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

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America’s Transdemic

William Wolfe

There’s a public health crisis sweeping across America right now! A deadly contagion has gripped our population. Children, teenagers and young adults are most susceptible to it and most seriously harmed by it. Not, it’s not COVID-19. It’s worse! It’s the highly contagious and transmissible craze of transgenderism and trans ideology that is spreading like gangrene, infecting the minds and poisoning the hearts of our Nation’s children.

The most serious public health crisis in America today isn’t a pandemic; it’s a “transdemic.” And we must do everything we can to stop it ... before it infects and destroys another soul.

Postmodernity plus the sexual revolution paved the way for our society to buy into one of the biggest lies in the history of mankind! What was that lie? Gender identity! The lie is that there even exists such a thing as “gender identity” and that it can be separate from, or opposite to, one’s biological sex... Writing for the *New York Times*, columnist Ross Douthat ... Wrote: “According to Gallup, the share of younger Americans who identify as lesbians, gay, bisexual or transgender has risen precipitously in the last decade. Also, 21 percent of ...young adults born between 1997 and 2003 – identify as LGBT, as against about 10 percent of the millennial generation, just over four percent of ...Generation X and less than three percent of baby boomers ... The percentage of people identifying as transgender, in particular, has risen twentyfold.” ...

This contagion was manufactured in the lab of the sexual revolution and slowly released into our society

and culture over the last few decades by Hollywood, Marxist revolutionaries, gender studies programs on college campuses and the radical progressive politics of the Democrat party.

The gender ideology industry is leading our children away, down into the depths of Hell! Some may come back, but they won’t ever be the same! As Brandon Showalter, a reporter with the Christian Post, remarked, “Some of us won’t be shocked by the scope of the carnage when this mass psychosis breaks... Countless young people with endocrine failure, brittle bones, liver and kidney issues, heart disease, rising rates of cancers and many rendered sterile.”

Jennifer Bilek, writing for *First Things*, explains how “the LGBT rights agenda — note the addition of T has become a powerful, aggressive force in American society. Its advocates stand at the top of media, academia, the professions and, most important, Big Business and Big Philanthropy.”

Bilek continues, “Although activists present the LGBT movement as a weak, powerless group suffering oppression and discrimination, in truth it wields enormous power and influence – power it increasingly uses to remake our laws, schools and society.”

They aren’t just remaking our laws, schools and society.” They are also remaking our children!

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for the Christian Post).

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I Need Thee Every Moment!

The hymn “Simply Trusting Every Day” first appeared as a poem in a newspaper. Someone handed it to D. L. Moody who went through it and found it sound doctrinally and helpful spiritually. At his request Ira D. Sankey set it to music.

BUT “every day” seemed too long, so the verses of “I Need Thee Every Hour” took shape. The chorus of this beautiful hymn has often been sung as a prayer.

During one World’s Fair in Chicago, where meetings were being held, this hymn, “I Need Thee Every Hour” was frequently sung. Henry Varley, an evangelist who was present, remarked to a friend that he felt he needed Christ not only every hour but every moment of the day and night. Varley’s friend Major Whittle was led by his remark to write the hymn with the chorus!

*Moment by
moment I'm kept
in His love;*

*Moment by
moment I've life
from above;*

*Looking to Jesus
till glory doth
shine;*

*Moment by
moment, O Lord, I
am thine.*

Selected

A Most Excellent Way

Please read 1 Corinthians 13

In approaching this chapter, we feel as when dealing with John 17, the words are too sublime to be touched with explanations of imperfect mortals. They are best understood by the heart willing to be searched and humbled in the presence of God. It is therefore our prayer that no words of ours may come between the Word as it stands and the heart of the reader.

May we suggest that before this outline study be read the chapter itself be read at least three times at one sitting. And not for information only, but for searching of heart and with a humble spirit willing to be convicted of sin.

This chapter, as will be realized by the reading of 12:31, is an integral part of the whole discussion of spiritual gifts, Ch. 12-14. Griffith Thomas calls it "the guardian of the gifts" – a very appropriate name. Love is the guardian that spiritual gifts be not misused. They were misused by many of the members in the Corinthian congregation. Through possessing "gifts" they had become puffed up, which is the very opposite of love.

Love suffereth long, and is kind

He who loves does not get impatient with his fellowmen but is willing to suffer with, for and because of them. And he does not only suffer long but is positively kind even when his love does not meet with response and understanding. JESUS, is the most outstanding example of this, both in dealing with His disciples and His enemies.

Love envieth not

Others may be more talented with gifts and blessed with more material substance; they may receive more honor and glory; may be more appreciated. This is a cause of joy in the heart of the Christian who truly loves. Cf. 12:26: "*If one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.*" Love and envy are opposites.

Love vaunteth not (does not parade) itself, is not puffed up

These are expressions describing spiritual pride. The very sin of which the Corinthian Christians were guilty. Because they possessed spiritual gifts, they made an exhibit of themselves before their fellow-Christians in a spirit of superiority. This eagerness to show off was the earmark of spiritual baby hood and immaturity. All this because they had not grown in spiritual graces. Love's exhibit is humility and modesty.

Doth not behave itself unseemly

The Christian who loves knows how to associate with both superior and inferior brethren. He will show proper respect for authority and will use his position of trust and power to deal gently and brotherly with those under him. The Epistle to Philemon is a remarkable lesson in this respect. Christian love will also safeguard relationships with the other sex. In movements akin to that in Corinth, emotionalism often leads to unseemly behavior, yes, even to gross sins of immorality. True love will not permit anything which will dishonor God or harm the brethren.

Seeketh not its own

The apostle Paul had found even among the Christians a very self-centered spirit. "They all seek their own, not that which is Christ's," he writes. True heart-searching reveals the same fact among us Christians today. Even when we apparently seek the things of God it is largely centered around the things in our own little world. *Much self-seeking passes under the cloak of zeal for the kingdom.* The cure is again love because love is unselfish.

A Study Guide on I Corinthians by Prof./Dr. O. Gornitzka, on chapter 13

To be continued in the next issue of the Morning Glory.

Editor's Note: Interesting: as many, many years ago I had Dr. Gornitzka as one of my Teachers' at LBI.

Before It Is Too Late

*If you have a tender message
OR a loving word to say,*

*Don't wait till you forget it,
But whisper it today!*

*The tender words unspoken,
The letter never sent,*

*The long forgotten message,
The wealth of love unspent —*

For these some hearts are breaking;

For these some loved ones wait;

Then give them what they're needing

Before it is too late!

A Wide Gate

“Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby.” (Matthew 7:13)

Why do not the many seeking, longing souls go *through* the gate?

The gate is narrow. That is the reason.

They make a compromise. They cannot live entirely without God, and therefore they *seek* God.

They would like to be *religious*.

But they will not permit religion to create any sort of a disturbance in their daily life, their life of ease, comfort, and pleasure.

They do not want it to embarrass them in their contacts with the world. They avoid speaking of their relationship to God, maintaining that no normal person can do so without violating spiritual modesty. It is such a personal and sacred matter.

Their religion consists in negotiating and bargaining with God. They would believe in God at all costs and yet be in charge of their own lives. They would have God's favor without being reconciled to Him. They would have forgiveness of sins without acknowledging sin and striving against it.

So they take the broad way and are recognized by the world as considerate and discreet “Christians.”

God does not answer their prayers. Their religion is a monologue. Since God does not declare to them the forgiveness of sins, they declare it to themselves.

Listen to Jesus' cry of warning today. Turn aside from the broad and easy way that you have made your way. And enter in by the *narrow* gate.

*“God calling yet! I cannot stay;
My heart I yield without delay:
Vain world, farewell! from thee I part;
The voice of God hath reached my heart!”*

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Legacy

“And the ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.” (Numbers 10:33)

The LORD is always looking far ahead for the welfare of His trusting children. He is not limited by the horizon of time and space. Silently, thoughtfully, and

delightfully, He plans for us.

He goes ahead to “search out a resting place” for us. When the pillar of cloud and fire lifted the Israelites did not know their next destination. They had never gone that way before! As they faithfully followed their Guide, they found in due time the place of His choosing. He knew where to go and the way they should take.

A principal problem to us in our following the Lord is the question: Where is He leading me? But that should be no perplexity. IF we know the Guide, we can go with Him in utmost security. Our confidence is not in the conditions round about us but in the character of our Captain. He can find the place for service, a home for shelter and the supply for material and physical needs. He has comfort and encouragement for us when all seems hopeless at the moment. He has open doors where all round seems to be closed.

Abraham could say to Isaac as the two ascended Mount Moriah: God will Himself provide a lamb.” God did, and Abraham learned that the highest is called *Jehovah Jireh -The Lord Who Provides* (The-Lord-Will-Provide) (Genesis 22:8-14). As he went to Bethlehem in obedience to divine instructions, Samuel found indeed that God had provided a king from among Jesse's sons (I Samuel 16:12). That future king was David, then a shepherd lad who in turn was learning that the Lord prepares in advance a table for those who fully follow HIM!

Israel found that the divine Presence went before them in the journey “to search out a resting place for them.” Our faithful God does just the same (Hebrews 13:8) for us today. At the moment we may find ourselves in a “*waste howling wilderness*” where there is no human prospect of help nor discernible trail to follow. As we follow the Presence without hesitation or hurry, without pause or impatience, we come with delight to the resting place of palm trees and cool waters to which HE has led us!

We are not always on the march. The Captain of our salvation knows when His soldiers need rest, and where. The Shepherd of our souls knows where there are green pastures for rest and still waters for refreshing. He goes before to point out what He Himself prepared for us.

“Can He provide a table in the wilderness?” asked the unbelieving. *Of course, HE can; and did!*

He Leadeth Me, By V. Raymond Edman

Editorial

RES

MISSIONS!

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you and lo, I am with you, always, even to the end of the age’ Amen.
(Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-16, II Timothy 2:15)*

*“For You will light my lamp; The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.”
(Psalm 18:28)*

“Let your light so shine before me, that they may see your good works and glorify Your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

THUS, it is my privilege & responsibility as your editor to share the following message for you and me to be definitely involved in Christian ministries! For as long as we are in this earthly human ministries; GOD has a plan and purpose for each one of us! As soon as that plan & purpose are accomplished; GOD will take us out of this sinful world. For a true child of God, home will be Heaven, by His marvelous GRACE! *“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and hope.”* Jeremiah 29:11, (II Peter 2:7-8). This is one of the reasons why God gives you an opportunity to read the entire issue of each *Morning Glory* & a privilege/opportunity for us.

NO doubt, according to my biblical convictions, time is running out for you and me, and so is time running-out for Satan; so seemingly he is working extra hard in bothering the children of God! (At this end, it seems the struggles are more fierce!) BUT GOD says to redeem-the-time and to walk circumspectly. As it was in the days of Lot, so shall it be even before the

“rapture” that will take place in the ‘twinkling of the eye’! Sin is Sin; but there were three-outstanding sins in those times which still exists today! The three were pride, fullness of bread and idleness (being unconcerned). Does that also sound like today? See Genesis 6:5, 13 & 9:6, chapter 19, Luke 21:25-26, 33:36. Aren’t we told, “Turn in your guns for the government will *provide* for you?” It is said that IF Martin Luther was told by God, “Today I want you to plant trees, but I am coming tomorrow;” Martin said, “I would plant trees today!” We of the staff/Hauge Lutheran Board are trying to do exactly that! Are you, will you be a team-member with us? It appears that in order to fulfill this great, privileged command, we are to start first-of-all in Jerusalem (Acts 1:8). This is our home/community/area, which we are seeking to do. We encourage YOU to either continue as a team-member or join us! IF the bush-fires (spiritually) are not re-kindled or given more-fuel, MISSIONS itself will *eventually fade-out*! May our Living Savior be permitted to lead each one of us!

Then Face to Face

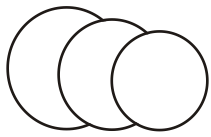
“Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.” (I Corinthians 13:12)

“They shall see his face” (Revelation 22:4)

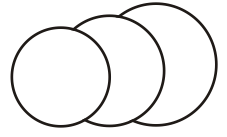
*Then – face to face! No hindered, holden vision;
No twilight reading in that full-orbed day;
No erring judgment; no wrong, rash decision.
Then shall uncertainty have fully passed away.*

*Then – face to face! No mystery then o’er sorrow,
Things so appalling that we oft are numb:
No mystery then! Oh, clear and gladsome morrow –
What rest, what bliss, when Thou at last shall come!*

*Then – face to face! Here ‘oft the baffling story;
To finite minds all cannot here be shown;
But – when doth burst the Everlasting Glory,
Then we shall know as we e’en now are known.*



From Our Fellowship Circle



M. W. **Thief River Falls, MN**
Thank you for the *Morning Glory*...so full of reading with great articles! Could I please get a copy of *Altar Steps* sent to me. ... Thank you.

P. M. **Ames, IA**
Years ago – I received your *Morning Glory* as a gift. Now, I want to return a much needed Thank you! Also, for your dedication to the truth of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, the Christ.

Please find enclosed \$... and the Lord bless you!

C. H. **Inver Grove Heights, MN**
GOD BLESS YOU for continuing to print biblical truths! With appreciation, please find \$...

LEISURE

“He that believeth shall not make haste.”
(Isaiah 28:16)

For God’s trusting child in need of guidance there are times when he must wait and other times he must walk onward in calm confidence despite no outward indication of divine direction. There are no occasions, however, when he should worry! IF we are troubled, we are not trusting; conversely, IF we are believing we are not bewildered. The two concepts are mutually exclusive.

When still a young Christian I was faced with an important decision. Companions who were deeply concerned for my welfare were urging a given course of action, and I was inclined to go with them. An older friend counseled delay and quoted Isaiah 28:16. (“Therefore thus says the Lord ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily’”). Then he gave an illustration that has been invaluable to me over the years!

“I have learned,” he said to me, “that when the LORD gives us an assignment, He need not grant us additional guidance until we have finished the task at hand.” There-upon he picked up an envelope, and continued:

“You and I were given the present responsibility last September, and it continues until May the 9th. That is, we began at this corner of the envelope, and we have

proceeded along this edge until almost the first of May. To be sure, we would like to look around the corner so as to know what we should be doing next July or next year; but there may be no need for us to have that word from the Lord now. I am sure that IF you continue in this place until you have completed the assignment on the 9th of May that you will then turn a corner and see the next part of life’s pathway.”

As he spoke, he traced the pattern of guidance along the edge of the envelope. Then he added again: “*He that believeth shall not make haste.*” Obey the Lord here until the last day of this duty. He will not fail to show you His way on or before that day.”

I heeded his advice! The morning of May 9th of that year brought me to one whom I had hoped to see some time, an “older brother” in the LORD who tremendously influenced all the rest of life for me. Rather than my searching for him, the Lord led him to me that day! Indeed, all my life has been different because of the guidance that came clearly and sweetly on that day of turning that corner. A road entirely new to me, and most wonderful, immediately opened.

Fulfilling faithfully, one’s assignment will never lead one into *foolishness nor fanaticism*. Be without hurry or worry! The Lord will walk beside you all the way, and at the crossroads HE will point plainly which way to *turn*.

Wait until you get to the corner!

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*You are beginning to reach
‘elderly’ years, when you reach
down to tie your shoes and you
ask yourself ‘what else should I
do when I am bent over and it
takes longer to rest up than it did
to get tired?’ And you thank God
that you can put on your own
shoes!*

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Christian School Attendance Surges

As controversies continue to plague public education, private Christian schools are seeing a surge in demand, as parents are waking-up to the sinister plans set against the public-school environment. As an example, a new Christian school this fall in Leesburg, Virginia, had room for 500 elementary and middle school students. It received 2,500 student applications, and 450 teachers contacted it wanting employment. This response is indicative of a national trend, with nearly 2 million students leaving public schools, and many of those enrolling in Christian schools instead...

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Assisted Suicide in Church

A "Cross Over Ceremony" was held at Churchill Park United Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. It concluded with the assisted suicide of an elderly church member who had ALS. She passed away with her loved ones standing beside her. This was the first instance in Manitoba where assisted suicide, which is legal in Canada, took place in a church. So far, 919 people have chosen to end their lives under the law. The pastor of the church, Rev. Dawn Rolke, said that "it seemed appropriate to hold the ceremony in the sanctuary, as churches are often host and home to all the raggedness of our lives and to some of our significant life rituals; baptism, marriage, ordination, funeral or memorial services. For us, it was perfectly natural to hold this service ...in our sanctuary. ...

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Mother God

Austin New Church in Austin, Texas, celebrated Mother's Day by changing some words in the worship songs, substituting the word Father for Mother, when referring to God. One song's words were, "You're a good good Mother, it's who You are." Also, Psalm 23 and the Lord's Prayer were changed to use female pronouns to refer to God. In her sermon, Pastor Samantha Beach Kiley used quotes from a book entitled God is a Black Woman about how a "narrow" view of God restricts our

imagination. About Psalm 23, the pastor said, "David wrote as if God were Father. How could he not? ...That was the outermost tree ring of revelation during his time, but now we know better..."

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City Rejects Atheist Group's Demand to Remove Crosses from Mountain

A city embroiled in a church-state battle with a national atheist group over a display of three crosses has rejected demands to remove them.

The city attorney for Elizabethton, Tennessee, Roger Day, issued a statement (in mid-April) saying that the crosses on nearby Lynn Mountain do not violate the U. S. Constitution's prohibition on establishing a religion, despite the atheist group's assertions.

The Wisconsin-based Freedom from Religion Foundation (FFRF) had previously called for the city to remove the crosses that had been in place since the 1950s.

Nicole Alcindor, christianpost.com

Most Brits Think Only Six of the Ten Commandments Are Relevant Today

Most Britons believe that only six of the Ten Commandments are relevant today; and Christians are split over whether some, like the commandment not to worship other gods, are essential to their faith, according to a new survey.

A YouGov research poll released (on April 27) found that 93 percent of Britons still find the Commandments against murder and stealing to be fundamental.

Another 87 percent agreed that "you shall not bear false witness against other people" is still relevant, along with 73 percent who agreed with commandment against adultery ...

Stoyan Zaimov, christianpost.com

Chariots Of Fire

Israel is carrying out a month-long exercise dubbed "Chariots of Fire," which simulates an Israel war on 6 different fronts. This is the IDF's largest drill in its history and is designed to increase Israel's defensive readi-

ness and preparedness for prolonged operations. The operation involves maneuvers on land, sea, air, and cyber in a coordinated manner. It also simulates an attack on Iranian nuclear facilities. U.S. Air Force refueling planes have also participated in the exercises. Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz said that Iran is advancing quickly toward its nuclear goals. It stands just a few weeks away from accumulating fissile material that will be sufficient for a first bomb.

Israel365news.com

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Israel To Sell Gas

The European Union (EU) and Israel are in fast-track negotiations for Israel to sell natural gas to the EU, which would be piped to Europe through Egypt. The EU, has projected shortfalls in gas for this coming winter, due to the Russian-Ukraine war. Russia had previously supplied around 40% of the natural gas for the European countries. This is dramatic change in Israel-EU relations, as Israel is making an effort to come to Europe's aid to help people. Israel has massive natural gas reserves off its coast and has become a significant exporter to other countries in the region.

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Listen for the Trumpet

By Ted Camp

After the Exodus from Egypt, Israel traveled in a wilderness for a long time. The twelve tribes of Israel included a vast multitude of people! The Army numbered 603,550 men above twenty years of age (Numbers 1:46). Including the uncounted Levites and the women and children, the Israelites would have numbered in the millions.

HOW could this mass of people be controlled? The solution was a *trumpet* that could be heard and relayed throughout the tribes. In those days, there were only two types of trumpets: a costly silver trumpet and a common trumpet, called a shofar (horn of a ram).

Naturally, because of its availability, the shofar was used more than the costly silver trumpet. The trumpets were used not only by the priests and those in command but also by tribe leaders, watchmen, or any man.

Without the trumpet, there would be only confusion, chaos and lack of control. All the people (includ-

ing children) at all times and in all places were aware and alert for certain trumpet sounds and blasts!

A Jewish missionary taught that one loud, long blast was to alert the people; then different sounds and blasts were used for different commands.

The priests blew long blast; then the walls fell flat (Joshua 6:5). Trumpets were used to withhold (Numbers 10:4), warn (Ezekiel 33:3), war (Numbers 10:9), were welcome (Leviticus 29:9) and worship (Exodus 19:19).

Trumpets blew to step or stop with the cloud for night rest (taps) and morning rising (reveille). Trumpets must make distinct sounds. An uncertain sound caused confusion (I Corinthians 14:6-8).

TODAY, there are many *uncertain* sounds of the "coming" of the LORD! Some set times and prophesy dates, but they have proven to be *uncertain* trumpet sounds! Only God knows when the last trumpet will finally sound (Matthew 24:36), (It will be exact, distinct, perfect timing – in God's Calendar).

Israel was always alert and aware of the trumpet sound! WE must also be alert and aware of the final heavenly trumpet sound! It will give a distinct sound that will call ALL who are *in Christ* to be together with HIM forever!

Read these distinct words,

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout...and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive (in Christ) and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (I Thessalonians 4:16-18)

In January 2022, it was estimated there are now 7,100-plus world languages. When the trumpet of GOD sounds, all those in Christ, in all languages, from all over this vast world will be caught up together.

Could HE come today? Before you answer, remember this verse: *"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh"* Matthew 24:44). Don't look for signs; look for the SON.

As you look with your eyes, you should listen with your ears and heart for the 'Trumpet'! "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely, I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Revelation 22:20) Perhaps today! Be aware and alert! Listen for the trumpet!

Sword of the Lord

Editor's Note: "For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?" (I Corinthians 14:8) By the Grace of GOD, the *Morning Glory* seeks to share with YOU a clear, distinct Trumpet Sound!

Contending for the Faith — not Denominational Distinctives

“O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith.”

(I Timothy 6:20 -21).

Timothy was a man of faith! His faith was passed down to him, first from his grandmother, Lois, and then from his mother, Eunice (II Timothy 1:5). The women in Timothy’s family witnessed the love and truth of Jesus Christ to him. Paul repeatedly instructed young Pastor Timothy to guard the spiritual heritage which had been entrusted to his care. That was to be accomplished in the power of the HOLY SPIRIT (II Timothy 1:14), and as Timothy studied the Scriptures so that he could “...*rightly divide the Word of truth.*” (II Timothy 2:15)

Timothy was further instructed to “*preach the Word ... with all longsuffering and doctrine,*” because Paul saw the day approaching “*when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ear; And shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables*” (II Timothy 4:2-4). That is surely an apt description of our own times!

The Holy Christian and Apostolic Faith handed down from one generation to the next is the complete revelation of God’s Word, given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is a precious jewel entrusted to our care. We have a responsibility to pass it on in its entirety and without flaw to our children and grandchildren. God intends that every home should be a depository of faith for the next generation. The disintegration of family life in America has taken its toll on future generations. The spiritual vitality of America’s home must be restored if we ever hope to see our Nation returned to its biblical foundations! As Barbara B. Hart pleaded in her hymn:

O give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master,
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung;
Where prayer comes first in peace or in disaster,
And praise is natural speech to every tongue;
Where mountains move before a faith that’s vaster,
And Christ sufficient is for old and young.

Personal Opinions are not the Battle Ground

It is one thing to guard the faith of our fathers and mothers, it is another to become caught up in “*profane and vain babblings and oppositions*” (contradictions). The Greek word for “contradictions” is antithesis, referring to a completely opposite concept. It may also refer

to opposing opinions or controversies.

Some Christians seem to delight in arguing fine points of doctrine for no particular purpose other than to be contentious! Others elevate their personal opinions to church doctrine, offering little sympathy to those who disagree with them. Christians who cannot separate their personal opinions from biblical convictions are the most likely candidates to battle the brethren...

Denominational Distinctives are not the Battle Ground

Doctrinal differences within Christendom have abounded for centuries! Christians disagree in their interpretation of the Bible regarding Baptism, Holy Communion (Lord’s Supper), baptism in the Holy Spirit, eternal security, the second coming of Christ and the list goes on. These varied and often conflicting interpretations of Scripture are the reasons so many church bodies exist. While we politely refer to them as denominational distinctives, they are responsible for creating deep divisions with the church. For many Christians, denominational distinctives are what contending for the faith is all about. Thus, they spend their energies fighting one another, rather than fighting the enemy of men’s souls! Thus, focus on distinctives must change IF we are to effectively contend for the faith! I am for honest differences of interpretation which exist among Bible-believing Christians, not to doctrinal differences where unbelief and twisting of Scripture are involved.

Most church members would “*rather fight than switch*” when it comes to their denominational beliefs! These distinctives are, after all, what makes us Lutheran, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist or whatever else we may be. Unfortunately, we often identify church bodies and their members only by these distinctives. ...

Shortly after my book The Church’s Desperate Need for Revival was published, I was criticized in a Lutheran publication because I quoted Charles Spurgeon, the great Baptist preacher of the last century. The writer stated that a Lutheran should not quote anyone who is Calvinistic in his theology. Those who are ready to write off faithful servants of God simply because they do not belong to their own personal school of biblical interpretation need to examine their hearts in light of God’s Word. When the battle for truth is raging, believers cannot afford to turn on one another! ...

Standing Together on Common Ground

...For years the ecumenical movement has functioned not so much on common beliefs as it has on common unbeliefs. Their unified ability to deny fundamental doctrines has enabled them to operate in a broad arena where false teachings are tolerated and promoted. In

contrast, the Bible-believing church stands united in the fundamentals of the faith, which are grounded in the *inerrant Word of God!* These fundamentals include:

The divine inspiration of the Bible, the unchangeable and unalterable Word of God;

The Sovereignty of the Triune God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

The Creation of man and all things by the direct hand of God;

The incarnation and divinity of Christ, the only Savior of the world, who was born of the Virgin Mary;

The vicarious and atoning death of Jesus Christ for the sins of mankind;

The bodily resurrection of Christ and His ascension into Heaven;

The person and work of the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who awakens faith through the Word, who calls people to salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone, and who keeps them in the one true faith through His Word and gifts;

The promised bodily return of Christ to receive His Church unto Himself and to judge the living and the dead;

Everlasting salvation with Jesus Christ in Heaven for the saved;

Everlasting damnation in hell with Satan and his host for the lost.

Protestant Christians also hold the three great Reformation principles as nonnegotiable truths – grace alone, faith alone and Scripture alone. Saints and martyrs fearlessly upheld the integrity of these doctrines to the death. These biblical teachings separate the true Church from cults and false religions!

Excerpts taken from *Contending for the Faith* by
Pastor David R. Barnhart

Fully God and Fully Human

By Mandy Bronson

HOW is Jesus fully God and fully human? I do not think I understand it well, and I cannot explain it well with big theological words. But maybe, as a mama, I feel some sort of understanding when I think of Him in His final moments, caring for His mama.

My mind, with all the emotions, often goes back to

the early morning of June 19, 2019. A few hours earlier, our six-month-old son's doctor had come into his hospital room to let us know they had found a liver that was compatible for him. Ever since Boaz was diagnosed with a liver disease a few weeks after his birth, it felt as though we were forced to watch his body slowly deteriorate. Each day, he struggled keeping down the small amount of milk we fed him in his 'feeding tube'. His skin color and eyes turned more yellow, and he slept more each day. Without this new liver, he would die!

That night, they needed me to contact my husband Danny, bring Boaz's brothers to see him before surgery, and fill out paperwork to consent for surgery. There was a sense of urgency and overwhelming relief, fear and sadness, and exhaustion.

Is it even possible to feel all those emotions at once?

I think many mothers reading this would give a resounding "yes." At 11 p.m., we had prayer over Boaz and his medical team right before they wheeled him off! Honestly, I think Danny prayed, and I squeaked noises between messy sobs. I was having difficulty seeing well because my eyes were puffy from crying. They intubated Boaz and placed various ports and tubes. Then we were able to be with him while they started plasmapheresis to prepare his body for a liver from another blood type. I had trouble looking at or touching Boaz without dissolving into sobs!

During the next four hours I stayed at Boaz's side, as we waited for his new liver to arrive from Illinois. Finally, it came, and his transplant Surgeon inspected it. The surgery started at 4 a.m. We were warned it could take up to *twelve* hours. I remember not being able to catch my breath due to crying as they wheeled him away, because I wondered if this might be the last time, I would see him alive. Miraculously, his surgery only took *four* hours! We were awakened in a room in the Pediatric Intensive Care unit at 8 a.m. by his transplant surgeon, who said it went well and we could see him soon.

Faith & Fellowship

***May the righteous, by their prayers,
empty our nation of its sin as others
are filling it with their sin. May God
stay His judgment. May God's mercy
not destroy the righteous with the
wicked but preserve the wicked with
the righteous.***

Paraphrase of Matthew Henry, page 1049

The Ant and the Contact Lens:

(A true Story)

Author Unknown

Brenda was almost halfway to the tremendous granite cliff! She was standing on a ledge where she was taking a breather during this, her first rock climb. She rested there, the safety rope snapped against her eye and knocked out her contact lens. ‘Great’ she thought. Here I am on a rock ledge, hundreds of feet from the bottom and hundreds of feet to the top of this cliff, and now my eye *sight is blurry.*’ She looked and looked, hoping that somehow it had landed on the ledge! But it wasn’t there!

She felt panic rising in her, so she began praying. She prayed for calm (Ed. Philippians 4:6-7) and she prayed that she may find her contact lens.

When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but it was not found! Although she was calm now that she was at the top, she was saddened because she could not clearly see across the range of mountains. She thought of the Bible verse ‘The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth.’

She thought, ‘Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me!’

Later, when they had hiked down the trail to the bottom of the cliff, they met another party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, “Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens”? We saw an ant carrying a contact lens and decided to pick it up.”

The story doesn’t end there. Brenda’s father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a cartoon of an ant lugging that contact lens with the caption, ‘Lord, I don’t know why You want me to carry this thing. I can’t eat it, and it’s awfully heavy. BUT if this is what You want me to do, I’ll carry it for You. I think it would do all of us some good to say, ‘God, I don’t know why You want me to carry this load! I can see no good in it and it’s

One does not have to see to believe, but one does have to believe to see.

awfully heavy. But if You want me to carry it, I will’.

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Jesus is All in All

“Jesus saith unto him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me.’”

(John 14:6)

Thomas does not know the way. Everything gets tangled and obscure for him. He does not know whither Jesus is going, and he does not know where he himself is going!

Thomas is not the only one whose thoughts have gotten twisted. Many a time both you and I ask: Am I on the way to Heaven? Will I be among the saved if I die now? What IF I am only deceiving myself! How happy I would be IF I were entirely certain that I am on the way! And while we are asking, we in the manner of genuine “reason” and unbelief, go to our heart for the answer. We permit ourselves to be led into this dark, primeval forest, even though we know that that is wrong.

But *Jesus* gives us the answer, the light, and the ransom. HE says that HE is everything for us! (Colossians 2:8 – 10). This means not only that He has given us the truth and the life and built a new way for us, but also that He Himself first and foremost is all this for us! So, IF we have received Him and are with Him, then we are in the truth and life, then we are on the Way! He who is with Jesus is on the way because Jesus Himself is the way. As the automobile, the elevator and the train carry us toward our destination when we have entered the car, so Jesus takes us to Heaven when we are in Him! The Way is alive! The Way itself travels, because Jesus is the WAY!

“Commit thy way unto Jehovah:

Trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass.”
(Psalm 37:5)

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the life;

Grant us that Way to know,

That Truth to keep, that Life to win, is so open

Whose joys eternal flow.

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Editor’s Note: Why is it that we so often call Thomas doubting Thomas, when he is so open and “Honest”? Not only that, but *seemingly* he is not only speaking for himself; but US as well?

The Fervor of One Jew

By Hyman Appelman

Some of you know that I, a Jew, was converted, my people turned their faces from me. I have no standing in the family circle!

When I was pastor in Victory, Texas, my father came from Chicago to see me and take me home! He spent eight days with me and I came closer to Hell in agony of heart and soul than I ever expect to be in time or Eternity.

When he got off the train, we hugged and kissed, then got into my car and drove home. On the way he told me about my precious mother, my four brothers and my sister and how much they loved me and wanted to see me.

Then he began to ask me to give up my Lord and my work and come home.

During those eight days, by day and night, I tried every way, used every method to win my Jewish father to Christ. But to *no* avail! He refused even to look at a New Testament. He turned his back on my Christ! It broke my heart. I was in deep soul agony.

Night after night he would stretch out his old hands to me and, with tears streaming down his face and in a trembling voice, ask me to come home. Night after night I was obliged to refuse! He would go to his bed and I would go on my knees or face, weeping my heart out.

Then came the day of his departure. Together we sat in the Pullman seat. Again, he pleaded with me to turn my back on Christ the church and my humble work and to come home!

Son, Mama and I are getting old. You are our first-born. We have done all we could for you, as sacrificially as we knew how. Please, won't you come home? We haven't much longer to live! Cheer our old age. I'll buy your ticket! Don't get off the train. We'll send for your wife! Come home."

Again, I had to say, "I can't, Father, it's impossible. It's out of the question."

He kept on pleading, his every tear-drop of burning acid on my soul. He kept on begging, reasoning

After a while we heard the call, "All aboard." I knew I had to get off. Bending down, I pressed my lips to his and said, "Daddy, this is for Mama. Tell her no matter how it seems, how it looks, how it appears, I love her with all my heart."

Then I kissed him and said, "Daddy, this is for you! I love you more than you will ever know. Whether you can ever accept my way or not, whether you can ever agree with me or not, I want you to know that I am just as honest and sincere as I know how to be."

I jumped off the train, got into my car and started to drive away, but the tears blinded me. Parking my car near

the station, I bowed my head over the steering wheel and poured out my heart to God that HE might have mercy on my loved ones.

You turn to me and say," Preacher, you love your people. They needed you. They were getting old. They had sacrificed for you. Why didn't you go home?"

I'll tell you why. All the time my daddy was weeping, all the time I was praying, all the time my heart was breaking, above his head I could see a hill on that hill a cross and on that Cross the bleeding, broken body of my Savior!

Beloved, I may be a Jew but I am not a dog! IF Jesus Christ loved me enough to die for me, I love Him enough – and I want you to love HIM enough – so that TOGETHER we may be ready to live, to give and to go!

Sword of the Lord

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

I Timothy 6:12

There is never a command of grounded arms, never a time of relaxation in the battle for the *crown*! The battle lasts as long as there is life!

We live in hostile territory. Dangers lurk on every hand. The tempter lays his snares where least suspected. If we knew where the next attack would come, we could fortify ourselves in that very place, but we never know where the enemy breaks in the next time. Do not forget that you are not stronger than you are at your weakest point.

Little items that you do not consider important, hide a trap. Jesus says to be faithful in little things. It is often easier to win the difficult battles than the small ones.

Certainly, Jesus gives rest—glorious, unspeakable rest. All the host of disciples witness this with deep thanksgiving. But at the same time, Jesus urges us to fight the good fight! HE does not promise rest *from* battle, but rest *in* battle. Therefore, stay near to God. Endeavor to get near to Him. It is *in Him* that you can become more than a conqueror. For HE gives those the victory who find their refuge in Him!

Quiet Moments on the Way Home, by H.E. Wisloff

*Editor's Note: "Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints" Jude 3. This was and is the 'key' verse of the formulation of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation in 1920 and still is today, for the *Morning Glory* as well.*

The Star-Spangled Banner

By Lindsay Terry

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.”
(Psalm 33:12)

It was August 13, 1814. The citizens of Washington, D.C., watched in horror as their city burned. The White House, the Capital and most of the other government buildings were ablaze. England and the United States were engaged in the conflict now known as the War of 1812.

As the British retreated to the ships anchored in Chesapeake Bay, near the mouth of the Potomac River, they took William Beanes as a captive. He was a prominent physician and friend of Francis Scott Key, a lawyer and plantation owner.

Key then secured permission from the government to negotiate for the release of Beanes. Although Key was successful, he and Beanes were detained overnight on the British ship Minden. Their enemies feared they had learned of the intention to attack Fort McHenry, near Baltimore.

Key and his party watched as darkness fell and obscured Fort McHenry and the fifty-foot American flag that was flying overhead. They watched until the last gleaming of the twilight. A raging battle began.

Cannon fire, rockets and flames allowed glimpses of the flag all through the night. As the day dawned, “Old Glory” could be seen still waving! They rejoiced that the Fort had stood.

So thrilled was Key that he grabbed an envelope from his pocket and began to write what his heart was feeling:

Oh say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,

*What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's
last gleaming,*

*Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through
the perilous fight,*

*O'er the ramparts we watched were so
gallantly streaming?*

*And the rockets' red glare, the bombs
bursting in air,*

*Gave proof through the night that our flag
was still there.*

*Oh say, does that star-spangled
banner yet wave*

*O'er the land of the free and the
home of the brave?*

He finished the poem the next day in a Baltimore hotel room, adding several more verses. The original copy is in Walters Art Museum in that city.

The poem, sung to an English tune known in the United States as “Adams and Liberty,” written by John Stafford Smith, became so popular in our Country that in 1931 Congress made “The Star-Spangled Banner” our National Anthem.

The flag that flew over Fort McHenry is now on display in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

Francis Scott Key, a devout Christian, believed deeply in liberty and freedom. It is reported that the slaves he inherited from his wealthy father were freed by him in 1817. Before their release, he helped them with family problems, defended them at no cost in the courts and started Sunday School classes for them. He did everything in his power to lighten their burdens.

He died January 11, 1843. Two statues of Key stand in our Nation: one over his grave and another in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California. A flag, by order of the government, flies continuously over his burial place in Frederick, Maryland.

Many soldiers in Fort McHenry gave their lifeblood on that night that you and I might be free! Today, multiplied thousands of AMERICAN men and women lie in Flanders Field and in countless other burial places where crosses mark their graves, row on row! They too gave their lives for our Freedom — Freedom to live and work and play without fear of tyranny.

What a wonderful blessing — this freedom we enjoy!

Reflection: Who is the Author of Liberty? The Founder of FREEDOM? You and I can never be really free — free from the guilt of our SINS — apart from the FREEDOM that CHRIST Alone paid for with His Blood on Calvary's Cross! Oh, to be free in our Nation and in our souls before Almighty GOD!

Sword of the Lord

**The better it is to have the
presence of Jesus than the
presents of man.**

Views of the Cross

Mocking Thief

“Are you not the Christ? Save Yourself and us.”
(Luke 23:39)

Ever since Adam’s disobedience in the Garden of Eden (all) human beings have been in rebellion against God! Some people openly mock Him like this thief and others who taunted Jesus Christ while He was on the Cross! But a person does not need to be a blatant scoffer to face God’s wrath. We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Even a single sin separates us from God and requires eternal judgment by our Holy Creator! We need His forgiveness.

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” (John 3:18 & 36)

Centurion By The Cross

“Truly this Man was the Son of God” (Mark 15:39)

The words spoken by the centurion accurately identify Jesus! He was not just a good teacher who accidentally got mixed up with the Jewish and Roman authorities! He is God in human flesh (John 1:14). He is our Creator, and HE will return and judge this world! Jesus Christ revealed what God is like. He came to Earth to live a sinless life, to die on the Cross for our sins, and to rise from the dead. His *Perfect Sacrifice* in our place paid the penalty we *deserve* for our sin.

ARK Encounter

The Good Fight

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith.” (II Timothy 4:7)

PAUL stands at the end of life’s (earthly) journey. He has had a fatiguing workday, and many conflicts. Now the end of the fight is in sight as the day wanes. It is great to be privileged to stand at the end of life with such certainty, such calm and victorious power. That is like seeing the evening sun in the sea, and the sky above covered with light, golden clouds.

What Paul seems to be gladdest about is that he has kept his faith through life’s struggles! This tells us that he was one of those who not only had to battle in faith, but also for his faith. All those who have been in this struggle know that this is the most difficult thing of all. When faith in God, in Christ, in Heaven and the life after (physical) death, be-

gins to fail, then everything becomes night, then one sees no way of escape! Many of the soldiers of Jesus Christ must enter such a night. Not even a trip into “the third heaven” gives us the right to be let off.

How wonderful to have gotten through this, too, safe and sound! How unspeakable great when our feet are unable to carry us any farther, and our eyes stare ahead into darkness at midday, to have a faith that can make one rejoice that he soon is at his journey’s end. With such a faith it is good to be allowed to quit the fight. Then autumn is more beautiful than spring, and evening is fuller of life than the most beautiful morning!

*That martyr first, whose eagle eye
Could pierce beyond the grave;
Who saw his Master in the sky;
And called on Him to save;
Like Him, with pardon on his tongue;
In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for them that did the wrong:
Who follows in His train?*

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A Fool

“You fool! This night your soul will be required of you.”
(Luke 12:20)

PEOPLE do not want to die! They want to live! They (almost ALL) cling to life as long as possible.

But a person *must* die! If Jesus does not come again while we are living, the most certain truth of all truths is that we shall die.

Few people want to think of this disruption. They push the thought aside. It makes them restless.

Even though they believe that there is a life beyond death and the grave, they do not wish to adjust their life accordingly. And that which awaits them is Eternal. How well they know it, and yet....

The strange thing is that no atheist can persuade them to abandon the belief that there is a life after death, nor can an evangelist prepare them for what awaits. *“You fool!”* said Jesus.

Henrik Wergeland, a famous Norwegian poet, once said, “Do not forget that you are dust. Neither forget that you are more than dust. Because you are dust, you shall die. Because you are more than dust, you shall live even though you die!”

GOD pleads with us not to live like fools, but to learn to number our days, that we may get hearts of wisdom.

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The Coming of the Lord

“His coming is certain as the dawn.” (Hosea 6:3)

Hudson Taylor, missionary to China, and founder of China Inland Mission, wrote the following concerning the verse above: “I remember well when God was pleased to open my heart to this great truth that the Lord Jesus is coming again, and that He may come *at any time!* Since He may come any day, is it not well to *be ready* every day? I do not know any thought that has made a greater blessing to me through life than this!”

As you hear (& see) of all the turmoil and strife, and see the corruption and moral perversion in every area of society, there is one bit of good news: Christ’s coming is certain as the dawn! Given that glorious ‘truth’, what does that mean for all who know Christ as Savior?

First, it should fill our hearts with joy and peace! Christ’s return is our blessed hope! *“God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (I Thess. 5:9). Don’t you love the truth of that Gospel song? “What a day that will be when my Jesus I shall see, when I look upon His face, the One who saved me by His grace! When He takes me by the hand, and leads me through the promised land; what a Day, glorious day, that will be.”

Second, the thought of Christ’s return should fill every believer with a sense of peace and comfort! After reminding us of the fact that we will be reunited with loved ones (provided they left this earthly journey clothed in Jesus’ righteousness) who have gone on ahead of us, we read *“Therefore comfort one another with these words.”* (I Thess. 4:18)

Third, the reminder that Christ is coming soon should motivate us to live for Christ today, while we still have time! Let’s do *what* we can, *while* we can, as *long* as we can. *“Making the most of your time, because the days are evil.”* (Eph. 5:16)

Pastor Don Greven

Editor’s Note: A personal-note from the author of the above article, Pastor Don Greven: ‘May you be encouraged today as we together seek to lift up believers as we await Christ’s soon return!’

One Like Us?

“Art, thou become like unto us?” (Isaiah 14:10)

WHAT must be the apostate professor’s doom when his naked soul appears before God? How will he (or she) bear that voice, “Depart, ye cursed; thou hast rejected

Me, and I reject thee; thou hast played the harlot, and departed from Me: I also have banished thee forever from My presence, and will not have mercy upon thee.” What will be this wretch’s shame at the last great day when, before assembled multitudes, the apostate shall be unmasked? See the profane, and sinners who never professed religion, lifting themselves up from their beds of fire to point at him. “There he is,” says one, “will he preach the gospel in hell?” “There he is,” says another, “he rebuked me for cursing, and was a hypocrite himself!” “Aha!” says another, “here comes a psalm-singing Methodist – one who was always at his meeting; he is the man who boasted of his being sure of everlasting life; and here he is!”

No greater eagerness will ever be seen among Satanic tormentors, than in that day when devils drag the hypocrite’s soul down to perdition. Bunyan pictures this with massive but awful grandeur of poetry when he speaks of the back-way to Hell. Seven devils bound the wretch with nine cords, and dragged him from the road to Heaven, in which he had professed to walk, and thrust him through the back-door into Hell. Mind that back-way to Hell, professors! *“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith.”* Look well to your state; see whether you be in Christ or not. It is the easiest thing in the world to give a lenient verdict when oneself is to be tried; but O, be just and true here! Be just to all, but be rigorous to yourself. Remember if it be not a rock on which you build, when the house shall fall, great will be the fall of it. O may the Lord give you sincerity, constancy, and firmness; and in no day, however evil, may you be led to turn aside!

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“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isaiah 8:20)

A Touch From Heaven

“One touch from Heaven brings us to our knees, sets us on our feet, opens our lips and strengthens us; to will and to do that which is good.”

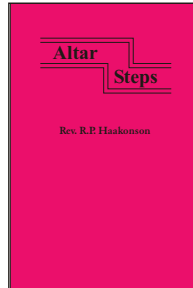
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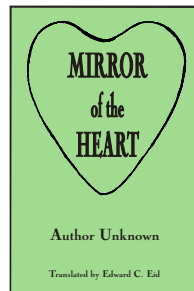
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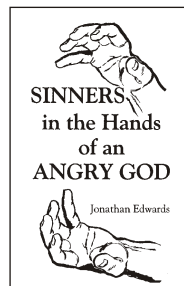
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Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God

Jonathan Edwards preached this remarkable sermon at Enfield, Conn. on July 8, 1741. It was at night while he was reading it to a large congregation, that the lights became dim and he read with difficulty, and the influence was so great on the congregation that strong men and women cried and screamed for mercy and even grabbed their seats for fear they would slide into hell that very moment. Suggested Offering: \$1.00.



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Mark Your Calendar!

Plan to prayerfully attend:

Hauge Lutheran Bible Conference

Where? Liberty Lutheran Brethren Church

1702 32nd Ave, Fargo, ND

Host Pastor: Pastor Elroy J. Vesta

When? October 21 -23, 2022

Lord willing: Speakers names will be announced the first part of October!

Plan now, Mark on your Schedule, Plan to attend, PRAY & you are very WELCOME!