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

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Surrounded By God

A Radio Message by Wilbur E. Nelson

In the 139th Psalm are several verses which are of great encouragement to the one who may ask, “What is before me? What does the future hold?” The Psalmist here says, “*O Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me. Thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising. Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether. Thou has beset me (surrounded me) behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon me.*”

If you are inclined to ask the question, “What does the future hold?”, this most blessed passage of God’s Word tells you that you are the object of His care. There is so much that we cannot anticipate concerning the future. Many things are before us that we cannot in any way anticipate. But isn’t it wonderful to know that God will be with us whatever is before us? As time speeds by, we may be assured of His saving, keeping, sustaining, sanctifying, providential concern for us.

Pogo, that quaint little opossum philosopher, observes that they do not make years that last as they used to do. They do speed by and, as they end, and new ones begin, it is wise to take stock to look back, to look forward, to learn lessons and to prepare for coming experiences

Look back, not in lazy, listless, wishful thinking, not in self-congratulation and, certainly, not in vain regrets. Look back and learn the lessons that the past should have taught you.

Look ahead – not imagining that there is a magic power that can change yesterday and that you can experi-

ence a remarkable and instantaneous transformation, making you something else than what you have allowed yourself to become.

Perhaps you have heard of the traveler in a rustic mountain area, who asked an old farmer, “Where will this road take me?” The old man stopped his mules and answered, “Where do you want it to take you?” Each of us must ask himself that question, “Where do you want it to take you?” This being true, set your affection on things above. Put God first.

Remember, our faith can grow with the passing of time. How can it grow? Surely by deep desire and by firm support of God’s Word and through service and exercise. God says to us as He said to Moses, “*My presence shall go with thee.*”

In that fifth verse of the 139th Psalm, which you read a moment ago, the Psalmist described so beautifully that presence as he said, “*Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon me.*” This is a military metaphor, and “beset” is the key word. It can be taken to mean besieged or barricaded or arrested. But there is a more accurate translation which means “enfold”. Now look at it, “*Thou hast ‘enfolded’ me behind and before and laid Thine hand upon me.*”

Isaiah 52, verse 12, has a blessed and heartening line, too. “*The Lord will go before you and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.*” There it is, God in front, and God behind, and “your marching soul in the midst,” as Stewart put it, encircled by God, surrounded by God as by a wall of steel and iron.

God is before us – to lighten the way, to surprise us with His love and with His care (which should never surprise us). We speak timidly of the unknown future, but

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whatever the future brings, it will bring the grace and peace and presence and protection will be seen in our tomorrows, as it has been seen in our yesterdays, and is seen in our present hour.

He is before us, but that is not all. He is also behind us. Thank God for that! Think of Israel, fleeing Egypt, pursued by Pharaoh, apparently helpless. Then God placed the pillar of cloud behind them and led them to safety, even taking off the wheels of Pharaoh's chariots. God is behind me, protecting me from old sins, old bondage, evil habits, stubborn temptations, besetting sins, haunting, horrible memories. I need not dwell among the tombs of yesterday's mistakes and sins and failures and successes. He says, **"I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions. I will remember them no more."** (Ed. 'for His Name sake.') He deals with my blunders and transforms my poor, human efforts.

Yes, before me, behind me and beside me. He has laid His hand upon me and He is a very present help in time of trouble, taking care of this hour and of His servant at this moment, to save, to rule, to restore, to protect, to uphold.

There have been times in your life and mine when we have been staggered by events. But nothing has come and nothing will come which is greater than His grace. He will hear us and He will defend us. He will help us and He will strengthen us every day, all the way. He has been with us in the past. He is with us at the present moment and, whatever is before us, we have the blessed assurance that He will never leave us (Ed. BUT we have a 'freed will/free choice' as be-

lievers and can FALL AWAY from HIM!) nor forsake us and He will never, ever fail us.

The Grace Broadcaster, May – June, 1976.

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For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them. Isaiah 59:12

This will be the language of all who stand before the Great White Throne of God’s judgment. The books will be opened and the dead will be judged by what is written in them, according to their works. Unsaved friend, then you will weep as you see your multiplied transgressions. Then your sins will testify against you. You did not trust in the Lamb of God as your sin-bearer, therefore your sins will still be with you and on you. On that terrible day you will fully know them and you will know God’s wrath when you could have known His love...!

Carl Knott

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OF JESUS CHRIST

The preaching of the apostles went forth, and powerfully sounded through the whole world, after Christ’s resurrection, when he had sent the Holy Ghost. This master, the Holy Ghost, worked through the apostles, and showed the doctrine of Christ clearly, so that their preaching produced more fruit than when Christ preached, as he himself before had declared, saying: *“He that believeth in me, shall do also the works that I do, and shall do greater than these.”*

Christ by force would not break through with his preaching, as he might have done, for he preached so powerfully that the people were astonished at his doctrine, but proceeded softly and mildly in regards to the fathers, to whom he was promised, and of those that much esteemed them, to the end he might take away and abolish the ceremonial law, together with its service and worship.

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Dear Friend highly esteemed in our Savior,

You (Ed. Who) are a child of the King of kings and Lord of lords. This makes you a Citizen of Heaven. I know you are aware of that reality, but I believe it is well

for all of us to be reminded of that act during these unsettling days. Our beloved country is in chaos and, because of our terrible national iniquity, will soon come under the judgment of our God. I know that many beloved Christian leaders are calling and praying for national repentance, and I commend them for their call to righteousness. Certainly our God has the power to bring about repentance if He wills to do so. However, I fear that our national rejection of some of the most basic things – such as the sanctity of life in the womb, marriage only between a man and a woman, and what only can be viewed as the moral insanity of our government – has taken us beyond the point of no return.

As I look carefully out on our world, what comes to mind are the words of King David when in the second Psalm he wrote: *“Why do the heathen (nations) rage (rage conveys the idea of insurrection), and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD (the Father), and against his anointed (the Son), saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us”* (vv. 1-3). This is the imagery of a restless animal that breaks its harness and throws off its yoke. Men and women want neither the Lord nor His Son to rule over them. They want the freedom to do their own thing and be accountable to no one, not even their Creator. Such an attitude is a direct frontal attack against divine Sovereignty.

As King David concludes his psalm, he pleads with his readers with the words, *“Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way”* (v. 12). To “Kiss the Son” means to revere the Son or pay homage to the Son. Men are to acknowledge the Son to be who He actually is. Men and women are to bow the knee, humble the heart, and accept the Son of God as Savior and King.

Our country and world are on a collision course with their Creator. Here at Zion’s Hope, (Editor: Morning Glory/HLIF) our central message is of Christ – a living Savior for a dying world. We make no apology to anyone for that message, nor will we compromise with corrupt governments or false religious teachers.

Yours warmly in our Lord’s love and infinite grace,
Marv Rosenthal, a Child of the King.

Zion’s Hope

**REACHING AN
EVER-CHANGING WORLD
WITH GOD’S
NEVER-CHANGING WORD!**

A WORLD ON THE BRINK OF CHAOS!

What does the Bible say?

By Pastor David R. Barnhart

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...” Psalm 33:12

...If ever there was a need for the Christian churches to wake up and pay attention to the persecution of our brothers and sisters in Christ, surely that time is today! Churches should be praying every Sunday for persecuted Christians around the world and financially supporting organizations, such as ...

It's All in the Bible for Us to Consider

Throughout the Scriptures God has given us signs and descriptions of end-time events. Jesus pointed to the immoral and wicked days of Noah to describe world conditions immediately prior to His return. The Bible also points to the rise of Islam in the last days as well as to a worldwide hatred of Israel and the Jews.

Discerning Christians cannot fail to recognize the prophecies of Ezekiel, Daniel and Zechariah regarding the main players that will be on the world scene immediately prior to Christ's return, each with an inexhaustible appetite to attack and destroy Israel. These main players include Russia, Iran, Libya, several African nations and Turkey. Reading Ezekiel 38 and 39 today is much like reading or watching the morning news concerning the Middle East. These nations are all at the forefront of news reports concerning momentous events unfolding today.

For the past several years Vladimir Putin has been quietly rebuilding Russia's military infrastructure. Today Russian and Iran (Persia) are linked together by treaties and trade. Ezekiel 38 and 39 discloses how Iran will become part of a confederation of nations led by Gog of the land of Magog and Rosh. Magog is identified by the first-century historian Josephus as being in the area of existing Islamic states that were once part of the old Soviet Union, while Rosh is linked by Bible scholars to modern-day Russia.

Ezekiel described a prince named Gog leading a mighty army from “the remote part of the north” against Israel. Prophecy scholars have pointed to the fact that the northern-most country from Israel is Russia. But as strange as it may seem, Russia is trying to claim the entire North Pole region because of its oil and gas reserves. If Russia's claim is successful, it will give an entirely new meaning to the Bible's description of Gog leading an army from “the remotest parts of the north.”

Wars And Rumors Of Wars

Not only does the Bible identify nations that will be key players in world events prior to the coming of Christ, the Bible makes clear that wars and rumors of wars will ultimately give rise to the coming of the Antichrist. During the last 100 years the world has experienced wars and destruction like no other time in history. Even though the world experienced nuclear war at the close of World War II, the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki will pale in comparison to war the Book of Revelation describes at the close of the age.

For a long time nuclear weapons were controlled by two countries – the United States and Russia. Today the nuclear bomb is in the hands of China, India, Pakistan and rogue nations like North Korea. It is a known fact that for years North Korea has been selling weapons and nuclear technology to the highest bidder. Unless Iran is stopped soon, nuclear weapons will soon be not only in their hands but in the hands of assorted terrorist organizations as well.

Modern technology has brought another dimension to military arsenals – cyber warfare. A cyber attack could inflict heavy damage or collapse the industrial and financial institutions of even the most powerful nations. It is speculated that Israel and the United States conducted such a cyber attack on Iran's nuclear installations in 2013, setting their program back at least two years.

Nations also fear an EMP attack, (electro-magnetic pulse) a type of nuclear explosion in the atmosphere that would strike suddenly, collapsing a nation's entire infrastructure – industries, military centers, household electrical systems, water and sanitation plants, power stations, banking, etc. It would take years to recover from such an attack.

The Collapse Of The World Economy

One strategic terrorist attack alone could send the world's economy into a tailspin. Add to that the fact that the US economy is being artificially propped up by the Federal Reserve's printing of billions of dollars. Such monetary policy can only work so long before the whole house of cards come crashing down. Whatever type of economic collapse plays out, it will be worldwide and catastrophic.

The Bible warns such events will come upon mankind with very personal consequences: *“Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is the last days you have stored up your treasure”* (James 5:1-3).

It is into the setting that the Book of Revelation describes an order by the Antichrist requiring everyone to be given “a mark on their right hand or their forehead in order

to buy or sell.” Revelation 6:6 describes how a quart of wheat will cost a week’s wage, while three quarts of barley will require a day’s wage. The Antichrist will rise to save the day when the world is in chaos, and desperate people everywhere will believe and follow him.

Making War On The Saints

Various Scriptures make plain that hatred of Christians will be the norm prior to the coming of Jesus Christ. Throughout the Western world, including the United States, there is a growing hostility toward Christianity and the name of Jesus Christ. Any public mention of Jesus Christ or even the name of God draws an immediate vitriolic response.

In a recent speech, Pope Francis stated that Christians are now facing persecution greater than existed in the first century. John describes in Revelation 13 how the Antichrist will “make war on the saints.” Daniel describes the same events in chapter 7 of his prophecy.

A most revealing passage in Revelation 20 offers details about the favorite method of executing saints at the time of Christ’s return being “**beheadings**”. Throughout the centuries Islam has used this method of execution on their enemies, and they still use it today. The recent conquest of Mosul, Iraq by the ISIS terrorists forces included the killing of many Christians by beheadings. Such scenes have been reported throughout the Middle East and in the heart of Islamic territory in African nations. And for whatever reason, the radical jihadists go to great lengths to display victims who were beheaded.

God Has The Last Word!

Christians need not fear any of these things. Just read the Bible and you will discover —**WE WIN!** Satan and all the forces of evil will soon be crushed under foot, and our Lord will gather His own from the four corners of the earth and take us to the home He has prepared for us.

Excerpt from the article [A World on the Brink of Chaos!](#),
The Vine and Branches, Midsummer, 2014

And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. Exodus 3:14

God, the “**I AM**”, is both self-existent and self-sufficient. He needs nothing to be everything that He intrinsically is. He is complete in Himself. Knowing this, it is a wonder that He who does not need us, instead wants us! He desires us to be with Him for eternity to such an extent that He spared not His Son from the unparalleled suffering of

the cross. The One who had everything, gave His best for earth’s worst. Through His grace, we are complete in Him (Col 2:10) and possess every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3).

—K. R. Keyser

*Of all the gifts thy love bestows, thou Giver of all good,
Not heaven itself a richer knows, than the Redeemer’s blood.* —W. Cowper

For such are false apostles.

2 Corinthians 11:13a

Paul had been a faithful teacher to the flock at Corinth, yet somehow they had begun to follow false teachers. Times have not changed. False apostles abound today, just as they did in Paul’s day. We can be protected against them by making every effort to know the truth of God’s Word. Lies become obvious then. A greater commitment to studying, understanding, and applying the Scriptures is a necessity. We also need to realize that deception is not only found in the world but in the church. Not everything that names the name of Christ is of Christ. Vigilance is necessary with every trend and “truth”. Even within the church.

—Norman Craig Funston

Editor’s Note: **APOSTASY** (*Literally ‘falling away’*): Don’t think of this so much as in a ‘future tense’, because it is right here now at your ‘front door’ and taking place right now! AS ‘Tragic’ as this truth is, it shouldn’t altogether ‘surprise’ “us”, because God’s Eternal Word tells ‘us’ plainly that in the last days/end times there would be even many false prophets; “**For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.**” Matthew 24:24, 11, 4; II Timothy 3:12 – 17, etc.

Martin Luther shares, “he that does not fear himself has the greatest reason to fear of all”. Remember Jeremiah 17:9 for example. REMEMBER in the ‘Upper Room’ where JESUS instituted the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper; that when JESUS said one of you will ‘betray Me’, basically in one accord the disciples asked, “Lord, is it I”?

“But he who endures to the end shall be saved.”
Matthew 24:13

Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. Hebrews 13:13

“Our Saviour was crucified outside the city wall of Jerusalem – outside the camp. We, born again believers, redeemed by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus, should seek our place here too. Set apart from the world’s religion, politics, entertainments and allurements.”

E. MacLelland

Editorial

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GOD'S DWELLING PLACE

“For I am the LORD, I do not change;” — “Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.” (Malachi 3:6a & Hebrews 13:8)

1. God's Tabernacle

Just *briefly* let us look at God's Tabernacle in the Old Testament, although it most certainly is worthy of a 'thorough' meditation.

Notice how 'detailed' the 'Architect' gives instruction to the building and carrying for the same. Especially 'instructions' how a *Worship Service* was to be conducted. God goes into minute 'details' for the 'believer' in the Old Testament.

As YOU search the 'Scriptures', please notice some of the 'furniture', like the 'alter', Candle-light, the *vail*, the Ark of the Covenant and what was inside of the same, what the cover of the 'Ark of the Covenant' was called: (*Mercy Seat*) AND who was to enter beyond the 'Vail' with WHAT?

Then notice how the (*Tabernacle*) - 'Ark of the Covenant' was to be transported and by whom!

ONE of GOD'S names is **HOLY** and HE is **HOLY** and so HE always will be **HOLY!**

2. God's Temple

Much more permanent, but instructions pretty well stayed the same as we find in Exodus 26-27, 35-38.

One definition of word *temple* is "A building reserved for a highly valued function." (As I understand it 'literally means *God's Dwelling Place*)! Now don't come to any definite conclusion yet with the information written thus far in this Editorial.

3. Church Building

"And He (Jesus) *said to them, 'It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'*" Matthew 21:13, Mark 11:17, Luke 19:46.

WHEN God speaks about entering into your 'prayer closet/room), HE is telling 'us' to seek of HIM many 'goodies' in your 'pantry/storehouse.

You see 'heaven' is laden with 'blessings' that we as 'forgiven' sinners fail to really begin to tap! Can you *imagine* a beggar (mercy) asking the king for a 'meal' and the King graciously invites 'him' to a 'banquet' and the 'beggar' only asks for a 'bowl of broth'; BUT with gratitude and THANKSGIVING?

Although notice in Mark 11:17 & Luke 19:46 that 'they' have made it a 'den of thieves'! AND then likely you and I 'wonder' what has gone "wrong" with 'our' church, community, state, Nation!

IN DIVINE LOVE(AS ALWAYS IN DIVINE LOVE) **JESUS** *cleansed the 'temple' TWICE* in the New Testament.

Martin Luther speaks of the BIBLE as a closed 'book' unless we are willing to deal with SIN!

Today the 'Christian church' has become a place of Entertainment, Activities, Suppers, Emotions, etc. **but** where is the 'upper room/PRAYER MEETING; which was likely (tragically) the 'first' to leave/pushed-out of the congregation's programs.

I am reminded of the story of a Roman Catholic Official showing to a Christian how well the church/congregation was doing financially. And the Christian had to acknowledge that was true but said: "*neither can you say 'in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.'*" Acts 3:6a.

Occasionally I hear that the 'message' is okay, but there seems to be something missing: could it be the 'Anointing of the Holy Spirit'; that because of wanting to please the people (popular/false love/numbers that the Holy Spirit is 'grieved/quenched')? Mechanics are OK, but Jesus is on the outside seeking for re-admittance.

In a sense the *church building* is built upon '*holy ground*' as our fore-fathers prayed, sweat, sacrificed, over this parcel of ground and labored diligently to build the building as a '*house of prayer*'.

Years ago, I will 'remember' the late Pastor A. E. Windahl stating so very clearly that a lot of 'clergy' would stay with the liberal Lutheran merger(s) because of Position, Prestige and Pension! Today there are so many 'sermons' that lack Inspiration, because of lack of perspiration, in preparation for presentation.

Today we have a New Covenant (New Testament) from God; but keep in mind that Christ did not come to destroy/destroy the LAW, but fulfill it in our behalf. So He did not change His Mind, but gave us (Grace) to a **Better Covenant!** Thank God for the privilege of living on this side of CALVARY and there still is a 'High Priest' in our behalf and a 'Mercy Seat' (Throne of

GRACE).

When we think of the temporal building that we often call 'church', the up-keep/maintenance of the same does 'reflect' (to a certain degree) our respect/attitude/Reverence toward our Holy God!

Almost in its' entirety when the Bible speaks of 'church', it is speaking of the 'called-out one': Those that are specifically under the Blood of the crucified and risen ONE and know JESUS as their personal savior!

4. *You are the Temple of GOD*

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 & II Corinthians 3:17-18, 6:11-18 Isaiah 51:1a, & chapter 58.

"For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, 'whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones'" Isaiah 57:15. (The word "Altar" means 'killing place').

As we talk about the Biblical church – 'called out ones' – as we gather 'together' in 'one accord'; GOD has promised special blessings for the same.

As I mentioned just a little bit ago 'our' *reflection* towards an 'earthly building'; even so much more our physical body which the third Person of our Holy Trinity dwells. Our 'eternal being/Soul' is in this physical body which will live FOREVER in either Heaven OR Hell – the 'real' YOU. Even though this physical body will one day return unto 'dust', the YOU will carry on! Even though the Holy Spirit does not dwell in 'temples/tabernacles made with 'hands' (Acts 7:48); YET saved sinners, by faith know the reality of II Corinthians 5:1-11. So in reality how do you care for/use/ or abuse this 'dwelling place' of the Holy Spirit? For example: Are you the master of your work or is work the 'master' of you? Entertainment? Life-style? ETC.?

God intends that the 'church' should be a 'feeding/refreshing' station for hungry, down trodden weary 'pilgrims/strangers' in this present world – ALSO admonition, edifying and warning. (Psalm 133:1, Hebrews 10:19-25, etc. – wherever **2 or 3** are gathered "In His Name" For example 'church in thy house'). The *church* should be like a 'city of refuge' OR an Oasis in a barren desert. For example: *"serving the Lord will all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you*

publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." *"For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God."* *"Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."* Acts 20:19-21, 27, 31-32. Much 'better' to be fore-warned than to be 'caught' unprepared by surprise!

JESUS tells 'us' believers "Occupy till I Come" which is a privilege/challenge/commission/responsibility and command! So in the 'waiting period' as fellow 'team mates' we are to keep in mind/practice that 'we' live in a sinful world as foreigners/pilgrims and strangers. THUS as 'ambassadors' (II Corinthians 5:14-21, Romans 1:14-16) we NEED to watch 'our' behavior, attire, conduct, words, etc.; for He states 'be ye holy as I AM 'holy'. The only way we can be 'holy' in this sinful world is to be IN Christ Jesus (His Righteousness) constantly under the BLOOD OF THE CRUCIFIED AND RISEN ONE WHO IS COMING AGAIN!

In the meantime we are to forget the past (Phil. 3:12-16) looking unto JESUS as the Author and Finisher' of the FAITH and unto an Eternal City whose builder and Maker is GOD! Nothing unclean, unholy, sinful will EVER enter therein, only 'sinners' washed in the BLOOD of Jesus as *forgiven sinners* – **Revelation 4:8b** And they do not rest day or night, saying, **"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"**

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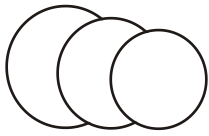
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Holy, Holy, Holy

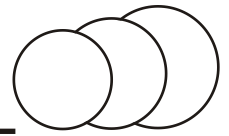
*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee!
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art, and
Ever-more shall be.*

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“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you;”...John 15:9.

With blessings!

C. J. K. **Roland, IA**
Thanks for the excellent thought-provoking articles in the *Morning Glory*. I read them and share them with others. (Ed. Great idea and also serving in the Lord’s Kingdom Work).

Enclosed is a check to help the *Morning Glory* Ministry continue.

Editor’s Note: It sure would be ‘great’ to hear from YOU (Briefly) of what Jesus/His Word is doing in your ‘life’ and could be sent on for hundreds of our ‘readers’ to be blest and challenged by it AND through it all ‘our’ risen Savior would be glorified! Will YOU?

You Can’t Please Everyone

By Ted Camp

There will always be some critics you just cannot please. A critic is someone who is inclined to examine, judge critically or find faults. Do you know some critics?

After a sermon on spiritual gifts, one woman said to the pastor, “My gift is criticism.” He quickly agreed.

A pastor said to a deacon, “Just once I wish you would say something positive.” The deacon said, “Well, I am positive that it will not work.”

Critics seem to focus on miss-spelled words, bad grammar, long sermons, problems, or people. They miss the major blessings as they focus on minor problems. The Lord did not please the critical scribes, lawyers, priests, and Pharisees; but He did please God (Mark 1:11).

An Aesop’s fable tells of an old man and his son bringing a donkey to market. Passing some people, they hear a remark. “Look at that silly pair, walking when they could be riding.”

The idea seemed sensible, so the old man and the boy mounted the donkey. Soon they passed another group,

and someone said, “Look at that lazy pair, breaking the back of that poor donkey.”

The old man slid off but soon heard criticism from a passerby: “What a terrible thing, this old man riding and making the little boy walk.”

The old man and the boy finally continued their journey carrying the donkey on a pole between them. As they crossed the bridge, the donkey broke loose, fell into the river and drowned.

Aesop’s moral: You can’t please everyone.

What do you do with criticism? You should consider the source and purpose of criticism. Some criticism can be harmful, but some can be helpful, and you can learn from all criticism.

It is said that constructive criticism is when I correct you; destructive criticism is when you correct me. There are times I need criticism from board members, preachers and friends; but most of all I need it from my wife and the Lord.

Words of wisdom on criticism: “**If it’s untrue, disregard it; if it’s unfair, keep from irritation; if it’s ignorant, smile; if it’s justified, learn from it.**”

Let the Lord be your primary critic. Learn to trust in the Lord as He directs your ways and paths (Prov. 3:6). When He says to stop and you continue, you will be in the flesh. When He says to start and you hesitate, you will be in doubt.

Wisdom is knowing the difference. We will be wise to learn that we cannot please everyone, but we can please God.

The Sword of the Lord

Editor’s Note: Some readers *might* think the Morning Glory and the HLIF ministry is ‘critical’; but by the GRACE of God ‘we’ seek first of all to be found ‘faithful’ unto ‘our’ Savior and Lord; then face ‘facts’ in principles and not personalities; but practices.

In order for a piano teacher/Sports Coach, etc. be a true instructor/leader, they have to point out error/wrong first (constructive criticism) of all and then the ‘answer’ – corrective guidance.

“**Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets.**” Luke 6:26.

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

War on Real Christianity Spreading, U.S. Seen as Chief Facilitator

In January this year (2014), the Pew Research Center (PRC) – a prestigious think tank based in Washington, D. C. (which provides information on social issues and demographic trends shaping the world) – published its report, “Religious Hostilities Reach Six-Year High.”

In this important document, the worldwide public-opinion surveyors chronicled the steady growth of religious persecution around the world and found that social hostilities involving religion are currently most frequently directed against people of Christian faith...

Besides the Middle East, the Pew findings detail an escalation in the United States from the lowest category of government restrictions on Christian expression as of mid-2009 to an advanced category in only three years, where it appears poised to continue upward at this time... National Review Online posted a critical review by Raymond Ibrahim, a Shillman fellow at the David Horowitz Freedom Center, who cites the 2014 World Watch List (which ranks the fifty nations where Christians are most persecuted) determined that the U.S. has become “the chief facilitator of the persecution of Christians around the world today.” While Ibrahim’s assertion mostly reflects American involvement in foreign conflicts, examples of repression in the U.S. against people of Christian faith are growing.

Christian Newswire

*Editor’s Note: **MARVEL NOT!!!** Matthew 10:22, 24:9, Luke 6:22, John 7:7, 15:18. “*Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*” **Matthew 5:11-12.***

Beer Company Uses Great Hymn in Commercial

The commercial is designed to honor American military, but Monica Cole of One Million Moms points out the troubling aspect of it.

“Guinness beer has a new commercial airing where the background music is a popular gospel hymn, ‘Leaning on the Everlasting Arms,’” she explains, “Currently, One Million Moms is contacting Guinness beer asking them

...not use Christian hymns to sell beer.”

Since there is a military theme, Guinness could have chosen music associated with the military or even created its own original instrumental. There is little rationale for their choice of a song strictly associated with Christianity.

...She says, “The ad does not have the lyrics of the song, but because of its popularity anyone could recognize the hymn.”

Charlie Butts for OneNewsNow.com

March for Marriage Brings Crowd to Washington, D.C.

Whoever said the marriage debate was over must not have been anywhere near the U.S. Capital (on June 19). After months of hearing the courts’ opinion on marriage, ... America heard from the voters those courts trampled. Thousands of people from states all across the country descended on Washington, D.C., to show the nation that we care about protecting marriage and will do anything to stand up and fight for it Pro-family groups...gathered on the lawn of the most powerful Congress in the world and sent one resounding message; the fight for marriage is not over.

More than 150 buses, filled with marriage supporters the media insists do not exist, cheered through the passionate speeches of Republicans and Democrats, blacks and Hispanics, and the young and old – all united in the belief that marriage is “our very nature. No law can change it.”

Family Research Council

Secretary of State John Kerry

Said: “Confronting Climate Change is a ‘A Duty/Responsibility Laid Down in Scriptures.’” (Minuteman News – 9/4/14) He also stated: “... that moreover because Muslim Countries are some of the Poorest, it is also our duty to protect them from Climate change.” (Eagle Rising – 9/5/14).

Cable TV’s Black Jesus Nothing Less Than Blasphemy

On August 7, the *Adult Swim Network* (began) airing a new series called Black Jesus. In this series, Jesus is portrayed as a modern black Californian, dressed in New Testament clothes, who spreads peace and love around town. In the movie trailer, Jesus gets hit by a car and uses bad

language, high fives people he meets on the street, gets hit by a woman and knocked down on the street, and tries to reason with people in a comedic fashion. The movie is one of the worst examples of disrespect seen on television, portraying Jesus in ways that are nothing short of blasphemous. Dr. Ron Baity, RETURN AMERICA

Editor's Comments: *The Adult Swim Network* is a subsidiary of the Turner Broadcasting System.
Sword of the Lord

News Briefs

France (has) banned pro-Palestinian terror protests and leveled stiff penalties for violators. Now, word is that France is opening up their borders for asylum to Christians suffering persecution from Islamists in Iraq. "We are providing aid to displaced people fleeing from the threats of Islamic State..." said France's foreign and interior ministers.

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Taking the First Step

A pastor was speaking with a religious man after a gospel service. The man said, "I do not see any necessity for the blood of Christ in my salvation. I believe I can be saved without all that talk about the blood."

The preacher said, "Very well. How then do you intend to be saved?"

"Why, simply by following Jesus' example. That is all anyone must do."

The pastor replied, "Then you propose to follow the example of Christ and believe that will lead you to Heaven. In other words, you are just going to follow in the steps of Jesus."

"That is what I intend to do."

"Well, can you take the first step?"

"What is that?"

The man of God said, "The Bible tells us the following concerning the Lord Jesus Christ: *'Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth'* (1 Pet. 2:22). I suppose that you can say the same about yourself, that you have done no sin."

The man replied, "Well, I can not say that. I have sinned some-times."

"In that case, you need a Saviour, not an example."

Yes, everyone needs a Saviour! *There is none righteous, no, not one*" (Rom. 3:10). Maybe you are considered a "person," but the fact remains that you are a sinner.

"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (vs. 23). No one is good enough!

You need a Saviour. You need someone to pay for your sins. That is what Christ did two thousand years ago. God says, *"Without shedding of blood is no remission"* (Heb. 9:22); and *"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish"* (Luke 13:3). God has made it very simple: *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved"* (Acts 16:31).

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Moody's Invitation to a Saloon (Tavern) Opening

They were going to have a great celebration at the opening of a saloon (Tavern) and billiard hall in the northern part of Chicago where I lived. It was to be a gateway to death and to Hell, one of the worst places in Chicago.

As a joke they sent me an invitation to go to the opening. I took the invitation and went down and saw the two men who had the saloon, and I said, "Is that a genuine invitation?"

They said it was.

"Thank you," I said; "I will be around, and if there is anything here I don't like I may have something to say about it."

They said, "You are not going to preach, are you?"

"We don't want you. We won't let you in."

"How are you going to keep me out?" I asked. "There is the invitation."

"We will put a policeman at the door."

"What is the policeman going to do with that invitation?"

"We won't let you in."

Well," I said, "I will be there."

I gave them a good scare and then I said, "I will compromise the matter; if you two men will get down here and let me pray with you, I will let you off."

I got those two rum sellers down on their knees, one on one side of me and the other on the other side, and I prayed God to save their souls and smite their business. One of them had a Christian mother, and he seemed to have some conscience left.

After I had prayed I said, "How can you do this business? How can you throw this place open to ruin the young men of Chicago?"

Within three months the whole thing smashed up, and one of them was converted shortly afterward. I have never been invited to a saloon since.

—D. L. Moody

Crowns for the Saints

Paul S. Rees

There is a crowning day coming by and by. The saints of God are not in the majority at the present. They are in the minority, a very small minority. They are not even considered seriously today. May the household of faith be encouraged by the words of our Lord who said, *“Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom”* (Luke 12:32).

Crowns, in the New Testament, are symbols of rewards extended to believers for faithful service to their Lord. We learn from the closing book of the New Testament that the saints triumphant place their crowns at the feet of the Lord. May we have crowns, many crowns, to place at His feet in that day.

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Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4

Here we have a glimpse of the expansiveness of the heart of God – that all men should be saved. There is no one on the face of the earth, however distant from God, who is beyond the pale of the great salvation that God offers. (Ed. There is such a thing as ‘hardening of the heart’ so long that EVEN GOD gives up). Sir Robert Anderson wrote “There is no deception in it. If forgiveness is preached to all, it is because all may share it . . . it is impossible that election can ever limit the value of the death of Christ, or the power of that name to save and bless.” May we continue, in accord with the mind of God, to preach the “*whosoever*” Gospel, and to have the expectation that anyone hearing it can be saved. W. H. Burnett

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The Just Shall Live by Faith

“Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by faith.”

Habakkuk 2:4

This great principle – *“the just shall live by faith”* — was the Scripture that so inflamed the soul of Martin Luther that it became the watchword of the Reformation. It occurs first here in the small prophecy of Habakkuk, but is then quoted three times in the New Testament. The term “just,” of course, means “justified” or “righteous.” God

says a person is enabled to live righteously by his faith.

The nature of this faith is clarified by three quotations. The first is Romans 1:17: *“For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’”* The phrase “from faith to faith” means “from the beginning of faith to the end of faith,” and the context indicates that the foundational item of faith is faith in “his eternal power and Godhead,” which “from the creation of the world are clearly seen” (Romans 1:20).

Similarly, in the last occurrence: *“Now the just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him”* (Hebrews 10:38). Then the writer notes that the basic tenet of faith is special creation: *“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear”* (Hebrews 11:3).

The middle occurrence is Galatians 3:11: *“But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.”* Paul’s lengthy explanation to the Galatian legalists begins with Galatians 2:16: *“Even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ.”*

Thus, justifying, saving, living faith begins and centers in Jesus Christ, first as Creator of all things, then as the Savior who *“hath redeemed us from the curse of the law”* (Galatians 3:13). Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

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Editor’s Note: A believer’s (spiritually) JUSTIFICATION takes place in Heaven and God is the Justifier!

From Martin Luther’s Small Catechism Explained: ***What is Justification?*** Justification is the gracious act of God whereby He for Christ’s sake acquits a repentant and believing sinner of his sin and guilt and looks upon him, in Christ, as though he had never sinned.

2 Cor. 5:21. **Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

Rom. 3:24. **(They are) justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”**

“But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted (credited) **for righteousness.**” Romans 4:5. **“THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”** Rom. 1:17b. Also Ephesians 2:8-9, Hebrews 11:1, 6 – 10.

Shaking

In these days when empires, nations, institutions, churches, homes and pastors are being shaken as never before, thank God for His promise that His children have some things which cannot be shaken. God's Word says, "*And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain* (Heb. 12:28).

In these days when a veritable tidal wave of uncertainty and disillusionment is sweeping many to the brink of despair, no true believer has cause for alarm; for we rest secure on His Word which says, "*Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, 'The Lord knoweth them that are His.'*" Furthermore, believers who obey the Word will heed God's clear command, "*And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity*" (2 Timothy 2:19). And when God's commands are obeyed to "come out" and "be separate" and "touch not the unclean thing," we experience the very fatherly attention of the Lord Almighty (2 Cor. 6:17-18).

This old world is indeed going through a shaking process. Were it not for the Scriptures which forewarn us of what to expect in the last days, it would be impossible to find a logical answer for what is happening before our very eyes.

Where are the churches that will take a stand for the truth and against error today? Where are the pastors who will dare to warn their people about all the dangers so prevalent in the world and professing church today? Yes, it often costs dearly to take a scriptural stand in a day of apostasy and compromise, but failure to obey God brings even more serious consequences. Those who do not want to be shaken by all the deceptive, Satanic forces at work must stand fast and, like the dear apostle Paul, say, "*None of these things move me*" (Acts 20:24). God has given us "*a kingdom which cannot be moved.*" Therefore, "*Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised)*" (Heb. 10:23). – Pastor M. H. Reynolds, Jr.

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Historical Documents Regarding the American Traditions of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving of the Pilgrims in 1621...

"In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord, King James, by the Grace of God, of England, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, etc.

Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advance-

ment of the Christian Faith, and the Honour of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the Presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation and Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid; And by Virtue hereof enact, constitute and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the General good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

In Witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Domini, 1620." — The Mayflower Compact, November 11, 1620

Our corn (i.e. wheat) did prove well, and God be praised, we had a good increase of Indian corn, and our barley indifferent good, but our peas not worth the gathering, for we feared they were too late sown. They came up very well, and blossomed, but the sun parched them in the blossom. Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruit of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl, as, with a little help beside served the company almost a week. At which time, amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty. – Edward Winslow December 21, 1621.

The First National Proclamation of Thanksgiving was given by the Continental Congress in 1777

FOR AS MUCH as it is the indispensable Duty of all Men to adore the superintending Providence of Almighty God, to acknowledge with Gratitude their Obligation to him for Benefits received, and to implore such farther Blessings as they stand in Need of: And it having pleased him in his abundant Mercy, not only to continue to us the innumerable Bounties of his common Providence; but also to smile upon us in the Prosecution of a just and necessary War, for the Defense and Establishment of our unalienable Rights and Liberties; particularly in that he hath been pleased, in so great a Measure, to prosper the Means used for the Support of our Troops, and to crown our Arms with most signal success. – Selected

Thanksgiving Pardon

Read: 1 John 1:1-10

The blood of Jesus Christ (God's) Son cleanses us from all sin 1 John 1:7

Each year at the end of November, the President of the United States issues an official pardon for the National Thanksgiving Turkey. During this lighthearted ceremony, one president remarked: "Our guest of honor looks a little nervous. Nobody's told him yet that I'm going to give him a pardon." The poor turkey had a good reason to be uneasy – without an acquittal, he was doomed to be Thanksgiving dinner.

We are in a similar situation when it comes to our sin. Without God's pardon, we're on our way to certain demise. This condition is a direct result of our own wrongdoing. The Bible says, "*The wages of sin is death*" (Rom. 6:23). However, we can be set free from this death sentence because God's Son bore our sin in his body on the cross, "*that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed*" (1 Peter 2:24). First John 1:7 tells us that Jesus' blood "***cleanses us from all sin.***"

We can accept God's pardon for our sin and receive eternal life when we confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe that God raised Him from the dead (Rom. 10:9). Today, consider how you will respond to God's offer of forgiveness. Jennifer Benson Schuldt

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!* —
Chisholm

Through faith in Christ, We receive God's pardon and escape sin's penalty.

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"Through God we shall do valiantly; for he it is that shall tread down our enemies." Psa. 60:12

*Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threaten hard to bear us down;
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.
He that washed us in his blood
Soon will bring us home to God.*

"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ" 1 Cor. 15:57

ONE MAN AND GOD

F. W. H. Myers

Martin Luther stood before the diet of Worms. Against him were the powers of a great but corrupt church supported by the state, one man against the world. Yet, not so. It was one man and GOD against the world, and together they won a great victory for the Gospel.

"How long go ye limping between the two sides?" asked Elijah of the people. He had no patience with such indecision. There was nothing half-hearted about him. He was a man wholly given up to God. That is why God stood by him. The weak and wavering soul that trims his sail to the prevailing wind will never have God as his ally. It is only to those who are all out for God who have His power resting upon them. We should ask God to give us the spirit of complete devotion to Him, the spirit of Elijah, of Paul, of Luther, the spirit that cries:

*Yea, with one voice, O world, thou deniest,
Stand thou on that side for on this am I.*

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But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. James 3:8

Today I drove alongside a river. It was calm and still, meandering on towards the harbor. And yet, in a different season that same river can become a torrent, bursting its banks, causing destruction, dragging trees and animals with it. How like our tongue. We can speak words that soothe and bring comfort and then destroy someone with our next breath. It ought not to be so but it is a sad reality. May the Lord help us to think before we speak.

Janet Fleming

*Words thy are powerful, words can cause pain,
Words can bring comfort to someone today;
So may I show kindness to those that I meet
With words that I write and words that I say.* J. F.

Editor's Note: "Set a guard; O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips" Psalm 141:3.

"O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth your praise" Psalm 51:15.

EPHESIANS 6:18 – 20

**The 'Truth in Love' is:
NO one is born gay/lesbian**

**For whosoever shall do the will of God,
the same is my brother, and my sister,
and mother. Mark 3:35**

It appears on this occasion that the Lord's mother and brothers came to where He was preaching. For whatever reason, they did not join those gathered to hear the Lord, but rather sent for Him to come to them. Even His listeners were surprised that He ignored their request. What was the reason? Normally, the Lord would have gladly met with His family, but He was engaged in His Father's business and could not be disturbed. Instead, He told His audience that those who did His Father's will were His true brethren. Let us be careful not to let loved ones keep us from doing what God calls us to do.

W. A. H.

*How I praise Thee, precious Saviour, that Thy love
laid hold of me,*

*Thou hast saved and cleansed and filled me that I
might Thy channel be. – Mary E. Maxwell*

Editor's Note: Recently I asked a 'fellow-believer' IF there was to be a 'special occasion' that was somewhat in his honor, would he be there?

His basic 'response' was: "I am living for the Lord and do not have time to get involved in such 'minor' things"! What a blessing/inspiration that was to 'me'!

TELL ME ABOUT JESUS!

If you go to a church that is the right kind of a church, you may anticipate hearing a lot of Jesus. You can just expect it. There will be songs about him. You'll hear people referring to Jesus when they pray. The people in their average, everyday conversation will make reference to Jesus.

Certainly whenever the preacher rises to the platform to preach the message even if it's a message about some other great Bible subject, nonetheless the Person of Jesus will not be forgotten. In any gospel message or Bible sermon there will be many references to Jesus.

The name **Jesus**, somewhat common in Bible times, is now etched in history as the name above all names, precious to His intimates in faith; and whether whispered or shouted, it is powerful beyond all others.

Dr. Shelton Smith

Editor's Note: "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name **JESUS**, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21. **JESUS** is His per-

sonal Name and there is something extra special (Precious) about that Name '**JESUS**' Do YOU agree?!
Philippians 2:5 – 11.

The Printer's Pulpit

*The printed page is the greatest pulpit that God
Has given to man;*

*Its message stirs the heartstrings in every tribe
And clan.*

*It shouts to souls in silence or whispers to a
Crowd,*

*Gives courage to the humble or flags the
Monarch proud.*

*It prompts no false demeanor, upholds no vain
Display;*

*It pleads, persuades and reasons, at night or in
the day.*

*It reaches into every cranny where men and
women dwell,*

*Goes into unhappy mansions and into prison
Cell.*

*And whether book or pamphlet, a leaflet or in
Tomes,*

*It speaks in mart and factory, in tenement and
Home.*

*It never shows resentment, though slighted for
An age,*

*And brings the Light to children, to fools and to
The sage.*

*This preacher has no equal; this pulpit has no
peer.*

*The printed page lives on and on, to comfort
And to cheer.*

Selected

Editor's Note: Why not see to it that your loved ones, neighbors, friends, fellow 'church' members receive the *Morning Glory* as a gift of CARE from YOU? Wouldn't NOW be an ideal time to take this 'challenge' and put it this into 'practice' and be blest by doing so?

Also, there is 'Hauge' Christian material that is 'available' to YOU! – Especially at:

THANKSGIVING and CHRISTMAS TIME!

“Never man so spake.” “Is not this He whom they seek to kill?” “So there arose a division in the multitude because of Him” John 7:46, 25, 43.

JESUS stood forth in the midst of the people and spoke.

Then when some believed in Him, He turned to them and said, that if they wanted to be His true disciples, they must abide in His Word: only then could the truth make them free. But they would not agree to this, and their faith changed to anger and hatred.

So Jesus leaves these brain-worshipping slaves of the letter, and goes out among the people, to the helpless. When He meets people who are in trouble, no one says that He has a devil or is possessed, but even the evil spirits who must flee before His Savior – might cry out that He is the Son of the living God.

Just as impossible as it is for the conceited person to submit to Him, just so loud do those who are in trouble call upon Him. As warmly as He is loved by the latter, so ardently is He hated by the former.

No one has been so loved and so hated as Jesus. Some see in Him their pretest antagonist, others their only salvation and eternal welfare. Some give property and life in order to get Him, His Word, and Spirit, and power out of the world. Others sacrifice everything; life and property, father and mother, home and fatherland, in order to make Him known among the peoples. I pray you to ask yourself: What is Jesus to me?

*O Bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought:
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee, and confess Thee
Our gracious Lord and King*

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A BURDENED HEART FOR AMERICA!

By Pastor David Barnhart

“I think we may be losing our country” a friend said to me the other day with a sigh. Not only do I share his concern, my own heart is burdened for America as never be-

fore. ...

A Shared Burden For America’s Future

In recent weeks the Lord has placed on my heart an increasing burden for America, far greater than anything I’ve known before. During this same period of time, I’ve also noticed other Christian leaders who are sensing and proclaiming the same identical message – “Time is running out, America must repent and turn back to God before it is too late.”

Thus, it was not surprising to receive a communication a few weeks ago from Billy Graham’s daughter, Anne Graham-Lotz, stating that this same burden had been divinely placed on her heart. The content of her message and the urgency with which she expressed it makes clear that God’s judgment on our nation’s sins may not be delayed much longer.

Explaining her reasoning for a special call to prayer, Anne wrote: “*Please be assured there is no other agenda in this initiative. This is not about promoting anything or anyone. This is all about calling God’s people together to pray, before it’s too late, and judgment falls on our nation.*”

The description of God’s patience running out with Israel’s defiant sins may rightly be applied to the **United States of America**: “*The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people, and on His dwelling place; but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, until there was no remedy*” (2 Chronicles 36:15-16). Some may wonder why I often quote these same two verses of Scripture in this publication (‘The Vine and Branches’). The answer is plain – I believe time may be running out for America!

If only every preacher in America were to stand in the pulpit this coming Sunday and call the nation back to God, there is no doubt a revival would break forth all over the land. Since that is not likely to happen, it is essential for every Bible-believing Christian to become active in the work of calling the nation back to God! Pray and work, fellow Christians, as you have never prayed or worked before, for the spiritual restoration of America!

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UNLESS!

“For as the rain comes down; and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it” Isaiah 55:10 -11.

AS I prepare this fairly ‘brief’ and to the point article, I am reminded of the young youth who put his hand/finger in the ‘dike’ that surrounded ‘Holland’ and thus became the ‘Rescue Person’ for Holland!

UNLESS YOU AND I hold the Fort and lovingly and firmly adhere to the ‘*Standards*’ of God’s Holy Word, the Bible, likely ‘souls’ will lose out with JESUS AND miss HEAVEN.

Not only that, but ‘together’ we press onward and forward in seeking to enlighten and nourish others. Satan and his co-horts/slaves take no vacation as they know time is fleeting and running out, and they know their ‘time’ is short. “OUR” enemies are ‘real’ and they are out to ‘steal, kill and destroy’ you and me (Spiritually) and a multitude of others; so let’s ‘stand together’ as *overcomers* in and through **Jesus Christ!**

Remember that the boy referred to in Holland was only ONE; ‘we’ NEED ‘one another’; so are you willing to stand ‘together’ with ‘us’ in PRAYER, FINANCES AND ENCOURAGEMENT as ‘we’ make No Apologies for the Old Time Christianity and seek to practice the same? *Together ‘we’ know how the BOOK ends!*

Please prayerfully read *Psalm 126:5-6, 130, Romans 1:14-17 & 1 Timothy 2:1-7*. **THANK YOU!**

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