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

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His Mercy

By Associate Pastor Troy Tysdal,
Fergus Falls, MN

Scripture tells us about moments when divine judgment has come upon the earth. The prophets of old pointed forward to these moments of judgment and called them “the day of the Lord.”

The prophet Amos said, “*Why do you long for the day of the Lord? That day will be darkness, not light*” Amos 5:8. The prophets tell us that without God’s mercy no one would survive these moments of judgment; no one would survive because all are guilty of sin. The cross was just such a moment. A moment in which God came to collect the debt that was owed him. On that day, almost 2,000 years ago, sin would be dealt with, one way or another, and for those who believe, once and for all.

Picture it. Roman guards torturing Jesus, God’s chosen one, while – unknown to them – judgment was gathering in the sky. Laughter came from the earth below; one of the guards had created a crown of thorns and placed it on the head of God’s Christ. Others had stripped him naked and were casting lots for his clothing. Above them twelve legions of angels watched, waiting for Jesus to speak, ready to pour out the wrath of God on all humankind. Below, the priests mocked Jesus as the cross was raised up and dropped into the ground. Finally Jesus spoke. All of heaven was silent, waiting for his command, but Jesus said, “*Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing*” Luke 23:34.

The verdict was in: “**Mercy!**” Our debt was cancelled as the sins of all the world were transferred to Jesus and punished on the cross.

Matthew 18:23 - 35

Jesus said, “*The kingdom of heaven is like a king who*

wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. The servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’

“The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.

“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

On the cross Jesus took the debt we could not pay, and paid it in full. As children of God, justified by the blood of Christ, we live in response to his grace and mercy. We love as he loves us, and we forgive as he forgives us. We are new creations, reflections of his love, and living examples of his mercy.

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We represent His Kingdom. We proclaim his mercy and we point forward to the day he will return to judge the living and the dead, the day of the Lord.

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Editor’s Note: **Christ’s BLOOD Atonement:** in a sense, is like: Someone (Christ) wrote a personal *‘check’* to YOU; to pay the debt (in full) that you in no ways could ever pay; but you personally have to endorse the check (NEED) **OR** you will go to Hell with your sins paid for!

Evangelist Sam Jones was thinking of all the amazingly gracious gifts of God when he answered the question, *“What did you have to give up to be saved?”*

Jones, who like the Prodigal had lived wantonly and wickedly, witnessed, *“I gave up a pocketful of ashes for a pocketful of diamonds!”*

Fred Barlow

The Golden Years

The Bible has a good deal to say about the later years in life. And while we know that “the hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness” (Prov. 16:31), it can be difficult to find the gold in the “golden years” at times. But three verses especially should give us cause to hope that we can be profitable for the Lord until the time that He comes or calls us Home.

The Prayer. The psalmist seems to have anticipated, possibly with dread, this time of life. He called upon the Lord in Psalm 71:9; “*Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.*”

The Promise. Certainly he was not the only one to respond to the advancing stages in life in this way. But God records His response to such a prayer in Isaiah 46:4: “*And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.*”

The Performance. Regardless of what the world says or what our own feelings may try to tell us, God’s faithfulness can change how we look at our declining years. As the psalmist contemplated God’s promise, his dread turned to delight. He looked forward to experiencing its fulfillment, as he says in Psalm 92:14, “*They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing.*”

Selected

Editor’s Note: Not complaining, but for some there is some ‘tarnish’ in the *golden years*; **according to Psalm 92** some of the best ‘fruit’ is produced during the ‘golden years’.

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Debtors Forever

READ: Psalm 23

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:6

Occasionally it’s helpful to spend a few quiet moments looking back over our lives to review how indebted we are to God for His goodness and mercy. Of course, no two personal histories are the same. But we can all echo the words of David, the poet-king in Psalm 23:6. He wrote, “*Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.*” If we are trusting Jesus Christ, those few words sum up the whole of our experiences in life.

God’s goodness imparts what we don’t deserve; His mercy withholds what we do deserve. In times of pain and sorrow, our heavenly Father faithfully meets our needs, comforts our hearts, and gives us strength to bear our burdens. Although we are believers, we still sin and fall short of the holy standard set by His Son, Jesus Christ. Yet He keeps on pouring His forgiveness into our souls as we confess our sins. We may think of ourselves as decent people, but we must still admit that “we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.” (The Book of Common Prayer).

May gratitude continually fill our hearts, because God’s goodness and mercy will follow us all the way to glory. We are indebted to Him forever.

*When we stand with Christ in glory
Looking o’er life’s finished story,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know –
Not till then – how much I owe. – McCheyne*

**Because God gives us everything,
we owe Him all our praise.**

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But for Grace

Consider thine origin; look back to what thou wast. Consider what thou wouldst have been but for divine grace ... Therefore, be not proud, though thou hast a large estate – a wide domain of grace. Thou hadst not once a single thing to call thine own except thy sin and misery. Oh, strange infatuation, that thou, who has borrowed everything, shouldst think of exalting thyself, a poor, dependent pensioner upon the bounty of thy Saviour!

Charles Spurgeon

Questions – Answered

Misuse of the Tongue
By Dr. Curtis Hutson

Q. “I have a habit of gossiping about people and having a critical spirit toward them, including my pastor. How can I overcome this sin and control my tongue?”

A. The first thing is to recognize gossiping, a critical spirit and fault find as sin. Confess them to the Lord; ask Him to forgive and cleanse you and help you in overcoming these sins.

The Bible has much to say about misuse of the tongue. It is such an important subject that the entire third chapter of James is given over to a discussion of the danger of the misused tongue. Once you recognize what a deadly sin is committed when you gossip and find fault with others, especially your pastor, confess it and ask the Lord to cleanse you.

Then you ought to set out to make a habit of speaking kind things about those you have criticized. James 3:8 says, *“But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.”*

It is such a little member that it seems we could do something with it. The Bible says that man cannot train his tongue. We can train ourselves to say things right, but in an unguarded moment, the wild tongue will take over again. The tongue is unsettled. It is full of deadly poison. The harm it can cause is beyond conception. We are helpless to control it on our own.

Anyone who controls his tongue must give it over into the hands of the Holy Spirit. That happens when one trusts Christ as Saviour. His body then becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit. Of course, the old nature is still with us, but the power of the Holy Spirit is there to control us as we yield our members to Christ. Romans 6:13 says, *Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God...and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”*

You ought to fill your heart and mind with good things from God’s Word and practice saying good things. When you start to say something unkind, the Holy Spirit will remind you, and you can instead say something good.

Q. *“Is it sometimes okay to lie? I was told that I Peter 3:6 says Sarah obeyed Abraham and lied for him.”*

A. Here is a rule of thumb. It is never right to do wrong in order to get a chance to do right. It is never right to lie under any circumstances. There are some things that need not be said. In other words, if your mother were dying and the doctor thought it best not to tell her, you would not want simply to go into the room and say, “Mother, you’re dying. They don’t want you to know, but I’m not

going to lie to you about it.” (Editor’s Note: I personally believe that in such a case the person should be lovingly, yet firmly, told the truth!). You would just be quiet about it. Of course, if your mother asked you directly, then you would need to tell the truth.

You see, some things just do not need to be said, but for anyone to tell you that it’s all right to lie under some circumstances is completely wrong and against God’s Word.

In 1 Peter 3:6, the Scripture is not discussing Sarah’s lie for Abraham; it is discussing her obedience to him. Nowhere does the Bible say that it was all right for Abraham to lie about that situation, nor was it all right for Sarah to lie. It simply tells what happened. Telling only part of the truth is a lie, and telling more than the truth is a lie.

Taken from “Sword of the Lord”

Editor’s Note: Also no where in Scripture did God say it was alright for Rahab to lie; but God Tells Things Just As They Are. Take “Ananias & Sapphira” for example: **Acts 5:1- 11.** *“The mouth of the righteous is a well of life...”* *“Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding ...”* *“In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.”* Proverbs 10:11a, 13a & 19. “Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.” Psalm 141:3.

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Some Soul, One Soul!

*Lead me to some soul today;
Oh, teach me, Lord, just what to say.
Friends of mine are lost in sin
And cannot find their way.*

*Few there are who seem to care,
And few there are who pray.
Melt my heart and fill my life;
Give me one soul today.*

Wendell P. Loveless

If a church or a ministry does not predicate its philosophy, its policies and its practices upon the impregnable bedrock of the Holy Scripture, it leaves open the door for every kind of error, heresy, carnality and worldliness!

Dr. Shelton Smith

Editorial

RES *SLEEP*

“And do this knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.” “Therefore He says: ‘Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.’”

Romans 13:11 & Ephesians 5:14.

SCRIPTURE has a lot to say about ‘*sleep*’. It speaks of ‘*sleep*’ as good and bad; which is true both physically and spiritually.

AS you are aware, ‘our’ physical bodies are marvelously and wonderfully made! I for one have been blest all my life with a good sound sleep (physically) AND now for a good number of years have had need of ‘hearing aids’. Most recently *if* I remove my ‘hearing aids’; I am limited very definitely in what I hear – which is beneficial for sleeping. BUT as you are also aware, there is a close connection between what you hear and see, both physically and spiritually!

TWO definite things happen when an individual goes to ‘*sleep*’ and that is you, yourself do not know exactly when you went to ‘*sleep*’, nor what is going on while you are sleeping. This is not only TRUE physically – but **Spiritually! Tragically**, in our day, not so few have gone to sleep spiritually!

This text is written to especially ‘*believers*’.

Is it necessary to write to believers: “*Awake, thou that sleepest!*”

YES, otherwise it would not have been written.

Both the Holy Bible and experience teach us very clearly that believers can go to sleep very easily and very quickly. Think, for example: the three disciples in the garden of Gethsemane. They went to sleep even though Jesus had admonished them very urgently to watch with Him. The sad thing in connection with this is that people go to sleep (Spiritually) without even knowing it. Spiritual sleep, comes quietly and unnoticed. The world becomes dear to us, sin becomes innocent and harmless, prayer becomes tedious and a matter of habit. For example: How much time do you & I spend before the TV and reading the Newspaper/Sports magazine in comparison to reading the Bible/Specific Prayer and reading Christian material?

Physically, SCRIPTURE talks about ‘laziness’ as a little folding of the hands, etc and we are to learn from the Ant. As long as we have health/strength/opportunity to

provide for our own families, then we are to do so. You know that God provides for all the birds of the air – but doesn’t throw the food in their nest!

Statistically, we are informed that 50% of us will be in bed when we **die!**

Basically, you know when we are sleepy or sleeping, we are comfortable and don’t want to be **disturbed!** For example, in the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25; their lamps were running out of oil! OH what danger there is of the possibility of sleeping the sleep of death spiritually. And *tragically*, numerous evangelical Pastors do not want to disturb the flock that is entrusted in their care. So they do not rock the ship! They do not mention SIN by its specific name; even though God’s Word does. They actually pretty well omit the preaching of God’s Law in Love and Sternness. After all, we live in times where the sheep and lambs would rather hear smoothing messages; because they have *itching ears!* To preach God’s Law in Love and Sternness would disturb them. Pastors don’t upset the ‘apple cart’; for then the people would become upset **and need the Great Physician more than ever. This applies to both saved and unsaved.** After all, no doubt there is much church ‘machinery’ in place: programs, organizations and activities. People can leave the ‘worship service’ feeling emotionally good, but still bankrupt because there was NO NEED presented. Yet a Lukewarm ‘church’ makes God ‘sick’, and He vomited/spued out of His mouth such a church. (Very Serious) A lukewarm ‘*Christian*’ is the best advertisement for hell that there is! In this ‘lukewarm congregation’ there is not a word of reproof of either liberalism or false doctrine; there just is NO NEED as they are comfortable & *likely sleepy!* You know when a person is sleepy OR sleeping, they don’t like to be disturbed even IF it were beneficial for them. Disturbing people is not popular and never will be for the masses. I was told very definitely many years ago by a Pastor of a larger congregation that many of his fold were Christians; because they prayed the ‘Lord’s Prayer’ before going to bed, and in that prayer

they ask for the forgiveness of their sin.

But it's so much easier to 'think' the end justifies the means – sanctioning things in the *gray area* to supposedly accomplishing a better end. You know, don't you; that it is much more difficult to 'sleep' in the brilliance of full SUNSHINE (Light) than in the dusk? **LOVE** "does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;" 1 Corinthians 13:6. In the 'fullness of the 'sunlight' (Son's Light) **dust shows up!**

There's a true story (?) about two "pastors" one day discussing the Lord's Work in their midst (congregational ways). One pastor was serving a rather large numerical congregation, while the other relatively small. BUT at the end of the conversation the Pastor of the larger congregation stated: likely you have more members in Heaven than I do. IN Revelation 3:18-19 God tells 'us' to get the 'sleep' out of 'our' eyes that we may see. **"I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire that you may be rich: and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent."**

God patiently waits to hear the heart cry of the need of His children, and then often uses a series of Special Evangelistic Meetings to awaken a sleeping 'church',

that is so comfortable that doesn't want to be disturbed. When was the last time you experienced a Heaven sent revival in your church and as a result an awakening of God's children becoming more sensitive towards sin, the holiness of God, and a renewed need and experience of love for the brethren; and as a result some soul or souls genuinely converted?

If a house were on 'fire' with 'sleeping' individuals inside; would you knock on the door softly to awaken the inhabitants? No, of course not. That is why the Scriptures admonish us to: **"Cry aloud, spare not' Lift up your voice like a trumpet; Tell My people their transgression, And the house of Jacob their sins."** Isaiah 58:1. No, we don't NEED a directive from God; BUT individuals like John the Baptizer! **"Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."**

Isn't it something that GOD used the *ungodly world* to wake up Jonah? "So the captain came to him, and said to him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish.'" Jonah 1:6. HOW ABOUT TODAY!?

MAY GOD BE PERMITTED TO WAKE 'US' UP FROM OUR LETHERGY OF SLEEPINESS!

"Try yourselves, whether ye are in the faith."

II Corinthians 13:5

IN ORDER to try ourselves it is necessary for us to know the things in our lives which constitute our greatest weaknesses, and which are therefore most dangerous to us.

I would mention first our *secret prayer life*.

Jesus says, When thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber, and having shut the door, pray."

Why would He have us close the door?

He would afford us *quietude*, of course. And that we need this is certainly true.

But from the context it is clear that Jesus would have the door closed also for another reason: to free us from *listeners* and *lookers-on*.

He knows us well; He knows how regrettably dependent we are upon auditors and spectators. In all our human relationships and in our relationship to God.

Even in our prayer life.

Is there anyone who can pray to God while others look on and hear without its influencing his prayer?

I take it for granted that you enter into your inner chamber and close the door.

Now I ask you, "Do you experience anything with God when you are entirely alone with Him?"

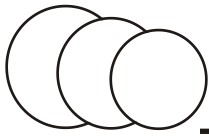
I m not asking you if it seems pleasant to be in the inner chamber. For I know that it is necessary for us to have unpleasant times there just as often as pleasant ones, if all is to be well with us.

There are Christians who do not experience anything from God when they are alone. If they are to experience anything, they must be stimulated by others by means of singing, music of other kinds, and lofty sentiments.

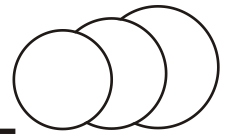
If this be true, *sleep* has overtaken you. And if this sleep continues for some time, with unflinching certainty it will bring you into spiritual death.

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Editor's Note: Also, 'entering' into your prayer closet is like entering into your pantry/storehouse laden with **blessings that you are to be participants of!**



From Our Fellowship Circle



R. & D. H **Radcliffe, IA**
Thank you so much for the wonderful magazine you produce. It is so uplifting. May God Bless your work.

J. & J. Z. **Bismarck, ND**
Hope this finds you both doing well.

May the Lord bless you greatly as you continue to labor for Him.

Thank you so much for the blessing you have been to us.

R. S. **Ferryville, WI**
Thank you for sending us the *Morning Glory*. I hope my (our) donation will help you keep publishing it for many years to come. May God bless your good and faithful work. "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all" 1 John 1:5.

T. S. **Forest City, IA**
I am enclosing a check for your work. I enjoy the *Morning Glory* and am glad every time it comes.

I miss going to your meetings, but glad for the health He has give me thus far.

Mr. & Mrs. R. J. **Upsala, MN**
Enjoy your magazine - the Spiritual Food.

Deloris Hoffman **Moorhead, MN**
I am 88 years of age.

When I was sitting in my wheelchair, I had this poem come to me. I have in no way copied it from any book or magazine – it just came naturally. It took me a long time to write it down rightly.

I was wondering if you could print it in the *Morning Glory* as a testimony from me.

The Glory of the Cross

No matter how far I have wandered
In the Cross of Jesus
He died for me
He will ever forgive me
And Redeem me as His own
With my faith in Him believing
I will follow Jesus
To the Glory of the Cross.

Christ is my Redeemer
On the Cross He died for me
I will forever praise Him
And behold Him
In His Glory share
To the Glory of the Cross
God and Heaven is my Home.

F. H. **Story City, IA**
Richard has passed away; but I want to continue to receive the *Morning Glory*. It has very good articles in it.

I have since left the ...Church and joined another church that is now a ...; here in Story City.

G. & N. L. **Hardy, IA**
We would like to keep supporting you. We are happy to be able to receive the *Morning Glory* - many good things in there.

A. G. **Strandquist, MN**
Thank you for sending extra copies of the *Morning Glory* to me. I really appreciate it so much.

May God's Blessings rest on you for speaking out in regards to SIN and the evils that are befalling our beloved church today. How sad to see what is taking place in the life of the Christians of today also.

BIBLICAL SUGGESTIONS!

Why not include this Lutheran free movement of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation in your congregations benevolences (Budget)? The HLIF is not only a 'free movement' but it is Biblical, Lutheran in Doctrine, Pietistic and Evangelical; and functions by Faith! All 'gifts' are greatly appreciated; individually & collectively.

ALSO why not plan a series of Evangelistic Meetings, Bible Conference, Gospel Tent Meetings through the 'services' of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation for next year, Lord willing?

ELCA Professor Claims The Bible Is Like “Your Grandma’s Scrapbook”

Everything You Wanted to Know About the Bible, But Were Afraid to Ask?

A most revealing article entitled “Everything You Wanted to Know About the Bible, But Were Afraid to Ask,” was recently published on a blog of Luther Seminary (ELCA), St. Paul, MN. The article was written by David Lose, a member of the faculty at Luther. Lose offered four choices as to what best identifies the Bible.

The Bible is:

A. *A supernatural book that fell from heaven and is different from every other book.*

B. *A seriously weird rule book for the stark and somber among us.*

C. *A divine reference book with the answers to all of life’s problems.*

D. *A little too much like your grandmother’s scrap book for comfort.*

The answer, according to Lose, is “D”. *However, he states there is something “right about each of the alternatives.”*

In his article Professor Lose sets up a “straw man,” by offering phony choices for phony arguments. Lose offers no definition of the Bible from the Scriptures or from the Lutheran Confessions among his choices. Nowhere did he even imply that the Bible is “inspired” by God. Instead, he asserts that the Bible was written by people who were trying to present their own views about God.

Lose states the Bible is not “some reference book waiting for you to take it off the bookshelf and discover God’s answers to all of today’s questions.” Instead, Lose explains: “As a matter of fact, the Bible says precious little about many of the specific questions we may have about nuclear energy, the swine flu, or the struggles of raising children in a home with two working parents. Instead, the Bible draws us into its story about God and the people of God, and in this way grants us an identity that helps us make decisions about these and many other issues that confront us.”

Says Lose, “Claims that the Bible is ‘inerrant’ or ‘infallible’ probably say more about the need of the persons making those claims to try to prove their faith than they do about the Bible itself. The Bible, keep in mind, is fundamentally a collection of the confessions of faith of people over the centuries who have experienced God in a particular way and seek to give voice to their faith.”

Lose concludes: “*The Bible is a book that, like a fam-*

ily scrapbook, roots us in our spiritual family and grants us an identity that helps us make sense of the present and guides us into the future.”

The ELCA professor’s article helps to clarify the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s low view of Scripture and why it has strayed so far from the truth regarding God’s Word – The ELCA does not fully accept it as “God’s Word” and ridicules those who do.

Editor’s Note: It is sad to witness the diminishing of God’s Word by persons who have been ordained into the ministry of the Church. At my ordination we were reminded that we would be held accountable before God for our ministries. Further, we promised to preach and teach according to the pure Word of God.

Tampering with God’s Word is serious business. This applies not only to those who would diminish its authority but also to those who proclaim a false message.

W. A. Criswell, one of America’s great preachers and a fervent believer in inerrancy, told his Southern Baptist congregation: “truly, there is no sadder or more tragic sight than to look upon a minister or professor of divinity attacking or ridiculing the Word of God, the anchor of the human soul. There is a depth of hypocrisy about ministers who attack the Bible that is unusually heinous. If ever there was a time when our wobbling world needed to hear a clamant voice calling it back to the changeless verities of the Word of God, that time is now.”

In his book ‘Law and Gospel’, Dr. C. F. W. Walther of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod cautioned that one day all false teachers of the Word would stand before God to give an account. He said: “On that day every false teacher will wish he had never been born and will curse the day he was inducted into the sacred office of the ministry. On that day we shall see that false teaching is not the trifling and harmless matter that people in our day think it is.”

Though seemingly harsh, Walther’s words are true. Those engaged in false teaching today need to humble themselves before God and repent. They need to confess the great sin of diminishing and falsifying the Word of God before it’s too late.

By Pastor David Barnhart, taken from ‘*The Vine and Branches*’

Editor’s Note: “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things. God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in his book.” Revelation 22:18-19. “*Forever, O LORD, Your*

word is settled in heaven.” Psalm 119:89. “Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.” Proverbs 30:5-6. *“If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?”* Psalm 11:3. **“KNOWING THIS FIRST, THAT NO PROPHECY OF SCRIPTURE IS OF ANY PRIVATE INTERPRETATION. FOR PROPHECY NEVER CAME BY THE WILL OF MAN, BUT HOLY MEN OF GOD SPOKE AS THEY WERE MOVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT”** II Peter 1:20-21. II TIMOTHY 3:16-17.

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear.”

Psalm 46:1-2

Martin Luther’s journal entries inform us of his continual battle against evil forces, and that Psalm 46 was a great comfort to him. As he meditated on the words of our text, the thrust of a mighty son was born, which openly declared victory in the great battle: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.”

*A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood, Of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.*

The battle to be fought is *“not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places”* (Ephesians 6:12). Satan, along with his henchmen, is an ancient foe, “a roaring lion,” as it were, “seeking whom he may devour.” (1 Peter 5:8). But there is no need for alarm, *“the LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge”* (Psalm 46:11). He “is our refuge and strength: (today’s text), a bulwark never failing. *“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil”* (1 John 3:8).

Only God could accomplish this victory, for Satan is *“the prince of this world”* (John 14:30), *“the prince of the power of the air”* (Ephesians 2:2). No man on earth is his equal.

But how did the Son of God gain the victory? By taking on Himself “flesh and blood,” and dying a substitutive

death, *“that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil”* (Hebrews 2:14). John D. Morris, Ph.D.

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“Fight the good fight of the faith”

1 Timothy 6:12

LUTHER says somewhere that faith lives only as long as it strives. He had in mind this very fight of faith to hold fast to the grace of God when our heart condemns us because of our daily life.

This tension is inherent in living faith and can never be removed. If this is eliminated from faith, we have a *dead* faith which holds fast to the grace of God with the intellect and does not give the conscience an opportunity to condemn sin.

This struggle and this tension in connection with faith can therefore never be obviated by theoretical insight into the mystery of the Gospel. Not even a long *experience* of the grace of God can eliminate it.

The people who experience these difficulties in connection with believing the grace of God are not Christians of the poorest type. Luther himself, a great hero of faith, often had great difficulty even in believing the forgiveness of sins.

The more sensitive and keen our conscience becomes, the *more* it will accuse us, the *deeper* it will prick us.

A rich and long experience of the grace of God will also sharpen the conflict: Can you be a child of God when so much of His grace has been so fruitless in your heart and life? Is not this proof that your faith is dead, that you are misusing the grace of God?

Here, too, living faith will win the victory and again *rest* in the grace of God.

But only after a *struggle*.

The distress of conscience caused by sin is therefore not only the mother of faith; it is this distress which each day preserves the faith of a child of God as a *living faith*.

“Redeemed, restored, forgiven
Through Jesus’ precious blood,
Heirs of His home in heaven,
Oh, praise our pardoning God!”

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Does the Bible Allow for Defending Oneself or One's Family?

Response: There is no teaching in Scripture that forbids self-protection. There are, however, special conditions in which such an effort may not be what God desires. The Old Testament abounds with examples of armies and individuals raised up for the defense of Israel. David, as a young man, took on the Philistine giant Goliath for the glory of God and the protection of Israel. Gideon and Deborah, among other judges, were also used of God for the protection of Israel. Yet many of the prophets of Jehovah were martyred for speaking what He told them to say.

In the New Testament, we're told that governments restrain harm against their people by bearing arms "to execute wrath up him that doeth evil" Romans 13:4. Soldiers were exhorted by John the Baptist to repent of intimidating and extorting people; they weren't told to leave their occupation. Jesus commended the Roman centurion for his faith, with no indication that his profession was unbiblical. Paul used military analogies throughout his Holy Spirit inspired writings. There are far too many scriptures that cannot be reconciled with pacifism.

Other than fashioning a whip and chasing the money-changers from the Temple, Jesus never acted in an aggressive militant way. Neither did He defend Himself beyond eluding those who wanted to destroy Him prior to His going to the Cross. His mission at His first coming was as the meek and lowly Lamb of God, who came to sacrifice Himself to pay for the sins of humanity. On the other hand, at His second coming He will protect Israel as He rescues her by destroying the armies of the nations that have gathered to destroy her. "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him (Jesus) that sat on the horse, and against his army ...And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh" Revelation 19:19, 21.

When Jesus was physically with His disciples, He kept them out of harm's way. Just as when He sent out the twelve apostles and the seventy disciples and empowered them, He would miraculously be their provider and protector. His disciples were never told to form themselves into an army for their own or His protection, or to take over Israel and the world for Christ. However, just before Jesus went to the Cross, He indicated that His followers would need to do some things in His physical absence. "And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said,

"Nothing." Then said he unto them, "But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end." And they said, "Lord, behold, here are two swords." And he said unto them, "It is enough" Luke 22:35-38. Peter missed the point on two counts: first, the necessity of what Jesus must suffer when he tried to hold back the mob coming to take Jesus by force, and second, that they should be reasonably armed and only when conditions warranted it.

Taken from "The Berean Call"

Editor's Note: Another example is found in the book of Nehemiah and especially in chapter 4.

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Yesterday's Modernist, Today's Liberal,

Same Old Wicked Unbelief!

By Curtis Hutson

The word *liberal* and the word *modernist* are used synonymously. They are the same. When we talk about a man in religious circles as being liberal, we have reference not to one who gives a lot of money and is generous, but to a man who is liberal in his theology, who broadens his mind to the place where he will give or take on what the Bible says. That man is liberal. When somebody comes along and says the first five chapters of Genesis are mythology and that it doesn't make much difference – that man is liberal. If the fellow says it is mythology – "Well, maybe it is, give or take" – that man is a liberal.

Somebody comes along and says not all of the Bible is the inspired Word of God; just part of it is. He is liberal. He will accept that. He has opened the gate. That is a liberal, a theological liberal. And a modernist is the same. A modernist will call himself a modernist, and he will call himself a liberal, and by that he means the same thing. It means when he refers to an infidel.

It is sad but true today that all across America men filling the pulpits of the churches and teaching in Bible colleges and seminaries are modernists, liberals, infidels, apostates – and think nothing about saying so!

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Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Beer With Burgers at Fast-Food Places!

Some fast-food chains are now offering options beyond burgers, salads and soft drinks. In some locations, customers will soon be able to get an (alcoholic) beverage with their meals.

Burger King recently opened “Whopper Bars” in Miami, Las Vegas and Kansas City. Beginning this summer, Sonic will offer beer and wine at new locations in Miami and Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

...Mark Creech, executive director of the Christian Action League and president-elect of the American Council on Alcohol Problems, believes this is an irresponsible decision that goes against the whole concept of fast-food restaurants.

“Fast-food restaurants have long been about providing families with quick and inexpensive food in a family-friendly environment,” he notes, adding that “alcohol always has considerable potential for diminishing that kind of atmosphere.” ...

A spokesman for Sonic tells USA Today that the chain has no plans to expand alcohol sales outside of South Florida.

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The Gravy Train Rolls On!

Four states (Nebraska, California, Texas and Maryland) received grants from the U.S. Interior Department in August. Those grants totaled \$5,802,180.00. In each case, the money is funding programs that protect beetles that are on the endangered species list.

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Polygamy Outlawed – So Why Not Sharia?

A best-selling author and critic of Islam argues that it will take a sea change in American policy for the United States to stop blindly issuing student visas to Muslims, despite the fact some come to the U.S. to commit terrorist acts.

Recently a 20-year-old Saudi Arabian national was arrested by the FBI in Texas, suspected of planning a terrorist attack using explosive chemicals. His possible targets included the Dallas home of former President George W. Bush. Authorities say the Islamic suspect indicated in his diary that he had been plotting an attack for years and

obtained a scholarship so he could come directly to the United States to carry out jihad.

Robert Spencer of Jihad Watch says in a sane society, the alleged “student” would never have been allowed into the country - but Spencer admits he does not see any sanity on the horizon.

“People say... ‘You can’t restrict their freedom of religion’ – (and) meanwhile they’re working to restrict *our* freedom of religion, working to restrict *our* freedom of speech and freedom of conscience and so on,” he points out. “But that’s okay, because (they argue) we can’t restrict *their* freedom-of-religion.”

That argument is “ridiculous,” says Spencer. “In the first place, America *has* moved to restrict the freedom of religion of various groups in the past, notably by outlawing Mormon polygamy in the late 19th century...and forcing the Mormons to accept that or not to be considered to be a legal group in the United States.”

Consequently, the Jihad Watch leader says he does not know why it is not possible to say that a religion that espouses sharia law is also seditious and not acceptable in the United States.

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Banning the American Flag on U.S. Soil

Dawn Kamin, who owns an optometry office in Germantown, Tennessee, received a notice that flying the American flag outside her office is violation of the complex’s bylaws.

“I was just appalled,” Dr. Kamin told Fox News Radio. “It’s the American flag. Really?”

According to a letter sent to Dr. Kamin by the business condominium group that owns her building, she must take down the flag...or face the consequences – fines and paying for the cost to remove the flag and staff. ...

Lest we forget, last May students in California were forced to remove their American flag T-shirts on Cinco de Mayo because school administrators said that any display of Old Glory was “incendiary” and disrespectful on the holiday of a foreign country...even on American soil.

ConservativeActionAlert.com

Hamas-Linked Group Being “Fed” by U.S. Department of Agriculture

The White House’s official web site August 10 posted a story entitled “Islamic Relief USA Starts Its First Sum-

mer Food Services Program,” boasting that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is now helping this Islamic group get its program started. What kind of help is the USDA giving to Jewish and Christian charitable groups? Islamic Relief USA has ties to Hamas. How many other groups with ties to terror organizations are working with the USDA? And why is the United States government subjugating itself in this way?

...Reporter Marissa Duswalt quoted Kareema Dickens, the principal of An Nur Academy in Lanham, Maryland, as giving “heartfelt remarks.” Dickens said, “We are very grateful to USDA for helping us feed our students this summer...We hope to continue this partnership and serve meals to our students throughout the year.”...

Islamic Relief USA is a spinoff of Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW), which is headed up by Dr. Hani Al-Banna. Al-Banna was formerly with the Muslim Aid (MA), a London-based Islamic “charity”...that was a “partner organization” with the Al-Salah Islamic Association, a Hamas fundraising machine headed up by Ahmed Al-Kurd, whom the U.S. government officially designated as a terrorist. Muslim Aid also worked with groups linked to Jamaat-e-Islami, the Muslim Brotherhood of Pakistan.

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“Beloved, Let Us Love One Another: For Love is of God; And Every One That Loveth is Begotten of God.” 1 John 4:7.

IT is edifying to see how a person who is born anew is born into the family of God, into the communion of saints.

How grateful and happy did we not feel when the children of God received us into their fellowship and met us with love and solicitude! Oh, how we loved them and rejoiced every time we could be together with them privately or at meetings.

Do you love the children of God *now*?

I am not asking if you like those people to whom you feel yourself attracted. That the children of the world also do.

I am asking you if you love the children of God because they are children of God, whether you feel yourself one in spirit with them or not.

Many of God’s children have fallen asleep.

They do not feel at home in the fellowship of believers any longer. In many places believers do not go to prayer meetings or discussion meetings, not even devotional meetings, unless something special is offered them, a “great” preacher, a festive occasion, or some such

diversion.

Satan is aware of the importance of the communion of saints. And therefore he seeks with all his might to destroy such fellowship.

He does this in two ways. Either by sowing factionalism and dissension among the children of God. Or by making them indifferent towards one another and by making them worldly, thus eliminating the warmth and power of true Christian fellowship.

Dear children of God, pray for the communion of saints, that it may be preserved in fervency, security, and purity. Pray that we may love one another with a love that is full of solicitude for one another, a love that is willing to serve others and to make sacrifices in their behalf.

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Editor’s Note: “*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.*” 1 John 3:14. “*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.*” Hebrews 10:24-25. “*And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.*” Matthew 24:12-13.

God’s Law Has a Penalty Attached

If there were a law that man should not steal but no penalty was attached to it, some man would have my pocketbook before the day was over. If I threatened to have him arrested, why would he fear the law if there were no penalty?

It is not the law that people are afraid of; it is the penalty for transgression.

Do not suppose God has made a law without a penalty. The penalty for sin is death: “*The soul that sinneth, it shall die.*” If I have sinned, I must die or get somebody to die for me. If the Bible doesn’t teach that, it doesn’t teach anything. And that is where the atonement of Jesus Christ comes in.

D. L. Moody

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

of Marv Rosenthal (Zion's Hope)

Dear Citizen of Heaven and Heir of Glory:

It is a joy for me to write this letter to you. It is also appropriate to remind you, as I remind myself, of our exalted position in Christ.

It is always good, proper, uplifting, and theologically correct to rejoice in the fact that we are sons and daughters of God. We are also co-heirs with the Lord Jesus of an infinite universe, which will one day be made forever free of the impact of sin and spectacularly perfect.

I said it is "always good" to reflect on this truth but even more so at this hour in America's history when our government is broken.

The Executive (the White House), Legislative (Congress), and Judicial (the Supreme Court) branches of government can't lead us to the light at the end of the tunnel - they are so confused they don't even know where the tunnel is.

Now, before we get angry at our leaders, we should turn the microscope inward. The government is a reflection of its people. And the people are us. As a nation, we have broken God's laws as we have increasingly rejected the Judeo-Christian culture upon which our nation was largely built, spurned God's grace, and turned up our noses at God's love.

Only a fool would wonder why we now find ourselves in this catastrophic mess.

Only an even greater fool would think we could, in some way, solve our problems with the God of the Bible.

Only a man blinded by Satan, the father of lies, rejects the "so great salvation" made available, free of charge, by the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Only a wise man will embrace God's grace through faith and each day be heard to be singing, "On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand."

Here and there in high places there are a few men and women (perhaps today more accurately women and men) of moral character, common sense, and good judgment who want to do what is right for our nation and what is right before God. They deserve our enthusiastic support.

As for the rest of us, it is time we stop being the silent minority. We should become "John the Baptists." We should climb to the rooftops and cry out as loud as we can, "repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As for me and my house, and through Zion's Hope as long as the Lord gives breath and strength, we will proclaim a living Savior to a dying world.

Keep looking up, He is always looking down.

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

Lev. 17:11

In the Old Testament, people had to take the life of an animal, and bring the blood to the altar of God, when they had sinned. Our Lord Jesus gave His blood on Calvary to pay for our sins once for all.

In 1927 at Lagos, West Africa, a specimen of blood from a native by the name of Asibi was taken, and as a result millions of people all over the world have been protected from yellow fever. Now a vaccine is made for the fever, and we are told that all medicine for yellow fever has some of the blood of this native African in it. To be freed from yellow fever one must receive an application of Asibi's blood, but to be free from our sins one must receive the cleansing of the precious blood of Jesus.

Only in the precious blood is there an atonement for sin. People try all kinds of other means, but they are of no avail.

Some people try good works, others try going into monasteries and convents; some heathen even burn their children, but only the blood of Jesus will wash us clean, and make us fit to meet our God. Some people in our country try to be clean by worshipping the sun and nature, but, again, it is only the blood of Jesus. Are you washed in the blood of Jesus?

Dear Lord, we thank Thee that Thou didst die once for all for our sins. Use us to show others their need to be washed in the blood of Jesus. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Nothing can for sin atone.

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

Naught of good that I have done,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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Roughing The Pastor

Read: 1 Timothy 5:17 - 25

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the Word and doctrine. 1 Timothy 5:17.

I was at my grandson’s eighth-grade football game when the referee indicated there was a penalty and stopped play. Apparently, after the ball was thrown, the boy who passed it was tackled, prompting a penalty flag. The announcer from the press box said: “There is a flag on the field. The penalty is roughing the pastor I mean, roughing the passer.” God could give that penalty to some churches today!

It’s not that pastors are perfect. If that is what we are looking for, then pastorless churches would be the norm. It’s that God calls on us to honor those who lead us spiritually, particularly “*Those who labor in preaching and teaching*” (1 Tim. 5:17 ESV). In my opinion, pastoring is one of the hardest occupations on the planet. We live in a sophisticated, fast-paced, and complex world, and our expectations for “high-performance” pastors often set the bar at unattainable heights.

So, let’s switch the focus and become high-performance church members who honor our pastors with words of encouragement and prayer. A supportive note or a “thank you” in the foyer will go a long way to stimulate pastors to serve with joy and efficiency. – Joe Stowell

*Lord, help us to appreciate
The work that others do,
The service given from their hearts,
Their sacrifice for You. – Sper*

**Don’t be rough on your pastor -
pass along some encouragement today.**

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Editor’s Note: Amen, if your under-shepherd is definitely *born-again* and walking in the light of God’s Word.

THANKSGIVING

“Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.” II Corinthians 9:11

The themes of praise and thanksgiving are very prominent throughout Scripture. The word “praise” and its de-

derivatives occur over 330 times, and “thanks,” with its derivatives, over 150 times. When applied to our relation to God, “thanks” are given to Him for what He has done for us, and “praise” for who He is and what He has done for the whole creation. If frequency of occurrence were an indicator, we might conclude that thanksgiving is important and praise-giving is twice as important!

In any case, every Christian believer has a tremendous amount to be thankful for. As in our text, we have been “*enriched in every thing to all bountifulness,*” and it is sad to hear so many complaints and laments coming from Christians who feel they deserve more and better than they have already received from God’s good hand.

We are told that the Lord Jesus, instituting the Lord’s Supper, gave thanks, all the while knowing that the very elements He was blessing spoke of His body that would soon be broken and His blood that would soon be shed. No wonder, therefore, that the apostle Paul reminds us: “*In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you*” 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

Whether in bountifulness of material blessing or in the invaluable school of suffering and discipline, we can please God by a thankful heart and life. A key evidence that a Christian is truly “*filled with the Spirit*” is that he or she is habitually “*giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*” Ephesians 5:18, 20. May God’s Spirit “*cause through us thanksgiving to God!*” HMM

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Families

Families must continue to be the foundation of our nation. Families – not government programs – are the best way to make sure our children are properly nurtured, our elderly are cared for, our cultural and spiritual heritages are perpetuated, our laws are observed and our values are preserved. Thus, it is imperative that our government’s programs, actions, officials and social welfare institutions never be allowed to jeopardize the family. We fear the government may be powerful enough to destroy our families; we know that it is not powerful enough to replace them.

Ronald Reagan

William Booth On Calvinism

It was not until he got to Lincolnshire that William Booth felt sure of his vocation. The experiment in London had been a failure, and one that rather tended to diminish the young man's confidence in his calling. He had left a fragment behind him which expressed his disgust for the satisfied and sanctimonious people among whom he had attempted to labor, and alluded briefly to the now-pressing crisis in his financial affairs:

But the people would have nothing to do with me. They "did not want a parson." They reckoned they were all parsons, so that at the end of the three months' engagement, the weekly income came to an end; and, indeed, I would not have renewed the engagement on any terms. There was nothing for me to do but to sell my furniture and live on the proceeds, which did not supply me for a very long time. I declare to you that at that time, I was so fixed as not to know which way to turn.

In my emergency a remarkable way opened for me to enter college and become a Congregational minister. But after long waiting, several examinations, trial sermons and the like, I was informed that on the completion of my training, I should expect to believe and preach what is known as Calvinism. After reading a book which fully explained the doctrine, I threw it at the wall opposite me and said I would sooner starve than to preach such a doctrine, one special feature of which was that only a select few could be saved.

William Booth (1829-1912), an Englishman who founded the Salvation Army Selected

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Faith

Remind yourself of the times God has answered prayer and honored your faith and the faith of others. Remember that if God has honored faith in the past, He will honor faith now. So you have a right to believe Him. The early church progressed on the wings of faith. They believed – and kept believing – and their faith was strengthened. Faith is not out-of-date. The faith that made our fathers victorious is the faith that can bring to pass any petition within the boundaries of God's holy will.

The faith of the past is the faith for the present and the faith for the future.

Doubt says to repine - **faith** says rejoice.

Doubt says retreat - **faith** advance

Doubt is quicksand - **faith** is the solid rock.

Doubt is shipwreck - **faith** is the lifeboat.

Doubt limps and lags - **faith** laughs at obstacles.

Doubt is a dungeon of despair - **faith** is a palace of joy.
Doubt trembles at trouble - **faith** says trust.

Bernie Smith

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"All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Rom. 8:28

All things work together for good. Not just the good things, not just the easy things, but the hard things, the unpleasant things are also working together for our good. Each one has a lesson to teach us. Each one is drawing us closer to God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lee-Lee was a Chinese girl. When she was thirteen she was taken to the home of her husband. Her mother-in-law was a very unkind woman, and made Lee-Lee suffer a great deal. One day she was tied with heavy ropes to the ceiling of the stable, and left alone in the dark. She had learned Christian songs when she had gone to the Mission Sunday School, so she sang songs for a while, and then she prayed. Late at night, the second day, her uncle came and took her down. She was taken to the Mission doctor who had to amputate her feet. Her mother-in-law would not take her back into the home, much to Lee-Lee's joy. She went to stay at the Mission.

Today, in a Chinese Mission Hospital there is a young nurse whom everyone calls the "Heavenly Foot One." It is Lee-Lee, always ready to help, always happy and sympathetic, and so quick that people forget that her feet are not her own.

Can you see that your experiences are working together for good? Jesus will help you to see it if you will let Him.

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to learn the lessons that Thou art endeavoring to teach us in these "All things." In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Should Thy mercy send me
Sorrow, toil, and woe;
Or should pain attend me
On my path below,*

*Grant that I may never
Fail Thy hand to see;
Grant that I may ever
Cast my care on Thee.*

Taken from "Altar Steps" by Pastor R. P. Haakonson

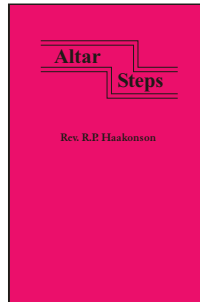
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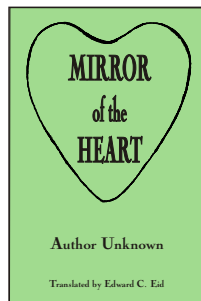
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This book was published in 1900 by an unknown author. It contains some very earnest meditations and fervent prayers. It also contains ten very graphic pictures of the human heart. Inside the heart, the devil is visualized and also seven animals representing some of the most prevalent sins found in the heart of the impenitent sinner. These pictures show how these animals as sins are driven out of the heart when the sinner is converted to God, but how they re-enter the heart when a person falls away from grace. One picture visualizes the fearful death of the ungodly, and another shows the blessed death of the righteous. Suggested Offering: \$3.00 plus 75¢ for postage.



Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God

Jonathan Edwards preached this remarkable sermon at Enfield, Conn. on July 8, 1741. It was at night while he was reading it to a large congregation, that the lights became dim and he read with difficulty, and the influence was so great on the congregation that strong men and women cried and screamed for mercy and even grabbed the seats for fear they would slide into hell that very moment. Suggested Offering: \$1.00 plus 50¢ for postage.



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"Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Galatians 3:24.

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