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

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A Fly in the Ointment

Oscar C. Hanson

Perhaps you have used this expression often, but you have never realized that it came from the Bible. Something interfered and you said, “But there was a fly in the ointment.” In Ecclesiastes 10:1 we read, “Dead flies make the perfumer’s ointment give off an evil odor.”

Christ came to bring healing. In Nazareth that day, He said, “He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor” (Luke 4:18). Paul said, “Thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God” (II Cor. 2:14-15). This world is full of open sores in human hearts. With the infection of guilt and the pain of despair, they cry for help. God has called every Christian to come with the healing and soothing ointment of the Balm of Gilead, Jesus Christ our Savior, to each individual life. But there must be no flies in our ointment. It must be the clear aroma of Christ.

Today there are especially three flies that come to contaminate the ointment of our lives in such a way that we become spiritually ineffective. They are first OUR FEELINGS, secondly, OUR FAILURES and thirdly OUR FORMS.

OUR FEELINGS go up or down depending upon the circumstances. When things go well, we are in a good mood. When things go wrong, our spirits hit bottom, and even members of our family wonder what has happened. In such times of testing and trial, we should be the ointment that brings healing to those around us for “we are the aroma of Christ.” But often the fly of feelings spoils

the ointment. Somehow we forget that faith is something far different. We find feeling when we look inwardly. Faith is to look away from ourselves and into the Bible and there hear Christ, for “faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God” (Rom. 10:17). His great promises never change. When I let His personal promise reach my individual circumstances, faith becomes real and produces “the aroma of Christ” as healing to those around me. Only a personal day by day trust in His living promises in my Bible can keep the fly of feelings out of this ointment.

OUR FAILURES also contaminate and make us spiritually ineffective. The devil has always used the tool of discouragement to his advantage. The fear of being a failure even keeps us from attempting to witness for Christ. We forget that God has promised to bring the fruit. No enemy can stop His miracle power. A moment ago we read, “Christ always leads us in triumph and through us spreads the fragrance.” The focus of attention cannot be on self. It must be on Christ, for “Christ liveth in me.” “We are more than conquerors through Him” and “we are the aroma of Christ.” He cannot fail for He has defeated every enemy, even the last enemy of death (I Cor. 15:22). As followers of Jesus, we bring the ointment of victory and triumph to a defeated troubled world. Again, only a personal day by day trust in His living promises in my Bible can keep the fly of failures out of this ointment.

DEAD FORMS OF RELIGIOUS HABITS surely can become flies in the ointment. One troubled layman said, “Pastor, you must help me make this real. I sit in

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church and look at you in the pulpit, but I don't listen to your sermon. I hold the hymn book and even sing the words, but they don't mean anything to me. I even bow my head and repeat prayers but they are just empty words." God described such a condition in Isaiah 29:13 when He said, "This people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me." We become the aroma of Christ only when He is real in our lives; and when we know that He has taken our sins and nailed them to the cross. The forgiveness of all my sins in the Blood of Jesus Christ must be a reality in my life if I am to bring healing to this aching world. Once again, only a personal day by day trust in His living promises in my Bible can keep the fly of dead forms out of this ointment.

Ointment, healing, balm, fragrance, aroma for Christ – in this shaky and sin-sick world. What a privilege! Let us make sure there are no flies in the ointment.

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When truth is
forsaken,
errors multiply.

Matthew Henry

Reformation

This month is what we *might* call Reformation month OR definitely the last Sunday of October is REFORMATION SUNDAY!

What does the word Reformation mean to you? The word 'reformation' means "the act of making an improvement, especially by changing a person's behavior or belief."

God used a cleansed vessel by the name of Martin Luther in a marvelous way over 500 years ago. God is still using his basic insight of Scripture yet today!

Who or What did God accomplish through this 'one' vessel and is still using it today?

Luther's definition of the word 'doctrine' is an explanation of a fact. I don't want to be known as a negative/pessimistic person, but a realist and that is what some folk may say I am. But it is more than just frustrating to go to or attend a Worship Service on Reformation Sunday and not a word or hymn commemorating Martin's Gospel Hymn which is a true testimony of His children – "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." This is like our National Anthem, only as a true testimony.

No, I am not referring to Martin Luther King Jr. nor any person like him, but sharing Martin Luther's basic convictions and doctrines based on the Inspired Word of God!

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

By Martin Luther, 1529

*A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
Our help is He in all our need,
Our stay, what-e'er doth happen;
For still our ancient foe;
Doth seek to work us woe;
Strong mail of craft and Power
He wear-eth in this hour;
On earth is not his equal.
Stood we alone in our own might,
Our striving would be losing;
For us the one true Man doth fight,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Who is this chosen One?
Tis Jesus Christ, the Son,
The Lord of hosts 'tis He
Who wins the victory
In every field of battle.*

*And were the world with devils filled,
All watching to devour us,
Our souls to fear we need not yield,
They cannot overpower us;
Their dreaded prince no more
Can harm us as of yore;
His rage we can endure;
For lo! His doom is sure,
A word shall overthrow him.*

*Still they must leave God's word its might,
For which no thanks they merit;
Still He is with us in the fight,
With His good gift and Spirit.
And should they, in strife,
Take kindred, goods and life,
We freely let them go,
They profit not the foe;
With us remains the kingdom.*

Just Anything!

A Preacher was in a bookstore when a woman came in to buy a book. When asked what kind of book she wanted, she replied, "Oh, just anything." So, the clerk handed her a worthless story. She rapidly glanced through the book and then said, "That looks good; I will take it."

A half hour later the preacher was in the meat market when that same woman came in and demanded a steak. She scornfully refused the first and second cuts that were offered, insisting rather loudly upon "the best that you have." When she finally received and paid for a most expensive cut, she announced for all to hear, "**I am particular about what I eat.**"

Way too often many (even some professing Christians) feed their bodies carefully; while their mind and soul are fed upon "just anything," even IF the spiritual food is just a little not according to the clear Word of God! BUT when leadership is Bad, BEWARE! Under Jeroboam, idolatry became a fixed policy for the northern kingdom. Jeroboam's name became the symbol of evil in the land. The record describes his successor as evil like Jeroboam. Then Israel became a follower of Jeroboam: "**Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments.**" (Deut. 8:11) (His Word, the BIBLE)

Suffering

“For whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it”
(Matthew 16:25).

We said the other day that willingness to suffer was the secret of Jesus’ life, not only as the Son of man, but also as the Son of God. To *will* to suffer is the secret of God’s life, is the peculiarly divine element in the love of God.

Suffering is therefore also the secret of the believer’s life. The apostle who gained the deepest insight into the mystery of the Gospel of Jesus is the one who knew of no greater desire than to share in the sufferings of Jesus by the power of His resurrection. He considered as fortunate his friends who were permitted not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for His sake.

We often wonder why we do not grow more than we do as Christians. The answer, as far as most of us are concerned, is no doubt this: We accept the unmerited grace of God and use it as a means of adding to our own well-being instead of using it as a power which will enable us to suffer with Jesus.

Let us acknowledge this: We are afraid of suffering, both physical and spiritual. None of our prayers are so sincere and earnest as those we pray when we ask God to deliver us from adversity, sorrow, and suffering. Fortunately, God does not fulfill all these petitions of ours.

We *are* to suffer and we must *suffer* – all of us – in this world of sin. But salvation should enable us to *will* to suffer, for through salvation we receive the mind of *Christ*.

But what shall we do then, we who see daily that we do *not* will to suffer?

There is only one thing for us to do: *pray for grace*.

First that we may be forgiven for the sin of not believing in the Christ who says that it is good to suffer.

And then for *grace to suffer*.

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Excel in Edification

By the late Pastor Alvin Larson

“Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.” (I Corinthians 14:12)

Here, Paul (God through a vessel) has good advice for the believers of our day! We are told that IF we are

zealous of spiritual gifts, it is important to know for what reason the gifts are sought after. Paul says seek that you may excel, or take to edify the saints.

IF this would be the aim and desire of each one who claims to be a child of God, I believe we would see a re-
vival! When a believer is edified, he is built up in the faith, and when we are built up in the faith, the joy of the Lord increases. As a result, we even in our day would see souls won for Christ! David saw the need of this so he asked God to restore (renew/revive) unto him, **“the joy of Your salvation; and uphold me with Your free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee:”** (Psalm 51: 12-13).

We are to excel in edifying of the church, “the Believers.” How are believers edified? First, I believe it is as we share with one another what Jesus has done for us in saving our souls, in bringing us out of darkness and into HIS marvelous light, in granting us peace with God and assuring us of the Blessed Hope!

Then it is edifying as brother IN Christ shares how God has led him through struggles and trials which caused him to experience the Grace and Love of JESUS even stronger than before. And it causes us to rejoice and praise the Lord with him. God has never promised that His children will not suffer hardships of many different kinds, but HE has promised to lead us through to victory In Him!

What about the times when we can share our brother’s burden and give a helping hand? Or what about the time we can take it before the Throne of (Grace) God with him and wait together with him for God’s answering prayer? This too, is strengthening and edifying!

Then I don’t think we can express too strongly the need for Christian Fellowship (“forsaking not the assembling together, as the manner of some is”) where the Word of God is shared, where the believers are encouraged to share what the Lord means to them, and where they come together to praise, worship, and pray. This brings unity in the body of believers and also joy.

I believe we in America today are experiencing a coldness of heart because we are not getting together in unity the way we ought to be doing! The heart is not warmed IF each go our own way. I don’t believe there is such a thing as a “hermit Christian” IF it is possible to gather with other believers.

May God grant that we forsake a life of ease or a life of pleasure in worldly things so that we may be getting together with God’s children. Let us pray for revival so that we may become concerned about reaching the lost for Jesus! May we become fishers of men. IF you are a weary pilgrim today, pray that God will rekindle in your heart the first love and joy in HIM again!

Editorial

RES

SCRAMBLED MINDS!

“Justice is turned back, And righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, And equity cannot enter. So truth fails, And he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice. (Isaiah 59:14-15)

Also read Romans 1:20-32

Lying – “Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. The wicked are estranged from the womb; They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.” (Psalm 40:4 & 58) Thus, Scripture is very clear and always accurate; let Scripture interpret Scripture, enlightened by the Holy Spirit! BUT there are some who practice lying and can lie even through their teeth with a smile! After hearing the same lie(s) over and over again; folks will actually believe it. Then you know IF a person tells one lie, this same person will need to tell another lie *to cover up the first lie*.

An atheist said, “The bigger the lie, the easier it is to believe.” Another added, “Tell a lie often enough many will believe it.”

Euphemisms – “A polite word expression that refers to things that people may find upsetting or embarrassing to talk about.” (For example: Sex) They are always meant to sound true though they are not true. In fact, they are intentionally used to try and prevent people from knowing the **truth**.

Reproductive Freedom, Women’s Healthcare, Reproductive Justice, Women’s Right to Choose, Abortion Care: It’s all just clever but cunning branding. But it has fatal consequences...

The majority of America’s leading news outlets have given power to “pro-choice” propaganda approx. since 1973 by giving the public almost no choice in hearing the truth!

That’s what the liberal media is doing now and even some folk in political leadership are basically practicing “You scratch my back and I will scratch yours.”

I don’t know if I will ever fully understand how people of a political persuasion can look at the same figures and come-up with a different conclusion. Many years ago when I was in grade-school; I was taught two plus two equals four, regardless how you looked-at-it! Supposedly President Harry S. Truman said: “Show me a

politician who is getting rich (*financially*) and I will show you a **Crook**”! **“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness...”** Isaiah 5:20.

The people who follow the Green New Deal need to check with the Creator and Preserver in regards to who really is in CONTROL as there are **sixty-one (61)** Bible verses that state there will always be four seasons! He said that He would never destroy (flood) the Earth again and the Rainbow is a consistent reminder of one of this His precious promises. To my knowledge, ALL that has life needs a definite measure of LIGHT and WATER!

HONESTY: From the very top-office of the USA down to the very grass-roots, we have been gradually coming down a steep-hill like a ‘snow-ball’, ***honesty is being lost!!***

For “we the people” are experiencing the lasso tightening around our neck of FREEDOM!

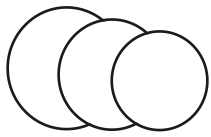
Show me a country that does not have a border; almost from Creation and I will show you a Country that is losing true patriotism. (Yes, we are to LOVE our enemy, not to love their wrong, but to pray for their salvation.) Another example is the First and Second Amendment to the USA Constitution!

We are being betrayed. We are slowly going down the drain with a socialism agenda and eventually dictatorship!

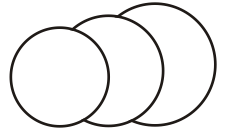
PLEASE PRAYERFULLY/CAREFULLY READ AMOS CHAPTER FOUR! – and Correct me if I am wrong as we care for one another!

Please read Romans chapter one verses 18 through 32, and especially verse **32!** – equals **“Scrambled-minds”!**

YOU are either saved or lost; YOU can not straddle the fence!



From Our Fellowship Circle



D. M.

Dubuque, IA

If possible, would you please add the following person to the list of subscribers to receive your publication *Morning Glory* ...

Thank you so very much for doing this.

She used to receive *Morning Glory* in the past, but the subscription was interrupted somehow, perhaps due to moving and change of address. Visiting with her yesterday, she shared that she was no longer receiving the magazine; and with her glad permission we told her we would write to you to reinstate her subscription.

We started receiving your fine publication this year. What a blessing it is to receive it. Thank You!

Our Savior Jesus Christ bless you (Barbara), and Pastor Stueland, and the ministry of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation.

Yours in HIM,

Mr. & Mrs. A. H.

Twin Valley, MN

Greetings to all of you that are making the *Morning Glory* Great! Again!

In the August issue of the MG, the article by Pastor Steven Lombardo writing in regards to Hans Nielsen Hauge was excellent! It was so sufficient writing about the need that Lutherans must be Born Again (converted). As you wrote: 'Be converted or perish' Matthew 18:3. Nicely written! Thanks so much as some of the Lutheran Pastors don't preach this way! AT ALL!

Enclosed is a donation and we wish it could be more! Thank you, and all who work to put the Morning Glory together and may God bless you!

The Word of God

"We also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers." (I Thessalonians 2:13)

GOD makes His Word known to us through men, and He proclaimed it and had it written down especially through the Apostles. St. Peter and St. Paul did not speak their own words, but God's Word, as St. Paul also

assures the Thessalonians when He says to them, **"We also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers."**

The Word may well be preached to me, but no one can implant it in my heart except God (*Holy Spirit*) alone. God must speak His WORD to my heart, otherwise nothing comes of it. IF God keeps silent, the Word is not really spoken to my heart. Hence no one will ever force me to give up the Word which God Himself has taught me! This I must know as certainly as I know that two and three make five. This remains true if all councils say otherwise. If they say otherwise, I know that they are lying. Likewise, one yard is more than half a yard, this is certain! Even if the whole world says otherwise, I know that this does not change such facts! Who forces me to this conclusion? No one but the truth alone, which is so complete and so certain that no one can deny it.

This is also the case with the truth which God (Holy Spirit) has implanted in our hearts. I am not so concerned about the opinion of Augustine, Jerome, St. Peter, St. Paul, or even of the archangel Gabriel from heaven – I want to have God's Word and what God Himself says.

Daily Scripture: Psalm 119:89-96.

PRAYER:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for the sure and certain truth which You have set forth in Your Word. Make us steadfast and immovable in this truth, in and through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Excerpt from *Luther for the Busy Man*, Minneapolis, MN: Ambassador Publications, © 2021, pg. 272.

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We are a chosen people called, shaped and sent under the Inspired Word of God. We must study the Word of God and follow it's leading and then loving one-another (not their sin), serving, seeking to nourish one-another in the true faith and seeking to reach the lost sinner both near and far-away!

"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning." Proverbs 9:9

Believable ...Yet Unbelievable

Iran Using Proxy Militias to Drive Christians Out of Middle East

Through its proxy militias, Iran is carrying out an *“invisible jihad”* **against Christians** in the *Middle East* with the aim of creating a Muslim demographic purity by producing conditions that would force Christians out of the region, according to a new report.

“Iran’s proxy militias in Lebanon, Iraq, Syria and Yemen have played a significant, though largely unrecognized, role in the dramatic decline of Christians in the region,” says the report, titled, “The Invisible Jihad: The Treatment of Christians by Iran Proxies,” by the Philos Project.

Anugrah Kumar, christianpost.com

Roe, Racism and Violence

Justice Clarence Thomas is now the target of outrageous racist attacks because of his vote to overturn Roe v. Wade. That is not surprising considering abortion in America is rooted in racial genocide. The anger and violence directed at the unborn in the womb is now being re-directed at those who stand for life! The mask covering the evil of abortion has been ripped off and vicious and violent attacks on those who stand against that evil have begun.

Mat Staver, LIBERTY COUNSEL

FCC Warns About Tik Tok: a Wolf in “Sheep’s Clothing”

After yet another user data breach in China, the social media app Tik Tok is once again in the crosshairs of U. S. officials, this time from the FCC.

Earlier (in June), Buzzfeed reported that ByteDance, the Chinese company that owns Tik Tok, had access to private data information about American Tik Tok users. Now, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr has reached out to executives at Apple and Google to request that the two tech giants remove the Tik Tok, app from their app stores.

...Carr warns about the national security threat posed by the social media app that is popular with Americans, especially teens and 20-somethings.

“Tik Tok is not what it appears to be on the surface,” Carr wrote. “It’s not just an app for sharing funny videos or memes. That’s the sheep’s clothing. At its core, Tik Tok functions as a sophisticated surveillance tool that har-

vests extensive amounts of personal and sensitive data.”

...Carr claims that ByteDance “is beholden to the Communist Party of China and required by Chinese law to comply with the PRC’s surveillance demands.”

Cortney Weil, theblaze.com

Chick-fil-A Named America’s Most Popular Restaurant for Eighth Straight Year

For the eighth consecutive year, Chick-fil-A has been named America’s favorite restaurant, fast-food or otherwise, according to the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) Restaurant study 2021-2022.

The study – which described Chick-fil-A’s perpetually high ranking as a “strangle-hold on the fast-food industry” – measured customer satisfaction among more than 20,000 randomly selected customers between April 2021 and March 2022.

On a scale of 0 to 100, Chick-fil-A led all (other) restaurants with an unchanged ACSI score of 93...

...Chick-fil-A has garnered controversy for its leadership’s religious opposition to same-sex marriage and ties to conservative Christian groups. ...

Chick-fil-A has itself often been criticized after its president, Dan Cathy, voiced his opposition to gay marriage in 2012.

christianpost.com

As Woke Corporations Offer Free Abortion, this company Is Doing the Opposite

The June 24 thunderbolt of the *Dobbs Supreme Court* decision that explicitly overturned **Roe v. Wade** has sent dozens of corporations scrambling to broadcast their pro-abortion to the world by announcing they will cover the cost of an abortion for their employees, with some even offering to pay for travel expenses to an abortion-friendly state.

But one company has recently decided to flip the script...

As the Washington Stand has reported, at least 56 companies have announced their intention to offer abortion stipends and travel reimbursement, even with the mounting legal and privacy complications that this will likely entail.

But Buffer Insurance has taken an opposite stance. On June 27, the company announced in Facebook and Instagram that it will “pay the medical costs for our employees who birth babies” as well as “pay for the medical costs associated with adopting a baby.” ...

Dan Hart, washingtonstand.com

Apart From Him, I Can Do Nothing

“As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.” (John 15:4)

It is so tiring to hold the edge of my bed during the rolling of the ship that I fasten myself with a rope to my mattress! I am the only passenger on board the freighter, and I must share my cabin with the gyrocompass. I am a bad sailor and find sea travel a tribulation (Ed. Please look-up the meaning of ‘tribulation’). Suddenly a huge wave hurls against the ship and I hear a strange sound. The gyrocompass whistles night and day, but now it is broken and the noise is peculiar. One of the engineers comes to repair it. “Is this a bad storm?” I ask.

“Why, no! This is nothing at all. Wait until the wind force is 14, then we shall really know what rolling is.”

At that moment, as if to contradict his words, a big wave throws the ship to one side. I hear the breaking of china, and everything that is not securely fastened runs from one side of the cabin to the other.

The storm has subsided by next morning, so I climb up to the bridge and meet the captain. After a chat about the weather, I say, “Captain, it is Sunday. May we have a church service?”

“What? A church service on my ship? It would be the first in my life!”

“Then, “I reply with a smile, “it is high time you began, sir.”

“All right. You can use the mess room. I am not opposed to the idea.”

He himself writes on the notice board that at 11:00 a.m. there will be a church service in the mess room. At the appointed time nobody appears. The cabin boy brings me a cup of coffee. It is a Dutch ship, and the ship’s cook knows that an 11:00 a.m. cup of coffee is a tradition.

“Are you going to stay?” I ask the boy. “I have a very interesting story to tell you.”

I don’t want to hear that nonsense.” He says. “I will not have anything to do with that Bible and God business.” He feels very cocksure, and leaves me alone.

I never saw so empty a church; just a cup of coffee

and myself. I am not at all on fire for the Lord. Were I enthusiastic, I would go to the bridge and say, “Come along, gentlemen; you must help me to fill the mess room. Send your men and boys”. But I don’t do that. I go to my cabin and am very seasick. That is the only thing I can do during the whole week.

Sunday comes around again. I am feeling discouraged and ashamed “Lord, I am not a missionary. Send me back to my watchmaking business. I am not worthy to do Your work”

At that moment I find in my Bible a little piece of paper which I have never seen before. On it is written:

*Cowardly, wayward, and weak,
I change with the changing sky
Today so eager and strong,
Tomorrow not caring to try.
But He never gives in,
And we two shall win,
Jesus and I.*

Instantly I see it! Indeed I am not worthy at all. The branch without the Vine cannot produce fruit, but I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

The strongest and weakest branches are worth nothing without the Vine; but connected to it they have the same nature.

I go up to the bridge. “Captain, it is Sunday. Can we have a church service?”

“Again? In a church as empty as last week?” he asks teasingly.

“No, Captain. Not empty, but full, and you must help me.”

He does, and there are ten men in the mess room. When my sermon is finished the cabin boy says, “It was not boring at all!”

*We mutter and flutter, we fume and we spurt.
We mumble and grumble, our feelings get hurt.
We can’t understand things, our vision gets dim,
When all that we need is a moment with Him.*

The promises in the Bible are our budget. They are all made payable to us through Jesus Christ and can be claimed by faith. This is our victory, our faith.

Someone said to me: “When I worry, I go to the mirror and say to myself: This tremendous thing which worries me is beyond solution; especially it is too hard for Jesus Christ to handle. After I have said so, I smile and am ashamed”

“The Lord in His love accepts us as we are, and if we are obeying Him, He will work through us, whatever our circumstances... The Lord wants to use everybody, IF only we will be obedient and are in the center of His will.”

Corrie ten Boom, *Clippings from My Notebook*

In Prison

FROM PRISONER NO. 7665 – Greetings from
Ludvig Hope

The well-known evangelist, Ludvig Hope of Norway, was a prisoner at the Grini concentration camp from May 13, 1943 to August 30, 1944. As his health was failing, and also for the sake of his advanced age, 74 years, he was then set at liberty; but afterwards he took sick, and it did look as if God would take him home, but after a few weeks he recovered and is now at his home in Oslo. While yet in bed but improving he sent the following greetings to God's people:

"I have lately had a special yearning to pray to God that He would spare our people from the worst consequences of the war. As I prayed it was laid upon my heart to implore God with boldness about this, and as I pleaded with God I received an inner assurance that God would answer this prayer – by grace alone. But that God should have answered our prayers so richly and abundantly I had not dreamed of, or dared to believe or pray for. (A last ditch stand by the Nazis with bitter fighting and much destruction and loss of life had been expected, but peace came suddenly – without battles and without loss of life or property).

"Three days before, all the church-bells which rang all over the nation had "tolled in" the peace, the "skyss" (bus or car with driver) was at the door to take me to the ship and away from my father-land; but by the time we came to the pier the boat swung away from us and left me on the shore-and there I am still.

"Although not able to be up, I have still been able to follow and be along in the late thrilling and tremendous events, for a friend let me have a radio, so I could enjoy with our people the unique, sudden and heart-gripping turn of events with freedom and abundant grace to our people.

"That we thus should receive the blessed peace and liberty without any destruction to people and country has summed itself up into a single note of jubilant thanksgiving to God. As I lie here upon my bed my soul is filled with a fulness of peace and praise, and I rejoice with all our people for the peace and the liberty that God gave us so undeservedly and so full and free.

"My prayer now is that God will send a real revival and a visitation upon our people, so that the many who stand at the parting of the ways (skilleveien) may be wooed by the Spirit to step across the border-line and into the kingdom of God. May God grant that we should be a Christian nation and have a Christian government.

"Then I desire to plead with my fellow-Christians in Norway that they more than ever pray for the Holy Spirit.

"Hereby, and with these prayers, I send my heartfelt greetings to the Christian people."

(From Indremissionsvennen)

WITH GOD IN PRISON

(PROF. O. HALLESBY)

(Prof, Hallesby spent two years in Grini Prison Camp near Oslo – the last 10 weeks in a lonely cell. Below is his testimony shortly after his liberation.)

"I have lived in the Grace of God since I became His child, but I have never felt God's presence so noticeably as I did while in prison. God's grace carried me on in a way that I had never thought could be possible. One of the most blessed experiences during my imprisonment was a very precious realization of what it meant to be a child of God through the shed blood of Christ – my only foundation. When we have this blessed assurance and this wonderful rest in Him, then the storms may rage on as much as they please. God gave me grace to live in continuous assurance and peace.

However, my thoughts at times had been disturbing, but I enjoyed rest and quiet in the lonely cell – even the outward quiet had a salutary influence on me. God came to me in the cell, so I was not lonesome. I had a chance to read my Bible through four times and get more acquainted with God's Word than ever before.

We had a good and intimate fellowship with one another as God's people at Grini. I really experienced the fellowship of the saints. There were a number of Christians, but as all meetings were forbidden we had to meet in secret. But it was good and strengthening to keep in mind the fellowship with God and His people.

Now I am free! I hardly could believe it were true the first days. I had often dreamt that I was free, but when I woke up I was still in the prison barracks. How precious that we now are free! What a gift God has bestowed upon us. The 103rd Psalm has received new meaning – "my soul bless the Lord!" But it feels so it is unnecessary to admonish us to praise God. Our prayers involuntarily are turned into praises. But let us never "forget all His benefits."

God did deal with us "in anger," when he lifted the rod and punished us till we felt it in the very depth of our soul – for our sins. No one escaped his chastening rod. He convicted us of our sins. Our people had turned away from His proclaimed Word; therefore God had to speak to our people through actions. And now, glory be to God, many have begun to listen to God. Many have come back to their childhood faith.

It was touching at Grini to talk with individuals who

came quietly and testified what God had done for them and with them during trials and imprisonment. God had met them, spoke to them and granted them living faith, although they had sat in lonely cells and without a Bible. We praise God for childhood instruction – even if it might have been meager. But what about the many who have no experience of salvation? Peace sheds its healing beams all around. But are you without peace in your soul?

God is merciful. He has poured blessings upon us which no one could imagine was possible. He had lifted our people up from the depth of humiliation. But how much has not our fight for freedom cost! In our abundant and rich joy we must not forget all who now are weeping more bitter tears than ever. Their dear ones did not come home – when others returned. Let us keep all the heart-broken homes in mind. Let us help carry their heavy burdens. Then let us remember all those who have come back as invalids. We certainly have a great task before us.

May God grant us help also to stand the test of the joy of victory, so we don't degrade ourselves to the same cruel methods our opponents used. Let us show mercy when righteousness has spoken. Then a new time will dawn upon us.

There are many things that should make us bold in prayer. He answered us above what we could ask or think when He gave us the peace in the way it did come. Many of our people did see things during the war they had not realized before. Many who had lived away from church and Christianity have begun to realize that Christianity is no luxury – but a real necessity. Many have not got any farther than that, but even this means a good deal. Others have got further on, even though they are not yet personal Christians, but they have begun to seek the Lord and long for Him. These are wonderful fruits of God's work in the hearts, we might say his work beneath the ground (underjordske) in our people. The helm is steering our people onto a different direction than before.

I rejoice to think of, and entertain the quiet hope, that as a result of God's quiet work in our people, that when His hour strikes we shall experience a great revival among the Norwegian people. We shall continue to pray that God will advance His own cause among us – from bud to flower and fruit – into a rich and glorious revival.” (After “The Shepherd”)

*The Signing of the Declaration of
Independence*

Establishment of 1776

The men who signed the Declaration of Independ-

ence were men of comfortable or rich means.

Each man had far more to lose from ‘revolution’ than he had to gain. It was principle, not property, which brought such men to Philadelphia to sign the Declaration.

They were of the Establishment, Style 1776. Had they been sent out to arrest some rebels, the chances are you would never have looked a second time at any of these men!! Almost all of them had an abundant supply of fortune and sacred honor.

When they pledged to the support of a declaration that the Colonies would no longer be subservient to a distant king, a British fleet was already lying at anchor in New York Harbor!

Most of them were relatively young men with enough worldly goods to be called affluent, but it was honor that motivated them most.

These men were human and fallible and perfection was neither their claim nor their attainment. They were products of the peculiar prejudices of the people of their times. They were very familiar with sectionalism, double-dealing in politics, community fears and nepotism in high office.

Even before the Declaration was signed, the British had issued a blanket condemnation of all members of Congress, accusing them of Treason! They all became objects of a vicious and constant manhunt. The British caught some; others, such as Jefferson, had narrow escapes; and others risked their lives repeatedly in skirmishes and battles!

Of the fifty-six men who signed the ***Declaration of Independence***, nine died of wounds of hardships during the war. Five were captured, imprisoned and brutally treated. Several lost wives, children, or entire families. One lost his thirteen children.

All were victims of manhunts and were driven from their homes. Twelve signers had their homes burned and seventeen lost everything they owned! Not one defected or violated his pledged word.

Their honor and the ‘Nation’ they did so much to create are still intact; but **freedom** which began on the Fourth of July, 1776, came at a ***high price!***

The men who had the most to lose in material things were the first ones to step forward in defense of honor. This was “The Establishment – 1776”.

By Melvin Munn, Excerpts, *Sword of the Lord*.

Editors Note: Let us be very careful/prayerful and alert; that we do not lose this tremendous freedom/blessing!

Luke Warm

Back in the early 1970's there was a song on a Christian album called The Ballad of Luke Warm:

*You'll find my name in the telephone listing
My credit is better than fair,
My daughter is runnin for sophomore princess,
I'm making my son cut his hair.*

*I never miss voting nor church every Sunday
I do what I can to support.
The church and the state will be satisfied one day
And then I can give to the poor.*

*My Mother is happy we found her a home
With folks of her status and age.
She gave us the family Bible last year
We'll keep it in the attic till the pages turn yellow cause
antiques are quite the rage.*

*My mortgage is paid and my Chevrolet
I seldom ever beat my wife
I can't understand why my name isn't there
Listed in your book of life.*

I'm afraid that this is where a lot of people are today. They think they're good people. They are civilized law abiding citizens who practice the golden rule. They are good people, compared to the world. But unfortunately God doesn't grade on the curve. Average doesn't cut it. Moderation may be healthy and a good thing in many areas of our life, but Jesus has some shocking words for those who practice their religion in moderation.

Jesus said to Laodicea: "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. He starts out with that familiar phrase he uses in all seven letters in Revelation. I know, I know your works. Other people may be fooled. They probably prided themselves in their moderation. They probably prided themselves for not being like those holy rollers in Ephesus or Corinth. Jesus is not impressed with their moderation. He says, I wish you were cold or hot.

Laodicea, the city had everything a city needed, industry, wealth, and health. What it didn't have was water. The closest cold water well was in Colosse. The nearest water source was the world famous hot mineral springs. The city engineers got together and figured out a way to pipe the water into town. The only problem was that even though the water came out of the ground very hot, by the time it ran through all those stone pipes it was lukewarm. Lukewarm mineral water was not very tasty.

Colosse was eleven miles away so cold water from there when it arrived at Laodicea was also lukewarm. So when Jesus talks to this Church about the unpleasantness of lukewarm, they understand.

So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. The King James says spew. That's what it means. It means to vomit. That has got to be one of the most shocking things our Lord has ever said. To think that it's possible for a Church to be so nauseating to our Lord that they make him sick to his stomach and he's about to upchuck. Everything in moderation is probably a good motto or slogan to live by in most areas in life. But it is deadly if that's the way you practice your Christianity. That kind of Christianity makes Jesus sick.

Jesus tells them what has caused their lukewarmness. He says; because **you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'.**

That sums up our country to a tee. That's why church attendance has dropped below 5% in many countries in Europe and why church attendance keeps dropping year after year in our country.

You do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. Jesus said, you think you're rich; the really sad part is that you do not know you're poor and you don't even realize it. Spiritually they are exactly the opposite of what they are outwardly and physically.

Our Lord does give them some council. No matter how bad the situation. No matter how far they've fallen. Jesus always offers grace, and steps to reconciliation. He says **"Buy from me."** What they need, they can get only from Jesus. What they need the world doesn't offer. Oh the world offers plenty, and we can deceive ourselves into thinking it's enough.

First they needed to buy gold refined by fire. Now the Laodiceans knew their gold: they knew that which had been truly refined in the fire, and they knew how to go and buy it, because they were extremely wealthy. But how do you go to the Lord to buy Gold? Certainly not with Human money. All we can do is yield ourselves to him, so what Jesus is talking about is not the gold standard but the God standard. Fire speaks of that testing of ones life that James talks about. **"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."** (James 1:2-4)

The second thing they were to buy from the Lord was "white cloths". White of course speaks of purity, of righteousness, and we can't produce that ourself. **In me and my flesh dwells no good thing.** We are all sinners, there was only one who lived a pure and sinless life and he says,

come to me. Come buy from me. He's the one and only source. There is no one else we can go to. We need to come to Jesus.

The last thing they are to buy from the Lord is eye salve, so they can anoint their eyes and see. There was an eye salve made with a local clay and oil. In some excavations, they found some of these pellets and sent them to a lab and found that they had no medicinal quality at all. It was a scam.

Jesus says, do you want to see? Come to me and buy eye salve that truly works and you will see.

The Laodiceans were spiritually blind and only Jesus could sell them the salve that would open their eyes. That's true for us too. Only Jesus can "open our eyes that we may see, Glimpses of truth thou hast for me."

Jesus has a warning for Laodicea. **As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.** What's the cure? Be Zealous. The Greek word used here literally means "To have warmth of feeling for or against". In other words if the problem is that you're lukewarm, the solution is to get "hot." That's a pretty common sense approach isn't it? This is not rocket science. What's the problem? They're too far from the source. If we're lukewarm what's our problem? We're too far from the source. We need to come to Jesus, we need to read His word and pray. We need to bring our lives to him a living sacrifice, and buy from Him endurance, righteousness, and spiritual insight. We need to be zealous, we need to be hot, and that means being close to our source, Jesus

The second cure is repentance. Luther taught a daily repentance, a daily examination and turning away from any discovered and known sin. Have you repented, have you agreed with God concerning your sin, have you forsaken that sin and asked God to give you victory over it. If that is not a normal part of your spiritual discipline then that word is not for you. But if you are tolerating sin in your life, if you are not already repenting of known sin, then you are lukewarm and God's word to you today is to repent.

Finally our Lord draws us a word picture here that is amazing. **Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.**

This verse is usually used as an evangelism verse, and that's fine. The Spirit of God has used it to unlock many hearts to receive Him. But this word is not given to the heathen, to the unbeliever; it's given to the church. Where is Jesus standing? They have gotten so busy doing church, so busy with their programs and social functions that there's no room in there for Jesus anymore and he's outside knocking on the door.

Jesus is addressing the church here, but it's personal too. You can be a Christian, and maybe you've yielded your life to him but something has happened, and you've closed a door on Him. You can have everything else Lord, but not this one area. Maybe it's your family, your finances, your marriage, a friendship, a secret sin. Jesus is knocking on that door, saying, it needs to be all. We need to surrender all.

To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Here we have a call to endurance, a call to hang in there, to overcome all obstacles and all sin. In spite of the nauseating condition of this church there is a promise to those who repent and overcome. There is always hope, God will always forgive. No one is beyond the love and grace of God as long as they have breath. The promise is honor and significance. Jesus overcame the suffering and death on the cross and if we follow his example we will be honored by Jesus. We will rule with him. I'm not sure what that will all entail, but this is clear. Our lives in heaven will have significance and purpose. We need to make sure they do here on earth as well.

Hear what the Spirit says to the churches

Prayer

I got up one morning
And rushed right into the day
I had so much to accomplish
That I didn't take time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me
And heavier came each task
"Why didn't God help me?" I wondered
He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty
But the day toiled on, grey and bleak
I wondered why God didn't show me
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence
I used all my keys at the lock
God gently and lovingly chided
"My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning
And paused before entering the day
I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take time to pray.

Let it Rain

By Pastor Troy Tysdal

There are many famous stories of drought recorded in the BIBLE! God used a drought to elevate Joseph to the right hand of Pharaoh and reunite the children of Israel. God gave Pharaoh a dream. Pharaoh saw seven healthy cows devoured by seven lean cows, and God gave Joseph the ability to interpret that dream. Joseph saw that the cows represented years, and there would be seven of plenty followed by seven years of famine. In the story of the prophet Elijah, God used a drought once again. HE told Elijah to tell the king that the land would not see 'rain' until the Prophet commanded it, and for three years the Prophet was silent, and so was the Sky.

In the summer of 2021, much of the United States was experiencing a severe drought. Near my home, swamps were disappearing, creeks were drying up, lakes were shrinking, lawns had turned brown. When I walked outside, I could hear the grass crunch under my feet. The land was thirsty.

One night in the midst of the drought, my wife and I woke to the sound of thunder. I went back to bed, because that's what I do, but my wife grabbed her phone and checked the weather. She saw that we were in the path of a severe thunderstorm! The next thing I knew we were outside in the wind gathering cushions and securing furniture. It was eerie. With every strike of lightning, we could see an ominous wall of clouds moving closer. They looked angry, and full of rain. I thought to myself, "Good, we need it!" As my wife and I went back inside, we heard more thunder, but not a drop of rain!

Proverbs 25:14 – "Like clouds and wind without rain is one who boasts of gifts never given."

In the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we have been given a priceless Gift! It is the Gift of water for those who thirst. It is the gift of healing for the brokenhearted. It is liberty for the captive. It is comfort for those who mourn. It is the promise of a day when the dead will rise and all eyes, even the eyes of those who pierced Him, will see the Son of Man – Jesus – coming on the clouds in Glory! We have a Gift!

We are *called to follow* this Son of Man, this Savior who sits at the Right Hand of the Father, whose hands have been pierced for our transgressions, whose Blood has washed away our sins. This Savior calls us to place our failures (SINS) at the foot of the Cross! At His Cross, we find family, new brothers and sisters — community of those whose thirst has been quenched by Living Water. We worship together in hope. We pray together in expectancy. We persevere in trial. We rejoice in triumph. We partner in missions, encouraging one another all the more

as we see the day of Christ's redemption drawing near.

This new family is united by a gift and also a gift in itself. Each one of us has been equipped with a manifestation of the (Holy) Spirit for the common good of the whole. To one is given wisdom, to another faith, to another healing, to another discernment...prophecy...the working of miracles. If we are to live out our calling as the body of Christ in this unforgiving land, we must not suppress the gifts among us. We must learn to unleash new leaders—young who dream dreams and old who see visions (advice & guidance). We are called, partnered, and unleashed to ***multiply new disciples!***

The people are thirsty, and all creation waits in anticipation.

Let the waters spring forth, and open the floodgates – for whoever drinks the Water we have will never thirst again. (John 4:14) We have a gift, and we are not those who boast of gifts never given. We are not clouds without rain.

LET IT RAIN!

Faith & Fellowship

Editor's Note: Many years ago, as we lived in another beautiful area, we likely experienced one particular season the following: **"These are spots in your love feast, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about the winds; ..."** Jude 12a.

MY FRIENDS,

It is not how long we live, but how well we live and how usefully. A man who lives to eighty years and accomplishing nothing for God or humanity might better have never lived at all. Methusaleh lived 969 years. What did it amount to? In all those more than nine centuries he did not accomplish anything which seemed worth record.

Paul lived only a little more than sixty, but how many Methusalehs would it take to make one Paul? Who would not rather have Paul's sixty years than Methusaleh's 969?

Robert McCheyne died at thirty years of age and John Summerfield, at twenty-seven years of age; but neither earth nor Heaven will ever hear the end of their usefulness. Longevity! Why, an elephant can beat you at that, for it lives 150 to 200 years. Gray hairs are the blossoms of the Tree of Life IF found in the way of righteousness, but the frosts of the second death if found in the way of sin.

T. DeWitt Talmage

Lines of a Layman

FOUR-SQUARE MAN

THIS SUBJECT IS the one nearest my heart! It is unfortunate that so many men go through life in just the ordinary way. Many are inclined to think that only geniuses, or men with special privileges, succeed. To my way of thinking, success is but a result of which the “four square” man is the cause. But in order to be a four-square man, one must have the essential qualities, the first of which I should say is purpose.

In other words, a man must have a vision. A man of vision is a man of imagination. Imagination is the power behind initiative. The individual without the fully developed imaginative faculty is certain to get into a rut. It is this quality in man which has lifted us from the plane of the savage to our present degree of civilization. Contemplate the developments in science, art, literature, religion, and inventions during the last century. Think of what the railroads have done for this Country. Consider what electricity has accomplished; what developments in Agriculture, Mining and Irrigation have achieved. These inventions and developments were not the result of chance, but the outcome of someone's thought, the fruits of constructive imagination and purpose.

Now, think of man in his primitive state, dwelling in caves, subsisting on roots, clothing himself from the skins of animals.

What a change in a few hundred years and what an incentive for us to use our powers of constructive imagination.

An objective is necessary! Yet, how many men are drifting, are human derelicts floating on the sea of life with no objective in view.

The mind, feelings and the physical body are Divine gifts, and the man who fails to make use of these gifts is the man of no purpose.

The second essential quality in the ‘four-square man’ is that of integrity. The word is derived from the Latin integer, meaning whole. Hence, an honest man is a whole man, not a fraction of a man. He is not one thing above the line and something else below it; not one thing at home and something else away from home; but a whole man.

I do not mean to apply this to the handling of money alone. Some men think that so long as they can get by, or keep out of jail, they are ‘honest’! A man of integrity is a man of sterling character; ONE WHOSE WORD IS AS GOOD AS HIS BOND; who would not think of taking a minute of time that did not belong to him; a man honest with himself. Franklin and Lincoln were such men, men whose names are immortal and whose lives are an inspi-

ration to thousands of others!

My father used to say that he never aspired to be rich, but he wished that when life was over, people in passing his grave might say: “Here lies an honest man.” This statement has had tremendous influence on my life!

The moral grandeur of independent integrity is the sublimest thing in nature; so, IF a man of integrity, and of purpose, he is well on his way to being the ‘four-square’ man.

Even though the ‘four-square’ man possesses purpose and integrity, these qualities are of little use if he is not a man of Service.

Service is coming to be one of the biggest words in the English language. Life's greatest pleasure and satisfaction is found in ‘giving’; and the greatest gift of all gifts is that of one's self. You cannot render service if you are selfish or jealous, or not willing to sacrifice! How we admire the individual who is thoroughly unselfish, who thinks of the other fellow before he thinks of himself. How much more pleasure the man gets out of life who “gives before he gets.”

Very often someone says, “*What's the use? People do not remember what you have done after one is dead and gone.*”

Do you think I shall ever forget my father? Didn't your mother skimp in order that you might have advantages which you could not otherwise have enjoyed? My parents did, and I shall never forget the many sacrifices they made for their children.

The fourth side of the ‘square’ has to do with a man's soul, and for that reason it is the **most important of all!** In reality these bodies of ours are leased to us for a term of years! WE should so live that it may be said of us, “The world is better for his having lived.”

Such an individual is in tune with the INFINITE! He is not only happy (blest), but he makes others happy (also)! He has faith in God and love for his fellow man. He is charitable, which enables him to see the good in folks. Just as each member of an orchestra will tune to a certain pitch before playing, so a man each day should tune to the INFINITE in order that his ideals may be high and right!

A good motto to follow is found in the words of Henry Van Dyke:

*“Be a breeze from the mountain height;
Be a fountain of pure delight;
Be a star serene, shining clear and keen
Through the darkness and dread of the night;
Be something Holy and helpful and bright;
Be the best that you can with all your might.”*

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The Pure in Heart

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

It is faith that purifies the heart; it brings home the atonement, and we enjoy pardon, peace, and reconciliation; it purges the conscience from dead works, and delivers us from all condemnation. It receives the truth of God, and Jesus through the truth; and we receive power to become the sons of God. We realize our relationship to God, read the gracious promises God has made, and anticipate the glorious kingdom He has prepared; hope rules in the heart, and every one that has this hope in Him purifies himself, even as Christ is pure. His conscience is made tender, his intentions are honest, and his heart is sound in God’s statutes. He groans under a body of sin and death, proclaims eternal war with the flesh, and loathes himself on account of filthiness in the spirit. He would give a world to be free from sin, for holiness is the element of his soul. He is blessed. He shall see God, and enjoy Him as his Father, portion, and everlasting all. He shall be with his God; and be like Him, in purity, happiness and glory. The pure in heart daily groan under a painful sense of impurity.

Jesus, thy crowning grace impart;
Bless me with purity of heart,
That now beholding Thee,
I soon may view Thy open face,
On all Thy glorious beauties gaze,
And God for ever see !

Pastor’s Morning Visit by Rev. James Smith,
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“The Scars Remain!”

John B. Gouch was a humanly hopeless and helpless drunkard before his conversion.

One Sunday morning he was lying in the gutter of a street where churchgoers passed. What a pathetic sight he was! His face was covered with flies. Some kind-hearted person placed a clean handkerchief over his bloated face. When Gouch sobered up, he removed the handkerchief. Looking at it, he exclaimed, “Somebody cared enough to stop and place this handkerchief over my face!”

His slumbering soul began to awaken, then he came to God for mercy and forgiveness. Later he became a mighty power and the cause for temperance. That he could give only the end of his life to God was the great regret of his life. He used to say, “The scars remain! I have been snatched as a brand from the burning, but the scars remain — scars never to be eradicated, NEVER to be removed this side of Glory!” — Selected

Hauge Lutheran Bible Conference

*Liberty Lutheran Brethren Church
Fargo, North Dakota
Host Pastor: Elroy J. Vesta*

October 21-23, 2022
(Friday Evening through Sunday Noon)

THEME: “Signs”
Amos 8:11-12, Romans 8:3

Friday Evening— 6:45 pm. Pianist: Mr. Ronnie Nelson, Flaxton, ND – 45 minute prelude.

*He traveled with Pastor/Evan. O.R. Norheim,
(The Lutheran Gospel Hour)*

7:30 p.m. Evangelist Mr. Marlow Nash, Colfax, ND

Saturday

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time

9:30 a.m. – Coffee/Refreshments, Fellowship

10:00 a.m. – Pastor Lindell Quam, Osakis, MN

11:00 – Gene Finstrom, Buxton, ND

Noon Meal at the Church (Free Will Offering)

1:15 p.m. Testimony & Singspiration,

Mr. Joel Zeltinger, Bismarck, ND, leading

Approx. at 2:30 – Pastor Lindell Quam

7:30 p.m. Mr. Marlow Nash, Evang.

Sunday

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service with Pastor Elroy Vesta,
Host Pastor

PLEASE pray specifically for the Bible Conference if you are in attendance or not!

MOST CERTAINLY all are **welcome! Prayerfully seek whom you might invite to attend with you.**

May GOD be glorified and Souls nourished!

If feasible: please bring ‘home-made’ goodies for Refreshment times. Thank you!

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