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

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## Courage Overcoming the World

*Pastor Steven Lombardo*

*“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)*

When we think of the promises of God, we do not usually recall this promise from Jesus. But it is a promise. The word translated *tribulation* means *heavy affliction*. Jesus’ disciples had been promised peace, but here, He promised them trouble. One of the world’s primary characteristics is trouble. Jesus would depart and the disciples would face grief, hatred, persecution and pressure. But Jesus encouraged His followers to have courage as a continuing characteristic of their lives. And, present day believers in Christ need the same encouragement. We should not be surprised when trials come into our lives, nor need we become disheartened. Jesus is our peace (Eph. 2:14), and through Him and His sacrifice at the cross we have peace *with* God (Rom. 5:1) and the peace *of* God (Phil. 4:7). In v. 33 above note the contrast between peace “in Me” and tribulation “in the world.”

Charles Spurgeon, a prince of preachers in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, suggested these actions when we face tribulation: “Look upward to your heavenly Father, and behold Him pure and holy. Do you know that you are one day to be like Him? Will you easily be conformed to His image? Will you not require much refining in the furnace of affliction to purify you? Next, Christian, turn your eye downward. Do you know what foes you have beneath your feet? You were once a servant of Satan, and no king

will willingly lose his subjects. Do you think that Satan will let you alone? No, he will always be at you. Expect trouble, therefore, Christian, when you look beneath you... Then look around you. Where are you? You are in an enemy’s country, a stranger and a sojourner. The world is not your friend... Be assured that you shall find enemies everywhere... Lastly, look within you, into your own heart, and observe what is there. Sin and self are still within. Ah, if you had no devil to tempt you, no enemies to fight you, and no world to ensnare you, you will still find in yourself evil enough to shake you greatly, for ‘the heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.’ Expect trouble then, but don’t be despondent on account of it, for God is with you to help and to strengthen you.”

Jesus overcame the world at the cross. He was victorious over “the prince of this world” (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11). His followers can, indeed, take courage.

I have been very thankful to the Lord for the opportunity afforded me to travel to India for ministry there. Each time has been rich in fellowship and preaching opportunities. But it never fails. When it is time to go home, I have great anticipation. I can’t wait! The journey is long and tiring and, sometimes, kind of miserable. One time on a plane I was seated between two rather large men who slept for hours using my shoulders as pillows. I could hardly move. It was unpleasant but knowing what awaited me at home gave me great encouragement and motivation to persevere. The arduous trip was worth it. Yes, and this journey called life is worth it as well, even with all its troubles. Henry Ward Beecher once said: “Troubles are often the tools by

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which God fashions us for better things.” And, the best is yet to come for those who trust, not in what they do, but in Jesus and what He has done! Surely it is true that God’s graced people know earth’s temporary trials are but a prelude to heaven’s eternal joys. So, be encouraged. Press on in Jesus!

#### Making a Vow

The vows we made when we were wed are viewed seriously in God’s sight, regardless of how lightly they are regarded by the world or even some Christians or the church (and today increasingly so)! For example: Psalm 15 begins by asking who shall abide in the LORD’S tabernacle and who shall dwell in His Holy Hill. Verse 4b answers that, *“He who swears to his own hurt and does not change”*. In other words, he that gives an oath (vow/promise) and then doesn’t change, even though it costs him, is someone the LORD is pleased with to dwell in HIS “tabernacle” (Dwelling place). “God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor, a son of man that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good”? (Numbers 23:19)

**“If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.”** (Numbers 30:2)

## A Prince

**“Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel; for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.”** (Genesis 32:28)

*(Compiled by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman)*

NAPOLEON was once reviewing his troops near Paris. The horse on which he sat was restless, and the Emperor having thoughtlessly dropped the reins from his hand in the eagerness of giving a command, the spirited animal bounded away and the rider was in danger of being hurled to the ground. A young private standing in the lines leaped forward and, seizing the bridle saved his beloved Commander from a fall. The Emperor glancing at him said in his quick abrupt way, “Thank you, Captain.” The private looked up with a smile and asked, “Of regiment, Sir?” “Of my guards,” answered Napoleon, and instantly galloped to another part of the field.

The young soldier laid down his musket with the remark, “Whoever will may carry that gun; I am done with it,” and proceeded at once to join a group of officers who stood conversing at a little distance. One of them, a General, “observing his self-possessed approach, angrily said, “What is this insolent fellow doing here?”

“This insolent fellow,” answered the young soldier looking the other steadily in the eye, “is a Captain of the Guards.” “Why, man,” responded the officer, “you are insane; why do you speak thus?” *He said it*” replied the soldier, pointing to the Emperor, who was far down the lines. “I beg your pardon, Captain,” politely returned the General, “I was not aware of your promotion.”

To those looking on he was still a private, dressed in the course rough garb of a common soldier; but in the bold assertion of His dignity, he could meet all the jeers of his comrades and all the scoffs of his superiors with the ready reply “He said it!”

**He said it! He said it!**

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## Friends

**“But I have called you friends.”** (John 15:15)

When we have a friend, who is dear to us, we may tell him all our troubles, all our hopes and all our desires. There is nothing that we are not willing to share with our friends. We trust our friends, for we know they will sympathize with us in our sorrows and troubles; they will rejoice with us in our joys. Our Lord Jesus Christ is such a Friend to all who come to Him. He calls us His friends. If we are His friends then we, too, will want to share in

the fellowship of His sufferings, and in the power of His resurrection.

A minister went to visit an old Scotchman in his last illness. The minister noticed that the man had a chair placed at an angle to suggest that someone had been sitting at the bedside.

“Well, Donald,” said the pastor, “I see you have had a visitor.”

“I will tell you about the chair,” replied the sick man. “Years ago, I found it impossible to pray. I often fell asleep on my knees; I was so tired. One day I spoke to my minister about it. He told me not to worry about kneeling down. ‘Just sit down,’ he said, ‘and put a chair before you and imagine Jesus is on it, and talk to Him as to a friend.’”

When the old Scotchman died a week later, his hand was resting on the empty chair by the side of his bed. He knew the friendship of Jesus.

Have you this wonderful Friend? If not, will you accept Him as your Friend, today?

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to trust Thee as a friend. Help us to lead others to Thee, and accept Thee as their Friend. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Altar Steps* by Rev. R. P. Haakonson

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## ANGELS!

There is definitely for the children of God unseen ‘guardian angels’, but don’t even begin to receive messages supposedly coming from angels. The Scriptures warn us concerning the devil and his tactics. *“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.”* (II Corinthians 11:13-14) The apostle Paul further warns us in Galatians 1:8 that, **“But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.”**

**“I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.”** (Galatians 1:6-7)

*Just because someone is  
offended doesn't mean that  
they're right*

## New Creatures

***“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation (creature); old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”*** (II Corinthians 5:17)

GOD is not speaking of trying to reform yourself, do more good deeds, attend church more regularly, as many folks try this route. Don't listen to the *great-deceiver* who tells people, “You are good enough the way you are and besides God is love and He won't refuse anyone who wants to go to Heaven when they die!” I know personally of a gentleman when he was coming to the close of his earthly life, who most certainly was kind and thoughtful; who more or less said, “After all the good deeds I have done and if that is not good enough to get me into Heaven, I will have to take my chances.” He refused to hear from any friends who genuinely wanted to share with him about genuine Christianity. HOW SAD AND TRAGIC WAS SUCH AN ENDING OF THIS LIFE!!

**GOD** is the ONE and only Creator and HE provided the one and only way into HEAVEN, which is through the one and only Begotten SON who is Jesus Christ. He was willing to leave heaven, so that in and through HIM, who was born (Incarnated), lived and shed His very own Blood, died and rose again. He did this so that you and I may spend eternity with Him in Heaven. No one will ever be entered into Heaven who is not born-again by FAITH IN HIM, which is all by GRACE Alone, Faith Alone and His Word Alone! This GIFT from Almighty God is free for a repentant sinner who comes by the empty Cross – as Jesus paid it all and cried: IT IS FINISHED! Editor

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### The Leaven of the Pharisees

Read Matthew 23:1-11

**“But all their works they do to be seen of men..., But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.”** (Matthew 23:5 & 11)

In every human life there are least TWO basic urges that strive for mastery. The one is pride and vain-glory, the desire to become great so that one can be respected and honored by others.

Even if all people may not have an equally great desire to show forth this dark side of their nature, yet *pride* is so inherent in everyone that it must be counted as the basic sin from which all other sins grow...

The other urge in a Christian is the desire to be humble and small, to serve others in love, to forget himself and his own good works, and in all of his conduct and activity to resemble Jesus. The nature that was given to

us by God when we became His children rejoices to do good, to sacrifice and to suffer when there is no one there to see it.

Jesus reminds us of this side of the Christian life in the passage we have before us. It is this side, however, which we find difficult to see and attain to...

The various societies that work for the Kingdom of God try, as indeed they should, to increase their income and activity. But here it is that the temptation lies, to exalt *me* and *mine* when God's Spirit and true Christian judgment asks us to be silent and not let the left hand know what the right one does. (While) the honor belongs to GOD! ...

Every honest Christian knows that it pleases our old nature to tell others what one is permitted to do for GOD. When the seventy returned to JESUS they shouted that even the devils were subject unto them in His Name. Then the Savior replied, ***“Rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you, but rather rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”*** (Luke 10:20).

NO, HE seeks you and me who have found our way to Jesus. If he isn't expelled, HE will permeate us as a leaven permeates the dough. Such Pharisee may go out into the Work of God's Kingdom with the finest Christian color, and we do not see it because the warning to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees has not been heeded by us. *Suspicion, jealousy, domination, gossip, strife and misery* grow among Christians whom the humble spirit of service should rule and unite. ...But that is GOD'S will for us; that is CHRISTIANITY.

Taken from the chapter A Little While from *Spirit and Power* by Ludvig Hope

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### LAWS

Laws are like fences. And fences restrain, right? Ponder this story; ‘Child psychologists discovered an interesting truth. Contemporary thought assumed that fences on playgrounds made children feel restricted in their recreation. A consensus was reached to remove the fences so that children wouldn't feel confined. The opposite effect occurred. Researchers found that the children *became more inhibited with their activities*. **They tended to huddle toward the middle of the playground and exhibited signs of insecurity.** *When the fences were replaced, the children played with greater enthusiasm and freedom*’ The writer concludes that **‘we all need boundaries – something to define the limits of safety and security.’**

(Hank Tale) via quest

# Editorial

RES

## UNIQUE!

### QUESTIONS/Not ANSWERS

Could it be: Are we, who are legal citizens of the USA, gradually losing our freedom step by step over the last several months? Now that the ruling by the USA Administration says the vaccinated have more freedom to gather with one another than those who have not been vaccinated. Could this be the PRELUDE to the mark of the Beast? Now we definitely know that God directs His children to be readers of the signs of the times in the **BIBLE!** No question as we are told plainly to walk circumspectly (Romans 13:11-14). Now, GOD doesn't tell us how many times a sign will be fulfilled, but absolutely at least ONE TIME! (Just like highway *signs*). Could it be that this COVID – 19 was humanly orchestrated by satanic influence either (singularly) by the Red China Government or together with a very few traitors from the USA? Seemingly we are headed towards '*socialism*' gradually and a step towards communism! According to the present administration, we will help even the enemy of freedom to rebuild in the Middle East, even though we are supposedly committed to Israel. "Question(s) not Answers".

**P.S.** Now the President of the USA (we the people) is labeling Patriotic Conservatives with name(s) that are disrespectful!

**P. P. S.** Not seeking to be ridiculous or a prophet, but how is the present Government going to detect who has been 'vaccinated' before the 'mark? Once again: Is this a *Prelude?* *How about all the tattoos that are worn today?*

**"...He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free or slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: 666."** (Revelation 13:11) How about a 'laser' implant (*invisible to the human eye*), only revealed by 'laser-power'?

Today we attended the funeral of a friendly neighbor who had been a very active member of a Roman Cath-

olic Church for 60 years and the priest assured the family that she went straight to heaven! (*How about praying to 'Mary' for an example – when JESUS clearly states the only way to Heaven is in and through HIM?*). How *pathetic*, and this *deception* is also going to Liberal Lutherans and several other liberal denominations following in its tracks! Revelation chapter **17** — False prophet, & World government – Revelation chapter **18** – Beast.

IN our culture/society TODAY, there is a lot of emphasis placed on emotions/feelings even among Christianity; both in private and corporate-like Worship Services. As a lot of folks today want to feel good when leaving church, etc. For example: Contemporary music OR seeking what some call the Baptismal/Second "blessing" of speaking in tongues, etc. Failing to realize the biblical Truth that when you accept JESUS as your personal Savior; you also 'receive the Holy Spirit' – Romans 8:8-9, "*So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*" The spirit of His is a 'person', just as much as Jesus or God Himself, you cannot divide a person '*piece-meal*'. In other words, lack of doctrinal concern in favor of the experiential experiences. Thus, a lack of **Scriptural discernment!** You cannot nor dare-not to seek to divide the Holy Trinity! As a whole '*sound-doctrine*' TODAY, is a great part of the ministry of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory. We seek to promote every basic fundamental Truth of God's Inspired Word, the BIBLE, which message is forever established in Heaven.

Furthermore; GOD hates/detests ABORTIONS and alcohol consumption in any form and when used in the BIBLE it is a form of judgment from GOD, check it out using Scripture to interpret Scripture! Are we living in a period similar to Sodom and Gomorrah and Noah's time, when immortality was the dominate lifestyle? Today, the newer title is seemingly "Partner", whereas GOD calls it fornication, adultery, unfaithfulness and same-sex marriages! Hebrews 13:4

says, ***“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.”***

Is the First and Second Amendment valid today or is it out of date for today? Please find biblical proof for your conviction.

By the way, is long-hair on a man a sign of rebellion towards GOD and parental directive?

That is enough questions/not answers for this editorial, but would you please check it out to find how

many countries today do not have a “Border” and then please let me know, THANK YOU!

So basically, the purpose of this editorial (Questions/ not answers) is to ALERT folk both in the secular world and Christianity. To EXHORT believers to give greater heed to biblical discernment; SUPPLY believers with teaching, information and to encourage their love for God’s TRUTH, to IMPACT the church in the necessity for trusting the Scriptures as the real and only rule for faith and practice, and let us MOBILIZE believers in Christ for further action in obedience to

### Godly women’s role/place

**“So, she said, ‘I will surely go with you; nevertheless, there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.’ Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.”** (Judges 4:9)

As you read/mediate on God’s Holy Word, the BIBLE; we will see how the LORD has used women mightily in unique ways in the Old Testament times. For example: Deborah, Abigail, Esther and Rahab, in naming a few. Yes, HE continues to do so as found in Galatians 3:28 which puts us in the “position” in Christ Jesus as neither male nor female: *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”* As in the physical body, each member has separate or distinct roles in the body’s activities, YET WORKING TOGETHER! GOD has given each individual a particular position in the body of believers!

The role of women is one of great importance and much to be sought after by those who understand their significance and value in the Kingdom of God and work here on the planet earth. See these examples: Proverbs 31, 1 Timothy 3:11, 5:10, 6:1-2. The Apostle Paul said that Phoebe was a succorer (helper in time of need) of many, including himself (Romans 16:1-2). WHAT A MARVELOUS TRIBUTE!

Many of the social, family, economic, and spiritual problems that exist today, may be traced to the failure of women to properly understand and carry out their scriptural roles! Even among Christian folk; sadly, some women are ‘*deceived*’ by wanting things and most certainly that ‘*green-stuff*’, called ‘*money*’! Thus, having forfeited fulfillment of their special and pivotal place in God’s plan. It is so very easy to exchange truth for a lie. ***“And the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper compatible to him.’”*** (Genesis 2:18)

Concerning the Christian woman and church *leadership*, let the BIBLE speak for itself through 1 Corinthians 11:3, 14:33-35, 40, and Titus 2:3-5. Thus following Scripture, it seems very difficult for a woman’s leadership as a Pastor or teacher over men in a biblical church – 1 Timothy 2:12. Just good logic tells us that it would be impossible for a woman to have one wife! Scripture does seemingly make allowance however, for a woman’s role in prayer and in teaching other women – Titus 2:3-5.

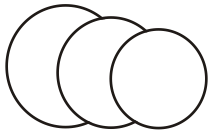
Regardless, as male or female as members of the same body, we each have an important place to fulfill! Many individuals, whether religious or not, are capable of meritorious works. But as Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 13, ***“...but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.... And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and ....have not love, it profits me nothing.”*** This is more than human love or affection as it is speaking of Divine LOVE or in other words AGAPE LOVE which is God’s love flowing in and through us! In other words, if we do many acts of kindness and yet do not share the true Gospel with individuals, we have not really helped them in the area where the most help is NEEDED! Without AGAPE LOVE, it is sort of treason; as we have the answer but did not let the Holy Spirit lead us.

Editor

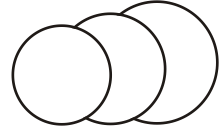
*Definition of Politically Incorrect:*

*Speak the truth*

*Use common sense*



# From Our Fellowship Circle



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Dear Morning Glory Staff:

We are always looking forward to seeing the *Morning Glory* in our mail. The lessons are so important today in our world of evil, always running rapidly, and only with much faith, hope and love of God can we endure the many challenges faced each day. Counting our blessings is a miracle that loses the evil out of our life. We are looking forward to each new miracle God gives us. We are truly blessed when our eyes are open to see, our ears to hear and our soul obedient with God's Holy Spirit – then we are able to be the person God created us to be. Thank you all who work so diligently getting the *Morning Glory* into our lives and with much gratitude we are learning of ways that evil surrounds us and only God's Holy Spirit fellowship that leads us into victory with Jesus as our guide. Your choice of articles really opens our eyes to see how the world can be swayed so easily to go down the wrong pathway... keep up the great work and let God's way be guiding us always so we know the pathway to Heaven as the door and pathway are narrow – the gateway may be low – but with Christ as our Mediator, Savior, Friend and Brother we have true victory over all evil... let the goodness of God prevail and our hearts sing with joy as more find Jesus' saving Grace. Have a truly God blessed day!

**C. K. Forest City, IA**  
Thanks for the informative & Gospel filled *Morning Glory*.

A gift toward my subscription.

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## Two-Fold Hold

The Lord has a twofold hold on every one of us who are saved. *“All things were made by Him: and without him was not anything made that was made”* (John 1:3).

I read a story that I believe illustrates this in a wonderful way. A little boy made a small boat and was sailing it tied to a string in the stream. The string broke and

the boat went out of his sight and he lost it. He had spent a lot of time on it and it was a beautiful piece of work.

Shortly thereafter as he was walking down the streets of his city, he saw the little boat sitting in the window of an antique shop. The little boy went into that shop and said to the man, “That is my boat.”

The man said, “I bought that boat from someone. It belongs to me. It doesn't belong to you.” The little boy said, “I made that boat and I lost it a day or two ago. That boat was made by my own hands. It belongs to me.”

The man said, “No, it is mine, not yours. If you want it, you will have to buy it.”

The little boy pulled the asking price of a few dollars out of his pocket, handed it to the man, took the little boat, stuck it under his arm and walked down the sidewalk on his way back to home.

As he did, he was heard to say, “Little boat, you belong to me for two reasons. You belong to me first of all because I made you. You also belong to me because I bought you.”

My friends, you belong to God because you are made in His Image. You belong to GOD because He bought you with the price of **His Blood** upon the cross of CALVARY. You are HIS rightfully in a twofold way. (My friend, IF you are not saved; you are being held one way or another; in being held *captive by Satan and can be set-free through the Blood of JESUS!*)

Sword of the Lord.

*If one promise of God to one of His people should fail, that one failure would mar the veracity of the Lord to all Eternity.*

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## THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST

“But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” – I Pet. 1:19

Why is it precious?

1. Because it redeems us (vss. 18,19).
2. Because it brings us nigh (Eph. 2:13).
3. Because it blots out our sins (Rev. 1:5).
4. Because it brings peace (Col. 1:20).
5. Because it justifies (Rom. 5:9)
6. Because it cleanses from all sin (I John 1:7).
7. Because it gives boldness in the day of judgment (4:17).

–Notes From My Bible by D.L. Moody

# Believable ...Yet Unbelievable

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## NEWS!

For the state of Minnesota in the last **120** years the average temperature has risen **2.3** degrees! With that concern; You may come to your own collusion in regards to the environmental concern and consideration.

## Liberal Activist Urges Churches to Remove U.S. Flag from Altars

Progressive Christian's activist and author Shane Claiborne has called on churches to remove the United States flag from their altars or consider adding the banners of other nations.

In a post on Twitter, ...Claiborne stated that "every pastor who has a flag on the altar" should "please consider removing it" or add the flags of the other 195 countries in the world..."

"To be part of the Body of Christ is to transcend nationality," the Red Letter Christian co-founder and leading figure in the New Monasticism movement argued, "That's part of what it means to be 'born again.'..."

In an interview with the Christian Post... Claiborne explained that he was "every concerned about this version of American nationalism that is camouflaging itself as Christianity."

"Jesus inviting us to be born again means that we think beyond biology, beyond nationality, and have a broader compassion," Claiborne argued. "The Bible does say 'God so loved the world' not God so loved America."

Michael Gryboski, christianpost.Com

## Canadian Law-makes Call for Police Investigation of Two Pornography Parent Companies

More than seventy lawmakers are calling ...the parent company of several major porn websites ...to be investigated amid allegations they have profited from the sexual exploitation of children.

The Canadian Parliament members from all eight political parties penned a letter... to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police supporting the request of 104 survivors and 525 non-governmental organizations from across the globe who have called for a criminal investigation into the Canada-based ... , one of the largest porn sites in the world....

The lawmakers note that Canada has "strong laws that combat this type of horrible exploitation." They cite relevant sections of the Canadian Criminal code and regulations requiring the mandatory reporting of Internet child pornography by persons who provide an Internet invitation to children.

Brandon Showalter, christianpost.com

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: We have shielded the names of these pornography merchants because we do not want to make it too easy for anyone to find them. We salute the Canadian law-makers for their efforts to deal with this.

The Sword of the Lord.

*Editor's Note:* Pornography is SIN according to **God's standard**, the **BIBLE** regardless of age: both the producer or the looker!!!

## NCAA Won't Hold Championships in States That Bans Biological Males From Competing in Women's Sports.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association announced that states with laws or policies prohibiting transgender-identified biological males from competing in women's sports will lose opportunities to host championship events and tournaments.

The NCAA Board of Governors released a statement (April 12) stating that it "firmly and unequivocally" supports "transgender student-athletes" being able "to compete in college sports."

Michael Gryboski, christianpost.com

**When a people refuse to be governed by God, they will soon be ruled by tyrants.**

William Penn

## British Politician Apologizes for Visiting Church After LGBT Backlash

Sir Keir Starmer, leader of the U.K.s Labour Party, was forced to apologize for visiting a church...that critics have attacked as being "anti- LGBT" for adhering to biblical sexual ethics....

The London-based church has long been attacked by LGBT activist groups and some journalists for refusing to kowtow to secular views on homosexuality, same-sex marriage and sexual orientation.



Following backlash from LGBT activists....

...Starmer said he accepted critics' assertions that his visit in the church was a "mistake" and stressed that he was "not aware" of the church's views on sexuality.

Ryan Foley, christianpost.com

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## The Shroud of Turin: Real or a Hoax

### *A Scientific Perspective* – Carol Hoikkala

The Shroud of Turin is a centuries old linen cloth that has been scrutinized and studied more than any other historical artifact. The debate that continues is whether or not it is the burial cloth of Jesus Christ. Until the 19<sup>th</sup> century most believed it to be a forgery. However, due to today's modern technology millions now believe it to be the actual cloth.

What changed the view of the people was that, "in 1898, photographer Secondo Pia was commissioned by the Church to take photographs, which when developed, produced a startling discovery that the Shroud contained photographic qualities that revealed the face and body of a man..." (B. Houston – Shroud of Turin: Hoax or Evidence)

Early on, science had believed that the Shroud of Turin dated back about the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> century. However, "New research on the pollen found on the shroud ...also sets a possible 1<sup>st</sup> century date and link to the Sudarium of Oviedo which is believed by many to be the face cloth of Jesus and has a 1<sup>st</sup> century dating." (ibid)

### *A Biblical Perspective*

For a Biblical perspective on the Shroud of Turin it is necessary to provide some historical background.

The Prophet Daniel foretold (Daniel 11) that a vicious tyrant and enemy of the Jewish people would come on the scene and set up "the abomination of desolation" in the Holy Temple. This was fulfilled when in 175 BC a Syrian King named Antiochus Epiphanes came to power. The name Epiphanes means – *God made manifest*.

Antiochus set up an idol of a pagan god thereby converting the Holy temple in Jerusalem into a temple of Zeus. The Maccabees called this idol "the abomination of desolation." Since there was no real Zeus, what Antiochus made was an idol of himself – it was *his face* on the idol.

Antiochus Epiphanes serves as a foreshadowing of the Anti-Christ spoken of by Jesus in Matthew 24:15.

### *The Shroud: A Hebraic View:*

Stan Farr, ([www.rabbiyeshua](http://www.rabbiyeshua)) in his teaching, "Dan-

iel, Time and Eternity," gives insight into why the Shroud of Turin can't be the burial cloth of Jesus:

1. The face shown on the cloth looks too good. Jesus was beaten to the point of being unrecognizable – 'His visage (appearance) was marred more than any man...' (Isaiah 52:14.)

2. The cloth shows a person with coins on the eyes, which is a burial custom of the Greeks. Yeshua/Jesus was buried by Torah observant Jewish men; they would not have used a Pagan burial practice.

3. The Bible gives overwhelming evidence that the Shroud isn't the burial cloth of Jesus. John 19:40 says, Then, they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury." The Jewish burial custom was to first dip the strips of linen in a mixture of myrrh and aloes (v. 39) and then wrap the body mummy style. The Shroud is a full-length sheet, not strips.

4. On the first day of the week, when Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb they found the linen cloths lying there (John 20:5) And "*then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first....he saw and believed.*" (John 20:8). What the 'other disciple' would have seen to cause him to believe was an empty hardened cast. The only way out of the cast would have been for Jesus to pass through it.

5. For over a century now, images have been fashioned from the image on the Shroud. A study that has been done says the image is consistent with that of Zeus to the point that it would hold up in a court of law. God commanded that NO graven images were to be made, therefore He wouldn't have allowed an image of YESHUA/JESUS to be left behind.

### **In Conclusion**

Since there is no real image of **Yeshua/Jesus** any image that is said to be of Him is of a false Messiah.

Jesus gave a warning when HE said, "*Therefore when you see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand) then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.*" (Matthew 24: 15 & 16).

In the Torah (the first five books of the BIBLE also known as the Pentateuch), the observant Jew will know the image set up in the Temple and will flee to the mountains – the place prepared for them by GOD. Those who are ignorant of the Torah's teachings will be deceived by the image. Believing it to be the Messiah, they will submit to and worship the "Abomination of desolation."

Taken from *Hope For The Heart*, St. Paul, MN

## What About Hell? – Part II

*“He also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” (Rev. 14:10-11)*

This is the second in a series of messages on the denials of Hell by the modern church, some of their reasons behind them and a biblical response to each one.

### **False Ideas Presented Today: Hell is not eternal**

This view is one of the most popular views today. It seems to uphold both the justice and mercy of God. It states that there is a hell, but that when people go there, they are burned up and cease to exist. This is called annihilation. This has been the teaching of the Jehovah’s Witnesses and Seventh Day Adventists, and has now found its way into main stream Christianity.

What are some verses they are using to back this up? Malachi 4:1&3 says, *“For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says the LORD of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.” ... ‘And you will tread down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,’ says the LORD of hosts.’”* They say that this proves that the wicked are burned up.

Matt. 10:28 says, *“And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”* So they say that this proves that people are annihilated body and soul in the fire and don’t have to suffer eternally.

### **Biblical Response**

When the Bible uses the word destruction (as in Matt. 10:28, Phil. 3:18-19, II Thess. 1:9 and II Pet. 3:7) in reference to the unbelievers, it does not mean annihilation. The Greek word is “loosed from” or separated. In other words, the ungodly people’s “destruction” is the eternal separation from God and all His Goodness, Grace, Love, Glory, Power, etc. It is not the end of existence, just the end of life.

The punishment in Hell is with fire (Matt. 13:49-50) and it never ceases. Jesus will say to the ungodly: *“Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”* (Matt. 25:41) Jesus described this punishment as *“eternal punishment.”* (Matt. 25:46) Eternal means without end, because this same verse describes heaven as “eternal life” with the same exact words. If hell is not eternal, then neither is heaven.

Jesus described hell as having *“worms which do not die and fire that is not quenched.”* (Mk. 9:44) Jesus used another Greek Word to describe Hell’s (Hades) fire. That is the word *Gehenna* (Matt. 18:9, Mark 9:43, Matt. 5:22, 29) *Gehenna* refers to a valley just outside Jerusalem. At the time of Jesus, this valley was the garbage dump. This was the place where garbage, trash and refuse were thrown. The carcasses of dead animals and the bodies of despised criminals were also cast into *Gehenna* to be burned. This fire burned all the time and Jesus said the worms do not die – so there is no annihilation.

The rich man of Luke 16:19-31 was cast into hell and he did not burn up. *“And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in this flame.’”* (Luke 16:24) He described his agony as being in a flame [of fire] and not just a broken relationship. He even went on to pray for his brothers lest they come to that place of torment. He did not burn up and cease to exist. How he wishes that he could have! This is not just a parable because Jesus addressed actual people of the day – “A CERTAIN rich man ... a CERTAIN poor man named Lazarus.” It is likely that the disciples knew these people.

*“Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example, in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.”* (Jude 7) Compare this with the Scripture at the top of the page and you see that the fire is eternal and the torment is eternal with no annihilation.

The specific Scriptures that deal with the final judgment and eternity also bear the truth that people are not annihilated, but are in a state of eternal punishment.

The Beast of Revelation (a literal man, the anti-christ) is stated that he will go to destruction. *“The beast that you saw was and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and to go to destruction.”* (Revelation 17:8) This is the same exact Greek word used in the previous Scriptures noted. He is later cast into the lake of fire. *“And the beast was seized, and with him the false*

prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.” (Revelation 19:20) 1,000 years later the devil is also thrown into this lake of fire and the beast is still there! “*And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*” (Rev. 20:10). Destruction does not mean annihilation.

At the final Judgment, the ungodly will be emptied out of Hades, re-united with their re-constructed body, shown why they are deserving of damnation, then thrown into The Lake of Fire. “*And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*” (Revelation 20:15) As eternity unfolds as described in Revelation 21-22, there is no indication that they will be annihilated, because further references in these very chapters in Revelation looks at them as still being there! “*But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.*” (Revelation 21:8) “*And nothing unclean and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it [the holy city], but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.* (Rev. 21:27) “*Outside [of the holy city] are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.*” (Rev. 22:15) Three times in these two chapters in Revelation, which describe the eternal abode of mankind, contains references to the ungodly as still in this lake of fire. They are not burned up or annihilated.

This teaching of annihilation denies the immortality of the soul, because the soul ceases to exist when it is burned up. This will be the topic for next month’s issue: *Is the Soul of Man Immortal?*

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### The Battle is the Lord’s

**“And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD’S, And He will give you into our hands.” (I Samuel 17:47)**

These were the ringing words of faith uttered by young David as he faced the Philistine giant, Goliath.

Without armor, or spear, or shield, and with only a sling and five smooth stones, David confronted the nine-foot champion of the pagan army in the name of the true God, and soon the giant lay dead with his face to the ground.

The battle must always be the Lord’s, “for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against...the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Ephesians 6:12). Spiritual battles are not won by bullets, nor by ballots, nor by any human means. “Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God” (Psalm 20:7). “There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength...Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy.” (Psalm 33:16,18)

We even have a mandate to attack the enemy in His stronghold. Christ taught:” Upon this rock (of faith in Christ as divine Savior) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it; (Matthew 16:18).

It is easy, in trying to do a work for God, to rely on human abilities and devices, but these will fail, for the battle is the Lord’s. When the battle is going well, we must not boast for the battle is the Lord’s. When the battle is going hard, we must not despair, for the battle is the Lord’s.

He is our strength. “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds)” (II Corinthians 10:3,4).

*The Heavens Declare The Glory Of God*  
By Dr. Henry Morris

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### A Man’s Resolve and His Prayer

The world needs men who cannot be bought, whose word is their bond, who put character above wealth, who are larger than their vocations, who will not lose their identity in a crowd, who will be as honest in small things as great things, who will make no compromise with wrong, whose ambitions are not confirmed to their own selfish desires; who will not say they do it “because everybody else does it,” who are true to their friends in adversity as well as in prosperity, who do not believe that shrewdness and cunning are the best qualities for winning success, who are not ashamed to stand for the truth when it is unpopular, who can say “no” with emphasis although the rest of the world says “yes.”

**GOD, make me this kind of man.**

Are you willing to personally make this a sincere specific prayer before the Throne of GRACE?

# THINGS

By Dr. Tom Wallace

In the famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus spoke to His disciples saying: “Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we wear? Or, What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? “(For after all these **things** do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these **things**. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these **things** shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the **things** of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” (Matt. 5:31-34)

Jesus is warning people here about living for **things**. In Luke 12:15 He says, “A man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the **things** which he possesseth.”

Earlier, Jesus had warned that men could not serve both God and mammon. He indicated that all of us would have to make a choice between spiritual and eternal values in contrast to possessions, money and worldly goods.

William Jennings Bryan said, “Those who live for money spend half of their lives getting it and the other half keeping others from getting it and they don’t enjoy it either.”

Someone asked Mr. Rockefeller, “How much does it take to satisfy a man?” His answer: “Just a little more.”

The apostle Paul, who had forsaken all to follow Christ, said, “As having nothing, and yet possessing all things” (II Cor.6 :10). The word “nothing” is really two words—no thing. In spite of the fact that Paul had no possessions, he claimed to possess all things.

The story is told of a man crossing a desert. He disappeared and was never heard of again. Several years later someone found his bones and beside the skeleton were several bags of money and jewels, but no drinking water. He had been so wrapped up in things that he forgot one of life’s most essential needs, water.

Men spend their health getting wealth and then spend their wealth trying to get back their health. Hundreds of people are wrapped up in this silly race and have never learned to live.

Jesus warned the unsaved world, “What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” (Mark 8:36). During His short ministry, He continually taught, “For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.” (Matt. 16:25)

A rich man died and some of his friends asked,

“How much did he leave?” A wise friend standing nearby said, “All of it.”

I heard a story that illustrates this truth. A man had been overseas and found a large diamond for sale. He sold all of his possessions and borrowed to the limit and bought the huge diamond. His whole life was wrapped up in its value.

Walking on the deck of the ship on his return voyage and trying to impress his friends, he got to tossing the diamond into the air and catching it as it came down. But once he tossed it high into the air and a huge wave caused the ship to lurch. The diamond fell just outside the rail and into the ocean and was gone forever.

Thousands are doing the same thing, throwing their lives away for things.

Sword of The Lord

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## Peace

**“The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.”** (Num. 6:26)

This verse is like a blessing, like a sunbeam upon us all. It is called a benediction. When the Lord is in our hearts, and we are in His will, His countenance is upon us, and we have peace with Him and with one another.

For some time, Grandma had been watching Susanna, who lived across the street, as she played out of doors. She asked her grandson, Arthur, if he knew what made her such a happy girl. Arthur said that he knew her, but did not know what made her happy. As he looked out of the window, he saw that she was playing nearby their house. He opened the window and called to her’ telling her that his grandmother would like to see her. Susanna came into the room where grandma stood waiting.

“My grandmother wants to know what makes you always look so happy and pleasant,” Arthur said.

Susanna looked surprised, and said, “My father is sick, and my mother is very tired, and now my baby is cutting teeth and is very cross. If I am not cheerful, who will be?”

Susanna had love for her parents and her baby sister, and she tried to be a sunbeam for them. Let Jesus into your heart and you, too, can be a sunbeam.

Dear Lord Jesus, lift up Thy face upon us, and give us the peace that we need in our walk in this life with Thee. IN Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Altar Steps*, by Pastor R. P. Haakonson

# An Ongoing Revival

## The Revival Beginning in 1925

The spiritual life in the community had ebbed out. There were lights that continued to burn; lay people met occasionally for prayer and meditation.

A testimony by William Windahl

From my earliest childhood, I was conscious of the indwelling of the Trinity in my heart. The prayers we were taught to pray at meal-time and before going to bed to sleep at night filled me with the knowledge and presence of Jesus.

Born on June 16, 1901, at Ellerth, Minnesota, seven miles west of Newfolden, we as children were blest with born-again, pietistic grandparents and parents, who brought us to the Lord in baptism, to Sunday School, a month-long parochial (today called VBS), church, prayer meetings, evangelistic meeting and, eventually, confirmation.

As I grew older, I did not commit my life openly or publicly to Christ, but tried to live a *secret* Christian life. I had fellowship with Jesus, but did not have assurance of salvation, but constantly prayed that God would convert me.

In 1922, I left for Minneapolis to study art at the Minneapolis School of Art. One day, I went to a store to buy an item for my art work. I observed that the owner of the store had a strong Norwegian accent. He was friendly and asked me what I was doing in the city. He invited me to their Young People's meeting that coming Sunday night. I asked him what denomination his church belonged to and he informed me that it was the Norwegian Evangelical Free Church. Surely, this was God's leading. I attended their services and the second time the beloved Christians helped me to take an open stand for Christ. After some months of spiritual battle, the Holy Spirit led me to assurance of salvation based on His promises. My conversion was as revolutionary as if I had been the robber on the cross. I experienced an overwhelming joy, peace and love.

When I returned home to Newfolden, the Free Evangelical pastor there had heard that I had been saved in their Minneapolis-located church and desired that I should join their church. Being a strong Lutheran of the Haugean spirit, I had no inclination to change.

When I was saved, God gave me a tremendous burden for my unsaved brothers and sisters and our home community. We did not know of any confessing young person in our church. The old Christians in our Bethesda congregations, as well as in the Lutheran Free Church, were still praying for revival and an awakening.

Through a male chorus that came to Newfolden and sang in the Lutheran Free Church, Rev. John Hjelmeland,

pastor, I became acquainted with the Lutheran Brethren Synod with headquarters and schools in Grand Forks, North Dakota. The following year, I was enrolled as a student there and joined their male chorus singing first tenor. The director, Prof. Alfred Bridston, again arranged a tour in the Newfolden community, and in our church. The day came when we started for Newfolden. Previous to this, I had had a dream in which I saw a fresh mound, a grave where one of my unsaved relatives had just been buried. As we rode along in the old bus, I was so burdened for the unsaved in our community that I literally felt sick.

We sang in our home church, Bethesda, that evening, and I noticed young people, who were moved. We had no concert planned for the next day, Friday afternoon, and the church elders asked if we could stay for another service, which we did. That afternoon, we experienced a Heaven-sent awakening. The hearts of several young people were stirred, convicted and yielded to God. Those, who came that day, were two of my sisters, Esther (Mrs. A. A. Pederson) and Florence (Mrs. Carl Haugen), brother, Arnold, and sister-in-law, (Mrs. Arthur Windahl), and cousin, William Lein.

This was a beginning of a revival, and awakening, which continued in Newfolden, bringing many souls to Christ.

Taken from, *An Ongoing Revival*, Compiled by Mr. Harvey Dyrud, Rural Newfolden, MN,

Lord willing continued in the next issue of the MG  
(*Arnold Windahl Continues*)

*Editor's Note:* Trusting this article also, is a real blessing to you and an encouragement; keeping in mind that God does not change; so, He is able to do this today, tomorrow, and always.

Personally, this has been a special-blessing to Barb and myself as I had the privilege and responsibility to serve as their under-shepherd (Bethany along with Westaker Free Lutheran and Hegland Lutheran (*Independent?*) years ago and had very close fellowship with Harvey and William and Arnold Windahl!

P.S. Now, very interesting and encouraging as a daughter of Pastor & Mrs. R. P. Haakonson has requested a goodly number of *Altar Steps* in which we had the privilege and responsibly of working together with in this the Lord's ministry (*Who was the Editor of the Morning Glory and one of the Evangelists for HLIF*); whom Barb & I knew personally! One time I asked R.P., How can you handle all this persecution (false accusations)? His response was that if I did not have a sense of humor, I would break -up! No doubt is somewhat true of the faithful calling of true soldiers (warriors) of the daily-cross of Jesus calling to each of us also!

## Do Not Love The World

**“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” (I John 2:15)**

It will soon be fall and hunting season. There is a phenomenon that happens in rural areas particularly around Minneapolis and Chicago at that time of the year. An amazing number of cattle are shot. You get all these city slickers who have never set foot in the country before, who all of a sudden decide that they are going to be deer hunters. They go out in the country and they will see an animal and say, “My what a beautiful deer”. “No sir that’s a cow”, “Are you sure it’s not a deer?” “No, it’s a cow, it says moo, please if it says moo, don’t shoot it.” If it looks like a cow, if it acts like a cow, and if it sound’s like a cow, it’s not a deer, it’s a cow.

We use that logic in the physical realm all the time, but somehow things get fuzzy when we talk about the spiritual. You see somebody that looks like the world, they act like the world, and they sound like the world, but they profess to be a Christian, they were baptized, they said a prayer. We’re not supposed to look objectively and logically at that person and say, they look like the world, there is a possibility that they are not saved. Scriptures says anyone who loves the world, the love of the Father is not in Him. John makes it pretty clear.

Look at the church, read the statistics, the sexual immorality, divorce, the power struggles within the church, the division. Just think about it, there are things that people who call themselves Christians do today that even 50 years ago the non-Christians wouldn’t have done unless it was in the darkness of night. But today the Church celebrates it. The church, even the evangelical church is involved in so many worldly pursuits, it’s no wonder there is a spiritual famine going on.

Do not love the world. The word translated love? Yes it’s a form of the word Agape, the way it’s used here it means: **“to take pleasure in the thing, prize it above other things, be unwilling to abandon it or do without it”**

Do not love the world. Do not take pleasure in the world, don’t prize the world above the things of God, be willing to abandon the world, to do without it.

How is this possible? How can you not love the world, it has such a pull on us? John is not in this epistle laying down the way of salvation, but the tests to see if the kind of faith you have is truly saving faith. There is only one way to not love the world, be converted, be saved, have a new heart, be born again. If you are not saved, you won’t love God’s word, and treasure it, meditate on it, and memorize it. If God hasn’t removed your heart of stone and given you a new heart, the last place

you want to be is with other Christians.

We need to understand that Christianity is not just “Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle”. Because the doing or not doing won’t save you. You can do all the right things for all the wrong reasons. But what John is talking about is a supernatural work of God in your life so you now want to do the right things because you love God and your desire is to please him.

Our world knows practically nothing about that kind of conversion anymore. The process of salvation, the awakening to our need, the sorrow for sin, probably even a striving to forsake sin under our own strength, but suffering defeat, but then the sweet surrender to Jesus and a changed life. Is that what you have experienced?

Hans Nielsen Hauge grew up in a very godly home, they attended church regularly, had family devotions, now everyone today and even in his day would say that Hans Hauge was already a Christian. Nothing more needs to be done, just be faithful in church and receive the sacraments and you’ll be OK. But young Hauge sensed otherwise and kept praying and seeking. One day while he was working out in the field, he was meditating and singing The Hymn “Jesus, I Long For Thy Blessed Communion”, and this is what he said happened.

**“My heart was so uplifted to God that I don’t know nor can I express what took place in my soul. As soon as my understanding returned, I regretted that I hadn’t served the loving and all-gracious God; now I felt that no worldly thing was of importance. It was a glory which no tongue can explain; my soul felt something supernatural, divine, and blessed. . . I had a completely transformed mind, a sorrow over all sins, a burning desire that others should share the same grace, a particular desire to read the Scriptures, especially Jesus’ own teachings as well as new light to understand them and the teachings of godly men; toward the one goal: that Christ has come to be our Savior, that we should be born again by His spirit, be converted, and be sanctified more and more in godliness, to serve the triune God alone in order to improve and prepare our souls for the eternal blessedness.”** (Joseph M Shaw; “Pulpit Under The Sky”)

Hans Hauge experienced what John is talking about; if you have a new heart then these things that John talks about in his first letter are the most natural things to do.

**“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”**

Who do you love this day? Do you love Jesus and want to please Him, or do you love the world?

Submitted by Mr. Wayne Almlie  
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## **Beware of “*American Families Plan*”**

(President), Joe Biden ...calls it the American Families Plan, a “free” daycare system that would give radical Leftists an even earlier grip on our children...

After years of government-run PreK, the data all says it’s a bust. It’s certainly no comparison to an institution that costs taxpayers nothing: the intact family.

... So while Biden may say he wants to make a “once-in-a-generation investment into our children, more families will see it for what the program really is – getting more kids away from parents and into a government-controlled environment.

... The problem isn’t that the government wants to help – the problem is what kind of “help” the government is offering...

Biden’s idea is to plunk kids into a government-controlled daycare, where they’re subjected to all manners of racist propaganda – things like critical race theory, gender fluidity and pre-K sex ed. Instead of preaching anti-Americanism (to kids) at age five, the extremists could get their clutches on kids... as young as two and three.

Tony Perkins, WASHINGTON WATCH

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## **TWO BROTHERS**

There were two boys in the Taylor family. The older said he must make a name for his family and so turned his face toward Parliament and fame. The younger decided to give his life to the service of Christ and so turned his face toward China and duty.

Hudson Taylor, the brother who went to China, died, beloved and known on every continent. But when I looked in an old encyclopedia to see what the other one had done, I found these words, ‘The brother of Hudson Taylor.’

Pulpit Power

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### **Faith Versus Doubt**

*Doubt sees the obstacles;*

*Faith sees the way!*

*Doubt sees the darkest night;*

*Faith sees the day!*

*Doubt dreads to take a step,*

*Faith soars on high!*

*Doubt questions, “Who believes?”*

*Faith answers, “I will, I do, I have.”*

## ***Wrestling in Prayer, I***

**“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.” (Mark 14:38)**

MOST of us cannot quite understand how prayer can involve difficulty and anguish. Why should praying entail so much suffering? Why should our prayer life be a constant source of anguish?

If we will reflect but for a moment, we will, however, see that it really cannot be otherwise. If prayer is, as we have seen, the central function of the new life of faith, the very heart-beat of our life in God, it is obvious that our prayer life must become the target against which Satan directs his best and most numerous darts.

He understands better than we do what prayer means to ourselves and to others. That is why his chief attack is directed against our prayer life. If he can in one way or in another weaken it, his prospects of stealing our life in God without us even noticing it are of the very best.

This is not only the most painless way of stealing from us our spiritual life; it is also the quietest way, the way which creates the least sensation. Satan desires above all to provide himself with servants who think that they are God’s children and who are even looked upon as children of God by others.

For this reason Satan mobilizes everything that he can commandeer in order to hinder our prayer. He has an excellent confederate in our own bosoms: our old Adam. Our carnal nature is, according to the Scriptures and our own bitter experience, enmity against God (Romans 8:7); and our old nature realizes that it can expect nothing but mortification every time we really approach God in prayer.

It is important for us to bear this clearly in mind. By so doing we will, in the first place, be able to account for something which we formerly could not understand, namely, the aversion to prayer which we feel more or less strongly from time to time. Our disinclination to pray should not make us anxious or bewildered. It should merely substantiate to us the old truth that the “flesh lusteth against the spirit.” We shall have our carnal natures with us as long as we live here below, and we must endure the discomfiture occasioned thereby.

We should deal with the unwillingness of our flesh in this respect in the same way as we deal with all the other sinful desires of our flesh. We should take it to God and lay it all before Him. And the blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse us from this sin as it does from all other sin.

*Prayer by O. Hallesby, Ph.D.*

## UpDate

### Enlarge Your Borders

**“Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes.” (Isaiah 54:2)**

Please notice the words of terrific privilege, directive, responsibility; as you re-read Isaiah 54:2, Enlarge, stretch out, dwellings, Do not spare, Lengthen & strengthen! To have a part in the King of Kings here on earth, by HIS GRACE!

What a great description of what we are trying to do, by the Morning Glory & Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation; to seek the lost and nourish the Christians! Thank you for your fellowship in this Gospel outreach, as we seek to make use of the opportunities in the USA and other countries that come before us.

Thus, once again we challenge you to pray for this specific ministry, give financially as the Lord leads, and support in other areas as well! As we look at, experience the horrible things that are taking place at home, across the USA and around the world; how we need a Heaven-sent REVIVAL, WHICH IS THE REAL ANSWER.

***“Behold, His reward is with Him. And His work before Him. And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of Thee LORD; And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.” (Isaiah 62:11b -12)***

**P.S.** At the present time of compiling the Morning Glory; we are in need of born-again, godly Lutherans who have the same basic convictions as of Hans Nielsen Hauge for our Hauge Board!

ALSO, John Monsen will be definitely missed as a conservative Lutheran who has been on the HLIB. May our Living Savior (Jesus) bless you as you continue to occupy for and with HIM.

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## Trust

**“Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him. He also shall be my salvation, For a hypocrite could not come before Him.” (Job 13:15-16)**

The world views financial setback, physical suffering, or a loved one’s death as tragic. Conversely the Christian who is maturing in God’s GRACE does not characterize their suffering as calamitous but instead they see God’s loving, filtering Hand in their trials. While they can be severe, trials are only temporary. They are meant to teach us, change us, and thus are invaluable. We come through them with the assurance of an approved faith.

—George Ferrier

*With mercy and with judgment my web of time He wove,  
And aye, the dews of sorrow were lustered with His love;  
I’ll bless the hand that guided, I’ll bless the heart that planned,  
When throned where glory dwelleth in Immanuel’s land.*

—Anne R. Cousin