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

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Two Gates / Two Roads!

One of His servants,
Rev. Willmore Gundersen

This article is not difficult to understand. It tells us how we choose to live and its consequences. This last week I have been thinking about these following two verses; (1) “Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”

In these two verses we see there is a gate that is wide. In other words, anything goes; live the way you want, and do what you want. No restrictions. You want to swear, cheat, be dishonest, lie, etc, it doesn’t matter, as long as you can get away with it, some say. This way is easy, but the outcome is tragic! It leads to destruction! Those who live this way are in the majority today. There is one thing that those who live like this have in common. (2) “There is no peace for the ungodly.” They can have all kinds of toys like cars, boats, snowmobiles, cabins, homes, etc. but there is an emptiness and a longing that cannot be satisfied.

The other gate, and road, is very different. It’s a narrow gate and a narrow road. Jesus says it this way; (3) “I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.” We read and experience that it’s not an easy road! But the outcome is absolutely the best!

The gate is Jesus! He is holy and we are not by nature holy. So the change has to take place within our life and that costs something. The cost is that I acknowledge I have sinned in thought, word and deed. Sadly, this we all

do daily. I humble myself daily before the triune God; Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, asking Him to forgive me and help me. When I accept Christ as my Lord and Savior and accept him into my life I receive a new nature and now the Holy Spirit lives in me. (4) “All who keep his commandment abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.”

Anyone who will walk on this narrow road knows it isn’t easy. Some will laugh at you, poke fun of you, and call you all kinds of different names. It is important to be careful how you live. You want to live as the Holy Spirit teaches you. He will teach you as you read the Scriptures. This road leads to life, yes, life eternal! “And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ who thou hast sent.” Do you really know Jesus in a personal way? Job answered; (6) “For I know that my Redeemer lives...”

It’s sad to read in the first paragraph of this article, that only a few find the Savior and yield their life to Him. Have you accepted Him? If you haven’t done so, right now do as he says in this verse. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Throughout eternity you will never regret it.

(1) Matthew 7:13-14. (2) Isaiah 48:22. (3) John 10:9. (4) 1 John 3:24. (5) John 17:3. (6) Job 19:25. (7) 1 John 1:9.

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Fathers

“And you, fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)

In too many cases, fathers have abdicated their responsibility of being the leader (not dictator) or head of the home. Business consumes too many to the point where fathers are not likely home for dinner/supper, nor able to attend their children’s activities! (*Children are young only ONCE in their lifetimes*).

How about you – do your children see that your faith is real? Have they ever walked in and found you reading the Bible or on your knees praying?

Do you, with your Spouse, take the time to have family-devotions at the Dinner/Supper hour? A somewhat recent article as to why many youths leave the church cited that they fail to see “the commitment of (their) parents.” You see seemingly any excuse is better than none! Although an “excuse” is often a dressed-up-lie.

***O give us homes where
Christ is Lord and Master,
Where prayer comes first in
peace or in disaster.***

Editor

Preparing for Lightning

By Pastor Brent Juliot, Menomonie, WI

We never saw it coming. It was a beautiful summer day near Chetek, WI, so as we entered the restaurant, we asked the server if we could sit out on the deck, close to the lake. Miles away, across Lake Chetek, and far beyond the town of Chetek, we could see the clouds. But were such a great distance away that there should have been plenty of time to enjoy our meal. We, and the others on the deck that day, were 99.8% confident that we would fully enjoy the occasion – that there was no danger.

That's when, without warning, we felt the explosion and simultaneous flash of brightness. "What was that?" We were all in shock. The smell of ozone permeated the air. With clear skies overhead, lightning had shattered a huge tree right in front of the restaurant about 100 feet from where we sat.

Jesus said, "For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning. (Ed. 'Twinkling of an Eye', which is a very, very, small part of a SECOND) which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other." (Luke 17:24) You don't have to know the science behind it to know lightning is dangerous, and to grasp the point Jesus is driving home. Lightning is sudden. You don't see it coming, and you cannot quickly prepare yourself or protect yourself once it flashes. That's too late!

So how do we prepare for the lightning of Christ's return? In the same passage, Jesus said, "Remember Lot's wife! Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it" (17:32-33).

This is a strong warning against forfeiting eternity by investing too much in this life. When the Son of Man is revealed, there will be no time to retreat to get our prized temporal possessions. Lot's wife looked back and lost her life. She longed for what she could only leave behind, for things of no value in the kingdom of God.

We must be prepared in advance. External events these days are causing many to wonder if the Lord is near. Let these external signs function as a call for internal preparation. Hold this life and all its good things loosely, as a gift that is to be appreciated while it lasts – a gift intended to draw us to the **Giver**. But hold his Kingdom tightly... the Kingdom among us, and the KINGDOM to come. How do we do that? Know the KING and long for His appearing!

Faith and Fellowship

The Wrath of God

By W. G. Heslop

Pharaoh blasphemously challenged God Almighty. Sticking his fist in the face of Omnipotence, he said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice?" (Exodus 5:2)

Have you noticed that big **I**?

Lucifer said, "I will ascend...I will exalt my throne ...I will be like the most High" (Isaiah 14:13, 14).

Cain, an infamous liar and murderer, was an egotist of the first order. What impudence to talk to God in such words as "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9).

Nimrod said, "Let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven" (11:4).

Pharaoh said, "I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide...I will...destroy" (Exodus 15:9).

He did pursue, but he did not destroy. Instead of destroying God's people, he and his hosts were swallowed up in the midst of the sea. God wrapped crepe around a world, put crepe upon the door-knob of Egypt by destroying the firstborn and later put crepe on the mammoth Egyptian palace of the pharaohs and thus proclaimed once more that it does not pay to go against God and God's people.

God wrapped a pocketless watery shroud around Pharaoh and his mighty men. Mercy fled away and Pharaoh was left in the unmitigated judgments of the wrath of God.

Man's Inhumanity

"Being reviled, we bless: being persecuted, we suffer it." (I Corinthians 4:12)

In Dean Castle, a famous visitor attraction in Kilmarnock, Scotland, is a plaque in memory of those who died in the New York terrorist attacks in September 2001. It quotes Robert Burns' words "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn."

Many today suffer at the hands of others. Pray that their suffering may cease and that those who cause affliction may come to know the Prince of Peace as Savior and Lord and dispense kindness rather than malice.

Brian Powlesland

God Does Not Make Deals

God detests cheap repentance, the kind of false repentance demonstrated again and again by Pharaoh. God detests the temporary and insincere “change of heart” we make to get what we want from God. You’ve heard of a “foxhole conversion” in which a soldier in the heat of battle prays, “God, if you get me through this alive. I’ll give up all my bad habits and live for you!” Then, once the shooting stops, the soldier forgets his promise.

With each judgment, Pharaoh experienced a fox-hole conversion. He said, “I’ll let the Israelites go—at least, the men.” Or I’ll let the Israelites go—as long as their livestock remains in Egypt.” He always held something back—and when the crisis was over he even forgot to keep the halfhearted promise he had made. He thought God could be cajoled and tricked.

Pharaoh didn’t reckon with a God who sees the heart. God knew Pharaoh would weasel out of his promises. Nothing Pharaoh did caught God by surprise.

We can’t bargain with God or manipulate him with insincere promises. Those who think they can fool God become progressively more self-deluded every time they try. I have seen many come to a sad end in much the same way Pharaoh did.

God cannot be manipulated. You may think you are getting away with something, but his eyes see everything. He loves you, but he will not allow you to get away with hypocrisy and deceit. We all sin, but if we are sincere in our faith, we will turn back to God in repentance. God loves to hear our prayers of repentance—and he knows if our repentance is sincere or not.

In Luke 11:24-26 Jesus tells a parable that has puzzled many people over the years: “When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says ‘I will return to the house I left.’ When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order.” In other words, the house is empty. “Then it [the demon] goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first.”

Jesus is saying that when an impure spirit (a demon) leaves a person and the Holy Spirit is not invited to come in, they will return, find that life empty, and will fill that space with seven more demons.

The person who cries out, “God, if you just get me out of this mess, I’ll change; I’ll give up this and stop doing that,” may be in more peril than he imagines. If God rescues him but he doesn’t sincerely give his life to Christ and receive the Holy Spirit he leaves himself

open to worse tribulations down the road.

God gave Pharaoh many opportunities to repent. Pharaoh kept altering the bargain—just as Satan does in his dealings with us. But Moses would not settle for anything short of total obedience to God. Pharaoh never learned his lesson, but it’s not too late for you. Is God calling you? Come to him in complete surrender.

Treasures That Lasts, Michael Youssef

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Gleaning

“Boaz said, unto Ruth, Go not to glean in another field, but abide here fast by my maidens.”

Arnot McIntee

The eye of Boaz, observed Ruth, the recently arrived young widow from Moab. Soon, looks turned to love. Because of his loving concern, he wished to see her safely gleaning in his field. His young men were instructed not to touch or harm her and to provide her with refreshing water as she toiled in the blazing sun. In the field of the one who was to become her kinsman redeemer, Ruth found protection, provision, and enjoyable fellowship with others in the same service. Don’t leave the field where God has placed you for a non-satisfying world.

**“The blood of Jesus Christ his Son
cleanseth us from all sin”**

1 John 1:7b

Martin Luther states that he dreamed that Satan, (the Accuser) came to him and told him he could never hope to get to heaven because he was such a sinner. (Does this sound similar, along with your feelings?). *Have you a list of my sins?*” Luther asked. “YES” said Satan, (the Deceiver), and brought him a long list (of his sins). Twice Luther asked if there were any more of his sins. “That is all,” Satan said, (The nagger, driver, harasser) “Then” cried Luther, “write now across them all, “the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.”” And Satan left! Have your sins been washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ?

Editorial

RES

UNIQUE!

“Being made so much better than the angels.” (Hebrews 1:4)

(Before or After you mediate on this article; be sure you know what the word “Unique” means)

We find in the letter of Hebrews that Jesus is a unique priest (7:7), serving under the New Covenant (8:6), in the Holy of Holies (9:11). **He** Himself is and was the only One and Perfect Sacrifice forever (9:22-23), where ALL can receive forgiveness of SIN, thus be the very sacrifice that pleases our Almighty and Holy GOD; thus, not condemnation for which we deserve (12:24). Therefore, we have a Solid Rock to build on as our blessed assured Hope (7:19) and being anchored in His Precious Promises (8:6), our Anchor grips and holds onto the Rock of Ages cleft for Me (10:34). We are going to a sinless Country, whose Architect and Builder is GOD Himself (11:16), and will be involved in an Everlasting Resurrection in being like **Jesus** for all Eternity! To not only be citizens of such a City but sinless. What a “Unique” process. There is nothing like GRACE that provides for us to have and personally Experience God’s blessings (11:40). **INDEED, THIS IS UNIQUE! Amazing GRACE and Mercy, knowing My Name is written in the Book of Life**, oh, bless the Name of JESUS and I can rise above the struggles in life, doubt and strife, and read my title clear.

James G. Deck puts it this way:

The veil is rent: Lo Jesus stands before the throne of grace:

And clouds of incense from His hands fill all that glorious place.

Within the holiest of all, cleansed by His precious blood,

Before the throne we prostrate fall, and worship Thee our God.

In this earthly journey, we know and experience that Satan/Devil knows your address and will definitely attack You from different avenues: like driving, harassing, accusing You about different sins that you have committed, but confessed. They are under the Blood of the crucified and risen One, namely **Jesus!** You know SIN is like a ‘mouse trap or a snare around the gopher hole.’ The bait is enticing, both for the Chris-

tian and the non-Christian.

The story is told by many of by-gone years where an outstanding individual was to become a “Leader”. Naturally anyone who is truly truthful, noble and up-right is going to be attacked. Satan is a liar and the father of the same. A group of armed, trained soldiers were trailing them on horseback with a pack of blood-hounds wanting to kill this individual who had some bodyguards; but was traveling on foot. The pursuing enemy was closing in on them and his bodyguards became terrified! This noble man informed them, “Just follow me and you will come-out **OK!**” *(I am amazed, as we live in a city of appr. 4,000 people; how many youth, adults and elderly walk on the ‘wrong-side’ of the streets! See Matthew 7:13-14)* **“But as it is written; ‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”** (I Corinthians 2:9)

They turned into a deep/dark wood for a short-distance and then crossed a fairly shallow stream of water.

The armed enemy with their bloodhounds came to the edge of the stream and the bloodhounds lost the scent of the would-be leader.

This leader announced to his bodyguards that they were now safe and shortly thereafter this individual took his proper place of leadership.

How TRUE this is of a Christian. As long as he stays under the Blood of Jesus, confessing his SIN and following the BIBLE, he/she is safe and sound and will arrive to the Pearly White City, by the GRACE of GOD safe and secure for all of ETERNITY! (New grace each day until!)

In the meantime, we are to look unto the fields that are white unto harvest and to begin at home, church, community and on. In this sinful world each minute 120 persons die, every hour 7,425 and each day 178,000 meet their Maker as Judge or Redeemer for all of Eternity! PRAYER: Dear Jesus, let Your Holy Spirit keep watch over my life and the lives of loved ones, and over all people who will permit the best to happen in

this life, as Your own. Bring others into a right relationship through the work of the Holy Spirit and Your Word. **Revelation 1:4-6.**

GOD uses ‘blood-bought cleansed vessels’ to be His ambassador(s) to spread the Law and Gospel, but some people seem to think you need to know so much (professionally) before you can lead a Lost Soul to Calvary!

Let me use an example: Over the many years that I have been in this earthly ‘journey’ a few folks have asked me; “Why don’t you become an ‘ordained pastor’? Don’t get me wrong; I/we are most certainly not against ‘Ordination’, as those who have been ‘called’ by God.

BUT you know God indirectly said to me; As long as you are in the ‘sea of humanity’ and seeking to throw out the ‘net of the Word of God’, I can use a boat in the rough (layman) to rescue sinking Souls or a polished one (Ordination)! Acts 4:13. *“that no flesh should glory in His presence. **But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God – and righteousness and sanctification and redemption – that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory***

in the LORD” 1 Corinthians 1:29 -31.

By the GRACE of GOD

IN the meantime I am somewhat enjoying this ‘earthly journey’ even though each day I have a three-fold daily enemy: my old sinful nature, the sinful world and the Deceiver who is the ‘father of lies’.

BUT wait a little longer, Please Jesus, for there are loved one who need to come to Jesus, Morning Glory readers, Friends, other relatives and neighbors, that need to be brought into the Blessed Little Flock that JESUS calls His Own!

For I am ready, fully dressed and my *suit-case* is packed, I am waiting for the transportation, hopefully in the Twinkling of an Eye.

Complete in JESUS as Colossians 2:8-10, *“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the God-head bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”*

It Is Finished

“The soldiers platted a crown of thorns and put it on his head.” (John 19:2)

“ ...He said it is finished: and He bowed his head...” (John 19:30)

“And the napkin, that was about His head...” (John 20:2)

When you gather at a Bible believing church on what is often the Lord’s Day (SUNDAY, as every day is a gift from HE who changes not), remember that it was for you and me He did such things! Thus, may our hearts turn to true worship as we worship HIM in spirit and truth which includes our great need.

Consider the agony after being ‘scourged’ (whipped) on His bare back: likely 39 times and being Crowned with thorns. This is why we yearn for Him as HE suffered for us.

Then comes the victory of shouting with a loud voice – **“It is Finished,”** as HE bowed His head and died as HE accomplished completely His Father’s will. Through death He became our Redemption and Salvation. ‘IT IS FINISHED’ means Completely (or It Stands Completed). Nothing can be added OR sub-

tracted; for when something is finished, there will be no *actual* subtraction.

But ultimately the glory of that wrapped head and body was raised for our Free Salvation and will never be subjected AGAIN to death.

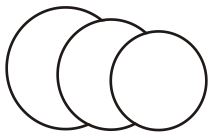
No wonder we are standing upon ‘*holy ground*’ when we come to Worship Him in spirit and truth. We are: ***“looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God”*** (Hebrews 12:2)

*“Thus, be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory, thou o’er death hast won.”*

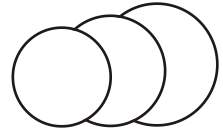
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Hallelujah! What a SAVIOR!

Editor



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Contend for the Faith

By Dr. Henry Morris

“Beloved, when I give all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” (Jude 3)

Jude long ago addressed a problem in his day which is still very real in our day, among Christians. It is easier and more comfortable just to teach and preach about the blessings of our common salvation than it is to contend for the faith, but the latter is more “needful.” The word conveys the idea that he was so constrained, evidently by the Holy Spirit, as actually to be in distress about this compelling need. Similarly, his exhortation to “earnestly contend” does not mean to “be argumentative,” but rather, to “agonize with intense determination.” It is one word in the Greek, *epagonizomai* (literally, “agonize over”). Defending and contending for the faith is serious, urgent business, for the adversaries are many.

That which we are to defend is “the faith”—the whole body of Christian truth, wherever it is under attack. It would, of course, be especially important to contend for the doctrine of special creation, which is the foundation of all others, and which is the doctrine perpetually under the most concerted and persistent attack by the adversary and his hordes.

That faith has been, long ago, “once delivered” to the saints. The sense of these words is “once for all turned

over for safekeeping”. The Lord has entrusted us with his Word, completed and inscripturated, and we keep it, uncorrupted and intact, for every generation until He returns, preaching and teaching all of it to every creature, to the greatest extent we possibly can.

Finally, note that the safeguarding of the faith was not merely to specially trained theologians or other professionals, but “the saints.”

Every Christian believer is commanded to “earnestly contend for the faith.”

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Editors Note: Very interesting as this is one of the pillars (purposes) why the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation was organized **100 years** ago at Osakis, MN and then later the *Morning Glory* was given to the same, for the same purpose and the LORD has kept this ‘faith mission’ ever since.

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Selah

The word “*selah*” is written seventy-one times in the Psalms and three times in Habakkuk. “*Selah*” is a Hebrew word that means “stop, pause and listen” or think about it! “*Selah*” is found at the ending of verses in Psalms and has been interpreted as an instruction calling for a break in the singing of the psalm. “*Selah*” is always written at the end of verses to encourage you to pause, consider and meditate upon what you have just read.

Also, the Scriptures often mention a similar word “*consider*” in sixty-six verses. So, we should think, meditate upon and consider what we have just read. “Selah”! We should consider the wondrous works of God (Job 37:14), the heavens (Psalm 8:3), the work of God (Ecclesiastes 7:13), this matter – the way of salvation (Acts 15:6), the lilies (Luke 12:27), the ant (Proverbs 6:6), the ravens (Luke 12:24) and consider your ways (Haggai 1:5). “*Selah*”!

In down-home language of Trenton, Georgia (where I live), “*selah*” could easily mean “Uhhhh huh!” or “How about that!” It could also be a time to “*chew your cud*” or “*sleep on it*.”

Ted Camp

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Catholic Pope Slams Trickle-Down Economics, Advocates for Redistribution of Wealth: “For the Good of All”

Pope Francis denounced trickle-down economics, private property and advocated for the redistribution of wealth in a new letter to Roman Catholic leaders.

Writing in an 86-page papal encyclical ... Francis said the coronavirus pandemic proved the failure of free-market economics, such as the “trickle-down” theory...

The pope also advocated the redistribution of wealth and denounced the absolute right of private property...

The pope also said he believes “that if one person lacks what is necessary to live with dignity, it is because another person is detaining it ... This is not the first time Francis has knocked free-market economics. Shortly after ascending to the papacy in 2013, Francis knocked trickle-down economics for allegedly sowing inequality.

Chris Enloe, theblaze.com

Editors Note: This is the Pope’s opinion as he’s been a “socialist” for years.

My personal conviction, based on God’s Word, that GOD is in favor-of Capitalism, as you will notice this was predicted way back to the years of Cain and Abel, if not actually started with Adam & Eve. It is the challenge and privilege of the Christian Congregations and individual believers to provide for the needy; as the Holy Spirit directs.

Being our Government is providing, the Congregation individuals have taken the ‘back-seat’!

The Hummingbird (Created by Divine Design)

Just a quick ‘*bird’s eye view*’ of the Hummingbird, as this very tiny bird’s wings beat from **50 to 80 times per second**— a testimony of God’s incredible design. In our physical timing, we only see a blur as this remarkable bird darts about too fast for us to fully catch its exquisitely engineered performance.

When we look at the world around us, do you ever wonder about the things that are happening just beyond the boundaries of what you can see, hear and touch? How much of God’s workmanship do we miss? What are some things we take for granted? (For example: Count the many blessings that God *gives* to you and me

each day!

Things are and will happen in the present and future just as God has said in His Word, the Bible, regardless what man thinks.

Trust Him as He is faithful and true and He cannot lie!

Today, as so many times in the past; in a sense God is disappointed as HE looks for burdened ‘Intercessors’. For example: there is very little godly/ child-like fear of God today across our Nation and likely around the world. Even though: **“And you shall swear, ‘The LORD lives,’ In truth, in judgment, and in righteousness.”** (Jeremiah 4:2) *“If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the Lord.”* (Isaiah 58:13a) *“For our transgressions are multiplied before You... “And departing from our God,’ ... Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter, So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The LORD saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice, He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor”* (Isaiah 59:12-16a) **And the people love to have it so** because they have become **Comfortable!**

In Israel’s day, the prophet described God as looking down upon the earth and seeing no man who loved TRUTH, RIGHTEOUSNESS and JUDGMENT!

As a whole, it reminds us of man’s sinful LOST condition; as there was and is not now anyone who can save us from going to hell – except Jesus Christ! (See Acts 4:12, John 14:1-6) He is the answer as He stretched out His own arms on the cross and paid the price for our sins, as it is impossible for us to pay for them. (See Titus 3:5)

Editor

Over Four in Ten American Christians Say Bible is “Ambiguous” on Abortion

Over four in 10 American Christians (Ed. ??) believe the BIBLE is “*ambiguous*” on abortion, according to the Cultural Research Center of Arizona Christian University...

Conducted by CRC Director of Research George Barna, a noted evangelical pollster, the report found that 44 percent of respondents said they believe the Bible “is ambiguous in its teaching about abortion,” while 34 per-

cent said “abortion is morally acceptable if it spares the mother from financial or emotional discomfort or hardship”.

Barna said in a statement that the findings on opinions about abortion were part of a broader departure from “biblical truth” by self-identified American Christians.

“The irony of the reshaping of the spiritual landscape in America is that it represents a post-Christian reformation driven by people seeking to retain a Christian identity,” said Barna.

“Unfortunately, the theology of this reformation is being driven by American culture rather than biblical truth.”

The report also found that 34 percent of self-identified Christians reject the idea that marriage is defined as being between one man and one woman and that 40 percent accept lying as morally acceptable if it advances personal interests or protects one’s reputation.

Michael Gryboski, christianpost.com

Another Court Ruling Opens Another Locker Room for Opposite Sex

A federal appeals court has ruled on behalf of a female high school student, who lives as a male, who sued after she was separated from the all-male swim team and its locker room.

The ruling by the Minnesota Court of Appeals against the Anoka-Hennepin School district scored another legal victory for the pro-transgender movement that is backed by homosexual rights groups and legal groups such as the ACLU...

Some public schools tried to accommodate the then-new demands by transgender students by allowing them to use a single-sex room, for example, only to learn from an ACLU attorney that was “discrimination” to do so.

Onenewsnow.com

Twenty-Year Police Lieutenant Announces Retirement, Blames City Council for Lack of Respect

A 20-year Aurora police Lieutenant announced his retirement ...in an email to the city’s council members, accusing them of having a lack of respect for law enforcement.

“It is with great sadness that I inform you of my retirement after 25 years in law enforcement. I spent the past 20 years in Aurora (Colorado) and it was a pleasure to do so, until this year.” Lieutenant Dave Cernich wrote

in a letter to city council members.

“I can honestly say that my retirement is a result of you. I am disheartened by your lack of respect for the occupation I’ve revered for so long. The double standards between us and you is a difficult pill to swallow,” he wrote.

The lieutenant’s resignation comes during a tumultuous time for law enforcement nationwide... Aurora’s city council members have remained divided over law enforcement and some “continue to demonstrate hostility” toward them, said David Gruber, councilman-at-large.

“The result is that almost 10 percent of our officers have resigned or (retired) and our crime rate has increased dramatically,” Gruber said.

Gopinsa.com

(Editor: This is happening throughout our great USA. It is a result of liberal politicians giving in to terrorists. We need Law and order in our day also!

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GOD IS GREAT

BY W. Herschel Ford

If you want to see the greatness of God, look around you. Look upon the mountains, the rivers and the oceans. The poet (Joyce Kilmer) wisely said, “ONLY GOD CAN MAKE A TREE.” Only a great God can make all the wonderful things which are in the world of nature today.

We think of the earth as being very great, but if the sun were hollow and if you could bore a hole into its surface, you could put a million four hundred thousand worlds in the sun and they would still have room to rattle around.

And yet there are many other planets in God’s system much larger than the earth. One great God made them all. Let man stand in reverence before Him.

When we think of man with his power to think and to plan and to act, we realize that he is the greatest piece of machinery in the world. But God made him with a thought and a word.

An infidel once cried out before a large crowd, “If there is a God, let Him strike me dead at this minute.” God paid no more attention to him than would the mighty ocean to a barking dog. It is foolish for a little man to defy a great God.

The Day of the Lord

Part I

“Blow a trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, For the day of the LORD is coming; Surely it is near, A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness. As the dawn is spread over the mountains, So there is a great and mighty people; There has never been anything like it, Nor will there be again after it to the years of many generations.”

(Joel 2:1-2)

There is coming a day that will be unlike any other day that the world has ever encountered. The fierce attack of 9/11 will pale in comparison to this day, because this is the Day that the Lord will deal with all people once and for all.

The Day of the Lord will be a Day of Final Accounting

“For it is written, As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall give praise to God. So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.” (Romans 14:11-12) The Lord has kept an exact record of what everyone has done in their lives and this Day will be the time when they will have to give an account of their lives before Him. Those who have committed evil actions against God and others will now have it brought to bear against them. Nothing will be hidden on that day. Jesus said, *“Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.”* (Luke 12:3) The secret murders, the hidden affairs, the stealing that was never discovered, the lies to deceive others, the scheming and planning against others and each and every sin will be brought forth in all its blackness. In fact, Jesus said, *“And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.”* (Matthew 12:36-37) Everything you have spoken in your life will be brought forth, even the words spoken with little regard. Since the words that you speak reveal the character of your heart, your very words will rise up to either save you or condemn you. Nothing will be held back on that day even though many people had since long forgotten what they said and did. But the Lord has not forgotten, and He is an exacting record keeper. From the overtly evil people down to the good and helpful, every-

one will have to give an account of their lives before God on that Day.

The Day of the Lord will be a Day of Repayment

On this Day of the Lord, God will repay people for the evil they have committed. There is a popular misconception that God would never do this to people, but that is not what the Scriptures teach us. *“Requite them according to their work and according to the evil of their practices; Repay them according to the deeds of their hands; Repay them their recompense. Because they do not regard the works of the LORD nor the deeds of His hands, He will tear them down and not build them up.”* (Psalm 28:4-5) In fact, God will repay them right to their faces. *“Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments; but repays those who hate Him to their faces, to destroy them; He will not delay with him who hates Him, He will repay him to his face.”* (Deut. 7:9-11)

The wicked people who persecuted God’s people without mercy, the cruel war mongers who destroyed people and civilizations without even showing mercy to women and children, the God-haters who shook their fist in the face of God and did all they could to put down godliness in society and promote all manner of perversion will now get their just reward. There are varying degrees of punishment allotted to people in hell. God is perfectly just in this because they were the ones who practiced evil and lawlessness and God duly repays them for what they did first.

The Day of the Lord will be a Day of Final Judgment

When Jesus returns, the final and eternal destiny for everyone will be determined. *“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another; as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”* (Matt. 25:31-32) All humanity from all time will be gathered before the Lord and Jesus will separate them from one another: the righteous from the unrighteous. To the righteous, Jesus will say, *“Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”* (Matt. 25:34) But to the unrighteous, Jesus will say, *“Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.”* (Matt. 25:41)

There will be screams and howls and wails of those who are going to an eternity lost. Jesus described this place like this: *“And cast out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”* (Matt. 25:30) There will be families who are now forever separated – husband from wife, parents from children – brother and sister from one another. People will plead for mercy from God but they will be shown none because the Day of Grace is over. They had the chance in this life to receive the Grace of God but they would not; and now it is too late and there are no second chances. The final Judgment will be decreed and there will be no appeals for a new Judgment. *“And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”* (Matt. 25:46) The King of Glory stands firm on His decision and will not alter from that.

It will be Jesus the Lord who will do all of this. This is the side of Jesus that wasn't revealed at His first coming. God has entrusted all judgment into the hands of the Son and He will thunder out the wrath and fury of God upon all unbelievers. *“I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, ‘Thou art My Son, Today I have begotten Thee. ‘Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Thine inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Thy possession. ‘Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, Thou shalt shatter them like earthenware.’”* (Psalm 2:7-9) All this will happen to people who have no covering for their sins before God.

Dear reader, will this be you?

Pastor Jim Haga
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The Peace of God

“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 4:7)

MAN can steer the largest ships on sea and in the air, he can tame the strongest of wild animals, and can chain the forces of nature, but he cannot tame his own heart or control his thoughts, not even in the least.

The more we apply our will and energy to conquer ourselves, the more certainly and the sooner are we defeated. It is like the case of the big river: it grows in strength according as the opposition grows, and at last breaks down all hindrances. That is the way our evil heart and our unruly thoughts play with us, when we try to resist. Many an upright person wears himself out in a

hopeless struggle, and wonders that God does not help.

There is one place where heart and mind can be guarded against evil, and that place is the peace of God. The peace of God – that must presumably be the peace that is in God. If we get heart and thoughts into His peace then we are saved. The problem then is to find the way, so that we can arrive there. I think the secret lies in the words just preceding our text: **“Rejoice in the Lord always!”** The fact of the matter is that we are taken captive by that in which we find our joy. Consequently, if our joy is in the Lord, our thoughts and heart are in Him also. They do not provoke each other there, there is no mind for opposition; there heart and thoughts drown in peace – in the peace of God in Christ Jesus.

*Peace, to soothe our bitter woes,
God in Christ on us bestows;
Jesus brought our peace with God
With His holy, precious blood;
Peace in Him for sinners found,
Is the gospel's joyful sound.*

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Redemption

“We have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”

(Colossians 1:14)

Have you noticed? In the political world there is no forgiveness. If you run for some office your opponents will search your past with intense interest. Any moral failure will be broadcast to the four winds. They will destroy you if they can. How different is our God? If one repents sincerely and trusts Christ for salvation, he is forgiven. And God promises never to remember. Come to Him for forgiveness today. — Donald L. Norbie

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.* — John Newton

If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy!

Contending in the Darkness

Dr. Sheldon Smith

Jude 17 says, ***“Remember ye the words ...of the apostles.”***

In November of 1999 I had two back-to-back meetings in New England. I said to my wife, “If you’ll go with me, we’ll take a couple of days off at the end of the second meeting and tour some historical places.”

Moody

We did the first meeting and then the second meeting. On Thursday morning, we got a rental car and drove several hours to our first stop: Northfield, Massachusetts, the birth place, home and burial place of Dwight L. Moody.

I stood in Moody’s pulpit. That big auditorium was built in 1894 (five years before he died). The acoustics were wonderful. Even though it seats approximately two thousand people, there was no amplification, no public address system; but one can hear right up to the top of the balcony...

I stood beside the place beside the place where Moody and his wife are buried. ...

As I stood there, I thought about how God had so mightily used D. L. Moody. He was not a tutored man. He had not gone to college.

...There, was no debate in his mind as to whether or not the Bible was the BIBLE! There was no debate in his mind whether or not people were lost and dying. There was an urgency in his message and in his ministry.

Edwards

The next day we drove across the state line into Enfield, Connecticut. There in that tiny village is a little historical marker to mark the spot where on July 8, 1741, Jonathan Edwards preached his famous sermon, “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.”

He was a great preacher, perhaps the most brilliant intellect of his day. He was the president of Princeton University (called the College of New Jersey in those days) when he died. He was so nearsighted that he had big, thick lenses in his glasses.

He didn’t get up and preach freestyle. He wrote out his sermons and with his face down close the page he read them word for word. God moved in that one particular meeting with this near-sighted preacher.

What began that day in Enfield, Connecticut spread in village after village all across New England...

Torrey

Once when I was in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, I

said to the pastor, “If we could do so on Monday, I would like to go over to Montrose.” Montrose is the home and the burial place of R. A. Torrey.

Dwight L. Moody had an understudy who worked with him for years. His name was Reuben Archer Torrey. Moody was the untutored man who had never been to school, while Torrey was the brilliant intellectual.

When Moody died in 1899, Torrey picked up the mantle. For the next twenty-nine years he too went across the country, beating the drum and crying aloud, “God is God! The Bible is the Bible! Men are lost! Heaven is real! Hell is hot!” God used Torrey mightily during those days.

As I stood by his burial site, I prayed, *“O God, I pray that You will light that same fire in my heart as You did in the heart of Torrey and Moody and Edwards. Help me impact this world of darkness.”*

These men remembered the Word of God. They said that the Word of God is real! They did not try to invent new words or a new message or new concepts. They simply cried out what God had given to a nation that was lost and dying and condemned.

In the midst of the collusion and collaboration with the enemy, these giants of faith, holy men of God, spoke clearly the message of God. It is here in the Word of God that we find the will of God, the wisdom of God and the way of God.

It is a responsibility to **“contend”** for all of **“which was once delivered unto the saints”** (Vs. 3). In a world of darkness, with a thousand clamoring voices that would lead you down the primrose path to the Devil’s place, hear me: ***“Remember ye the words...of the apostles.”*** Then raise your voices to make them heard! You are opposed! CONTEND! You are criticized! CONTEND! You are refused! CONTEND!

Excerpts from *The Sword of the Lord*

Editor’s Note: Thank you very much Dr. Sheldon Smith for this very timely article that is both heart-warming & convicting!

Very interesting besides: For the Hauge Lutheran Federation was formulated 100 years ago for the very same purpose and some years later the Morning Glory.

We of the same, are trying to follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther and Hans Nielsen Hauge who also were mightily used by God! Being biblical and Lutheran in biblical doctrine; we also want to be a ‘trump-bearer’ in our day and on, by the Grace and Empowerment of the Holy Spirit! As we make no apologies for the ‘old-time religion’ and seek to follow the same. Please pray for this ministry and for each person and their spouse directly involved. THANK YOU!

When It Doesn't Make Sense

By Vance Havner

*"...perplexed, but not in despair."
(II Corinthians 4:8)*

Paul was in perplexity but not in despair. He was not whistling his way through the graveyard, however; was he merely "smiling through" or looking for something to turn up?

His way out was not by painting the clouds with sunshine, wearing rose-colored glasses and quoting lovely poems about God in His Heaven, "All is right with the world."

I am constantly encountering dilemmas that don't make sense. I have a picture of myself standing with two other preachers taken only a few years ago. One was rudely snatched from earth in an automobile collision with a drunken driver.

The drunken driver escaped, but the splendid young preacher was taken from a fruitful ministry and a fine wife and little children. The other preacher in the photo died later in his forties, just a few weeks before the birth of his only child, a son he had longed for through the years.

I saw that little fellow recently and was struck again with the un-explainable mystery of what just doesn't seem to make sense.

Even now I am tramping the woods with another fine youngster whose father died some years ago. When I think how much he loved that boy but had to leave him, and wonder why I am enjoying that little fellow instead, there looms again the perplexity of those enigmas that just don't fit in any of our patterns.

Of course, men have wrestled with such puzzles from the beginning. It was Job's perplexity. Habakkuk contended with it and gave us his blessed "although" and "yet." (3:17-18) Micah surveyed a dismal day when godly men had perished from the earth, while the wicked prospered.

He got through to God and a man had better do that or he will go crazy. John the Baptist sat in prison and doubtless pondered why JESUS could work all His miracles but leave His forerunner in jail.

Some things are given us to know (Matthew 3:17-18), but some things are not for us to know (Acts 1:7). Unfortunately, we fail to learn much, we could know by trying to find out what we cannot know.

The little boy who couldn't understand why God put so many vitamins in spinach instead of putting them all in ice cream was learning early that things just don't work out as we would like if we were in charge of the universe. Some things just don't seem to make sense, but we may

be perplexed yet not in despair. The way out is not by explanation but by revelation. The Bible does not give us explanations for some of these riddles, but it does supply revelation. (Ed. And we walk by faith and not sight).

To begin with, when things do not make sense to us, it does not mean that you don't make sense at all.

Furthermore, when some things do not make sense to us now, it does not mean that they never will make sense.

But a still deeper consideration remains. There is a higher viewpoint from which things which don't make sense to our ordinary reasoning can make sense to our spiritual understanding even now.

The highest lesson God wants to teach us is to **trust Him regardless.** If everything worked out in storybook style, we would become complacent and spoiled.

God wants to bring us to a higher plane where He Himself is our portion and reward, where we can sing, "Now Thee alone I seek; give what is best."

*Whatsoe'r He bids you, do it,
Though you may not
Understand.
Yield to Him complete obedience;
Then you'll see His mighty
Hand.
Fill the waterpots with water;
Fill them to the very brim.
He will honor all your trusting;
Leave the miracles to Him.*

T. H. Allan

Grasshoppers

"There we saw the giants ... and we were like grasshoppers." (Numbers 13:33)

The promised land which God had prepared for His people stretched out before them. All they had to do was possess what had been promised to them. But between them and God's blessing were giants of great size and strength. These giants robbed God's people of what was rightly theirs. In like manner today, God has promised His children all spiritual blessings, but too often giants like fear and discouragement and guilt rob us of God's best. With God's help all of our Goliaths can be defeated.

Charlie Tempest

*O victory in Jesus, my Saviour forever,
He sought me and bought me,
With His redeeming blood.*

E. Bartlett

Difficulties in Prayer

By O. Hallesby,

(continued from last issue of the Morning Glory)

1. *We think that we must help God to fulfill our prayer.*

But this has never been God's intention. We are to pray. God Himself will take care of the hearing and the fulfillment. He needs no help from us for that. I know that all very well, I can hear some say of my readers saying, Do not be too sure!

It is remarkable to what an extent we are influenced by the thought that we, by means of our prayers, must help God to some extent to answer our prayers. If nothing more, we at least think that we ought to suggest to God how He should go about giving us the answer. Even though we do not expression to it, we think about like this: "Dear God, this is what I am earnestly asking of Thee. I know that is difficult, but if Thou wilt do so and so, Thou canst accomplish it."

By stating the matter as pointedly as this, I have no doubt caused some of you to object and say, "No one who prays thinks like that when speaking with God!"

But all who have learned to search themselves will admit without any reservation that this is not an exaggeration. It is just this way of thinking which makes prayer so much of an effort and results in so much permanent prayer fatigue.

Let me take an example from our daily prayer life.

We are praying for two people, let us say, praying that they might be awakened and converted. It is easy to pray for one of them; for the other one it is not so easy.

Why is this so?

Well, the one is by nature, training and temperament such that we think that it is comparatively easy for him to be converted. In other words, when we see some way for God to fulfill our prayers, then it is easy for us to pray.

The other one, on the other hand, is by nature, training and temperament such that we cannot understand how he can be humbled and brought low before God, how he can be persuaded to confess everything, break wholeheartedly with sin and accept the reproach of Christ together with the despised little flock of believers on earth.

Because we cannot understand how God can answer this prayer of ours, it seems hard for us to pray for such a person.

The Spirit of prayer would teach us that we should disregard the question as to whether the fulfillment of our prayer is hard or easy for God. What we think or do

not think about this, has no bearing on the hearing and answering of prayer. Not only that; it has a blighting and destructive effect upon our prayer life, because we waste our strength on something which is not our concern, and which our Lord has never asked us to be concerned about.

This secret of prayer became very plain to me once many years ago as I was reading the delightful little account of the wedding in Cana of Galilee (John 2:1-11).

Jesus, His mother and His disciples were bidden to the wedding. In all likelihood the family was related to, or very friendly toward, the family of Jesus. At least, we notice that the host and hostess had acquainted the mother of Jesus with the embarrassing situation which had arisen when the wine had given out. (Ed. I personally do not believe it is fermented like the wine of today, as Scripture is very 'clear' in regards to this subject)

Whereupon the mother of Jesus reveals herself a tried and true woman of prayer.

In the first place, she goes to the right place with the need she has become acquainted with. She goes to Jesus and tells Him everything.

In the next place, notice what she says to Jesus. ...

In the third place, let us notice that she did nothing more. When she had told Jesus about the need of her friends, she knew that she did not have to do any more about it. She knew that she did not have to help Him either by suggesting what He should do or anything else. She knew Him and knew that this need had been left in the proper hands. ...

In the fourth place, let us notice that when the mother of Jesus had presented her petition, she had done her part. As far as she was concerned, she was through with the matter; she had left it with Him. She was no longer responsible, so to speak, for the embarrassing situation. The responsibility had been placed upon Jesus. It was now up to Him to find a way to help the beloved host and hostess.

She had never before seen Jesus turn water into wine (Ed. When God creates, He creates things *New*; so the wine was new and not *fermented*). Therefore, she likely did not even have a way out of this difficulty. It is a question if she, on the whole, even thought about this aspect of the situation. She knew Him well and that He was never at a loss as to what to do. As a rule, the way out of difficulty which He chose came as a surprise to her. At least that was something which did not concern her and in connection with which she did not have to waste any time or effort in solving.

Landmark

Ezra was in dire need of God's guidance. He had reached the frontier of Persian political and military control. Beyond the river Ahava lay the vast stretches of the desert, inhabited by lawless and bloodthirsty brigands. Definitely danger and difficulty lay before him and his people.

Thus far he had been led aright by the good hand of the Most High upon him. The king had given him both permission to go to Palestine and provision for the temple to be erected in Jerusalem. A number of his fellows had volunteered to accompany him. They had set out on their journey, and now they had reached the far edge of civilization.

It is one thing to press forward impetuously on a chosen path because we are persuaded that we are in the center of God's Will. To do so may brook trouble for us because the original indication of God's will may not include warning as to the details we shall meet from day to day on the road. Like Ezra we do well to pause on the way to pray in faith and not in fear, in patience and not in presumption.

Like Ezra we know that "the hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him" (8:22). What we need is sensitivity of spirit to assure us that we are entirely obedient to His will. Then we can be fearless of heart to follow Him.

This attitude of heart is achieved by prayer and patience, and possibly by fasting as well. An hour or a day spent in quietness before the Lord can be used by our Captain to calm our every apprehension and to clarify our objectives.

We do not have to beg God for guidance; rather, we are simply to believe that He who has led aright thus far will continue so to do. He is not reluctant to advise and to encourage us. As truly as He helped Ezra and his people in that far-off day, He still hears the prayer of the trusting and tenderhearted.

Because of prayer for the right way and patience to wait the Lord's time, Ezra could testify, "Then we departed for the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way. And we came to Jerusalem and abode there three days" (8:31,32).

Mission accomplished: No time was lost because of the pause to pray and to fast at the River Ahava. Nor are we delayed because we wait upon God when the way is dangerous and dark.

To wait on God, no time is lost!

He Leads Me By V. Raymond Edman

Mind Control

"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart." (Ephesians 4:17,18).

A question that troubles many Christians is why most highly educated leaders in science and other fields—even theologians—seem to find it so difficult to believe the Bible and the gospel of Christ. The answer is in the words of our text: They are "alienated from the life of God" because of self-induced ignorance. It is not that they can't understand, but that they won't understand! They "walk in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened...because of the blindness of their heart." They don't want to believe in their hearts, therefore they seek an excuse not to believe in their minds. They are "men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith" (II Timothy 3:8).

The sad truth is that Satan himself controls their minds. They may be ever so intelligent in secular matters but the gospel, with all its comprehensive and beautiful simplicity, remains hidden to them. "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost; In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not" (II Corinthians 4:3,4).

Is there a remedy? Yes. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (II Corinthians 10:4,5). In this verse, the "thought" is the same as "mind." The weapons of truth, of prayer, of love, of the Spirit, can capture even such minds as these!

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God
by Dr. Henry Morris

*The more a man bows his
knee before God, the
straighter he stands before
men*

Update

The Sea of Humanity!

Thank you for your support in the year of 2020 and now we are asking you to prayerfully increase your support in the year of 2021.

Being a water-bug that I am not! Oh, I enjoy most of the scenery surrounding bodies of water and that's about as far as it goes for me, your Editor. Peter was tired as a fisherman and cleaning his nets and the Master of the sea, told Peter go out and cast... I would imagine that Peter was tired and discouraged when he was told to keep on fishing. And at times, we get discouraged, tired, lonely, etc. and yet the LORD tells us to keep on as there are more fish (humans) that need to be rescued and brought to Harbor. Also, He tells us that there are human fish yet that need nutrition; so, the Shepherd instructs us to feed His Lambs and Sheep, If we truly love Him.

Where would this ship be if it wasn't for the Grace, Enlightenment and Empowerment of God; likely either in the sea of humanity of 'liberalism' OR 'sacramentalism'! Where would this ship be, if it weren't for the "Light-House" upon the hill? JESUS clearly tells us that HE is the light of the world and that in His Grace we are His Ambassadors! Being HE is the 'Commander-in-chief', we want to obey Him out of LOVE.

We know on this end that unless individuals and congregations do not increase their financial support in 2021 we will be among the sinking ships. Hopefully seeking to get the *Morning Glory* out and hosting Hauge Bible Conferences/Evangelistic Meetings will help to meet our need. Are You willing to do what the LORD lays upon your heart?

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Being With Jesus

“And they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.” (Acts 4:13)

(Ed. Please prayerfully read Acts 4:12 and then complete reading verse 13)

The sanctifying, transforming process of a Christian begins at conversion and reaches its perfection in Glory. The disciples spent much time with their Master and the people observed that they were becoming like Him in attitude and character. This is God's ultimate goal for His children. Time spent in His presence in Prayer and the Word will transform us, so people will say, "*He has been with Jesus.*" This will mean emulating Him in His loving compassion to reach lost sinners. It will include a sacrificial life lived for others and not for self. God help us to be conformed to the image of His Son and not to the world. (Rom. 8:29; 12:2).

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