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

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“What Is That in Thine Hand?”

By Pastor R. Norheim

In the Scriptures the “hand” is an important word, used to portray the mind and the deeds of both God, man and Satan. You will find it used 1448 times in the Bible. There is a similarity of combination of mind and hand, compared with heart and mouth. And, as Solomon said, *“What the heart is full of, the mouth overfloweth with,”* so, in like manner it can be said that what the mind thinks – the hand does. It’s the combination of the inner thought and the outer action; the one is hidden, the other is revealed. There is a proverb that says, *“You can’t hand a man for what he thinks.”* And this is quite true, when understood in the usual sense, for it takes evidence to hand a man. But in another sense, it is true that when man thinks evil, in that very moment he is building his own scaffold. Haman, in the book of Esther, is an example.

When God called, *“Adam, where art thou?”*, Adam was in hiding, afraid and ashamed, because his hand had reached out and taken the forbidden fruit. First, he sinned in thought, when he made that fateful decision to disobey God. Then, secondly, he sinned in deed, when he took the fruit Eve offered him. When God confronted Eve with the question, *“What is this that thou hast done?”*, her reply revealed the same two-fold sin of thought and deed; *“The serpent beguiled me and I did eat.”* There you have the inner fall – the moment she chose to believe the serpent and disbelieved God! Then, quickly, followed the outer fall, revealed in her admission, *And I did eat.”* Her hand reached out to grasp that which God had forbidden.

In the Bible we read, *“Be sure your sin will find you out.”* It found out Adam and Eve. Since then, millions have died with unconfessed sins on their books. The law

of the land couldn’t punish them because it couldn’t present the required evidence. But God says, *“Be sure your sins will find you out.”* The final court trial will be held at the Great White Throne!

In Retrospect

But back to Genesis: Adam and Eve’s hands held the forbidden fruit. If God had suddenly descended upon them, as they stood there in Eden’s Garden eating, and inquired, *“What is that in thine hand?”* – what could they have answered? Had they been honest, they would have cried, *“We have SIN in our hands! Now we know the difference between good and evil. Once we knew only the good ... O blissful state we now have lost! How terrible that we laid hold on sin, when our hands should have elapsed Thy blessed hands!”*

But God did not pounce upon them, as an eagle does upon its prey! Man is a free moral agent; God has put every man “on his own,” as they say. Very seldom does He place an angel in man’s pathway to prevent him from sinning, such as the incident with Baalim. No; He gives the Truth, the Light, the Commandment. From there on, man is held responsible. His choice is his own. But, eventually, there comes the day of reckoning, just as it came in the Garden of Eden. We pray, “Lead us not into temptation.” But, if we leave God and go, of our own accord, into temptation – God won’t stop us! If we insist on being burned, God doesn’t put out the fire!

Ask Cain, a few years later, after his parents had been banished from Eden’s garden. Ask Cain, who slew his brother Abel, *“Cain, what is that in thine hand?”* Again note: had God pounced upon Cain in that very moment of

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the murder, his answer should have been: "This is my knife in my hand wherewith I slew my brother Abel. I was jealous because his blood offering was acceptable, but my bloodless offering was not! He loved you! And I don't! I have sinned. I have sinned! ..." But there was no confession. God, however, gave him time to repent – not a long time – Abel's blood had possibly sunk into the ground by now, but it still "called from the ground." And Cain couldn't run away; he had to answer God's searching question, "What have you done?"

Changeless

Here, too, you see the never-changing pattern of sin: first in thought; (vs. 6) "Why is thy countenance fallen, why art thou wroth?" And in verse 8, "And Cain talked with Abel, and it came to pass as they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him." A clear case of premeditated murder. Ask Abel, "What is that in thine hand?" and one day he will have to confess, "I have my brother Abel's blood in my hands! Unconfessed and unforgiven sin is in my hands! And I can't wash it off!" Only the blood of Christ can wash away sin.

Moses, too, knew the meaning of having blood on his hands. Had he not risen up in the defense of his people and slain an Egyptian? Had he not fled for his life to the back side of the desert? What was the difference? Turn to Hebrews 11:24-25: *By faith Moses when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of*

God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.” This is the language of conversion. Moses early made the right decision, the same choice every sinner makes when he wants to become a Christian. In New Testament language, He “accepted Christ.” No Christian is sinless; but if and when he sins, he flees to Christ for forgiveness and cleansing; and God, for Jesus’ sake, blots out the record. I John 1:7, 9.

The Difference

We do not find God confronting Moses, here in Exodus 4, with the questions asked of Adam, Eve or Cain. The question is of an altogether other different nature. *What is that in thine hand?*” Moses replied, “*A rod.*” And so it was – just an ordinary shepherd’s rod. David refers to it in the 23rd Psalm: “*Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*” It was not a weapon, except that it could be used to strike a snake. It was a rod of protection and guidance. In and by itself, it was of no value.

I think you see the application. If you have sin in your hands, you can’t serve God. God is here calling Moses to go back to Egypt to deliver his people from bondage. A man must be free before he can free others. If you have not been cleansed from sin, if you are still in your sins and your sins are in you, your first need is to be saved! Get right with God!

This accomplished, God has another meeting with you. Now He wants to be the Lord of your life. He wants you to find His will. And He proceeds the very same way He did with Moses. The question again is, “*What is that in thine hand?*” It isn’t a Bible School or Seminary diploma not a medal of scholastic achievement Not a big bank book No! any or all of these things are all-right in their place. But they are not the requirement for service in the kingdom of God. Moses could just as well have answered, “It’s nothing ... Nothing but a stick! It’s not a gun; it’s not a bomb; it’s not a missile! It’s nothing, really – nothing!” **That is where God begins!** Just as David came up against the great giant Goliath with nothing but a little sling and five small stones, so you can be a warrior for God against Satan, sin and sinners, when your faith is not in your education, your talents, your position or powers, but alone in God!

He may have a difficult time convincing you that HE is really all that you need, just as the case with Moses. But if Jesus Christ is your Alpha and Omega (first and last) you shall see God work miracles! Maybe not the same kind He produced in Egypt’s land, but in essence the same – God’s power overcoming sin. Put your hand and all that’s in it – in His nail pierced hand – and heaven, hell and the world shall know about it.

The Lamplighter, 10/1977

Before the Throne of God Above

*Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great high Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me there depart
No tongue can bid me there depart.*

*When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me.*

*Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God!
With Christ my Savior and my God!*

Author: James Hite

Limited Resources

John 6:1 – 13

In today's text, Jesus had few resources at His disposal – only “five barley loaves, and two small fishes” (v. 9). But how wonderful it is to realize that our God can do much with just a little! And that is exactly what our Lord Jesus Christ did when He fed a multitude of over 5,000 with only a little boy's lunch. Who can deny that the times in which we live sorely test our own meager resources? Believers face days of great testing, trial and discouragement. Sometimes the pressures become so great that we are tempted to exclaim in dismay, “This is an impossible situation!”

Today, many godly pastors either have lost their pastorates or are laboring under great difficulty because their congregations will no longer tolerate their strong, biblical, separatist position and preaching. At the other extreme, many godly believers have had to separate from their churches and long-time friends who are very dear to them because their pastors and leaders have completely capitulated to the siren song of compromise and worldliness. Other faithful servants of Christ often experience unusually severe physical, emotional or financial difficulties. Still others face personal and family problems of such unusual character and severity as to defy explanation or solution. Yes, many of God's faithful ones are, humanly speaking, facing impossible situations. But our omnipotent Lord in heaven has the power to change seemingly impossible obstacles. During the next couple of days we will look in detail at how Christ serves as our supreme example of how to use our meager resources to overcome difficult circumstances in our lives and how to honor our heavenly Father in all we do.

Bread and Fish

Notice how Christ overcame a seemingly impossible situation by using the limited resources at His disposal. First, we find that He used a young boy to meet the need of the multitude. Over 5,000 grown men were present, but Jesus chose to use just a little boy who would have been otherwise rejected or ignored by most of those in the crowd because he was a mere child. This fact should truly bless our hearts in a day when biblical fundamentalists – both pastors and lay people – are often belittled, ridiculed, ignored or even treated like children by those who claim to be more spiritual or scholarly due to their great worldly resources or their “tolerance” and open-mindedness toward other beliefs. It is good for us to be reminded that the Lord does not need to have “mighty men” or “great scholars to do His work (I Cor. 1:26-29). He just needs those who, like this little boy, are willing to sacrifice everything to Him, de-

spite the fact that “everything” is usually not very much (Rom. 12:1-2).

Second, notice that the boy only had a small lunch – “five barley loaves (biscuits), and two small fishes” (v. 9). Such was hardly enough to feed even a young, growing boy! But it was all Jesus needed in order to feed everyone present (“they were filled” – v. 12) and still have twelve baskets left over. God is still able to meet our impossible needs if we only will turn everything over to Him. Why does it seem to be so difficult for us to give our all to Christ? Who else can do so much with so little? When we begin to think that we are too insignificant to be used in the Lord's service, remember that *what* we have does not matter. What we *do* with what we have is what matters.

M. H. Reynolds

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VERY INTERESTING!!!

The following is from *Creation Moments*, November 7, 2011. Have you ever watched ducks out on an icy lake paddling around in the near-freezing water? They will spend much of the day in that one spot with the temperatures well below freezing, and yet the cold doesn't seem to bother them. Perhaps on shore there are some sparrows hopping around in the snow. One wonders: Why don't birds need shoes and socks? If you or I ran around with bare feet and legs when the temperature was below freezing, it would not be very long before we had a good case of frostbite. We could even lose so much body heat that our very lives would be threatened. Birds have a network of arteries that all blood going into their legs must enter. These arteries are interwoven with the veins returning from the foot. When the blood going to the foot enters this structure, called ‘wonder net,’ its temperature is 106 degrees Fahrenheit. The blood returning from their foot at the same time is only 37 degrees. The warm blood passing through the net reheats the cold blood coming from the foot before it enters the body. The result is that the bird loses very little body heat. So the blood going into the foot never becomes dangerously cold in normal winter weather. The wisdom of this design is obvious. Could birds have survived having their feet frozen off before they learned to evolve this special arrangement? Our only conclusion can be that there is a **Creator who cares for all His creation, including you and me!**

Friday Church News Notes via Christian News

Let's Remember and Give Thanks

LISTENING TO THE WORLD – PSALM 145:15-16

A man invited a few friends to an unusual dinner. As the guests entered the dining room, they noticed a silver screen at one end of the spacious room and a picture projector at the other. Before the oysters were served, the lights went out and on the screen they saw men toiling in the sea and among the rocks, in the cold mist, dredging for the oysters they were to eat.

When the vegetables came, they saw pictures of little children who should have been in school or at play, but instead were shelling peas in a distant canning factory. When the bread was brought in, they were shown pictures of plowing and harrowing and sowing, reaping, threshing and grinding – the infinite labor and pains that were necessary before that bread could come to them. The meat was served, and they beheld the hard life of the men on the plains and in the stockyards and on the railroads – all of whom were necessary before those dainty and delicious portions of meat could be theirs. When they finished, they knew, as never before, the sacrifice of toil and time on the part of others that lies behind the common things in life.

That host could have finished his demonstration with a picture of the Saviour with hands raised in blessing and he would have thrown on the screen the Scripture: “*Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfies the desire of every living thing.*”

May our faith become more real to us as we gratefully acknowledge the goodness and faithfulness of God Who has, through Jesus Christ, given us all that we have. Amen. Wilbur E. Nelson

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Start With Thanksgiving!

LISTENING TO THE WORD
I THESSALONIANS 5:18.

Would you like to make this day special? William Barclay shares ways to transform this day and every day.

Barclay tells about a man who stayed with a friend in a highland cottage up in the hills. His host was not a wealthy man; he was a shepherd whose work took him out for long days and nights into the hills.

Every morning the shepherd used to slip out of the

cottage and his guest wondered where he went. One morning, the guest asked him and the shepherd said, “I go out every morning and I stand on the hillside and I take off my cap and thank God for the beauty of this world.” We, too, would do well to remember to give thanks to God for allowing us to live in a world like this. (Ed. A country like our USA)

Then, too, we ought to give thanks for ourselves. One of the unfortunate things about life is that we often do not appreciate something until we lose it. Health is like that. We should thank God for the measure of health we have – physical and mental. Let us thank God that He has made us as we are.

And, surely, we should thank God for Jesus. God gave His only Son. No one could give us a bigger or more wonderful Gift than that. Jesus came and died for our sins and rose again for our justification. And, if He is your Saviour, He will, one day, receive you to Himself forever. Yes, if we have eyesight or not, if we have physical health or not – in Jesus we all may have eternal life and spiritual vision and health!

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Editor's Note: Regardless what ‘State/Country’ you live in, in this world – REMEMBER we live in a sinful world: But each of us can possess the **GIFT** of the ‘Pearl of great Price’ through His GRACE!

“Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?”

So Much, So Soon?

Employer: “*For a person with no experience, you’re certainly asking a high wage.*”

Applicant: “*Well, Sir, the work is so much harder when you don’t know what you’re doing.*”

An Eternity of HELL

W. I. King

We might as well face it – there is no Saviour unless there is an eternal Hell. Advanced thinkers, certain men who have crept in unawares who believe in giving the truths of God’s Word a shave and a haircut, would lead us to believe, by their arrogant assertions, that Hell has frozen over.

One liberal states that the doctrine of Hell “is an evil heresy, stultifying the teachings of Christ. Until it is openly and authoritatively recanted, the church remains the advocate of cruelty.”

Universalism has crept into the churches to such an extent that many of the laity believe in refrigerating Hell.

But the question of the eternity of punishment is not a matter of anyone’s opinion: it is a matter of divine revelation. The Word of God reveals it; God says it plainly; Christ declares it emphatically.

The most terrifying text comes from the mouth of our Lord. The central passages that teach the doctrine of eternal punishment fall from the lips of the Lord Jesus Himself.

There is the suggestion that Hell is black. Three times our Lord speaks of the “outer darkness.” The rejecters will be cast into outer darkness (Matt. 8:12). The guest without a wedding garment was cast into outer darkness (Matt. 22:13). The worthless servant is cast into outer darkness (Matt. 25:30). To this, Peter adds that the lost are reserved unto the midst of darkness forever (II Peter 2:17), and Jude speaks of the lost as being reserved unto “the blackness of darkness forever” (Jude 13). This suggests solitary confinement and utter abandonment.

But someone asks if the “fire” in Christ’s teachings about hell is literal fire.

Our Lord expresses the tremendous importance of this solemn truth in terms that suggest unquenchable and everlasting fire. Three identical statements are found in Mark 9:

“Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched” (vs. 44).

“Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched” (vs. 46).

“Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched” (vs. 48).

These words are unmistakable – Hell is a place “where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.” It will be unquenchable fire eternally. Of this our Lord also warns: “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” (Mat. 25:41).

As long as Truth is truth, as long as the Bible is the Word of God and Christ is the eternal Son of God, THERE IS A HELL. Jesus Christ dying on the cross of Calvary is

God’s justification for the outer darkness and the unquenchable and everlasting fire.

Unsaved reader, all the sacrifice that Heaven could make was made for you. Christ went into the darkness of separation from God in order that you might be made nigh unto God in salvation. He died to save you from the outer darkness that you might bask in the light of His glory forever. To reject His sacrifice is to make it right that you should go to Hell. To accept His sacrifice is to make it right that you should go to Heaven.

Taken from ‘*Sword of the Lord*’.

Preaching against False Teachers

“But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.” Matthew 18:6.

Jude, an earthly brother of our Lord, had become a leader in the early church by the time he wrote his epistle. He had intended “to write unto you of the common salvation,” but instead was compelled by God’s Spirit to write and “exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith” (Jude 3) against the onslaught of false teachers. He writes “to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him” (Jude 15).

Few categories of people are so summarily denounced in Scripture as false teachers, those who teach error from within. Nearly every biblical writer echoes God’s hatred of them and their work. Here, Jude refers to Enoch’s ancient teaching to demonstrate the fact that God has always hated false teachers and has warned them of their doom. Unfortunately, many of today’s pulpits and “Christian” airwaves are filled with false teachers and their teaching, leading many astray.

But this is also a lesson to be learned by any who would teach, even born-again, God-gifted teachers. Error is a serious thing in God’s eyes, and a Bible teacher must continually submit to God’s Word and Spirit to discern and teach only truth. Evidently it would be better for those teachers, seminarians, and others who espouse errors such as humanism, evolution, and other false concepts, that a millstone were hung about their necks and that they drowned in the depth of the sea than to lead astray those “little ones” in their influence. JDM

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Editor’s Note: You know this TRUTH is also TRUE of everyone who leaves this world unsaved!

JUDGE NOT?

By Dr. James R. Hines

Is it wrong to point out the sin or error of another Christian?

The atmosphere in the church business meeting is tense. All are grieved as the church considers what action should be taken concerning one of the members, a single college girl, who became involved in immorality and is now pregnant. A deacon states that he feels the church must take action to demonstrate that it does not condone immoral conduct. An irate woman rises to respond, "Why must we be so judgmental? What ever happened to Christian love and forgiveness? Doesn't the Bible say, 'Judge not, that ye be not judged'?"

A situation like this shows a growing sentiment in Christian circles which expresses itself in the phrase, "Judge not." Biblical standards are being eroded by waves of tolerance that constantly toss up the foam and froth that it is unrighteous to judge. A recent editorial from a Christian magazine proclaimed, "Judgment of believers is exclusively the responsibility of the Lord Jesus Christ. No mere mortal is capable of assuming the place of an omniscient, omnipotent God when it comes to judging men and movements." In other words, God judges, but man must not.

Christians who speak against sin are labeled unloving and unkind. Preachers who proclaim the dangers of false doctrine are called "narrow-minded" and judgmental." Christian leaders who seek to uphold good standards are censured as "legalists." Fundamentalists in general are caricatured as individuals bound by a strait-jacket of legalism, filled with the gall of bitterness, deranged by unscriptural notions about the danger of worldliness, and sowing discord with their judgmental attitudes.

What is the scriptural position? Does a person who points out the sin or error of another violate scriptural prohibitions against judging? Bible believers must have a scriptural answer to those who make such accusations.

A person who states that the Christian must not judge has closed his eyes to both the realities of life and the revelation of God. The word *judge* basically means "to choose, to choose between two options." In choosing, one is saying, "This one is right and that one is wrong," or at least, "This one is better than that one."

A person makes a judgment when he chooses to put peaches instead of bananas on his breakfast cereal. He makes a judgment when he selects the gray, pin-striped suit at the clothing store instead of the white slacks with the red blazer. He makes a judgment when he joins a fundamental church instead of a cult. In each case he is judging, saying that in the particular instance one action is better than the other; or one is right and the other is wrong. Everyday life

is filled with hundreds of judgments. The one who uses the cliché "judge not" as a guide to all Christian activity is ignoring the facts of daily experience.

Certainly, God is not adverse to men judging. Rather, He uses, blesses, and even commands such action. Jethro observed Moses sitting all day "to judge the people." The law dictated that in a case of manslaughter, "the congregation shall judge" (Numbers 35:24). Though many today would have criticized him for his action. Peter was very judgmental when he condemned Ananias for lying to God (Acts 5:3). Paul was equally judgmental of Peter's conduct at Antioch (Galatians 2:11). Was not Stephen being rather judgmental when he upbraided the Sanhedrin as "Stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears" who "always resist the Holy Ghost"? Doubtless many modern-day Christians would have sought to silence these champions of truth with their cry, "Judge not."

Judge Not?

Peter was very judgmental when he condemned Ananias for lying to God.

Clearly those who promote the "judge not" philosophy err and bring much confusion to the Lord's work. What are their fallacies?

They ignore many Scriptures.

Not only does the Word of God provide us with many examples of exercising judgment through God's people as already demonstrated, but Scripture also clearly commands us to judge. John 7:24 commands, "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment." In I Thessalonians 5:21 Paul commands, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." All areas of conduct and doctrine are to be put to the test of scriptural obedience and truth. Those which measure up should be held, those which do not should be rejected. In other words, we must judge them.

How can anyone obey Paul's instruction of 1 Timothy 5:20, "them that sin rebuke" unless he were to judge that some had erred? The apostle John tells God's people they are to "try the spirits" (I John 4:1); that is, evaluate them in accordance with Scripture and form a judgment as to whether such teachers are from God or Satan.

Another example is Paul's letter to the church at Corinth. In their broad-mindedness the Corinthians were tolerating an immoral member within the church. He asks, "Do not ye judge them that are within?" (I Corinthians 5:12). Certainly, those who teach that Christians must not judge ignore the clear commands of many Scriptures.

They misinterpret several passages

Statements in the Scriptures which seem to be against

judging refer to certain abuses in exercising judgment. It is a failure to understand Scripture properly which produces the erroneous notion that Christians should never judge.

The passage commonly cited is Matthew 7:1, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." The judgment referred to is compared to taking the mote from the brother's eye while the vision is obscured by a beam in the eye of the one judging. This person is labeled a "hypocrite" and commanded to remove the beam from his own eye and *then* take the mote from the brother's eye. The action forbidden is that hypocritical conduct of trying to correct a brother when the corrector has a much larger problem himself.

Likely, the Pharisees' conduct was in the Lord's mind. They were constantly pointing out minute departures from tradition while overlooking weightier matters of justice and righteousness. Note that the Lord did not say the mote should not be removed. The beam should be cast out first – then the mote removed.

Those who preach the doctrine, "Love everyone and judge no one," often cite Christ's dealing with the woman taken in adultery described in John 8. Those who use this passage to prove that Christians should not judge, though, overlook the last phrase in verse 11 – "Go, and sin no more." Jesus plainly judged her conduct to be sin.

Romans 14:4 is a favorite passage with many: "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth." Supposedly this means that everyone should mind his own business, making no judgment and no comment on the conduct of a fellow Christian. But the context of the entire chapter shows that the judgment being condemned was that which criticized the brother for his attitude about which foods he should or should not eat, or which day he should use for worship. Paul argues that there was room for charity toward the brother's opinions on such matters.

The same problem is addressed in I Corinthians 10:23-33. Certainly believers should not condemn others for their opinions on matters where Scripture is silent. But where Scripture speaks, it is the duty of believers to apply it both to their own conduct and the conduct of others.

Some would use Paul's statement in I Corinthians 4:4,

*Only He who can see the
invisible can do the
impossible.*

Frank Gaines

"he that judgeth me is the Lord," to prove that believers should not find fault with the conduct of others. The specific judgment being meted out by the Corinthians, though, had to do with the relative value and worth of Paul's ministry. The church was filled with cliques, each one promoting the virtues of their favorite preacher. Some followed Peter, others Paul, and another group Apollos. Paul was not concerned with how they ranked his ministry against others.

Another passage used by those who believe in whole-sale toleration without identification of sin is James 4:11-12. But verse 11 equates this kind of judging with speaking "evil of his brother." In other words, it says, "this brother should be destroyed and the law has failed because it has not destroyed him."

Certainly, believers are not responsible for deciding that anyone should be destroyed. "There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy (v. 12). It may be necessary to speak against what the brother does or what he believes, but it is not proper to pass judgment on the brother himself, his motives, or his destiny. There is a difference between saying, "Brother Smith is a bad man," and "Brother Smith had done a bad thing."

Believers who exalt Scripture above man's reason just continue to apply the absolute truths of the eternal Word to all conduct and doctrine. God is the ultimate Judge. He has given us His Word so we might understand the principles by which He judges. If applying these principles to specific situations in accordance with His commands means that we are judging, then so be it, then we must judge.

Taken from 'Faith for the Family' February, 1986

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PRAYER

Prayer (**God**) has divided seas, rolled up flowing rivers, made flinty rocks gush into fountains, quenched flames of fire, muzzled lions, disarmed vipers, repelled frauds, burst open iron gates, recalled souls from eternity, conquered the strongest devils, commanded legions of angels down from Heaven.

Prayer has bridled and changed the raging passions of man and destroyed vast armies of proud, daring, blustering atheists.

Prayer has brought one man from the bottom of the sea, and carried another in a chariot of fire to Heaven.

What has not prayer done?

Selected

Editorial

RES DOCTRINE

Is Doctrine Necessary/Essential?

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

II Timothy 3:16.

What do you believe? Why *I believe* what my Pastor believes! And what does he believe? What the congregation believes! And around it goes! Tragically, there is more ‘truth’ to this story than fable. Sadly this is true of so ‘many’ in ‘our’ day! Needless to say the person who doesn’t subscribe to ‘biblical doctrine’ is gullible to any *false teaching!*

NOW the WCC, NCC, Apostate Church, etc., basically say that ‘doctrine divides and love unites’. Is **this** biblically true? How does Romans 16:17 fit into the picture? *“Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.”* (Also I John 2:19; Titus 1:13-14 for example).

One of the most hurtful experiences in the life of a Bible-believing fellowship is when an ostensible Christian leader, teacher, pastor or lay person falls away from the faith, (or to abandon the ‘faith’ as in the book of Jude) and then try to influence others to come along side and join him. This sort of thing happens way too often and causes ‘concern and confusion’. How important, *then*, for ALL professing Christians to heed this scripture. *“Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble... For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you”* II Peter 1:10-13. Colossians 2:2-10.

Martin Luther suggests that if ‘we’ do not show up where the ‘battle rages’, ‘we’ are only a weathervane or a fox. He further states that **doctrine** is only an explanation of a **fact!** We are either for Him OR against Him. Never in the history of ‘Christianity’ was there ‘room’ for straddling the fence and most certainly not now! The lines are being drawn and you must choose whom you will serve. **Revelation 3:3-6.**

Most certainly do not misunderstand me; being a Lutheran does not save you and there definitely are other

evangelical groups in which there are saved people. But there are ‘congregations’ or just individuals that are seemingly embarrassed to clearly state that they are ‘Lutheran’. The title should only indicate what we adhere too and seek to put into Biblical practice.

Now, from a biblical perspective, we hold too and seek to practice a difference between **Primary Doctrine & Secondary Doctrine**, for we only know in part and see in part as the Holy Spirit reveals. In other words, ‘we’ do not have a special ‘corner’ in the Kingdom of God; but we are to be obedient unto the Bible as ‘we’ understand it by revelation of the Holy Spirit. The person who thinks he knows it all is of all people most be pitied as there is ALWAYS room for deeper understanding of God’s Word and in growing toward ‘maturity’. This does not give us liberty/freedom to say ‘doctrine’ does not matter. *IF* ‘we’ walk in the light of the Word of God as we understand it; then God has promised us enlightenment. John 12:35, Proverbs 4:18-19.

What Does the Bible Say about Doctrine?

Good doctrine - Prov. 4:2, No light - Isa. 8:11, 20, Confusion - Is. 5:20-24, Carried away - Eph. 4:14, Contrary - I Tim. 1:10, 4:1, 4:6, 4:16-17, Known by - II Tim. 3:10, Adorn - Titus 2:10, Astonished - Matt. 7:28, Teaching - John 7:16-17, Steadfast - Acts 2:42, Obey - Rom. 6:17, 16:17, Carried away - Heb. 13:9, Abide - 2 John 9, 10, ETC.

The first primary ‘doctrine’ that true Lutherans adhere to is that the Bible is God’s Word. The Bible is inspired by God, infallible, inerrant. The Holy Spirit told/inspired godly men of old exactly what to write. And from Genesis 1:1 through Revelation 22:21, His Word is truth regardless if ‘we’ understand it or not, and that it is **forever settled** in Heaven and relevant for all times and all ages and for all people.

A second ‘primary doctrine’ is that SALVATION is by FAITH ALONE, GRACE ALONE, FAITH ALONE! This includes a personal living relationship with **JESUS**, which includes that ‘we’ definitely are ‘sinners’ to the

very core, totally deprived and in no way, not even an ‘ounce’, can we begin to ‘merit’ salvation. Martin Luther shares that unless we are willing to deal with SIN the Bible is a closed Book. How true – the Bible is for people who have a NEED! Psalms 51:5, 58:3, Isaiah 64:6, Romans 3:10-20, Ephesians chapter two, James 2:10, etc. In other words, God’s Law must be presented (Repentance) - Ps. 19:7-14, Rom. 7:7-12 and Gal. 3:24, James 2:10. *Without repentance (need for Mercy)* there is no Salvation to be experienced (Luke 19:10, 5:31, Mark 2:17)! ALSO it is God who originates the gift of salvation by calling/awakening ‘us’. This is called Prevenient GRACE; but with the ‘call’ God gives ‘us’ grace to respond positively to His ‘call.’ (Similar to when JESUS called Lazarus who had been physically ‘dead’ four days)!

Likely in the time of Noah’s Ark, a ‘mouse’ was not in the same ‘room’(?) as the elephant; as likely the mouse would irritate the elephant by crawling up its’ trunk! And so not all true ‘Christians’ agree on every doctrine. For example: Baptism, Eternal Security, etc.; but IF there is a right relationship with JESUS, they can have fellowship with one another and uphold one another in prayer, etc. You see if the vertical relationship is correct, like wise the horizontal , just like the cross!

The royal blood of the crucified and risen ONE makes the difference - born into the royal family (blood related) of God through the finished work of JESUS at Calvary!

We do not believe in ‘eternal security’ in infant baptism OR adult baptism – because there are too many Bible Verses that prove otherwise. (One Bible verse would be enough; wouldn’t it?) (There are many admonitions in

Scripture which use words such as *if, continues, remains, abides, backsliding’s, falling away*). Actually biblical Lutherans are among the most generous (re: church membership) in accepting ‘baptism’, the only qualification being: Baptized in the name of the **Triune God**. We will accept all ‘baptisms’ EVEN though we adhere to Infant Baptism.

Never ever apologize for Biblical TRUTH!! Consider the ‘Sadducees’. To my knowledge I do not know one in the New Testament that came to know JESUS as their personal Savior; BUT I would not rule out the miracle of Salvation as God is ALMIGHTY!!

Certainly we need to exercise the gift of ‘discernment’ in these days of confusion, for example, some will say, ‘it doesn’t make any difference what you believe, just so you believe!’ How ridiculous and anti-scriptural! Such teaching *is a lie from the pit of hell, an absolute heresy!* Such could be ‘Scripturally’ proven extensively, but for now; let me just say:

To you sincere readers of the *Morning Glory*, may the Lord truly and richly bless you in your walk by faith in the LORD and make you even a greater blessing!

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Falling Leaves

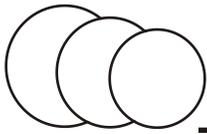
Isaiah 1:28 – 30

Autumn is displaying itself in a palate of many colors of yellows, browns and reds. This change tells us that the tree is going into its resting stage and that life is cut off from the leaf. What looks beautiful in the natural world is ugly in the spiritual world. When a person turns from God and pursues evil, he is compared to a tree losing its leaves, “as an oak whose leaf fadeth” (v. 30). If your life is wilting and you are fainting beneath a load, it may be because you have left God out of your life. You are like a wilted leaf being blown by the wind (Job 13:25). If you do not know Jesus Christ as your Savior, you are like a tree whose leaves are dead. You may believe you are prospering without Christ in your life, but you are deceived. All the good works you are doing mean nothing in the eyes of the Lord if you refuse Him. God’s own estimation is this: “But we are all as an

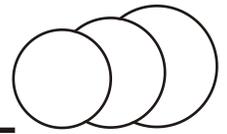
unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away” (64:6).

But, praise God, there is hope. If you turn to the Lord, then He will plant your life into His soil. The individual who delights himself in God and His Word “shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper” (Psa. 1:3). “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful (anxious) in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit” (Jer. 17:7-8). Is this true of you?

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From Our Fellowship Circle



R. T. Boca Raton, FL
Enclosed is a check for the wonderful *Morning Glory* I get. I read the *Morning Glory* from cover to cover and pass it on to one of the Pastors here.

I am the Widow of Pastor Ted Thompson of Fergus Falls, MN. I recall the times my husband spoke and attended the Hauge Meetings.

Keep up the good work. Eternity alone will reveal the blessings this magazine has brought to thousands.

P. S. I am 96 years old now.

M. T. Apple Valley, MN
Yes, we have had a hot summer and now I am seeing a few trees where the leaves are already turning. As Scripture basically states, fall and winter will follow and maybe winter will come early. I sure hope not as I don't enjoy the real cold. But, thankfully there will still be the warmth of God's Love.

Bless you and your work for Him.

J. M. Clear Lake, IA
Please put these two friends on the mailing list of the *Morning Glory*. They are two strong believers who need to keep up to date with what is going in the world today!
Thank you as I am blest by the *Morning Glory*.

C. K. Roland, IA
Thank you so much for your monthly Newsletter. It has so many excellent articles in it that causes us to think about how we should live our daily lives.

My Sister and I have shared several articles with our family members.

Please find enclosed \$... to continue on sending the Newsletter to me and my two sisters. Thank you so much.

E. S. Wanamingo, MN
May the check enclosed help to send out the True News which you put forth through the *Morning Glory*. I pray that it may continue for a long time...

A. & K. T. Livingston, NJ
Please find enclosed \$... as a gift for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God. \$... is from us and \$... is from ...

He liked the copy of the *Morning Glory* so well that he too wants to be on the mailing list. Each issue is a blessing to us.

O. L. A. Newport, N. C.
Thank you for "*Morning Glory*" and its Spiritual significance. I enjoy it very much.

If you would like to, you may send several extra copies and I'll give them out to others for you.

Beginning this month I'm going to send you at least \$... to help on the mailing expenses. Enclosed is a check for \$...

Thank you as you are doing a great work for HIM!

Editor's Note: First of all, thank the Lord and then we would encourage others to do the same thing in the furtherance and strengthening of the Kingdom of God.

C. & H. H. Osakis, MN
Thank you, for the Word of God in your magazine. Truly enjoy reading the same.

God Bless you all - you really work hard.

F. E. H. Story City, IA
I'm grateful for *Morning Glory*. Please accept my gift.

D. R. C. Lynnwood, WA
The Word of God is the truth. The Word of God is faithful and true. The Word of God is sharper than any two edged sword. The Word of God never returns void. The Word of God convicts of sin and of righteousness and of judgment. The Word of God reveals the Savior of the World. The Word of God regenerates. The Word of God sanctifies. The Word of God is eternal.

Editor's Note: **AMEN!!! And even more!**

Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving (living) is always timely, when given unto the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe! (*With Whom there is NO shadow of turning* - James 1:17)

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Oxford University Amends Dress Code for Transgender Students

England's Oxford University has decided to change its strict academic dress code to accommodate transgender students — meaning that males will be allowed to attend classes wearing skirts and women can wear a suit and tie. “The regulations have been amended to remove any reference to gender in response to concerns raised by Oxford University Student Union that the existing regulations did not serve the interests of transgender students,” the university said.

ChristianPost.com

Obama Holds “Gay Pride Reception” at White House

President Barack Obama is telling “gay” supporters that they will have a friend and “fellow advocate” in the White House as long as he is president.

Obama spoke to lesbian, “gay,” bisexual and transgender guests during a White House reception marking LGBT Pride Month. He touted his administration's work on homosexual rights issues, including repealing the military's ban on openly homosexual service members. He said, even though it may have taken more time than they would like, homosexuals have seen progress and lasting change under his administration.

The president also referenced his recent public embrace of same-gender “marriage.” He said that while some Americans may still be “evolving” on same-sex marriage, he and wife, Michelle, “have made up our minds on this issue.”

OneNewsNow.com

Rhode Island Mayor Resists Atheists' Calls to Remove Cross

The mayor of a Rhode Island city has promised to defend a 91-year-old war memorial featuring a Latin cross and other religious symbols, which a national atheist group says must be removed from the monument.

Leo Fontaine, the mayor of the city of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, has assured residents that he will fight the calls being made by the Freedom from Religion Foundation to bring down a memorial carrying a cross and a prayer and situated in the parking lot of the Woonsocket fire station.

The monument, which honors hometown soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice defending their country during World War I and II, is a symbol of the community ...

The group says it has taken up the issue on behalf of a city resident who drives by the statue daily and finds it offensive.

ChristianPost.com

Christians “Locked in North Korean Concentration Camps” Total 70,000

Ryan Morgan, an analyst with International Christian Concern Asia, reports, “The (North Korean) regime still has up to 70,000 Christians locked away in virtual concentration camps.” The communist nation is a leading persecutor of Christians. They are so hostile that one can be sent to prison for life for the “crime” of owning a Bible! In 2012? Indeed!

Sword Press Service

Recent United Nations Speech

At his (President Obama) recent U. N. speech Obama said; “The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam.”

Canadian Medical Association: Babies Not Human Until Birth

Concerned about the renewal of an abortion debate in Canada, the delegates to the Canadian Medical Association's annual general council meeting (on August 15) made a head-scratching determination: babies are not human beings until after birth.

Seemingly following the warped and twisted thinking of philosophers like Peter Singer, who supports infanticide, the doctors supported keeping the standard in place in Canada that doesn't regard unborn children as people until birth.

LifeNews.com

ISRAEL DISCOVERS NEW GIANT OIL AND GAS FIELD

Another off-shore oil and gas field discovery off the coast of Haifa was announced in early June. The new discovery is believed to hold 6.7 trillion cubic feet of gas and

1.4 billion barrels of oil. Although this discovery is not as large as the Tamar and Leviathan fields, its quality and quantity guarantee Israel's energy for decades to come. The first well is being prepared now.

The new discoveries will greatly enhance Israel's economy and make the shekel one of the strongest currencies in the world. Israel expects to become energy self-sufficient in three years.

Selected.

Swiss Voters Approve Assisted Suicides in Nursing Homes

Switzerland, which already permits suicide purveyors to make a lot of money out of suicide tourism, is now bringing self termination into nursing homes and hospitals.

...Sixty-two percent of people in the French-speaking canton voted in favor of a proposal obliging nursing homes and hospitals to accept the practice. The plan was put forward by the cantonal parliament, and when the new law comes into force, doctors in nursing homes and hospitals must respect the wishes of a person requesting assistance to die.

Wesley J. Smith for LifeNews.com

Is There Gold in ISRAEL?

First it was a natural gas discovery off shore in northern Israel, next came two large finds of oil off Israel's coast, now there is a search for gold in southern Israel near the ancient site of Solomon's copper mines, just north of Eilat.

Three companies are now competing for the right to drill for gold. Thus far they have found only trace amounts, but they won't know for certain if the project is worthwhile until the drilling tests are completed. An Israeli official said the government plans to accept bids and award the rights to only one company. One problem may arise, however, because the desert area where they are drilling has been declared a nature preserve and mining is presently illegal.

The Times of Israel, 6/9/12

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And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

THIS is one of the many passages of the Bible about our daily life and our daily work.

The Scriptures tell us that our daily work is a service unto God, yes, a means by which others may be saved – even those who are hard to win.

In Luther's day to marry and establish a Christian home was not considered holy, but to remain unmarried and enter a cloister, on the other hand, was holy. To be a *mother* was not holy, but to be a *nun* was. To do one's daily work was not holy, but to make pilgrimages and give gifts to monasteries and churches was.

In this connection, too, Luther brought to light once again the Biblical view: God looks on the *attitude of our hearts*. In the daily life of the faithful Christian there are therefore no acts which in themselves are holy and others which in themselves are unholy. No, all our deeds are well-pleasing to God if they are done in the right attitude of heart; to the glory of God in Jesus' name, in love towards God in zeal for the welfare of others.

Luther says therefore that it is just as well-pleasing to God that we sweep the floor as it is that we preach the Gospel, provided that both are done in the right attitude of heart. Whether we are to sweep or to preach is simply a question of the gift of grace that God has given us.

Do your ordinary daily work therefore, and rejoice that through it you are rendering a spiritual service every day. By so doing you shall also win souls for God, even the hardest. You shall win those who, the Scriptures tell us, cannot be won by words.

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Editor's Note: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" Matthew 5:16.

HUMILITY

Two mountain goats met head on. They were face to face on a very narrow ledge on a very high cliff. It was impossible to pass each other. It seemed to be a problem with no solution, but then one of the goats laid down and let the other one walk over it. Selected.

Editor's Note: **Thanksgiving unto GOD is always timely but; Humility is one thing that you do not thank GOD for; as soon as you do – you are 'struggling' with PrIde!**

Mirror of the Heart

TO THE READER

People's tastes have been radically changed, but truth has not changed; that will remain eternally unchangeable. I live in the firm conviction that the spirit of the age will not look with favor, and surely not with delight upon this work, but rather with disfavor and disapproval. It is plain that this booklet shows the devil as the author of sin, as well as Christ in us as the author of life and freedom. But the spirit of the age laughs at the devil as if he does not exist. It denies his existence and his influence upon men.

The spirit of the age does not believe in Christ either, nor the redemption through Him as the Bible plainly teaches. But when we know that this spirit is not of God but of the devil, then we do not worry whether this writing pleases or not. We hold plainly and firmly to the teachings of Christ and His apostles, and we find them still so excellent, so saving and satisfying, that we will not exchange them for anything of the spirit of the age.

Christ and His apostles teach definitely that the Kingdom of God is within the believers; that God dwells in them as His temple, rules, enlightens, and sanctifies them. He sustains them by His divine power, and gives them heavenly peace and eternal life.

Likewise, Satan has his kingdom in the hearts of the unbelievers and ungodly. The evil one dwells in them, works evil in them, and makes them miserable and eternally unhappy. Jesus teaches us that the enemy who sowed the tares among the wheat while the people slept is the devil (Matt. 12:25, 29). We know that there are tares among the wheat; we cannot deny nor ignore that. How can anyone then deny that there was a sower? By denying his work we would thereby strengthen the cunning enemy in sowing his evil seed. Christ said to the wicked and unbelieving: "*Ye are of your father, the devil, and the lust of your father ye will do. He is a murderer from the beginning. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar, and the father of it*" (John 8:44). The Apostle Paul teaches that Satan is the god of this world—the ungodly, "*In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them*" (II Cor. 4:4). It is therefore the devil's work, a devilish blindness not to believe the Gospel of Christ.

Paul teaches also that Satan lives and carries on his work in the unbelievers. The unconverted are "*dead in trespasses and sins,*" and they "*walk according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the powers of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience*" (Eph. 2:2).

Peter teaches that Satan is the adversary of the believers, their enemy and deceiver. He never rests, but always steals around "*as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour*" (I Peter 5:8-9). We must, therefore, be awake and sober, and firmly resist him in the faith.

John teaches in Revelation 12:9 that it is the "*old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world.*" In I John 3:8 it is stated: "*He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.*"

James exhorts: "*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you*" (James 4:7).

Paul urges the believers to "*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil...that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand...And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*" (Eph. 6:11,13,17).

Those who believe the teachings of Jesus and His apostles do not doubt that the human heart is either a temple of God and the Holy Spirit, or the workshop of the devil. As Christ and the Holy Spirit live and work in the believers, so Satan controls and carries on his work in the wicked.

These truly Biblical and Christian truths the Christian Church has always believed.

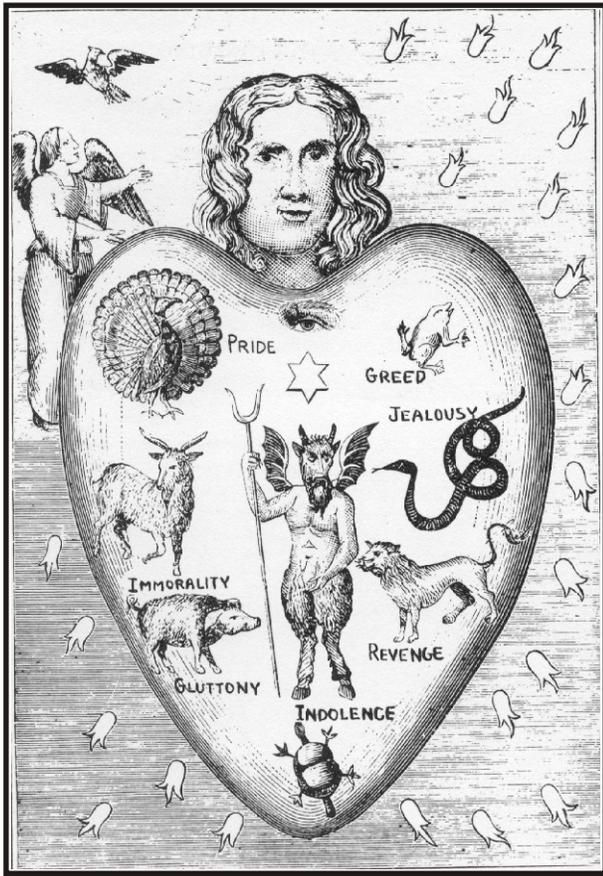
THE BOOK

In this little book will be presented pictures and characters visualizing these Biblical truths. It will explain and apply them in order to terrify the ungodly from the slavery of sin and Satan, and also to encourage and strengthen the pious in the fear of God.

In each of these pictures can be seen a heart and a human face. The whole man will be judged by the condition of the heart, whether good or evil. The face is like a symbol which reflects the man's inner life. From this, one may learn to which spirit he belongs.

Dear friend! By each picture look into your own heart. Examine your inner life and learn your true condition, whether it is Christ or Satan who controls you; whether it is God's or Satan's kingdom within you; whether you are a slave of sin and Satan or a free child of God.

This page and the following page is an excerpt taken from the introduction and first chapter from the book, *Mirror of the Heart* by an unknown author. This book is available from the Hauge Innermission as shown on page 16. Simply use the envelope in the center of the magazine to order.



The First Picture

The first picture shows the inner life of the one who serves sin and lets the devil rule.

Such is the condition of the heart of the carnally minded who gives himself to sin, and lives *“according to the course of this world—according to the prince of the powers of the air; the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience”* (Eph. 2:2).

The face expresses a thoughtlessness that gives no heed to sin, considers nothing sinful, indulges in anything that the heart may desire, lives frivolously without a thought of God, eternity, or judgment. The devil dwells in his heart with his followers.

Seven of the most common deadly sins are visualized by seven creatures.

The PEACOCK, who with its iridescent plumage excels all other in display of arrogance, represents human pride. Pride has beguiled many people to think higher of themselves than they ought to think, because of riches, beauty, privileges or position which they have received of God. They exalt themselves as if they are better than others, and look down upon others with contempt.

The RAM, an ugly stinking creature, is a picture of immorality and lasciviousness.

The BOAR is a picture of gluttony, drunkenness, filth,

and immoderation.

The TOAD, which lives on insects, worms, and such like, represents avarice, greed, and covetousness which lead men to inordinate desire for earthly things.

The SERPENT, which beguiled and misled our first parents because he envied them their blessedness, is a true picture of envy and jealousy.

The TIGER, one of the most ferocious and savage beasts of prey, indicates hatred and revenge which may lead men to the savageries of the beast.

The TURTLE, the slow moving reptile, represents laziness, indolence, and slothfulness.

The HOLY SPIRIT is driven out of the heart. Nevertheless, He does not cease to offer the sinner His grace and gifts. This is illustrated by the tongues of fire hovering around the heart. The Spirit is granted no entrance to the heart, which is full of horrible sins and dominated by Satan.

The GOOD ANGEL, representing Christ’s grace, seeks by God’s word and other means to awaken the sinner; but the man does not listen, nor will he take the warning to heart. The sinner is drugged and intoxicated by the pleasure and sensual desires of sin. Oh, how many people live so securely in this miserable condition, as if there is no danger threatening them. They may have the name of Christian, but they are the bond servants of sin and the slaves of the devil: They have the name of being alive, but are dead (Rev. 3:1).

PRAYER

O most merciful God and Saviour, look in Thy boundless grace down into the miserable condition of my sinful heart. Enlighten my mind by the beams of Thy heavenly light. Create light in my darkness that I may know myself and the condition of my heart. Give me grace to be liberated from all the evil that clings to me in this wretched condition. Preserve me, Mighty Saviour, that I may never willingly give my heart to the devilish enemy, nor ever grant him any room. Wake me up to a consciousness that, *“Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin,”* and a child of the devil. May I realize that as many indulgences as I submit to, so many unclean spirits fill and pollute my heart.

O Thou Creator and Lord of all things! Make my heart thine own dwelling. Why should I permit Satan to use it for his workshop? Thou, the Almighty One, cleanse me from all the pollution of sin. *“Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow... Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me”* (Psalm 51:7,10). Make my heart a holy temple, blessed Jesus, to the glory of Thy holy name. AMEN.

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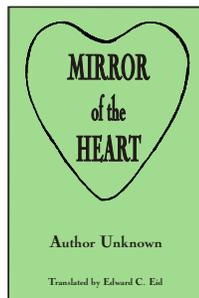
Altar Steps

This daily devotional was written by Pastor R.P. Haakonson and was published in 1947. It is suitable for families with children. It has illustrations from daily life, and a strong salvation emphasis. Suggested offering: \$5.00 plus \$1.00 for postage.



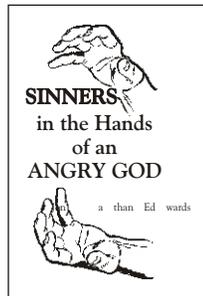
Mirror of the Heart

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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Not Only!

Not only is it important that you utilize your God-given privilege of voting for the betterment of your community, state and nation; BUT even more significant is that 'we' keep eternal values in view.

The only 'real hope' for our USA (other countries as well) is for all of 'us' to remember that **God is not mocked!** This is TRUE of 'us' as individuals, communities, states & our nation and the only 'real hope' is **REPENTANCE and "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"** John 1:29b.

Financially, the last months have been lean at the time of writing this 'UpDate'. A word to the 'wise' should be sufficient AS 'we' *walk circumspectly*, *redeeming the time*! May GOD richly bless YOU as you pray, encourage and support this 'ministry'.

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May YOU and Yours experience a Joyful and Blessed Thanksgiving Season!