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

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Faith or Feeling?

By Dr. Tom Malone

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” (John 5:24)

We are constantly coming up against the problem of “feeling” in dealing with people who are desirous of being saved.

It seems that it is one of the Devil’s greatest weapons in keeping people from coming to a place of confidence and assurance in their Christian experience. The Devil causes people to seek for feeling and thus throws them off the track.

Salvation is not by feeling; it is by faith. It is not by seeking an experience but by accepting a Person.

As long as the Devil can keep the inquiring mind and the seeking heart struggling to arrive at a certain emotional experience rather than repenting and receiving the person of Christ as Saviour, he can keep that soul in darkness.

Let me say quickly that we do believe in what we sometimes refer to as “heartfelt religion” and “experienced salvation.” We believe in emotions, and we know that every human being is an emotional being. God has given us the capacity to weep, to laugh, to rejoice, but everyone is somewhat different emotionally. Some weep at a ball game, while others sit quietly. No two people are exactly alike emotionally.

But the feeling or the joy comes from knowing that you have the person of Christ in your heart and that you have been born again by His Spirit and by His Word. It is the *result* of being saved.

Each time the word “feeling” is used in the New Testament, it has nothing whatever to do with a religious experience and is always used (as far as human beings are concerned) in a bad sense rather than a good sense.

For instance, in Ephesians 4:19 Paul speaks of people who were “*past feeling*.” We need to believe what God has said in His Word and take it at face value.

It would do well for us to read the experience that blind Isaac had with his twin sons, Jacob and Esau.

Isaac went by feeling rather than by the word and was deceived. When Jacob came to blind Isaac, trying to make him think that he was Esau, he came with the skins of goats upon his arms to make himself a hairy man like his brother.

Genesis 27:22 shows us that Isaac “felt” of Jacob and said, “*The voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands are hands of Esau.*” Since he disregarded the voice and went by the feeling, he was deceived and wrong.

We must not go by feeling alone, but by the voice of God in His Word.

In John 5:24, Jesus makes it plain that he who hears the Word and believes God has (a present possession) everlasting life and shall not come into judgment.

This is the deed or title to my salvation. I have the Word of the Son of God that I now am saved eternally and will not come into judgment. I am going by the voice, — not the feeling.

Taken from “*The Sword of the Lord.*”

Editor’s Note: It is as a ‘person’ remains/abides in Christ that he is assured of eternal life. As an illustration, a per-

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son does not just 'eat' once every two weeks and than states he is healthy, strong and alive; BUT comes consistently and EATS, because life without eating dies. Notice a true believer continues to 'come'! "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out." John 6:37.

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As Christians, we find ourselves captives in the Babylonian life of worldliness and pleasure that surrounds us and, instead of being transformed, are conformed to this world. We have fallen in with the spirit of this 'present evil age' and are living a life of compromise, the outcome of which is a life of powerlessness and spiritual barrenness ...Let us dare to be a Daniel.

Clarence Larkin

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We live in days when truth for which myriads of martyrs shed their blood is considered hardly worthy of being contended for – days when the claims of God as set forth in His faithful Word are openly sent aside by those who call themselves by the name of the Lord ...Latitudinarianism is the prevailing order, and few ask, "What saith Scripture?"

H. A. Ironside

Within the covers of one single Book, the Bible, are all the answers to all the problems that face us today—if only we would read and believe.

President Ronald W. Reagan

The Necessary Unction

The Lord said in Luke 24:49, “*But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*” They tarried in a tremendous prayer meeting that made history. The Lord follows on with the same thought regarding the same prayer meeting in Act 1:8 as He gave His last words on earth at that time and said, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

This is the Holy Spirit power that certainly has to do with soul winning.

E.M. Bounds says the difference between Spirit-filled preaching and man-filled preaching is clearly set forth. This prayer warrior said of God-anointed preaching:

This divine unction is the one distinguishing feature that separates true gospel preaching from all other methods of presenting truth. It backs and interpenetrates the revealed truth with all the force of God.

It illumines the Word and broadens and enriches the intellect and empowers it to grasp and apprehend the Word. It qualifies the preacher’s heart and brings it to that condition of tenderness, of purity, of force and light that are necessary to secure the highest results.

This unction is not an inalienable gift. It is a conditional gift, and its presence is perpetuated and increased by the same process by which it was at first secured: by unceasing prayer to God, by impassioned desires after God, by estimating it, by seeking it with tireless ardor, by deeming all else loss and failure without it.

How and whence comes this unction? Direct from God in answer to prayer. Praying hearts only are the hearts filled with this holy oil; praying lips only are anointed with this divine unction.

Prayer, much prayer, is the price of preaching unction; prayer, much prayer, is the one, sole condition of keeping this unction. Without unceasing prayer, the unction never comes to the preacher. Without perseverance in prayer, the unction, like the manna over kept, breeds worms.

—Leon F. Maurer in *Soul Winning: The Challenge of the Hour*

I Like My GPS, But ...

By Dr. Shelton Smith

I’ve had a portable Global Positioning Systems (GPS) for my car for about two years now. What an instrument it is! What a convenience it is! And what a blessing to have one!

It is amazingly accurate most of the time, but just every once in a while it fouls up in royal fashion.

Did you see the story reported by FOX News about the GPS-or-chedstrated foul-up in Carrollton, Georgia early last month?

“A crew using coordinates from a Global Positioning System demolished a 60-year-old home in Carrollton ... but it was the wrong house. The home’s owner, Al Byrd of Atlanta, said he heard about the mistake when a neighbor called to tell him the house he grew up in – along with his family heirlooms – had been destroyed and thrown into dumpsters” (foxnews.com).

It is an apt reminder that everything man does has an element of risk and the possibility of error. But thankfully there is something on which and Someone on whom you can always rely. No goofs! No error! No foul-ups!

It could be called the Biblical Position System (BPS) or if you choose the Godly Position System (GPS) or Grace Position System (GPS).

When you seek counsel from God, you get it from His perfectly revealed Word. You can “position” yourself right every time you consult it because it is given to us by the inspiration of God. He who knows all has given us His inerrant, infallible, impeccable and irrepachable Word. Consequently, the moral and spiritual coordinates are totally reliable.

When the subject of history, science, math, geology, astronomy or whatever else is addressed, you can be assured of information that is both accurate and authentic!

You can live your life, build your marriage, raise your family, run your business and trust your eternity on the eternal coordinates (chapter and verse) throughout the Bible.

My GPS in my car steers me wrong sometimes, but when I pick up my King James Bible, I am never disappointed and never led astray. “Positioning” is easy when you consult the divine Source. Amen!

Taken from “*Sword of the Lord*”

NOT ASHAMED

By Don Wildmon
American Family Association
Founder and Chairman

In literature, there is a figure of speech called litotes, which expresses a positive principle by stating its opposite in negative terms. For example, I feel pretty sure that in Romans, Paul was saying not only that he was “not ashamed” (1:16) of the Gospel, but also that he took pride in the Gospel – the right kind of pride, not boastful or arrogant pride and self-importance, but reasonable and justifiable respect.

That’s the way I feel about these truths that I’ve been thinking of and jotting down over the last few days. Not only am I “not ashamed” of these truths, but I also take a certain measure of pride (reasonable and justifiable, I believe) in them.

I am a Christian, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I am an American, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I am conservative, I’m not ashamed of it.

I am pro-life, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I believe marriage is only for one man and one woman, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I vote my convictions rather than a political party, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I don’t buy anything I cannot afford, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I believe the baby in the womb is a person, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I believe sex is not a product for sale, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I believe our schools should educate rather than indoctrinate, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I believe judges should judge rather than legislate, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I believe in school choice, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I believe the best welfare program is a home with a mother and father, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I believe our Constitution rather than the laws of any other nation should be the sole source for legal decision making, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I believe the liberal media are extremely biased, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I believe capitalism nurtured by Christian ethics is the best economic system for any society, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I believe that those who preach tolerance are the most intolerant individuals you will ever meet, and I’m not ashamed of it.

I believe I have one earthly life to live, and I intend to live it fighting for those things I believe.

And do you know what? I’m not ashamed of it.

Selected

THE FAMILY CIRCLE

*I think oft times, as the night draws nigh,
Of an old house on the hill,
Of a yard all wide and blossom-stared
Where the children played at will;
And when at last the night came down,
Hushing the merry din,
Father would look around and ask,
“Are all the children in?”*

*‘Tis many a year since then,
And the old house on the hill
No longer echoes the childish feet,
And the yard it is so still.
But I see it all, as the shadows creep,
And though many years since then,
I can still hear my daddy ask,
“are all the children in?”*

—adapted from
Florence Jones Hadley

A Soldier

“A pastor is a soldier as much as a shepherd. He must learn to bite and fight. He must have teeth in his mouth and be able to bite and fight.”

Martin Luther

The ELCA (*Evangelical Lutheran Church of America*) CONVENTION

Held at Minneapolis, MN, August 20-22, 2009

On a day when no severe weather was predicted or expected ...a *tornado forms*, baffling the weather experts - most saying they've never seen anything like it; which took place in the city of Minneapolis, MN.

This all happened during the ELCA Convention for which approximately two thousand had gathered; and which included some over a thousand official representatives.

While debating a controversial discussion in regards to 'human sexuality' the 'tornado' hit outside of the building. It flattened a tent outside the Convention Center. Shortly thereafter the assembly passed a resolution and they needed at least an exact two-thirds majority to pass (which they received by one vote) which eventually became a reality at the ELCA Convention which accepts and welcomes homosexual and lesbians in a so-called "chaste" relationship. Two days later, the convention passed a resolution which accepts pastors on their 'clergy roster' who are homosexual and lesbian, even if they are NOT in a so-called "chaste" relationship.

Adapted from *The Star Tribune*
Dated August 20 & 22, 2009

*Editor's Note: **Tragic & Pitiful!*** An official church pronouncement that 'condones' the very sins that keep people out of the kingdom of God, are evil, for they dishonor God, contradict Scripture, and implicitly promote damnation where salvation is to be freely offered. Note that in these decisions that male or female clergy can be homosexually active with anyone they choose and be in the pulpit and preaching the Word of God. *Possibly* the 'tornado' on "Wednesday" was a gentle but firm warning to all of us when SIN is lightly looked at/promoted. The individual person and the 'Christian Church' is to be a 'conscience to the world/unsaved! Incidentally, the tornado also hit nearby Central Lutheran Church (ELCA) and turned the Cross UP-SIDE-DOWN!

Also announced on that same "Wednesday" was that the "**Pub**" would not be open that night! **Imagine a "Pub" at a 'church convention!'** "*Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor; Pressing him to your bottle, ... You are filled with shame instead of glory. You also - drink!*" (Habakkuk 2:15 -16) Please read also: Proverbs 20:1, 23;30-35.

REMEMBER, JESUS controls the wind, including all tornados. "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" Mark 4:41. When asked about a seemingly random calamity near Jerusalem where eighteen people

were killed, Jesus answered in general terms - an answer that would cover calamities in Minneapolis, and 'anywhere'; that the message is **REPENT**, because none of us will otherwise escape God's judgment. JESUS said: "*Those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.*" Luke 13:4-5. "*To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*" Isaiah 8:20.

We of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory adhere to the Biblical teachings on homosexuality. The Bible teaches clearly that it is sin and it needs to be repented (godly repentance) of. "*Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revelers, nor extortioners, will inherit the kingdom of God.*" 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. We are not setting ourselves up as 'thee example', BUT by the GRACE of GOD we make NO Apologies of the old time Christianity! IF you are looking for a pietistic, evangelical and BIBLICAL Christian ministry to support, may we suggest supporting us as you pray for the same! TRUE Lutheranism is still alive and well - But the battle/struggles are not over yet!

Pray for those who have their spiritual eyes open that they may have conviction and faith to obey God's Word out of LOVE and that many 'other' folk will be willing to put on 'eye-slave' that they may see and OBEY! PRAY, for 'precious souls' are perishing and some of God's Lambs and Sheep are falling asleep and are in the 'grips' of compromise and please pray for us and this ministry as we seek to be TRUE until HE Calls us HOME! **We are in the midst of the days of APOSTASY AND ETERNITY IS REAL AND LONG!** "*And I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.'*" Revelation 18:4-5. "*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*" II Timothy 4:3-5. Please prayerfully read also: II Corinthians 6:14 - 18, Romans 16:17 - 20, and II Thessalonians 3:1-6. "*Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.*" Matthew 15:14 (Luke 6:39).

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Planned Parenthood Hires New Staffer to Promote Abortion on a Global Scale

Planned Parenthood has hired a new man who will head up the nation's largest abortion business' efforts to promote abortion on a global scale. The pro-abortion group is also delighted that President Barack Obama and his administration have done more to push abortion as an international right. Veena Siddharth, the vice president for international programs at Planned Parenthood,...said Planned Parenthood has hired Jeff Meer to join the abortion business' staff as the new director of international advocacy...

Meanwhile, Siddharth applauded Obama and his administration. "We've seen President Barack Obama rescind the (Mexico City Policy) and pave the way for increasing funding for UNFPA and USAID," she writes.

U. S. No Longer Dominated by Christians and Jews

Former President Bill Clinton has told an Arab-American audience of 1,000 people that the U.S. is no longer ...dominated by Christians and a powerful Jewish minority.

In a speech to the group on (June 13), Clinton said that given the growing numbers of Muslims, Hindus and other religious groups here, Americans should be mindful of the nation's changing demographics, which led to the election of Barack Obama as president.

Clinton said by 2050 the U. S. will no longer have a majority of people with European heritage and that in an interdependent world "this is a very positive thing."

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Editors Note: One need only look at any of the fifty-six Muslim dominated nations to see what they intend for USA!

Apology issued in San Diego for Bible Study Threat

San Diego officials have apologized and rescinded a cease-and-desist order after a pastor and his wife were told they would have to apply for a permit that could cost thousands of dollars if they wanted to continue hosting a small Bible study in their home...

"We are confident that, as a result of the county's statements, Bible studies and prayer meetings held in homes throughout San Diego County will be free from government regulation, as is guaranteed by the First Amendment." Broyles added.

Baptist Press

Obama Extols Koran; Press Missed it

A Christian writer says President Obama's recent speech in Cairo praising Islam is further evidence the American President has a "low view" of biblical Christianity.

Robert Knight, a senior writer for Coral Ridge Ministries, has written a column titled "Obama Nation's Low View of Christianity." Knight says he wrote the column as a service to everyone who wants thorough documentation - not just bits and pieces - of President Obama's statement distorting Christianity.

Knight argues that the most disturbing thing President Obama said in his Cairo speech was that the Middle East was the first place where Islam was "revealed."

"That word revealed is very important," Knight explains. "It means an unveiling, and it means a divinely-inspired unveiling - which would indicate that the President is saying the Koran is a holy book. In fact, he referred to the Koran several times as the 'Holy Koran.'"

Such a perspective from their elected chief executive, says Knight, should concern Bible-believing Christians...

Knight says that to call the Koran a holy book goes beyond diplomacy, yet Obama understood the significance of what he was saying because "of all people, he knows the power of words." However, Knight points out that most of the press in the United States missed or ignored the remark.

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Woe unto you who call evil good, and good evil...therefore. as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root will be rottenness, and their blossom will ascend like dust; because they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy one of Israel.

(Isa. 5:20,24)

Too Many Liberal Doctors in the House

Few people would argue that our healthcare system is not in trouble. Key qualities like affordability, accessibility, portability and transparency are sorely lacking, but the prescription that liberal leaders on Capitol Hill are presently writing offers no relief...

First, we are looking at mandates, mandates that will require every American (with a handful of exceptions for the impoverished) to carry health insurance and mandates for employers to provide healthcare, with some exemptions for small businesses. There will also be a new "government option" for health insurance which could be described as Medicare for the middle-aged and the middle-income.

...Then there is the issue of the government mandating what is in the healthcare plans. As of right now, and we are working to ensure this doesn't happen, "reproductive healthcare" is going to be included, which means Americans will be directly funding abortion for the first time in over three decades!

Finally, there is the enormous price tag, an estimated one trillion dollars. How will a government that is already borrowing 50 cents of every dollar it spends pay for such a massive program? Taxes! Here is where we get into the undefined. It is not clear yet how they propose to pay for something that represents at least 17 percent of the GDP. It is clear that Obama administration wants "healthcare" reform and they are determined to rush something through as soon as possible.

Family Research Council

The Priority of Prayer

"We are too busy to pray, and so we are too busy to have power. We have a great deal of activity, but we accomplish little; many services but few conversions; much machinery but few results." R. A. Torrey

"There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as praying for him." William Law

"Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find, knock, and the door will be opened unto you." The Lord Jesus Christ

Editor's Note: IF you are 'concerned' about "healthcare reform," you are rightly CONCERNED!

In the original package (over 1,000 pages), I am taking the privilege to inform you of some of your 'rightly concerns'. In the impending Health Care Bill on page 29 it indicates health care will be rationed; on page 42 the "Health Choices Commissioner" will decide health benefits for you; on page 50 all non-US citizens, illegal or not, will be provided with free health care services; on page 58 every person will be issued a National ID Health card, on page 167 any individual who doesn't have acceptable healthcare (according to the government) will be taxed 2.5% of income. This is according to the information that I have received.

Ready for more? On page 170 any NON-RESIDENT alien is exempt from individual taxes (Americans will pay for them); on page 239 the bill will reduce physician services for Medicaid. Seniors and the poor will be most affected. On page 425 the Government provides an approved list of end-of-life resources, guiding you in death. It gets worse! On page 427 the Government mandates programs that order end-of-life treatment, so the Government dictates how your life ends.

On page 489 the Government will cover marriage and family therapy so the Government intervenes in your marriage.

WATCH NOW for "Health Cooperatives" that sooner or later the Government can control! The one thing that is almost certain to make the situation worse is to put the Government in charge of 'health care'! Their track record for efficiency and practicality is notoriously inept.

Victory in West Virginia for Right to Circulate Petitions at a State Park

A West Virginia federal court has ruled that state officials violated the First Amendment rights of a political group when they prevented group members from circulating petitions and collecting signatures at a public event held at a state park. The rule came in a lawsuit filed by attorneys for the Rutherford Institute on behalf of members of Constitution Party of West Virginia. District Court Judge John Preston Bailey held that a rule of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR) restricting solicitation in state parks was unconstitutional on its face and enjoined DNR officials from enforcing the rule.

"This is an important victory for the freedom of speech," stated John W. Whitehead, president of the Rutherford Institute. "We cannot allow the government to silence us. In America, we have the right to be heard, and we have to protect it."

Rutherford Institute News

Editorial

RES

PRECIOUS JEWELS !

“Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD, And who meditate on His name. ‘They; shall be mine,’ Says the LORD of hosts, ‘On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him.’ ” (Malachi 3:16 -17)

This precious promise occurs at the end of the Old Testament, a time of wholesale apostasy on the part of the people of Israel. **But** there was a believing remnant! Like today, the remnant again are in the minority and so we want to notice carefully the characteristics of these believers.

First of all, notice the attitude of these believers towards God! According to the ‘Bible’ there is a wholesome ‘godly fear’ toward God and this is true in our text. We see that they ‘feared’ God when they ‘thought upon His name.’ No doubt one will do the same and think upon the character and work of God. This producing a proper attitude and walk with God which leads to true fellowship. Sometimes mere friendship replaces true Christian Fellowship as entertainment of guest replaces true hospitality. Human relationships can never attain or replace true Christian Fellowship, unless they truly center around the LORD and His Word. “We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.” Isn’t it ‘marvelous’ that we may KNOW on this side of **eternity** where we will be spending “eternity” by HIS GRACE! Numerous times this relationship is more richly bonded through the **royal BLOOD**; than biologically!

“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect (singleness of heart) toward him...” (II Chronicles 16:9)

God is a Spirit and in His essence is omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient. In fact, this phrase, “the eyes of the Lord” occurs no less than 21 times in the Bible. *“He that formed the eye, shall he not see?” (Psalm 94:9)* Notice: “The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.” Proverbs 15:3. *“For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.”* (Zechariah 4:10) Yes, in Genesis 6:5 & 11 where there was wickedness of man and it was great and the earth was filled with violence, YET GOD could still see righ-

teous Noah! BUT Noah had found GRACE in the sight of the LORD. In Genesis 16:13 we find the phrase ‘*Thou God seest me*’ and then conduct ourselves accordingly, aware that our God is indeed watching us with deep love and concern.

The last usage of the phrase is in 1 Peter 3:12 quoting Psalm 34:15 -16a: *“For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.”*

Young people sometimes complain that their parents won’t listen to them; wives may say their husbands don’t listen; sometimes it seems that no one will listen to our questions or ideas. BUT God listens! There may come times in each life when loneliness overshadows like a cloud and no one is here to listen and provide counsel. BUT GOD Listens! **YES**, our Wonderful, Almighty, All Powerful GOD is in the midst of where two or three are gathered **in His Name!** He, the Creator, created us so that we **NEED Christian Fellowship.** HE wants the very *best for us!*

Note in our text: they “spake often one to another.” In Proverbs 27:17 *“As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.”* Expounding further on the same marvelous TRUTH, **He commands:** “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” (This is one of the Scriptural ‘pillars’ of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory free movement).

Next, note God’s response to the folk who have a ‘godly fear’ and obey in our text as He hearkens and hears, and He registers their history in a special “book of remembrance.”

Amazing GRACE, as HE states, “They shall be Mine” and HE also states, HE ‘will spare them,’ that ‘serves Him.’ HIS “Jewels” – **Amazing GRACE! Yes, Obedience is better than Sacrifice!**

“Jewels” - what a Precious Promise!

Notice the following “Prayer Promises”: **Psalm 65:2, Psalm 4:3, 145:18, 62:8, 66:18, 1 Peter 3:12.**

TUNNEL VISION

By Dr. Ron Baity

Tunnel vision is a disease of the eyes which causes peripheral vision problems. The person experiencing tunnel vision can basically see in only one direction. In doing research for this article, I was amazed to find that alcohol consumption can cause tunnel vision (Wikipedia).

It has become very obvious that some of our lawmakers are experiencing serious tunnel vision. The recent introduction of a bill to allow alcohol consumption on Sundays is a prime example. The revenue from alcohol is severely offset by the baggage it brings with it. All phases of society are affected by this dangerous drug!

Abraham Lincoln was right when he said that alcohol is “a cancer in human society, eating out its vitals and threatening its destruction.”

Theodore Roosevelt chimed in and reminded this country that alcohol is “a business that tends to lawlessness on the part of those who conduct it and criminality on the part of those that patronize it.”

The late Billy Sunday quoting Archbishop Ireland said, “I find social crime and ask what caused it. They say, ‘Drink!’ I find poverty. What caused it? ‘Drink!’ I find men behind prison bars and ask, ‘What put you here?’ They say, ‘Drink!’ I stand by the scaffold and ask, ‘What made you a murderer?’ They cry, ‘Drink!’”

Charles Parkhurst stated that alcohol is “the most prolific hotbed of anarchy, vile politics, profane ribaldry and unspeakable sensuality.”

Shakespeare said, “Alcohol is a poison men take into the mouth to steal away the brain.”

I have never heard a woman say, “My husband would be a better husband if I could get him to drink.”

I have married many couples through more than thirty-five years of ministry. I have never heard a parent say of a daughter approaching marriage, “I would be more pleased if my daughter was marrying a drunk.”

I have never read of a condemned criminal on his way to the electric chair who said. “I wish I had spent more time in the bar; if I had, I might not be here.”

Our nation lost over 57,000 servicemen and women during the Vietnam War. However, during that same period of time our nation lost over two million people on these shores due to the curse of alcohol.

During the Vietnam War people protested in the street of America and even left our country in protest of the war. However, there were no protests in the streets of our country over the carnage of alcohol.

If a 747 crashed in our state, the FAA would be on the scene trying to determine the cause of the accident. However, the same number of people transported on a 747 are killed each week in our country due to alcohol.

Instead of trying to fix the problem, our lawmakers want to make the scourge more accessible.

The most serious consequence of alcohol is that God opposes it. “*Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise*” (Prov. 20:1). “*Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!*” (Hab. 2:15).

The tunnel vision of our lawmakers is disconcerting. They are willing further to endanger the homes and highways of our state to put a few more tax dollars into a “bag with holes” in them. It is very obvious they want to preserve three parties in North Carolina: the Democratic Party, the Republican Party and the cocktail party.

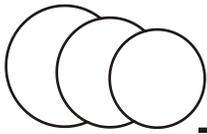
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Brokenness

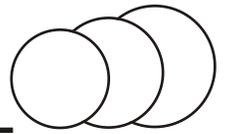
*One by one God took from me
All the things I valued most,
Until I was empty-handed
And there was nothing of which
To boast.
And as I walked along in grief,
In my rags of poverty,
I heard His Spirit pleading,
“Lift your empty hands to Me.”
So I held my hands heavenward,
And He filled me with His store,
Till my hands were so full,
They could contain no more.
At last I comprehended,
With my stupid mind so dull,
That God cannot pour His riches
Into hands that are already full.*

(James 2:6; Luke 12:15-34)

—from Selah



From Our Fellowship Circle



J. A. J.

Rolette, N. D.

We started to get the *Morning Glory* years ago when my Husband.... was an officer on the Western Innermission Board.

My husband went to be with Jesus in Glory three and a half years ago.

I enjoy reading the *Morning Glory* and have been reminded to send \$....to help defray the expense of publishing the paper.

H. J.

Blue Earth, MN

Enclosed is a check for \$... I would like to receive a copy of "Mirror of the Heart" and "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" and the remainder of the donation is for the ministry of the *Morning Glory*.

I have enjoyed the *Morning Glory* for many years and after I am through with it I pass it on to others. I wonder why the present man got in for President with all his talk about his beliefs and I know many vote for their party regardless of what the candidate believes. As our nation goes downward it shows us what really happens to a nation that is out of tune with God or is it to announce the coming of Jesus!

Now getting up toward the one century mark I have been looking for this call from my personal Savior 'Come Home' for years! My husband heard the call six years ago.

I love living here in a 'Hud' Apt. building connected to a Nursing home as I am dizzy so have a cart to push or ride so I don't fall. I feel pretty good and continue to be very active so I am thanking the Lord.

Keep up the good work in keeping the *Morning Glory* coming.

E. L.

Fergus Falls, MN

Enclosed please find a check for \$...for *Morning Glory*.

Thank you for uplifting our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. & D. T.

Seattle, WA

Thank you all so much for the work you are doing for the Lord.

We enjoy the good *Morning Glory*. Such wonderful articles of God's love and forgiveness in Times like These, it

is good to know that we stand on the Solid Rock Christ Jesus. We are so glad that we know Him. Lord Bless your work!

L. B.

Cannon Falls, MN

Thank you so much for your hard work in collecting and ministering to us. Your copies always remain on top of items on the table for our spiritual joy.

Daddy

"My daddy," though not a Christian until later years, had very good principles for which I thank God. There was always a roll call in our home after darkness had fallen over the earth. Each day my daddy would start with my oldest sister and go through the list of five children, and we had to be present or be accounted for. If we were not where he thought we should be, he would come after us, and sometimes we would know it all the way home.

Now that I am grown up, I look back and thank my father that he was interested enough in me that I didn't roam the streets while he had other engagements.

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PRAYER

What Prayer Is (Continued from the August Issue)

Faith

I come now to another aspect of that attitude which constitutes the essence of prayer, that condition of the heart which God recognizes as prayer rising to Him from earth, whether it is uttered or not.

It is written, "*Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing unto him*" (Hebrews 11:6). Without faith there can be no prayer, no matter how great our helplessness may be. Helplessness united with faith produces prayer. Without faith our helplessness would be only a vain cry of distress in the night.

I need but mention faith, and every man and woman of prayer will know that we are touching upon one of the aspects of prayer life about which we are most sensitive.

The Bible contains many pointed passages about praying in faith if we expect to be heard.

"If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do what is done to the fig tree, but even if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou taken up and cast into the sea, it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:21-22).

"Said I not unto thee, that, if thou believedst, thou shouldest see the glory of God?" (John 11:40).

"As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee" (Matthew 8:13).

"But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord; a doubleminded man, unstable in all his ways" (James 1:6-8).

These words have sent many a poor man and woman of prayer down into the dust of despair and rendered them so completely helpless that they have felt it impossible to pray. It is all so self-evident. He who would pray to God must believe in God. It is blasphemy toward God to turn to Him in prayer and not believe in answer to prayer.

When an honest soul examines himself in the light of the Scriptures, he soon finds that faith is just what seems lacking in his prayers. It says that he should ask in faith, nothing doubting. He does just the opposite. He doubts before he prays, while he prays and after he has prayed. He is just like the surge of the sea; he is driven and tossed to and fro by the winds of doubt. He is the very man whom Scripture depicts: "*a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*"

He is in distress; he is helpless; and he prays. But he

does not receive what he prays for, even though he prays fervently and frequently and cries to God in his distress, on his own behalf as well as on behalf of his loved ones. After such a prayer the secret hope surges through his soul: Perhaps God will hear me this time? He waits intently for an answer. But, alas, no change occurs.

He feels that God has passed judgment upon his prayer. God cannot hear him because he does not pray in faith. He prays, doubting. Alas, how doubt bores its way into every prayer! It makes him anxious and afraid of prayer, afraid of sinning against God by the very act of praying.

My doubting friend, your case is not as bad as you think it is.

You have more faith than you think you have. You have faith enough to pray; you have faith enough to believe that you will be heard. Faith is a strange thing; it often conceals itself in such a way that we can neither see nor find it. Nevertheless, it is there; and it manifests itself by definite and unmistakable signs. Let us examine these briefly.

The essence of faith is to come to Christ.

This is the first and the last and the surest indication that faith is still alive. A sinner has nothing but sin and distress. The Spirit of God has made that clear to him. And faith manifests itself clearly and plainly when a sinner, instead of fleeing from God and his own responsibility, as he did before, comes into the presence of Christ with all his sin and all his distress. The sinner who does this believes.

It is written, "*Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out*" (John 6:37). "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*" (1 John 1:9).

That was just what those folk did who came to Christ and heard from Him these words before they departed, "*Thy faith hath saved thee.*" All they did was to come to Jesus and plead their distress before Him, whether it was physical or spiritual or both.

Notice the simple, but unmistakable, mark of a living faith.

Such a faith as this sees its own need, acknowledges its own helplessness, goes to Jesus, tells Him just how bad things are and leaves everything with Him.

You and I can now tell how much faith we need in order to pray. We have faith enough when we in our helplessness turn to Jesus.

This shows us clearly that true prayer is a fruit of helplessness and faith. Helplessness becomes prayer the moment that you go to Jesus and speak candidly and confidently with him about your needs. This is to believe.

The reason that more faith than this is not necessary in order to pray lies in the very nature of prayer.

We have seen above that prayer is nothing more involved than to open the door when Jesus knocks and give Him access to our distress and helplessness with all His miracle-working powers.

It is not intended that our faith should help Jesus to fulfill our supplications. He does not need any help; all he needs is access. Neither is it intended that our faith should draw Jesus into our distress, or make Him interested in us, or solicitous on our behalf. He has long since cared for us. And He Himself would like to gain access to our distress in order to help us. But He cannot gain admittance until we "open the door," that is, until we in prayer give Him an opportunity to intervene.

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HE'LL NEVER CHANGE...or WILL HE?

The man was bound by demons, and he dwelt among the tombs. Some men tried to bind him with chains, but he easily broke them into pieces. It was a hopeless cause; day and night the shrieking, demon-possessed man cut himself with stones and ran naked into the mountains and then back again among the tombs. He was unsettled, unbridled. There was no hope that he could ever be changed. His family probably had given up on him. The man could not help himself. He would never be able to overcome the things that had bound his life. Sin had complete mastery over him. Even if he tried to help himself, he was not able to escape his spiritual and physical captivity. People declared. "Don't waste your time with him! He'll never change!"

But then he met Jesus. This man was under the domination of many demons, but Jesus set him free and sent every one of those demons into a herd of swine. The man was instantly changed! The impossible was accomplished! When many from the city came to see what had happened, they saw the man "clothed, and in his right mind" (v. 15).

Has someone given up on you, thinking you will never change? True, you cannot conquer your "bad hab-

its" (sins) in your own strength or through positive thinking. You cannot overcome alcohol, drugs, smoking, immorality, or whatever else, in yourself or through some man-made program. You may think you have "quit" on the outside, but you have not changed inside. Jesus Christ alone is your only hope for salvation and deliverance. Maybe you have given up on someone else. But Jesus is still able to achieve the impossible. "For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Lk.1:37).

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Never Man Spake Like This Man

John 7:46

Before Abraham was, I AM (John 8:58)

I AM the Bread of Life (John 6:35)

I AM the Light of the World (John 8:12)

I AM the Door (John 10:7)

I AM the Good Shepherd (John 10:11)

I AM the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)

I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6)

I AM the True vine (John 15:1)

Simplicity is truth's most becoming garb. The Gospel is a rare combination of simplicity profundity. It is simply profound and profoundly simple. God's name for Himself is "I AM" (simply and profound). It denotes God's self-existence. Not "I was made" or "I was conceived" or "I evolved" or "I became," but "I that AM, AM," "I AM because I AM."

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If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them, they must become happy.

THE HAMMER

Repent or Perish

John Dan Miller felt a surge of anger as he approached a certain point on his regular weekend travel to and from Bloomfield, Ohio – the certain point just a short distance ahead where that sign was located! What would he not do if he could get hold of the person who had put it up? The sign, figuratively, had been hitting him in the face for some weeks past!

He knew it was not too far ahead – a small sign with only three words, there by the roadside. “Repent or Perish!” was all it said, but made him furious. The first time he had seen it he stared at it in anger. What business did anyone have setting up such a sign as that? After all, was not his life his own affair?

Whose business was it whether he repented or not? Why could people not take care of themselves and let others alone? He had wished when he first saw it and the words had smashed into his consciousness that he could take an axe and break it up. In fact he probably would have done so had he thought he could get away with it.

The words had been hammering at him week after week. It was especially bad at night when he needed to sleep. “Repent or Perish!” “Repent or Perish!” – the words brought with them also a remembrance of many things he would rather forget.

Now as he approached the sign he deliberately looked the other way. He simply would not let it have a chance to hit him again! He would make himself forget it! But the trouble was he knew very well why he was so carefully turning his eyes in the other direction and – look where he would – the words still were definitely in his mind and upon his conscience.

Some thousands of years ago, Jeremiah the prophet quoted God as saying, “*Is not my word ... Like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?*” Now John Dan was experiencing that hammer beating upon his mind, his stony heart. It was the Holy Spirit driving home upon his conscience those hammer blows, and he could not hush them – especially at night while trying to sleep.

“Repent or Perish!” “Repent or Perish!”

One night – unable to stand it any longer - John Dan arose from his bed and, kneeling down, turned himself over completely to God, receiving the Lord Jesus as his Savior. He had repented – and now, bringing forth fruits meet for repentance, he need not perish! As he finally went back to bed he was happier than he had ever been in his life!

The true story related above is just one testimony of the fruit that resulted from the ministry of Ralph Palmer, a

missionary to America who lived from 1903 to 1976. Ralph and his wife traveled extensively in tract distribution and gospel sign work.

Taken from “*The Heartbeat of The Remnant*”

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“I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision.” Acts 26:19

The heavenly vision! Many have a vision of material needs, but a heavenly vision and heavenly needs seem to be put in the background. Too many think that heaven is far off, and death is also far off. But no one knows his hour of departure from this life. We must be prepared to meet our God.

Christians have a commission to further the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. Where the vision has died the people will perish. Christians, do not be disobedient to the commission given you.

George Hale, a medical missionary in Africa, relates the following story of a vision he received while on a trip to see the grave of a great man:

“After we had held a short service at the grave, we went back to our carriages. They were surrounded by a group of blind beggars. A beggar stood in front of me, blocking the way to the carriage. His sightless eyes were turned toward me, his hand was stretched out to me. He begged like a whipped dog, in some language that I couldn’t understand. After I had seen people living in sickness and suffering and disease, I knew that God had a place for me to serve in the world. I knew that if I did not fill the place, it would not be filled.”

Christian, have you had a vision? If you have, what are you doing about it? Have you found your place in life, and are you filling it? Do not be disobedient unto the heavenly vision.

Dear Lord Jesus, open our eyes to the needs of the world. Open our eyes to the need of saving souls from sin and eternal death. Lead us into the place Thou hast for us in life. In ‘Jesus’ name. Amen.

Taken from the ‘family’ Devotional Book “*Altar Steps*”

By Pastor R. P. Haakonson

Editor’s Note: As you are likely aware of, we have just ‘republished’ this very fine family devotional book and is available for a suggested donation of five dollars, plus one dollar for postage. Why not order some of these to be given away as a gift of LOVE, such as for Christmas!

KEPT

Editor's Note: This article shows us how to have real eternal security: By Living in Christ.

"There's no use for me to become a Christian. I couldn't remain one anyway." Have you said that? Have you heard others say that? Young people are often told by older people, even by their own parents, that it is useless for them to become Christians while they are young. To remain saved through life would be too much to expect. They seem to think that youth must sow its "wild oats" and then in later years be saved.

Such falsities are common even among church people. And they who make such statements may be sincere. But because of their ignorance they themselves are deceived and are also deceiving others. Satan is trying to make us believe that the prospect of falling away is greater than that of being kept. Further, the subtle trickery of the enemy of our souls is also evident in that he endeavors to make us believe that to be kept is dependent upon our own power. The question is, are you willing to be saved and to remain saved? Do you believe that the Christ who saved you is also able to keep you?

IT IS GOD'S WILL

that you shall be saved and that you shall be kept. This Jesus has stated so clearly that there never need be any question about it. "This is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life" (John 6:40). Notice it says "every one," that does not mean a few, nor certain ones (for example, the old folks), but it means all, and therein you are included.

BECAUSE YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD

That must always be the basis for being kept. Many who are as yet unsaved are fearful about being kept. One of Satan's tricks is to hinder you from being concerned about having salvation by keeping you fearful about losing it, even before you have it. It should be clear that no one can live like a child of God until he is one. But when once you are a child of God, you can turn to Him who saved you and ask Him to keep you. Do you believe Jesus is able to save you (or has saved you)? Is then He who saved you unable to keep you?

If I were to expect you to keep something from me, you would expect me to first give it to you. How could you keep it from me until I had entrusted it to you? "I know whom I have believed and I am sure that he is able to guard until (up to and including) that Day what has been entrusted to me" (2 Tim. 1: 12). Have you entrusted yourself to Jesus? Have you yielded yourself unto Him? If so, then rest confident that He is able to keep you (if you are

willing) until the day of His coming. "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come ... will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:38, 39). You are also assured of being kept

BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU POSSESS

If you are a saved soul you are now reconciled to God. Before you were at enmity with Him. But if you are reconciled with God through Christ, then this Christ who reconciled you has become your life. As long as you possess Christ within, you will be kept. "If while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life" (Rom. 5:10). As long as we possess Christ in our hearts we have this life. "He who has the Son has the life" (1 John 5:12). You do not retain this life by being worthy of it, by self-effort, nor by struggling, but by the choice of your own will. Being repentant over your sins, confessing them, and opening your heart's door to Christ, assures His entrance and presence. Christ within is life continually.

If you are a child of God then you also possess the Spirit of God. "Because you are sons (or children of God), God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father" (Gal. 4:6). Because we are His children, God's Spirit lives in our hearts. We are then "sealed with the promised Holy Spirit" (Eph. 1:13). That is, the Holy Spirit tells us through the Word (the promise) that Christ's finished work has now also become our salvation in reality. We are now assured that we are saved. The Spirit "bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God" (Rom. 8:16). The Spirit also tells us that we are kept

BY CHRIST'S INTERCESSION

How often you have wondered, "What is Jesus doing now? Is His work finished?" Yes, His atoning sacrifice has been accomplished. But now "he always lives to make intercession" for you (Heb. 7:25). Or as in Rom. 8:34, He "intercedes for us." Have you wished that you had some powerful intercessor who never forgot you? Jesus does just that for you. The next time you are tempted, discouraged, or feel defeated, just remember-Jesus prays for you. As our Advocate His prayer is heard because He is "righteous and He is the expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Therefore He has been given His place of honor "at the right hand of God" (Heb. 10: 12). That is also the place, the position of power. This power He uses on your behalf. You may rejoice that you are also kept

BY CHRIST'S POWER

He is willing to keep you (if you are saved). He is also able. He "is able to keep you from falling and to present

you without blemish before the presence of His glory with rejoicing” (Jude 1:24). Those continual “fallings,” how they cause you heartache and distress! Have you claimed Jesus’ power over them too? To avoid stumbling, watch your step. That is, look to Jesus before you get there. Begin each day with a definite prayer that He will keep you from stumbling, from temptation and sin.

We are told that we “by God’s power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Pet. 1:5). How strong is God? He can create heaven and earth. Cannot He then keep you? But it is to be “through faith” that you are guarded. As long as you in faith look to Him, expecting and asking Him to guard you, He will do so.

But Jesus said, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand” (John 10:27, 28). So many use this passage as a basis for “eternal security,” “once saved always saved.” It is true that Jesus says “they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.” But this is said of His sheep, of those who “hear” His voice, and who “follow” Him. Having once heard and having once followed, they can still choose not to do so. No one loses his free will when he becomes a child of God. The warning still stands, be sure you “hear” and “follow” Jesus. If you do, no one shall be able to snatch you out of His hand.

BY FEEDING YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

When a life becomes anaemic it becomes weak. A weak spiritual life is an easy prey for the tempter. The secret of failure, the beginning of a wayward life for many who once were Christians, was their lack of spiritual food. Ask anyone who has become a backslider, “Were you faithfully reading your Bible, attending church, and watchful in prayer?” And the answer will invariably be, “No, there is where I fell.”

Feed your soul with the Word of God. No other substitute will suffice. What food is for the body, the Word is for your soul. But you need to use this Word “richly,” so that you “may grow up to salvation” (1 Pet. 2:2). That will mean that you learn to feed yourself. Too many expect to live on what the pastor feeds them once a week. To grow healthy bodily you need three good meals a day. Take time to “feed on His Word” in order that you may grow spiritually and be made strong to avoid temptation. Else you will grow cold, indifferent, careless, full of doubt and fears.

Rest and strengthen yourself in prayer. “Come unto me and rest” (Matt. 11:28), says Jesus. “Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you” (1 Pet. 5:7). How we struggle to be saved, to be kept, to grow spiritually—and meanwhile forget to trust. Cast all your anxiety upon Him. Do you have faith enough in Jesus to entrust your doubts,

your fears, your sins, your cares to Him? “Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. Leave it there.” The danger is that we sing, “I lay my sins on Jesus, my burdens and my cares”—and then we carry them away with us again. Leave them with Jesus. Pray for faith to trust Him. Tell Him you will, that you do trust Him.

Strengthen your spiritual life by regular attendance at the Lord’s Table. In times of stress and trial we need to commune often. Not only need we be reassured of forgiveness but we need the abiding presence of Christ as strength and comfort for our souls. Neglecting the Lord’s Supper leaves you weak, fearful and uncertain. Partaking thereof in true repentance and faith gives courage, peace and spiritual power. Feed your spiritual life by Christian fellowship. You will need to “make friends with God’s children.” You will not develop a balanced spiritual life alone. You will need spiritual friends in order to grow and in order to be kept. Find a friend who loves Christ and fellowship with him. If none such can be found, then win one for Christ and fellowship with him. We grow spiritually while in a prayer atmosphere. There we find strength and there we find occasion for sharing spiritual experiences.

BY LIVING A SEPARATED LIFE

We are not kept by Christ if we willingly live in sin, but when we are separated from sin. “For he will save his people from their sins” (Matt. 1:21). Hence there must be the daily renouncing of sin, recognizing it, confessing it, turning from it. But that will also mean a choice of companionship which abhors sin. “Do not be mismatched with unbelievers. For what partnership have righteousness and iniquity?” (2 Cor. 6:14). There can be no spiritual fellowship with those who live in sin. We may have to work with them, but we will not of our own choice fellowship with them. Rather we must heed the Word, “Come out from them, and be separate” (2 Cor. 6:17). The way of life is “narrow.” It was so for Christ and has been for His followers ever since. But that is because there is life there. All that which brings death as a result must be renounced. “The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). You will benefit yourself and others in this your choice

BY BEING A DEFINITE WITNESS FOR CHRIST

An open confession of Christ clarifies your position to the world. Worldly friends will henceforth know what choice you have made. Stating your choice and position will strengthen your own faith. It will help others who are weak in faith to take a definite stand with you for the things of Christ. If you will confess Christ He will confess you before His Father. If you deny Him, He will deny you (Matt. 10:32,33).

Taken from “*The Way of Life*” by A.W. Knock

Update

Three 'kinds' of Christians?

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.” II Corinthians 8:9.

Most certainly we want to be careful that we do not fall into the trap that some religious ministries have: ‘Give’ to this cause and seemingly you will not only be ‘happy’, but healthy, wealthy and wise! NOR do we ‘give’ in order to ‘get’!

Some one has said that there are three ‘kinds’ of Christians: 1) Those who have a head ‘knowledge’ of ‘Christianity’, 2) Those who have yielded their heart to Jesus Christ and 3) Those who have not only ‘yielded’ their heart to Jesus, BUT have also let HIM have access to their ‘billfold’. Which kind of ‘Christian’ are you? You know God is a good financial consultant and HE knows a lot more about the economy than we ever will!

Jesus, while here on earth (physically), spoke regarding money and possessions about two-thirds of the time in parables that are recorded in the Holy Scriptures – so money matters; because, where your treasure is, there will your heart be also! *It is more important to make your money count – than to count your money!* GOD is **generous** – so we should be generous also, which is not a natural characteristic.

Our expenses have increased noticeably, as we took a step of faith to have a part-time field representative, along with the ministry of the *Morning Glory*.

As apostasy continues to take its toll, by the Grace of God we are seeking to fill in at least a little of the GAP; as where there is no vision the people *perish*. Will you continue to try to help US as the LORD leads?

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Hauge Spring Bible Conference

Looking For:

Congregations or a group of concerned individuals TO Invite and ‘host’ the early Spring Bible Conference or the Annual Conference of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation. Not ‘difficult’ – you provide the opportunity and, Lord willing, we will provide the ‘program’. Desired that you provide one or more main meal(s), a spiritual warm/open spirit. No financial obligation – free will offerings and together we LOOK to the LORD for *‘Seasons of Refreshing from the Presence of the LORD!* **Please prayerfully consider the same.**

THANK YOU!

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