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

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Helplessness — A Vital Need!

For a true child of God, who has experienced Salvation; “He has become reconciled not only to the inscrutability of God but also to his own helplessness.” While up to this time this has put his whole being into a state of rebelliousness and anxiety, now he has experienced the fact that helplessness is a sinner’s proper plea in the presence of God.

Not by reflection, but by the certainty of experience, he knows now that an infant is no more helpless in its relation to its mother than he is in his relation to God. At all points he is equally helpless: whether it be in connection with the forgiveness of sins, the conquest of sin, the new life in his soul, growth in grace or faithfulness in his daily life with God and men.

His helplessness has now become the quiet, sustaining power of his prayer life. A humble and contrite heart knows that it can merit nothing before God, and that all that is necessary is to be reconciled to one’s helplessness and let our holy Almighty God care for us, just as infant surrenders himself to his mother’s care.

Prayer therefore consists simply in telling God day by day in what ways we feel that we are helpless. We are moved to pray every time the (Holy) Spirit of God, which is the spirit of prayer, emphasizes anew to us our helplessness, and we realize how impotent we are by nature to believe, to love, to hope, to serve, to sacrifice, to suffer, to read the Bible, to pray and to struggle against our sinful desires.

It often happens that we slip out of this blessed attitude of helplessness before God. Our former self-conceit

and self-sufficiency reassert themselves. The result is that we fail again to grasp the meaning of helplessness. Once more it fills us with anxiety and perplexity. Everything becomes snarled again. We are not certain of the forgiveness of sins. The peace of God disappears from our lives. Worldliness, slothfulness and lack of spiritual interest begin to choke our spiritual lives. Sin gains the victory again in our daily lives, and an unwilling spirit works its way into the service we render toward God.

Helplessness in prayer resembles in a striking way the condition of a person who is lame or sick of the palsy. At first it is painful, almost unbearable, to be so helpless that one cannot hold a spoon to his mouth or chase a fly from his face. It is easy to understand why a person thus afflicted cannot experience this without strong inner revulsion and protest, at the time as he puts forth the most intense efforts to use his limbs as before.

But notice this same person after he has become resigned to his illness and reconciled to his helplessness. He is just as helpless as he was before, but his helplessness no longer causes him any pain or anxiety. It has become a part of himself and has set its stamp upon all his movements and all his attitudes.

He must be helped in everything. It feels very humiliating. Notice, too, how this humiliation has set its stamp upon him. When he quietly and humbly asks for help, he does so as though he were apologizing for doing so. Notice, too, how grateful he is for the least bit of assistance that he receives.

Thus, our helplessness should make us attached to

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God and make us more strongly dependent upon HIM than words can describe. Recall to mind the words of JESUS, "*Without me ye can do nothing.*" (John 15:5) In one single line He tells us here what it takes us a whole lifetime to learn, and even when we reach the portals of death, we have not learned it fully.

I never grow weary of emphasizing our helplessness, for it is the decisive factor not only in our prayer life, but in our whole relationship to God. As long as we are conscious of our helplessness we will not be overtaken by any difficulty, disturbed by any distress or frightened by any hindrance. We will expect nothing of ourselves and therefore bring all our difficulties and hindrances to God in prayer. And this means to open the door unto Him and to give GOD the opportunity to help us in our helplessness by means of the MIRACULOUS POWERS which are at **HIS disposal**.

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Editor's Note: "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God." (II Corinthians 3:5)

Answers to Agnostics

Some people pride themselves on being agnostics. That is, they say that religious teachings (Christian) are very well for those who care to be so stupid that they want to believe in God and Heaven, something that you cannot see. The agnostics, however, pride themselves on believing only those things which they can prove and understand. A ‘story’ goes as follows in a hotel lobby:

“I will not believe anything that I do not understand,” said a man one day.

“Neither will I,” said another.

“Nor will I” said the third.

“Gentlemen,” said one who sat close by, “on my ride this morning I saw some geese in a field eating grass; do you believe that?!”

“Certainly,” said one of the listeners.

“I saw the pigs eating grass; do you believe that?

“Of course,” said the three.

“I also saw sheep and cows eating grass; do you believe that?”

“Of course,” was again the reply.

“Well, the grass turned to feathers on the backs of the geese, to bristles on the backs of the swine, to white wool on the sheep and to hair on the cow; do you believe that that, gentlemen?!”

“Certainly,” they replied.

“But do you understand it?”

AND the illustrations can go on, as there are numerous ones, such as: how can a cow that is black and white in color, eat green grass/hay, and produce yellow milk? Or a hen laying eggs!

If you only believe in what you can see, then stop breathing because you can’t see the atmosphere. Turn off your TV set, radio, the Internet, GPS and cell phones because you can’t see radio waves. Stop looking at a compass because you can’t see magnetic fields.

Selected

Children Born Within The Home

Behold, children are a gift of the Lord; The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior. So are the children of one’s youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They shall not be ashamed, When they speak with their enemies in the gate. (Psalm 127:3-5)

The songwriter grabs our attention with “**Behold!**” He says, in effect, “Pay attention ...listen up!” These three verses take us a step further as they address the coming of children into the home, and the parents’ proper attitude toward such.

Notice three titles the songwriter gives to children: (1) “gift,” (2) “reward,” and (3) “arrows.” Each one calls for some analysis.

The term ‘gift’ is a translation of the Hebrew word that means “property, possession....that which is shared/assigned.” Children are the Lord’s possessions and the property, which HE graciously assigns to or shares with parents. Now this third verse doesn’t say “some children” or even “most children,” but simply “children,” implying all children ...your children! There is no such thing as an “accidental birth” or a “surprise pregnancy” from God’s viewpoint. And wise are the parents who acknowledge the fact that their child is a personal gift from God. If you and I truly believe that each child is “assigned” by God, what a difference it can make with the child we may not have planned!

The word ‘reward’ conveys the idea of pleasure – some given as a tangible proof of appreciation. Children are never to be viewed as punishment for God’s displeasure – quite the contrary! The fruit of the womb is God’s very personal trophy of His love, His choice reward.

The word ‘arrow’ is equally meaningful. You’ll notice that the word picture is that of a warrior with arrows in his hand. Imagine the scene. A warrior in battle doesn’t stop to make his arrows, nor does he ignore them. He uses them. He directs them toward a target. A parent is responsible for the direction of his children. A child, like an arrow, is incapable of directing himself. It is the basic responsibility of parents to direct the early lives of their children. This makes a great deal of sense when you consider that a child is born in a state of depravity and inner sinfulness. You must stop here and read Psalm 51:5 along with Psalm 58:3. Both verses verify that children are born in a state of iniquity. Solomon’s saying in Proverbs 22:15 underscores this fact: “Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; / The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.” Children need parental authority.

What happens when a child isn’t given direction? Let’s allow Proverbs 29:15 to answer that question: “The rod and reproof give wisdom. But a child who gets his own way brings shame to his mother.”

A more literal translation of the verse would be, “...but child left, brings shame to his mother.” Left alone in his room to play? No. The thought is of a child left in the original condition in which he is born; a child who is not given direction will bring shame to his mother. Look at Proverbs 22:6 for a moment:

“Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

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If I Were The Devil

By Paul Harvey, Delivered on his daily
radio broadcast, April 3, 1965

(Ed. Delivered from Chicago, this news-message has
appeared in the Morning Glory before and is worthy
of repetition again in our day).

If I were the devil, I wouldn't be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree – Thee. So, I'd set about however necessary to take over the United States. I'd subvert the churches first – I would begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: "Do as you please." To the young, I would whisper, "*The Bible is a myth.*" I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what is bad is good, and what is good is "square". And the old, I would teach to pray. I would teach them to pray after me, "Our Father, which art in Washington..."

And then I'd get organized. I'd educate authors on how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa. I'd pedal narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

Within a decade I'd have prisons overflowing, I'd have judges promoting pornography – soon I would evict God from the courthouse, and then the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of Congress. And in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion, and deify science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls, and church money. If I were the devil, I'd make the symbols of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

If I were the devil I'd have families war with themselves, churches that war with themselves, and nations that war with themselves, until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings, I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flame. If I were the devil I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions – just let those run wild, until before you knew it, you'd have to have drug sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

If I were the devil I'd take from those who have and give to those who wanted it until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious. What do you bet I could get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich? I would question against extremes and hard work, and patriotism and moral conduct. I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more

fun, that what you see on the TV is the way to be. And thus, I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure. In other words, if I were the devil I'd keep on doing what he's doing. Paul Harvey, good day.

Editor's Note: What discernment or insight Paul Harvey had in this radio broadcast and remember it was given approximately **56 years ago!**

Easter Start

"Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." (John 20:27. Please also read John 20:24-31)

One detail in the Easter story has always intrigued me. Why did Jesus keep the scars from His crucifixion? Presumably He could have had any resurrected body He wanted, and yet He chose one identifiable mainly by scars that could be seen and touched. Why?

I believe the story of Easter would be incomplete without those scars on the hands, the feet, and the side of Jesus (John 20:27). Human beings dream of pearly straight teeth and wrinkle-free skin and ideal body shapes. We dream of an unnatural state: the perfect body (Ed. This is yet to come; when we become like JESUS – 1 John 3:2). But for Jesus, being confined in a skeleton and human skin was the unnatural state. The scars are a permanent (Ed. 'Maybe') reminder of His days of confinement and suffering on our planet.

From the perspective of heaven, those scars represent the most horrible event that has ever happened in the history of the universe. Even that event, though, turned into a memory. Because of EASTER, we can hope that the tears we shed, the struggles we endure, the emotional pain, the heartache over lost friends and loved ones – all these will become memories, like Jesus' scars. Scars never completely go away, but neither do they hurt any longer. Someday we will have re-created bodies and a re-created heaven and earth (Rev. 21:4). We will have a new start, and **Easter start.** — Philip Yancey

Thank You, Lord, for the hope that the resurrection of Jesus brings – for now and for eternity. I put my trust in You today.

Christ's resurrection is the guarantee of our own.

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Editorial

RES

HARMONY

"BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity."
(Psalm 133:1)

*"And when the seventh month had come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered **together as one man** to Jerusalem." (Ezra 3:1)*

THE WORD OF GOD clearly emphasizes the realization that Christians should be given to hospitality, especially from a Christian toward another Christian. Thus the ones who have open-hearts for this will receive even greater blessings! God has ordained the law of life that he who *gives* also *receives* greater blessings and the one who is stingy and inhospitable loses rich blessings that were awaiting him. (See Luke 6:38, Galatians 6:10, Hebrews 13:1 & Proverbs 27:17) JESUS stood in the midst of them and spoke; then some believed in Him, so He turned and said, that if they wanted to be His true disciples, they must abide in His Word; only then could the truth make them free! (John 7:46, 25, 43).

This is most certainly true today also. To set the record straight; there are many who misunderstand what the Bible is talking about when it uses the word '**unity**' or '**church**' or **wine**! For example: "wine" is used in the Bible for both alcohol and likely pure 'grape-juice'.

My friends, Use Scripture to interpret Scripture and let the Holy Spirit be your 'Tutor'.

A good example would be when JESUS instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper! Most certainly He would not be giving disciples a fermented-drink as He makes all things new and the fruit of the vine is 'grape-juice' and He tells us in His Book to not even look at wine in the glass or not giving any unto your neighbor! "*He who loves pleasure will be a poor man; He who loves wine and oil will not be rich.*" (Proverbs 21:17)

WHEN GOD uses the word 'unity,' He is not speaking about the false ecumenical movement; like the World Council of churches or NCC (church bodies OR denominations 'uniting' where-in there is a lot of confusion & mixture on the surface). Who says Doctrines and Convictions don't matter?

As I am writing this editorial I am reminded of a young gentleman who thought when the Pastor talked about the church; he thought that included everyone in the

assembly gathered together. These would all be taken when CHRIST takes the Church Home. Then this gentleman got saved, accepted JESUS as his personal Savior and then his spiritual eyes were opened. The Gospel is hidden to those outside of a personal relationship with Jesus, though there is a cost in exercising discernment. First, IF you do not exercise the gift of discernment that was given to you when you became a true Christian, it will become 'duller' and eventually confusion will result if it is not corrected. Keep in mind, 'discernment' is also a gift from God! DISCERNMENT also comes with humility and secondly you must have a clear desire for the same. So, if discernment is desired by you, you must read faithfully the Word of God, because "TRUTH" comes from the Bible and being led through the Holy Spirit to properly enlighten us. We also must be willing to be misunderstood by others. DISCERNMENT will *likely* change your convictions and lifestyle. The Psalmist prayed, "Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth; unite my heart to fear thy name" (Psalm 86:11) "And He spoke a parable to them, 'Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?'" (Luke 6:39 & Ephesians 5:1-21)

Even though obeying out of love in following God's Word, there will be ridicule or persecution, but that doesn't change God's leadership/directive as He states, "Judge not..." (Matthew 7:1, Luke 6:36-37) Every Christian has both the right and the duty/responsibility to have an opinion about himself and others; He doesn't want us to go through life with our eyes closed. "***Woe unto them that call evil good!***" (Isaiah 5:20, I Corinthians 6:2-5) If our thoughts and words about others are characterized by good will and love, then we are not actually judging! **If you** possess the feeling OR semi-conviction otherwise; how come we are told that '***You will know them by their fruit?***' "***Do not judge according to the appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.***" (John 7:24) Thus we are commanded to judge with teachings, life-style, etc., according to the Infallible Word of God! (There

are numerous portions of Scripture that bear this out)

Notice about true fellows of Jesus: “*See, how they love one another...*” (1 John 3:14, Hebrews 10:24-25, Proverbs 27:6 & 17, 1 John 5:11-13)

In a sense, anything that stands between you from following God’s Word and directive becomes your ‘*idol*’. Examples: your church, position, reputation, fear of man, etc. In Martin Luther’s Small Catechism Explained we find, “What is meant by idol? Anything that man worships, fears, loves, and trusts in instead of the one true God.” Hans Nielsen Hauge states “a believer is removed from the condemnation of the Law, but not compliance to the Law.”

ALSO, then how do you know/discriminate whom you are intended to witness to and with whom do you know that you are to fellowship with? In John 17:21, JESUS is praying for ‘unity’ of those who are under the Blood of Jesus with their sins forgiven to work together in a one common solution of all mankind. Acts 4:12, John 14:6. And you know when the separation between the sinner and the Savior is reconciled, there becomes a UNITY. You see when things become right biblically/vertically, the horizontal takes place because of the CROSS (T). Even IF we disagree on ‘Secondary Doctrine’ for now; we are still working together in and through JESUS! You, see the ground is level at the foot of CALVARY; for both open/brazen sinners and refined/religious sinners. John 6:37 says, “...AND THE ONE WHO COMES TO ME I WILL

BY NO MEANS CAST OUT.”

Biblically, the earthly church/congregation is intended to be an Oasis in this desert-land or wilderness; The church is intended to be a ‘sheep-shed’ to fellowship with other Believers and to be nourished by feeding on the Word of God. This includes Admonition, which is not just correction for the Christian’s walk, but also encouragement to be sent out reaching others, especially the lost and encouraging other believers.

ALSO, if you listen carefully to the clerical statements preceding the Lord’s Supper; it likely will clarify clearly that the Lord’s Supper is definitely intended for only those who are in the family of God. How can the Almighty, Holy GOD forgive the same sin which has been confessed before HIM the second time & on when the sin has been buried in the sea of forgiveness – the Depths of the Lake and as far as the East is from the West? “**I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins.**” (Isaiah 43:25) “**I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, And like a cloud, your sins.**” (Isaiah 44:22a) “**For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy towards those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.**” “*As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.*” (Psalm 103:11-14)

I Walk Alone

*I walk alone, and I am sore afraid;
My way is dark, my path with thorns o'erlaid;
Draw near me, Lord, and take my trembling hand
And make me brave to join Thy pilgrim band.*

*Thou hast a hand which fears not dark nor death,
Which suffers agony at every breath,
Yet sings with joy e'en in the midst of pain,
With whom the greatest loss is greatest gain.*

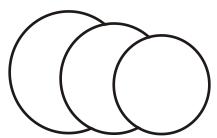
*Who would not walk with such a company?
Who would not sing with such an ecstasy?
Did I say lone and fear? May God forgive
And teach me, e'en through sorrow, how to live.*

*Life is not life which knows no shrinking fears;
Life is not life which sheds no bitter tears;
This true life when, through dark suffering,
One learns from Christ and men brave conquering.*

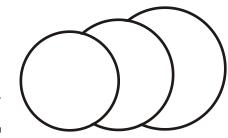
*Then lead me on thou martyr-host of God!
Then lead me on, O Christ, to Thine abode;
There with Thy holy ones I shall find rest
And learn that death, in life, was God's great best.*

Henry W. Frost.

Taken from, *Springs in the Valley*, Cowman



From Our Fellowship Circle



M. H.

Eagan, MN

Thankful for your ministry and may the Lord continue to meet your needs!

"And my God 'shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19.

W. & S. L.

Byron, MN

We keep praying that you can keep on doing the *Morning Glory*.

(Editor), WE most certainly stand in want/need of faithful prayer Intercessors; and especially now as the 'storm-clouds' become even darker, but also knowing that one of the names of Jesus found in God's Book is MORNING STAR!

H. M.

Viroqua, WI

Sharing this gift to keep on receiving the *Morning Glory* as what a blessing it is, as I am blest and thus, I pass it on to others. YES, God's Word in its entirety is the TRUTH and in PURITY!

God's blessings as you continue spreading the Word.

V. & J. V.

Hetland, SD

This is a small token of our appreciation for the *Morning Glory*. We have received it for many years.

The 'truth' of God's Word is needed now more than ever. Thank you for continuing to spread it!

E. G.

Story Plain, Alberta, Canada

Morning Glory is such a blessing to me, that it is wonderful and then may our Living Savior continue to bless you!

Your articles about the facts of world are very great! Thus, I admire you for exposing evil in this world.

Nimrod was the first world government system and today there is much following the same: Worshipping idols and every form of sexual perversion all around us. What will it be: The 'mercy' of God OR the 'judgment' of God?

J. Z.

Seattle, WA

Thank you for your fine publication. Though I'm not a Lutheran, I find much spiritual truth and food for thought in every issue.

K. & F. C.

Sebring, FL

The Lord's blesses us and HE continues as HE is the Giver of all good blessings!

Thank you so much for the *Morning Glory*. You are truly

a beacon of God's Light in this very evil and dark world...

No Demands

Man has no demands that he can make upon God. We cannot demand that He save us. We cannot appeal to some right to be saved. Granted, we cannot come to Christ except the Father (by the Holy Spirit) draws us. Yet we must consent, and that consent must be a genuine choice or it is all a sham! (Ed. Ever heard of 'Prevenient Grace'?); The Holy Spirit works behind the conscious scene of preparing and giving the desire to have peace with God, and then the power to come to Jesus as a lost sinner! This is just like when Jesus called Lazarus by name to arise from the dead. (See John 6:29 & 37).

"This is the law of him in whom is the plague of leprosy, whose hand is not able to get that which pertaineth to his cleansing." (Leviticus 14:32)

God shows no Partiality

God shows no partiality to people. Throughout the Scriptures we see examples of His graciousness to many who were not of the household of Israel. Ruth, Rahab, and Naaman are but a few examples. JESUS stated very clearly that when all is done with, He would only have "onefold" (flock) of sheep. Going back to Galatians 3:28, *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."* May God encourage us in this.

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: Them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; And there shall be one-fold, and one shepherd." (John 10:16)

Both articles above are from the Berean Call

**IN Your personal prayer life:
IS prayer the 'steering wheel'
OR the 'spare tire' of your life?**

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Was This A Word From The Lord?

It was 2 p.m. August 19, 2009. ELCA (Evangelical Church of America), delegates were assembled in the Minneapolis Convention Center about to begin debate on adopting a statement on human sexuality that would turn biblical teaching upside down. Suddenly, an unexpected tornado descended on the Convention Center and took down the cross from the steeple of nearby Central Lutheran Church (ELCA), where a number of ELCA events were scheduled to take place later that day. One delegate suggested to the Assembly that it was the “wind of the Holy Spirit” upon the delegates. Dr. John Piper of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis had a better explanation for the event: “The tornado in Minneapolis was a gentle but firm warning to the ELCA and all of us: “Turn from the approval of sin. Turn from the promotion of behaviors that lead to destruction. Reaffirm the great Lutheran heritage of allegiance to the truth and authority of Scripture. Turn back from distorting the grace of God into sensuality.”

Sent in by Gaylen Jensen, Brownsdale, MN

Court Victory for More Churches

After the recent ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court granting an emergency petition for an injunction pending appeal on behalf of New York City synagogues and Roman Catholic churches ...in Colorado, New Jersey and California (they) have now received favorable court decisions regarding unconstitutional worship bans...

Liberty Counsel

When you sing choruses, gospel songs and hymns together with others in church, is it a testimony of your personal life OR just words written to beautiful music?

Congressman Introduces “You Must Be Alive to Vote Act”

A Republican Congressman believes it “goes without saying” that a person needs to be alive to cast a legal vote in America.

...Representative Brian Babin of Texas is following through with what would once be seen as an “unnecessary” bill prohibiting dead people from voting in U.S. elections. ...

Frieda Powers, bizpacreview.com

Minneapolis – Home of the “Defund the Police” Movement – Sees Crime Skyrocket

The Minneapolis *Star Tribune* ...reported ...that Minneapolis has seen at least 375 car jackings in 2020. ...Those to-date 2020 figures are more than three times higher than all of 2019...

“The numbers are staggering,” police spokesman John Elder told the *Star Tribune*. “It defies all civility and any shred of common human decency.”

“And the crime problem in Minneapolis is more than just car jackings. Violent crime, especially shootings, (are) way up ...”

Chris Field, theblaze.com

Eighty-Eight Percent of Colleges, Universities Restrict Free Speech in Some Form

Also

Warning: “Clarifying” Education Law Would Crush Christian Schools.

Both of these are because of their stand on ‘Homosexual rights’. This is because indirectly the Human Rights Campaign wants to deny accreditation to faith-based colleges and universities, if the “standards discriminate or do not meet science-based curricula.”

Victory Over Temptation

Herbert Lockyer

If we would emerge from a conflict with the enemy victoriously, we must know our weapons and how to use them against the tempter and his temptations. In His mercy, God has provided us with effective ways of escape. Praise His name, we are not left defenseless!

Watchfulness: “**Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation”** (Mark 14:38)

We often fail because we do not watch the beginnings of evil. One writer has said “Our greatest security against evil lies in being shocked at it.” A good deal of our temptation comes as a surprise.

Surprise attack is one of the principal methods the tempter employs; and because are so often not on guard, Satan breaks through. How we need to have our eyes constantly anointed in order to detect his faintest approach!

Prayerfulness: “**Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation”** (Mark 14:38)

Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees. A praying believer is a great hindrance to the Devil and his works. If we are constantly before God that temptation may not overwhelm us, it will be difficult for Satan to take us unawares.

Resistance: “**Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”** (James 4:7).

Here we are reminded that if we truly resist the Devil, he will flee from us. And resist we must, at the very gate, on his first knocking. But how can we successfully resist our subtle foe?

Well, memory has helped many a man fight hard battles. Thought of and God has compelled tempted souls to cry, “How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” (Genesis 39:9)

The story is told of a transformed criminal who always carried the photograph of the godly lady who, led him to Christ in his pocket and, when sorely tempted, would draw out the picture and say to himself, “*NO, I CANNOT DO IT. SHE WOULD BE GRIEVED.*”

Our higher incentive is the thought of Christ’s nearness.

Conscience

When under Divine control, conscience is ever a deterrent force. Conscience would not suffer Joseph to take advantage of Potiphar’s wife. Moral courage is ever greater than physical valor.

Exhausting struggles are secretly fought and won. Our neighbors may never learn of our secret conflicts, yet they shine more glorious than those of any battlefield. The world has no knowledge of our battle and victories. GOD, however, chronicles them in His book of honors.

The Word of God

Counteraction is another way of victory. David sought to hide God’s Word in his heart that he might not sin against the Lord. And a mind steeped in God’s Word and a life filled with God’s Holy Spirit offers a most effective counteraction to temptation, as our LORD’S experience in the wilderness clearly proves.

The Blood Of Christ

Here we have the mightiest weapon to wield against our ‘arch-enemy’ as he seeks our overthrow. The more Holy Spirit (controlled) we are, the greater the satanic antagonism. The Devil is out to contest every inch of ground we yield to our conquering LORD.

Each victory will help you, Some others to win.

Horatio Palmer

Are you being tempted this very hour? Then plead the efficacious Blood. Appropriate the victory of the Cross. Be careful, however, to watch the tactics of Satan. Before we fall, he whispers that *one slip* will not matter.

To taste forbidden fruit just once is a mere trifle. But this is tragic reasoning, for once we fall something is lost, we can never regain. Then, after we have fallen, Satan whispers that we may as well go the whole road.

By creating despair, he tells us that it is hopeless trying to resist. But in this he errs, for by the BLOOD of the LAMB we can become more than conquerors. As we hurl his lie back at his face, we tell such a false accuser that defeat can be transformed into a glorious victory, that his fierce temptations can be made steppingstones to a higher, nobler life.

Robert Browning asks:

**Why comes temptation but for
man, to meet
And master and make crouch
Beneath his feet?
And so be pedestaled in
Triumph.**

Sword of the Lord

Only One Worthy Sacrifice

“In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.” (Hebrews 10:6)

“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:17)

In II Chronicles 35 alone, we read that at one Pass-over doings, over 36,000 animals were slain, can you even imagine the mess left! But these 36,000 animals, who were what we call innocent, shed with their own blood, was a symbol of the ONE to be physically born for our many SINS! So, these offerings (animals) did not completely satisfy a pure and Holy GOD. Actually, these animals were unwilling sacrifices, shadows of the one sacrifice that would not only please the FATHER, but so with joy that HE might redeem you and me. There has never been nor will there ever be one innocent person in the human race. It is the one and only one of our heavenly Father, whom HE WILLINGLY GAVE on our behalf; His Only Begotten SON. JESUS “became flesh (Incarnation) and dwelled among US” and was tempted in every area as we are. He came out victorious by not yielding to temptation, and in HIS GRACE and empowerment, we are able also! Temptation in itself is not sin, but yielding to temptation is.

Let me give you a couple of examples: Phrasing Martin Luther first, “There is a difference between a bird flying over your head and letting the bird nest in your hair.” Secondly; Joseph in the Old Testament was bluntly enticed by Potiphar’s wife, and Joseph said in effect, “How can I do this great evil (sin) and sin against my God?” Maybe 100% of temptations are attractive, enticing and beneficial for my flesh, BUT in the end, sooner or later, it will be ending in sorrow and regrets. If we continue on in the sin, then the wages of SIN is death (*eternal death*) Part of what we call the Lord’s Prayer is to pray for protection!

There has only ever been one willing and worthy sacrifice: God’s Beloved Son. **“He became obedient unto death even the death of the cross”** (Phil. 2:8) and He did it with JOY; “looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, ‘who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.’” (Hebrews 12:2-3)

*“Fill all my vision, Saviour divine,
Till with Thy glory my spirit shall shine,
Fill all my vision, that all may see,
Thy holy image reflected in me”.*

Avis B. Christianson

Editor

P.S. Sin, even in a believers life (hidden or known) should be dealt like a ‘bowel-movement’ or a greasy stinking ‘garage-rag’ in the sight of our Perfect GOD. (It is described in the Hebrew language as even worse than that in Isaiah 64:6!) Now please read Isaiah 1:16-17 and now again read Isaiah 64:6, “*But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousness are like filthy rags:*” Isaiah 64:6a. BUT “**Come now, and let us reason together.**” ‘**Though your sins are like scarlet. They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient...**” Isaiah 1:18-19a.

God is Holy

“God hath spoken in his holiness.” (Psalm 60:6a)

“But thou art holy.” (Psalm 22:3a)

God is holy. He reveals holy wisdom, acts with holy power, and speaks with holy words. Yet at Calvary He spoke in silence. As our sins were laid on His Son, God demonstrated His holiness by judging sin and remaining silent to the Lord’s anguished cry. At the same time, He displayed holy grace, holy mercy, and holy love towards sinners. On the Cross our Lord Jesus testified to God’s holiness by replying to His silence, **“But thou art holy”** (Psalm 22:3). Today may we lift our hearts and worship our GOD in the beauty of holiness.

George Ferrier

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The Song of the Lord

“When the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began also.” (II Chronicles 29:27)

When Hezekiah became king of Judah, he inherited a nation in spiritual disaster. Ahaz, his father had cut in pieces the articles of the house of God, shut its doors, and made altars for himself in every corner of Jerusalem. But that did not deter the new leader. From the start, he set out to serve the Lord, and sanctify those that ministered the sacrifices. When it was done, proper worship began and the **“song of the LORD began also.”**

It was a national revival and it began with one person who dedicated himself to the work of the Lord in the way He prescribed. When we do the same, we will be singing too.

Mark Kolchin

The Day of the Lord – Part II

This is the second of a two-part series on the Day of the Lord. Please see the January 2021 issue for Part I.

"And the LORD utters His voice before His army; Surely His camp is very great, For strong is he who carries out His word. The day of the LORD is indeed great and very awesome, And who can endure it?" (Joel 2:11)

The Day of the Lord for the faithful believer will be entirely different than for the unbeliever and is described above as "great and very awesome." Yes, the Lord will still return and all the dead will be raised and brought before Him. When the righteous are risen, their bodies are now in a glorified state similar to what Jesus' body was like after His resurrection. "*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.*" (Philippians 3:20-21) We will not only have a body free from physical defects and their associated pains and illnesses, but our body will be beyond what it has ever been. Jesus was not subject to normal physical laws in His glorified state. He appeared behind closed doors before the disciples (John 20:19) and disappeared from people (Lk. 24:31). You will have both mental and physical abilities which has never been experienced in this world and they will never diminish throughout eternity.

Believers will also be called into judgment before the Lord. "*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*" (2 Corinthians 5:10) The purpose of our judgment is not to determine if we are saved or lost. That has already been determined when we die by our faith in Jesus. The purpose of this judgment is to see if we did the will of God in our lives. "*Each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward.*" (1 Corinthians 3:13-14) As Jesus looks at our lives, He will see if we had a will surrendered to Him. He will see if we sought His will in prayer and looked to Him for the ability to accomplish these things. This will include not only whatever ministry He has called us to do, but also in our personal lives at home and with others.

Where we have done what God has willed, He will dutifully reward us. This is absolutely incredible that the

Lord would grant us rewards for what He willed and empowered us to do – and yet He does! It is not clear in Scripture what these rewards are exactly, but they appear to be abilities and responsibilities which we will have in eternity in the Kingdom of God. "*His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'*" (Matthew 25:23) The key thing is that we are faithful to the Lord in doing His bidding.

No one is perfect and all of us will have areas where we have missed God's Will or went off in our direction or depended upon ourselves for ability. "*If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.*" (1 Corinthians 3:15) Regardless of how far we missed discerning God's Will and work, the true Christian will still be saved, just not have as many rewards.

As I ponder what the Day of the Lord will be like for me, I really am not that concerned about rewards and I don't try and do or not do any specific thing just so I can reap more rewards on the Day of the Lord. In fact, the Scripture says, "*According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation ...*" (1 Corinthians 3:10) I can only labor effectively as directed by God's Grace, not my own ways and will.

The thing that I am most looking forward to on that Day is to see my Lord Jesus and praise and thank Him for His wonderful love and grace bestowed to a wretch like me as I look upon the wounds in His hands, feet and side because Jesus had to be tortured to death just to save me. I want to fall at His feet in adoration and worship for who He is and what He has done and what He will do. I want to hear Him say to me, "*Well done, good and faithful slave ... enter into the joy of your master.*" (Matt. 25:23) This keeps me going when times are tough and life is hard, especially in spiritually lean times. But knowing that I can be more useful in eternity is a motivation for me to yield my life to the Lord for His work.

That is why the faithful Christian can look forward to the Day of the Lord and not dread it. "*In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.*" (2 Timothy 4:8) We can only speculate about some of the finer points of what heaven and eternity will be like, but we know that we will be in the presence of the Lord directly, there will be a holy city on a new earth. "*And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve Him.*" (Revelation 22:3) This will last forever and ever and we will be actively serving the Lord in whatever

capacity He designs.

When you think of the Day of the Lord, does it cause you great fear and dread or is it something that you are anticipating? It will be either the best day of your life or the worst. It is not a Day to be trifled with, but it doesn't have to be a Day that plagues you with consternation and dread. It all depends on what you do with Jesus right now and how you live as a result. "*In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.*" (John 1:4) Jesus alone is the source of life here and now and life in eternity and peace about the Day of the Lord.

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"The battle is the Lord's!"

1 Samuel 17:47

HOW prone we are to lose sight of this, and to imagine, because we see only our little corner in the conflict, that the battle is ours!

If the battle is the Lord's, then the responsibilities for planning belong to Him.

Everything connected with the line of attack, the method of defense, must belong to Him. WE need not be anxious as to the enemy's subtlety or power.

"As captain of the host of the LORD am, I now come."

He has a full view of the enemy's movements, and a perfect knowledge of the enemy's devices. He has anticipated all the enemy's wiles. It is impossible for Him to be deceived, or to be taken by surprise. It is His glory that is at stake; the honor of His name that is being assailed. He is able to withstand the mightiest foe!

"If the battle is the Lord's the supplies will be all-sufficient."

No one knows how much is wanted in the day of battle like that GENERAL who has been through many campaigns. WE shall lack nothing to make us victorious warriors.

The victory is certain!

The Captain (Commander-in-chief) on whose side we are has never known defeat. He goes forth conquering and to conquer. The enemy may apparently gain temporary advantage at different points of the battle, but

Victory over Christ by Satan is simply impossible!

BUT He expects us to rest in HIS wisdom. In the thick of the fight, in the midst of the smoke and din of battle, we may fail to see the wisdom of all God's ways. When we cannot see, it is then that we must rest in HIS

wisdom. Let us have confidence in HIS power, and be obedient to HIS commands.

***"I will not fear the battle,
If Thou art by my side."***

"Now thanks be to God, who leads us on in the train of his triumph." (II Corinthians 2:14, Conybeare & Howson.)

Queen Victoria said, "We are not interested in the possibilities of defeat. They do not exist!"

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Editor's Note: As your editor, I see how this article has been both convicting and encouraging unto me. Maybe you are willing to join me in the following prayer request: "Lord, I believe, help me to overcome my unbelief" and to exercise more fully the free gift of a living faith."

Doing All Things

***"We do all things, dearly beloved,
for you edifying."* (II Corinthians 12:19)**

When it came to fellowshipping and ministering (nurturing) the lambs and sheep in the little family of God, this verse gives the motivation and directive as one of the very principles of the BIBLE and secondly one of the basic foundations and purpose of the *Morning Glory/HЛИF*. We have a motivation of 'edifying' or 'building up' of the saints. And as likely the apostle Paul was led; he sometimes was very firm and other times gentle. As he preached, confronted, wrote and cried, it was based on the conviction that this word or action was for their edification. So as we deal with God's people, let us make sure that we approach the challenge with the motive of building up the saints – those SINNERS washed/cleansed by the BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.

"WE are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His Grace,

One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.

Let us show how He has changed us and remade us as His own;

Let us share our life together as we shall around His Throne."

T. Jackson

The Wrap – Up

“What will you say when He punishes you...?”
(Jeremiah 13:21)

The Scriptures inform us that Almighty God created the universe in ageless eternity. In the counsel of the Trinity, the Lord surrounded Himself with angelic beings. Millenniums ago, it was decided to create human beings in His image and likeness who would love and serve Him. Mankind would be placed on one of the solar system planets called Earth, from which their bodies would be formed. This was the beginning of our human race and society. So we are told how things began.

It seems to be that almost everything in life has both a beginning and an ending. In God’s timetable, I repeatedly run into the Bible word “end.” Isaiah 46:10 “*Declaring the end from the beginning...*” When life has run its course, the graveyard will not be the final event. Both a follower of Jesus, and the person who made no commitment of his soul and spirit to the Lord, will nevertheless continue to exist, though earthly life has expired. Cemeteries are occupied by both the saved and unsaved. But the destiny of each one is very, very different. For both groups, believers and unbelievers according to John 5:29, will be resurrected from their caskets or wherever their remains were deposited. One of the tasks of the angels is mentioned in Matthew 13:44, “*So it will be at the end of the age the angels will come forth and separate the wicked from the just.*” We are told in I Peter 4:7, “*The end of all things is at hand...*” So, for everyone, their days are numbered to turn from sin and serve God.

For the person who has received the gift of salvation by faith, offered to every person on planet Earth, Hebrews 11:6 tells us the Lord, “*Is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*” It’s a little like payday both in this life, as well as the one to come. Ecclesiastes 7:8, “*The end of a thing is better than the beginning...*” This applies to a Christian believer. In Luke 14:14 Jesus says, “*You shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.*” Could anything be better than that? Speaking about the Savior, II Timothy 2:12, “*If we endure, we shall reign with Him. If we deny Him, He will deny us.*” Denial doesn’t have to happen to anyone. His rewards for the Godly are bountiful. They are given a crown described as a *crown of life*, James 1:12; a *crown of righteousness*, II Timothy 4:8; a *crown of glory*, II Peter 5:4. Besides that, Daniel 12:3 says they will, “*shine as the brightness of the firmament...*” And best of all, I John 3:2, “*We shall be like Him...*” and Colossians 4:4, “*...Appear with Him in glory.*” Hebrews 6:2 points to, “*The doctrine...of resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment*” is to take place.

In His teaching, the Lord Jesus says all the members of the human family can either use the crowded broad way that leads to destruction. Or they can take the strait way leading to everlasting life. The former group is referred to in my text “*What will you say when He punishes you?*” This is a courtroom scene in heaven, and it is called in Revelation 20:11, “*...A Great White Throne...*” In the next verse we are told that their names will be missing in the Book Of Life. Those appearing before God, have been resurrected 1,000 years after the first group who were raptured and taken to heaven. These litigants have been subpoenaed and charged for failing to deal with their lives of sin when still living on earth. Hebrews 10:31 tells us “*It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God.*” The Living Bible in Ezekiel 22:14 asks, “*How strong and how courageous will you be in My day of reckoning?*” God has been gathering evidence to bring a case against the unsaved. He is privy to our thoughts, actions and life experiences. In II Thessalonians 1:9 Paul writes, “*...Those who obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, these shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord...*” That’s His verdict and it’s not a pretty picture. In response to the charges, and having no legal representative, it would be hard to answer with anything but a plea of “guilty.” For those who declare that God is too good to punish anyone, they do not consult the Bible. While He is not vindictive, He is just. Only a fool might reply, “Nothing has happened to me yet.” or “I was not warned so I did not know.” They are in an indefensible position, having no right of appeal.

Thankfully, anyone can escape this heavenly sentence by adopting God’s wonderful plan and provision for eternal salvation. No hope can be offered to the one who says, “I think I’ll take my chances.” To that person, I Peter 4:17 would have asked, “*...What will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?*” Words from an old gospel hymn are pertinent:

*“What will your answer be; what will you say,
When Jesus beckons you home?
What will you do if the voice of your God,
Calls for an answer today?”*

Before your life is terminated, think a long time before turning God away. Rather, welcome the Savior into your life. In Luke 19:44, Jesus talks about those who “*...Did not know the time of their visitation.*” Don’t allow that to happen. When the “Wrap-Up” takes place in your life, be sure you are given God’s reward of blessing, and not His reward of retribution.

By Pastor Bill King, Princeton, MN

MARIE'S MOMENT

"He is the Lord our God...He remembers His covenant forever...which He made with Abraham, and His oath to Isaac and confirmed it to Jacob...to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying, 'To you I give the land of Canaan as the allotment of your inheritance,' when they were few in number...and strangers in it." (Psalm 105:8-12)

Reference: *WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD SUPPORT ISRAEL*, by Richard Booker, PH.D.
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THE VOICE OF SCRIPTURE: The GOD of the BIBLE made an eternal covenant decree to Abraham and his descendants through Isaac and Jacob. Genesis 17:7-8, Psalm 105:8-11.

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

THE VOICE OF JESUS AND THE APOSTLES: JESUS gave four predictions concerning Jerusalem: Jerusalem would be destroyed. The Jews would be dispersed among the nations. Gentile nations would rule in the area until the Jews were brought back to their land. This was fulfilled in 1967 when the Jews gained supremacy after 2,000 years. Luke 21:24.

THE VOICE OF HISTORY: King David established Jerusalem as the capital of Israel about 1,000 BC – before the rise of Christianity or Islam. Several empires have ruled in the area of Israel, but none ever made it a sovereign state and it has known no other capital than Jerusalem. In the 1880's, to escape persecution, Jews in Russia began immigrating to Israel and making it their home again! The land was worked and gave good yield. Arab workers came also to share in the prosperity and work the newly responding and prospering land.

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

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

THE VOICE OF JERUSALEM: Jerusalem itself is the conflicting element between Israel and the Arabs. There have been Jews living in Israel continuously for 3,000 years! Jerusalem is mentioned over 800 times in the BIBLE, but not mentioned even once in the Koran. Mohammed never went to Jerusalem. While Jews pray facing Jerusalem and make pilgrimages there, Moslems pray facing Mecca and make pilgrimages there. When Jordan controlled East Jerusalem and the Temple Mount from 1948 – 1967, they weren't concerned about making it a Palestinian or Arab capital. Then later, they wanted to make it the third holiest site in Islam, AFTER the Jews regained control of the Temple Mount! ...

Marie Linn, *Hope For Your Heart*

OBITUARY Of Mrs. Prayer Meeting

Mrs. Prayer Meeting DIED recently at The First Neglected Church, on Worldly Avenue. Born many years ago in the midst of great revivals, she was a strong, healthy child; fed largely on testimony and Bible Study (& naturally free Prayer), soon grew into world-wide prominence, and was one of the most influential members of the famous church family.

For the past several years Mrs. Prayer Meeting has been failing in health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, inactivity, and weakness of purpose and will power. At the last she was but a shadow of her former happy self. Her last whispered words were inquiries concerning the strange absence of her loved ones now busy in the markets of trade and places of worldly amusements.

Experts, including Dr. Works, Dr. Reform, and Dr. Joiner, disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness. They had administered large doses of organizations, socials, contests and drives, but to no avail. A postmortem examination showed that a deficiency of spiritual food, coupled with the lack of faith, heartfelt religion, and general support, were contributing causes. Only a few were present at her death, sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power.

In honor of her going, the church doors will be closed on Wednesday nights, except the third Wednesday night of each month when the Ladies Pink Lemonade Society serves refreshments to the Men's Handball Team.

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"God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you." (I Samuel 12:23)

The Call of God

“Eli perceived that the Lord called the child.”
(I Samuel 3:8c)

Eli recognized that God was in the call to Samuel. That may seem like a fundamental observation but it was critical to a young man with very little spiritual experience. We need leaders of such discernment today! As mature believers who are getting older, we need to immerse ourselves in mentoring the next generation – and all that that involves. It will be challenging. It will take time. But it is a great necessity. God wants us to prepare His workers for the next situation and the next generation. May we not let this divine trust slip.

Norman Craig Funston

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Great Joy

“That day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy...so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.” (Nehemiah 12:43)

The Jews had rebuilt the wall around Jerusalem in only 52 days. This feat was a testimony of **Jehovah’s grace** to the nation. As they recalled God’s faithfulness, the Jews were prompted to joyfully praise Him so profoundly that they were heard afar off. You know when hearts are clean through the Blood of the once crucified One and yielded to Him out of love, joy and thankfulness walk together. If we are truly seeking to surrender our lives to God and follow His will for our lives, then most certainly He will genuinely be thanked, and we will have true joy in our hearts. Then there will be no lack of gifts for the support of the work of God and of His servants.

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A Young Child

A young child who was learning to spell words, was asked to spell ‘God’? The child responded and said ‘G o o d’. This is essential for us as we walk by faith and we are accountable unto Him. GOD is ‘*good*’ even when we don’t understand everything; knowing there is more to learn, regardless of our age. The person who *thinks* he knows it all, is the person most to be pitied!

Love

The word “love” has certainly lost much meaning, particularly in our own culture, where it seems to be little more than an emotional feeling that comes and goes. The Lord spoke and noted that His disciples would be recognized by the love they had for one another (John 13:34-35). John asked how any man could say he loves God whom he cannot see when he cannot love his brother whom he does see (1 John 4:20). Love is much more than an emotion which is dependent upon feelings. God does command us to love everyone, something we cannot do in our own strength when there are so many who appear to be “*unlovable*.”

“A new commandment I give unto you, That we love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.” (John 13:34)

The Berean Call

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God’s Commandments

“Keep my commandments and live, and my law as the apple of thine eye; bind them upon the table of thine heart.” (Proverbs 7:2-3)

Solomon (the wisest person on the face of the earth at that time), gave this admonition to his son. Moses gave the people of Israel similar instructions. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and might. (Not only that, but God saw to it that it is recorded in His Inspired Book, the **BIBLE!**) Teach and live according to them and speak of them frequently. Keep your hands from doing wrong and your eyes on the things that honor God – Matthew 6:33. — Selected

*Upward still to purer heights!
Onward yet to scenes more blest,
Calmer regions, clearer lights,
Till we reach the promised rest.*

W. H. How

Thank you, JESUS, for paying the price for our SINS that we could never pay, thus we rejoice in your total great Victory over sin and death and the power of the devil through Your Resurrection. May we follow You faithfully, by a living faith until we also are resurrected and are with YOU for all ETERNITY.

UpDate

“Come over ... help us!” (Acts 16:9)

“Always giving thanks for all things in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father.” (Ephesians 5:20)

WE are so thankful for the purpose/intent of the ministry of the *Morning Glory* and the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation. We purpose to keep this ministry both completely transparent and fully accountable, both to God and one another and especially to each one who supports this ministry. All Hauge Board members and our Treasurer (Paul Peterson) donate both their time and effort, to ensure that all gifts go completely to the ministry of the same for the furtherance and nourishment in the Kingdom of God.

Don't forget, either, that Jesus Christ entered history at a time much worse than today! Cruel Rome ruled much of the known world at that time. The anti-Christ ruler wanted ALL male infants (up to two years of age) slaughtered. Thus there was slavery and child abuse (just like abortions today – which puts helpless newborns and those yet in their mother's womb in the most dangerous place for them to be). Some were left outside to die of neglect. All this was in a world without rights for women, without hospitals, without mercy.

In a “sense,” now is the opportune time for the furtherance in and through the *Morning Glory*/HLIF as we continue to occupy in the Lord's Kingdom Work in our badly needed USA, Canada and a few foreign countries where we still have an “open-door.” We are using the *Morning Glory*/HLIF Platform in our troubled land to proclaim the God of the Scriptures, telling the timeless story of who HE is and what HE has done for us through HIS *Son, JESUS CHRIST.*

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Jeremiah 29:8-13