pray.

“As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.” We have had days of prayer. I wonder how many of us have had nights of prayer. We have prayed minutes for our children. How many of us have prayed

by the day for our children?

And yet the story of prayer from the very first prayer that was offered until the last one that was sobbed out this evening is this story, that when we pray in faith God does hear and He will answer.

IS IT WELL WITH YOU?

I think the text takes in everyone in its teaching. *“Is it well with thee?”* That is personal salvation. *“Is it well with thy husband?”* That is interest in the salvation of others. *“Is it well with the child?”* That is interest in your own household.

I ask the first question: *“Is it well with thee?”* I will answer it for everyone in need. The man who is rich in worldly goods, the man who is highly honored in society, the man who has risen to some place of distinction knows that in his heart there is an ache that money cannot stop and position cannot help.

The man whose outward life may seem to be all right knows that in his heart there is again and again the cry for God. *“Is it well with thee?”* I should like to answer the question for you if you will allow me. It is not well for two or three reasons.

Not Well If You Live in Sin

Sin is too mighty. Not one of us is able to withstand the awful power of sin in his own strength. Sin is too mighty.

Sword of the Lord.

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I will behold Thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

Psalm 17:15

No one can see God and live. Nothing unclean can approach Him. In spite of this the psalmist says, *“I will behold Thy face in righteousness.”*

We who live in the New Covenant know the secret of this. Christ is given to us unto righteousness. (1 Cor. 1:30). In Him a sinner is made pure. Every sinful spot is blotted out. Therefore we dare to say: In the righteousness of Jesus Christ, imputed to me, I shall behold Thy face.

To behold His face is the same as eternal bliss. ***“I shall be satisfied when I awake, with Thy likeness.”***

“Blessed are the pure (singleness) in heart, for they shall see God” (Matt. 5:8).

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UpDate

The Lord's Work

Little is much when God is in it!
Regardless IF you now are thinking financially or other-ways:

The truth remains the same.

The financial need is REAL on this end!

Enough said on this important subject for this Issue of the Morning Glory.

Please do as the Lord leads – Thank you and may our Risen Savior richly bless you in return as you give out of a cheerful heart!

Unto the LORD

February income was \$1,465.43 and March income was approx. \$3,239.00.

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COMING!

The dates for the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory Annual Conference are **June 22-24, 2018** at Bad AX Lutheran Church of Viroqua, Wisconsin with Pastor Don Greven as Host Pastor.

At the time of this writing a full schedule is not yet complete, but the following are committed as 'Guest Speakers':

Pastor/Evangelist Steve Lombardo

Pastor/Evangelist Willmore Gundersen.

Fortunately we are privileged to have born-again, biblical Lutherans as guest speakers – both clergy and laymen.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and most certainly, even now, pray specifically for this Conference. Thank you, In Behalf of the Lord's Ministry and trusting HIM that each precious 'soul' who attends is richly blest. Most certainly, be aware of stumbling blocks and hindrances that Satan will put in your way!

We are in a spiritual battle that involves both time and Eternity!

Lord willing, we are looking forward to it, are YOU?

PLEASE BE WITH US IN PRAYER, ESPECIALLY IF YOU CAN NOT ATTEND.

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Opportunity – privilege – responsibility
Grace – to be a blessing and encouragement to a
CONGREGATION or Group of Concerned souls.

Who would like to host a Hauge Bible Conference or a series of Evangelistic Meetings?

We have a tent available for Evangelistic meetings. It comes with chairs, song books, lights and sound system. We can also arrange for a guest speaker to come in for you.

We can also work with you to conduct a week-end Bible Conference. We have gifted teachers who are able to come in for a week-end and bring in-depth teaching on a host of different topics. We are here to be a resource for congregations.

Please contact us for details on any ministry we can assist you in developing.