



# Morning Glory

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

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## The Wedding Banquet

By Troy Tysdal

**S**everal years ago I received an invitation to attend my brother-in-law’s wedding. He and his fiancée had picked a day in June to publicly declare their love for one another and to become united in marriage.

At that time, I was a sales representative for a seasonal products company and June was our tradeshow season. Tradeshows meant long hours, weekends in hotels and plenty of travel. I would be on the road for stretches of fifteen to twenty days at a time and didn’t think I could afford to be distracted by a wedding. My priority was work, and work is important. It pays the bills and puts food on the table.

In the Gospel of Luke we are given the unique story of Mary and Martha. Martha believed she had her priorities straight. She knew there was work to be done and believed it was her responsibility to complete the tasks before her. Jesus saw things differently.

### Luke 10:38 – 42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, *“Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”*

*“Martha, Martha,”* the Lord answered, *“you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”*

At first it appears that Martha has a legitimate complaint against Mary. Martha is working hard, tirelessly to prepare her home for Jesus. But Mary is sitting at his feet while there is still work to be done.

Jesus hears Martha’s complaint and his response challenges her to realign her priorities. You see, Mary is listening to the Lord of lords, the King of kings! Mary understands that the work can wait. She understands that what Jesus is saying is more important than sweeping floors or preparing food. You see, Jesus was talking about what He always talked about – His father in heaven, the Kingdom of God, the wedding banquet that will never end.

Like Martha, we often place more value on action, on work, than on listening. We dive into projects designed to better our society. We clean ditches and build parts. We knit quilts and shingle houses, and these things are good, work is good, but work alone is not the Gospel.

The Gospel is the story of the Son of God, who left heaven, was tempted by Satan, and conquered. The Gospel is the story of a Savior who walked in our shoes, was crucified in our place and three days later rose from the dead, thereby removing the sting of death. The Gospel is the story of a perfect and holy God calling out to sinners who are helpless and lost in darkness. Are you listening?

Work is good, but when we place work ahead of the Good News – the fact that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone, then we are in danger of missing the point. And if we miss the point, we miss the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

A few months after my brother-in-law’s wedding, a family portrait taken at the wedding appeared on the wall

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in my father-in-law’s home. It was a photo of great joy and celebration. I was noticeably absent from the picture. My heart sank as I looked at the photo and my priorities were realigned, but it was too late. I’d missed the wedding!

In heaven, there is a book that lists every individual invited to the wedding banquet of the Lamb and his bride. No good deed can put your name on the list; no amount of work can earn you a seat at the table. It is by faith alone that you are invited to the celebration, and faith comes from hearing the message, the word of Christ (Romans 10:17). Are you listening? He who has an ear, rejoice, for your seat in eternity awaits.

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#### CAUGHT!!

A man walked up to the bank teller’s window and shoved a note through the opening: “*This is a stickup – hand over all the money.*”

The teller shoved another note to him: “*Fix your tie – we’re taking your picture!*”

He was already caught! Yet he thought he was getting away with something.

Sin works just like that: You think you’re succeeding, when the very act of sin makes you a failure. God has already taken your picture, and you are in trouble.

Only Christ can save you from condemnation. If you reject Him, remember He has your picture and “***be sure your sin will find you out.***” Num. 32:23.

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## Christ in Suffering and Triumph

*“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”*

Revelation 1:8.

In the final book of the Bible occur seven great “I am” assertions by the glorified Christ, all speaking of His ultimate victory. However, in the book of Psalms occur seven vastly different “I am” statements by Christ, all speaking prophetically of His sufferings. These are in four of the wonderfully fulfilled Messianic psalms, all written 1,000 years before Christ, yet each psalm cited in the New Testament is fulfilled by Christ.

“But I am a worm, and no man” (Psalm 22:6, comparing Christ to a mother “scarlet worm” who dies so that her young may live, and in so doing gives off a scarlet fluid which protects and nourishes her young)

“I am poor and needy” (Psalm 40:17).

“I am ... a stranger unto my brethren” (Psalm 69:8).

“I am full of heaviness” (Psalm 69:20).

“I am poor and sorrowful (Psalm 69:29).

“I ... am as a sparrow alone upon the house top” (Psalm 102:7).

“I am withered like grass: (Psalm 102:11).

In contrast to these lonely sufferings of Christ, there are the glories that shall follow. The first of the seven “I am’s” of Revelation is our text above, and four of the others proclaim the same great truth (Revelation 1:11, 17; 21:6; 22:13).

The self-existing One, the “I am,” Jehovah, the Lord Jesus Christ, who created all things (Alpha), will one day triumph and make all things new forever (Omega). Listen to the other two wonderful testimonies: “I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore” (Revelation 1:18).

“I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star” (Revelation 22:16).

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## Government Intrusion Mocks Freedom!

By Tony Perkins

If you’ve ever toured Monticello, then you know that Thomas Jefferson had very strong opinions about what his legacy should be. He wanted to be remembered as the man who wrote the Declaration of Independence and as the “father” of the University of Virginia. Both are inscribed on his tombstone, along with his second proudest achievement –

authoring the Virginia Statute on Religious Freedom.

That might surprise Americans today who wrongly believe that our third president wanted to divorce the government of all religious expression. On the contrary, what Jefferson wrote in Fredericksburg some 230 years ago was such a groundbreaking defense of freedom that the men who drafted our Constitution relied on it for the framework of the First Amendment.

“No nation,” the third president said years later, “has ever existed or been governed without religion. Nor can be.” Thomas Jefferson understood then, as we do now, that religious freedom is fundamental to every other freedom on earth. Maybe that’s why, despite all of his other accomplishments, Jefferson considered the statute one of his greatest legislative feats.

...In a world where three out of every four people live in regions hostile to faith, America is still one of the brightest lights on freedom’s shore. But for how long no one knows. Under the current administration, Jefferson would barely recognize his country.

The government, once the guardian for liberty, is now the aggressor. It tramples our consciences with healthcare mandates, silences our chaplains with radical marriage policies, and expels our pastors from public ceremonies. In four years, we have become a people afraid to pray, teach, practice medicine, or even manage a business without fear of government backlash.

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## “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Lamentations 3:23

Here are four words, perfect in balance and emphasis, that ring with reassurance and strength. They remind us that no Christian should ever question the Lord’s faithfulness. We may think of ourselves as being partially faithful, but never of Him being anything but completely so. The Lord is absolutely trustworthy in everything. His is the only perfect integrity; therefore, we may rest our lives wholly upon Him.

Whatever happens to us, the Lord remains faithful in all His ways. Though we prove faithless, He always keeps His promises. Nothing, not even the tragedies of life, can alter His unchanging reliability. When we learn to see, as did Jeremiah, this elegy on the fall of Jerusalem, not only the Lord’s faithfulness but also the sheer greatness of that faithfulness, we shall have more of His peace in our hearts. No wonder Jeremiah went on in the next verse to declare, *“The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; there will I hope in him.”*

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# The Glorious Ministry Of The Gospel

2 Corinthians 4:1-2

By Pastor Lars Stalsbrotten

“Therefore seeing we have this ministry...” “**Therefore**” refers back to the preceding chapter where the apostle is comparing the New Testament ministry with the Old Testament ministry. He is setting forth the **exceeding greater** excellency and glory of the New compared with the Old.

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, this glorious ministry, as we have **received mercy, we faint not**.

Under all the difficulties and hardships that the apostles went through during this ministry, they did not faint, they did not grow weary, they did not give up.

Second Corinthians 11:23 – 27 gives us a little idea of what Paul had gone through for the sake of the gospel. And what was the secret of this strength, endurance and steadfastness that Paul and his co-workers had? It consists of just four words: **We have received mercy**.

What do we understand mercy to be? Quite often grace and mercy are used interchangeably as though they mean the same thing. There is a close relationship between them, of course, but when the Bible speaks of grace it means the unmerited favor of God. When it speaks of mercy it makes special reference to the unworthiness of those who receive grace.

Mercy then is the unmerited favor of God to a lost, condemned sinner. This is clearly illustrated and demonstrated in the parable about the Pharisee and the publican. (Luke 18:9-14).

Paul says: This is a faithful saying – I formerly blasphemed and persecuted and insulted Christ; but I received mercy. Not only the first time he got saved, but again and again he had to come to the mercy-seat, to the throne of grace. He had that deep consciousness of unworthiness that drew him continually to the throne of grace where he received mercy and found grace to help in time of need.

This was the secret of his strength in the service of the Lord. As we have received mercy, we faint not.

How is it with us on this score?

Are we in the process of losing this or have we already lost it? Are we just sliding along taking things for granted?

Ludvig Hope, one of our greatest lay-preachers in Norway said once: “If we lose this feeling of unworthiness, grace and mercy become just empty words upon our lips without any reality and great significance for our hearts, and we become ineffective servants of the Lord.

We still keep on praying, we still testify, we still preach, we still sing, we take part in the activities of the church, but there is no spark, no power, no fresh aroma from Christ and His cross. God is not glorified, sinners are not saved.” This is a very serious matter.

The very essence of the gospel ministry is the deep inward consciousness that we need and receive mercy. We are in the Lord’s service because we receive mercy. This is true no matter where our service may be, or what our service may be. It is God’s mercy alone that keeps us from fainting in the exercise of this ministry. As we have received mercy, we faint not.

The apostle goes on and speaks about the honesty in character and practice that the mercy of God produces in his true servants.

The false and deceitful workers had evidently endeavored to inject prejudice in the minds of the people against Paul and his co-workers. In answer to their false accusation he says: **“We have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully.”**

Dishonesty is practiced under cover, in the dark, but they were frank and open. Their walk was not characterized by craftiness and cunning devices to attract people to themselves, but in great simplicity and sincerity they preached Jesus Christ that the people might be drawn to Him and not to them.

He says in the 5<sup>th</sup> verse: *“For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus Christ.”*

They did not handle the Word of God deceitfully. But as workmen that needed not to be ashamed they rightly divided the Word of truth. They preached the whole counsel of God without fear and favor and therefore they could say: “We are clean from the blood of all men.”

By declaring the truth we commend ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. You should underline in your Bible: **“In the sight of God.”** If it became clear to everyone, I am in the sight of God, we would have a revival. It would start right now.

*“Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight; but **all things** are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do”* (Hebrews 4:13). You don’t have to do with a man, a preacher, when you are reading these sermons, but you are face to face with the living God.

While I was Pastor in one of the coastal towns of the State of Oregon, a fisherman came to the parsonage one day. He said: “I am on a boat where I hear nothing but swearing all the day long. I was so hungry for Christian fellowship, so I came over here.” “Wonderful,” I said. “I am so glad.” We talked, read and prayed. I knew he had become a Christian

recently, and I asked him how that had happened.

He told me the following interesting story: "I had been a faithful worker in our church, in fact I had been a deacon in my Lutheran church in the town where I lived for over seven years. Then I took sick and I was ordered to go to Seattle for surgery. While in the hospital my own pastor came to see me. He patted me on the shoulder and considered me to be a good Christian. But then another Lutheran pastor came. He sat down by my bed and said: "Well, you have been a good church man all your life, but you are not saved. You are lost and you need to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior." All of a sudden I felt I was in the presence of God and He was speaking to me. I said, "That is the truth. Will you please pray for me?" This pastor knelt down by my bed and I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour.

If I had listened to my own pastor I would have gone eternally lost, but thanks be to God that He sent one of His true servants around that really told me the truth.

By declaring the truth we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Taken from *We would see JESUS*

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***For the word of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God*** 1 Corinthians 1:18

**GOD** spoke many times and in many ways to us in the prophets. "At the end of these days," He has spoken to us in His Son. And a mighty speech it is, both in word and in deed.

However, the cross is beyond all comparison His mightiest speech.

The cross of Calvary is the center of history and of the world.

It is the most terrible and the most glorious place on earth.

There God unveils the two mightiest and most mysterious realities in the universe: *sin* and *grace*.

No one knows what sin is until that person has stood at the cross of Christ.

And because most people will not pause at the cross, they have such a thoughtless and frivolous view of sin.

What does the cross tell us about human sinfulness?

It tells us that humanity is at *enmity* with God. It tells us that humanity is not merely *evil*, but that people are so evil that they will not tolerate the good. Our race put to death the Only Good one that ever lived. Not by accident, but deliberately, by a well-planned judicial murder.

And the most religious people of that generation did it.

The cross of Christ tells us further that sin is so terrible

that not even our almighty and all-loving God can forgive it **without atonement**.

However, He does not require this satisfaction of others. He becomes man Himself, to suffer and to die for His enemies.

Dear children of God, let us take note of the appalling seriousness of sin! Let the pleas of Jesus and His cries of distress pierce us to the very bone and marrow, that the sufferings of Jesus may impart to us that fear and trembling with respect to sin which will preserve us from mis-using the grace of God.

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*"The voice of weeping shall be no more heard"*  
Isaiah 65:19

The glorified weep no more, for all outward causes of grief are gone. There are no broken friendships or blighted prospects in heaven. Poverty, famine, peril, persecution, and slander are unknown there. They weep no more, for they are perfectly sanctified. No evil heart of unbelief prompts them to depart from the living God. They are without fault before His throne and are fully conformed to His image. Well may they cease to mourn who have ceased to sin. They weep no more, because all fear of change is past. They know that they are eternally secure. Sin is shut out, and they are shut in. They dwell within a city which will never be stormed. They bask in a sun which will never set. They drink of a river which will never dry, and they pluck fruit from a tree which will never wither. Countless cycles may revolve, but eternity will not be exhausted. While eternity endures, their immortality and blessedness will co-exist with it. They are forever with the Lord. They weep no more, because every desire is fulfilled. Imperfect as our present ideas are of the things which God has prepared for them that love Him, yet we know enough by the revelation of the Spirit to know the saints above are supremely blessed. The joy of Christ, which is an infinite fullness of delight, is in them. That same joyful rest remains for us. Before long the weeping willow will be exchanged for the palm branch of victory, and sorrow's dewdrops will be transformed into the pearls of everlasting bliss.

***"Wherefore comfort one another with these words"***  
1 Thessalonians 4:18

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# Editorial

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## Examples

### (4 Conditions and 1 Promise in ONE Bible verse)

*“The things which you have learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4:9)*

No doubt many of you have heard *and seen* this ‘tragic’ truth: “What you are speaking so ‘loud’, I can’t hear what you are saying AND **Jesus** has some very strong ‘words’ for those who pretend to be something they are not: hypocrites! Oh how many things are said and done to be heard and seen of men. GOD in His vocabulary makes a very clear distinction in Matthew 7:20-27, as He calls one ‘wise’ and the other ‘foolish’. What’s the difference you may ask as the ‘both’ heard the same message? One had just ‘head knowledge’ while the other literally ‘practiced/action’ that which he knew in accordance with the message. How ‘sad’ as you read the verses before in Matthew 7 and not just a ‘few’ but a ‘multitude’.

Notice in ‘our’ key verse for this mediation that there are four conditions and one promise! NOW every truly Christian home seeks to follow Proverbs 22:6 *“Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.”* (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 11 Timothy 1:3-5).

Now we are not ‘puppets’ of God nor are our ‘children’ puppets! Occasionally a ‘foolish’ person will say let the children decide for themselves. Well, that is like planting a ‘garden’ and leaving it to see what ‘grows’ best: The proper ‘seed’ or the ‘weeds’! That makes as much sense because by nature we are born with ‘our’ backs towards God (SIN). That’s also another reason why the theory of ‘evolution’ is so false and from the ‘father of lies’; because they say the finest/strongest survive: then why is ‘mortality’ getting worse?

As Scripture teaches each one of ‘us’ are symbolically one of four types of ‘soil.’ It is not only so ‘vital’ what we are ‘taught’; but received as well. You know in the parable of the four types of soil that it is the same ‘Incorruptible SEED’ that is sown on all four types of soil; it is the ‘soils receptivity that makes the difference.

Quickly some will say, well I believe all Scripture is of God (of which it is); but there is an eternal difference between just ‘head knowledge’ and ‘heart experience’ as Bible Salvation not only ought to be taught; but received/experienced as well! *“You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe – and tremble!”* James 2:19, Mark 16:16, John 3: 18 & 36. The

ONE who knows each person who is saved and each person who is still in their sin (lost) says: *“And this is the testimony; that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”* 1 John 5:11-12. Revelation 3:20, John 6:37, 10:1-10, Joshua 24:15. A person with the *gift of a ‘living faith’* honestly asks how does this apply to my life to put into ‘practice’ in serving my living Savior! You see when a ‘child of God’ comes to being under the ‘hearing’ the WORD of GOD, he takes a **rake** and gathers it into ‘good soil’; while a pretender uses a ‘shovel’ and passes it on unto somebody else! (Namaan is a good example from the Old Testament, as the ‘message’ goes from his head into his ‘heart’ and he pursues in ACTION).

Here a true disciple of Jesus is challenged (**11 Timothy 3:12**) AND seeks to rightly divide the LAW and GOSPEL and in **love declares the whole ‘counsel’ of GOD!** As a true ‘Under Shepherd’ (Christian) is known by his ‘flock’ in feeding MY Sheep. (As an example the local congregation/church should be an ‘Oasis’ in a ‘barren land/wilderness, desert). For *“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* Romans 10:17.

Ludvig Hope, one of our greatest lay-preachers (of years gone by) in Norway said “If we lose this feeling of unworthiness, grace and mercy become just empty words upon our lips without any reality and great significance for our hearts, and we become ineffective servants of the Lord. We still keep on praying, we still testify, we still preach, we still sing, we take part in the activities of the church, but there is no spark, no power, no fresh aroma from Christ and His cross. God is not glorified, sinners are not saved.”

IN ‘our’ journey together (Barb & I); which is now over a half century, by the GRACE of GOD have tried to put into practice the following: “Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you” 1 Samuel 12:24.

Eyesight is a marvelous ‘gift’ from our Lord and especially spiritually. For some folk the only Bible they ‘read’ is a sinner saved by grace and thus it becomes a

very serious matter. God says that we shall become 'lights' and 'candles', nor are in the process of the same; but ARE. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" Matthew 5:16.

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.' Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that **they** were uneducated (ignorant in the EYES of the world) and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with **Jesus**." Acts 4:12-13.

You know what happened to Peter when he was filled (controlled) by the Holy Spirit. That weakling, who before did not dare to testify to a common working girl, stood there on the day of Pentecost and testified boldly to thousands. What a wonderful work of God's grace and empowerment in that through this weak vessel! Yet Peter did not lose sight of personal work (Acts 3). In Acts 3, the 'beggar' was challenged to **'Look on us!'** And the 'world' has every right to do that today in these days of Apostasy and are expecting to receive 'something'. Likely they see you go to church and come from church; but do you personally 'witness' to them?

What 'promise' in His Book will God not keep, for HE cannot lie and HE is faithful regardless for He can not and will not change? (Malachi 3:6, Proverbs 30:5-6, Psalm 119:85 and Hebrews 13:8). **"and the God of peace will be with you."** Many in this 'world' want PEACE on their own terms, also many profess PEACE, but do you have the PEACE OF GOD THAT PASSETH ALL UNDERSTANDING? **Ephesians 2:13-22** for He came preaching 'peace' (v. 17), making 'peace' by the way of the CROSS (v. 15) and HE is 'our' PEACE (v. 14). ***"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"*** Romans 5:1.

### ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD

The story is told that as a Sunday School Teacher was explaining this wonderful truth that each day, by faith Enoch and God would walk and talk 'together' and one day they got so engrossed in their conversation that as evening was drawing 'nigh'; Enoch got excited because he was so far from his home. THEN God said to Enoch, 'You are nearer to My Home than your home; AND GOD TOOK HIM! (Genesis 5:22, Hebrews 11:5).

***A Concise Summary of a 'Christian's Walk' is found in Proverbs 3:1 - 12. 2 Corinthians 3:2, 1 PETER 4:11***

## Putting God to the Test

***"Then they believed his promises and sang his praise. But they soon forgot what he had done and did not wait for his counsel. In the desert they gave in to their craving, in the wasteland they put God to the test. So he gave them what they asked for, but sent a wasting disease upon them. Psalm 106:12 - 15.***

In Hebrews 11:27, we read that Moses "persevered because he saw him who is invisible." Yet in the above passage, exactly the opposite was true of the children of Israel. They persevered only when their circumstances were favorable, because they were primarily influenced by whatever appealed to their senses, instead of trusting in the invisible and eternal God.

Even today we have people who live an inconsistent Christian life because they have become preoccupied with things that are external. Therefore they focus on their circumstances rather than focusing on God. And God desires that we grow in our ability to see Him in everything and to realize the importance of seemingly insignificant circumstances if they are used to deliver a message from Him.

We read of the children of Israel, "*Then they believed*

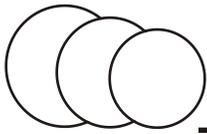
his promises. "They did not believe until *after* they saw - once they saw Him work, *then* they believed." They unabashedly doubted God when they came to the Red Sea, but when He opened the way and led them across and they saw Pharaoh and his army drowned - *then* they believed." The Israelites continued to live this kind of up-and-down existence, because their faith was dependent on their circumstances. And this is certainly not the kind of faith God wants us to have.

The world says that "seeing is believing," but God wants us to believe in order to see. The psalmist said, "I would have despaired unless I had *believed that I would see* the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living" (Ps. 27:13 NASB).

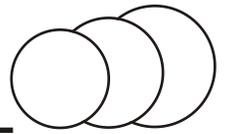
Do you believe God only when your circumstances are favorable, or do you believe no matter what your circumstances may be? C. H. P.

"Faith is believing what we do not see, and the reward for this kind of faith is to see what we believe." — Saint Augustine

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# From Our Fellowship Circle



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Thank you for the *Morning Glory*. It is so refreshing to receive and what a blessing to read.

Keep up the good work.

Thank you again and God Bless.

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## THANK YOU AND WELCOME!

A hearty 'thank you' to Mr. Clifford Nelson for serving on the Board of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation for a number of years. Your conscientious concern in serving our Living Savior for a number of years is truly appreciated. Mr. Nelson requested not to be 're-elected' to the board because of health issues. We covet your continued prayer and support of this portion of the King of KINGS work hereon as well.

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## Everything Thrown Overboard

D. L. Moody

There sometimes comes a time on shipboard when everything must be sacrificed to save the passengers. The cargo is thrown overboard; the rigging is thrown away. At last the captain puts the trumpet to his lips and shouts, "Cut away the mast!"

Some of you have been tossed and driven; and in your effort to keep the world, you have well nigh lost your soul. Overboard with all other anxieties and burden! Drop the sails of pride and self-righteousness! *God will hear your faintest cry for help!*

**True wisdom begins with 'seeking' God's Counsel/Guidance FIRST AND CONTINUES ON**  
as long as 'we' are in this journey of LIFE!

# Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

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## Preacher Arrested for Calling Homosexuality a Sin

While on a public sidewalk in front of the Centre Court Complex during the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, an American preacher was arrested, fingerprinted, had DNA samples taken, and then interrogated after a woman out shopping called the police to complain that she was offended by what was being said.

Tony Miamo, a retired Los Angeles Deputy sheriff who traveled to the UK with Sports Fan Outreach International as part of a mission to bring the Gospel to England, was speaking from 1 Thessalonians which mentions “sexual immorality” and had cited homosexuality alongside “fornication” as examples of what he believed went against “God’s law.” ...

An article by ChristianNews.net quotes Tony Miamo: “It was surreal because I was interrogated about my faith in Jesus Christ. I was asked if I believe that homosexuality is a sin. I was asked what portion of the Bible I was reading. I was asked if a homosexual was hungry and walked up to me, would I give them something to eat.”

Police then concluded by asking Miamo whether he believed he did anything wrong and if he would make similar statements again when released. Miamo replied by contending that he had done nothing unlawful and that he would indeed preach the same message again if he felt led to do so by the Lord. During questioning the officer asked him, “Do you feel that what you did is 100 percent acceptable in a public place?” and “Will you do this again tomorrow?” Mr. Miamo replied affirmatively to both questions. The investigating officer told Mr. Miamo’s solicitor that his answer to these last two questions left him no choice but to seek prosecution.

Christian Newswire

## Ark Encounter Theme Park Being Built in Kentucky

Kentucky aims to be a top tourist destination for all who want to experience biblical history through the eyes of Noah, Abraham and first-century Christians by way of the Ark Encounter, which is on schedule to open in 2014. The 160-acre complex will include a full-scale replica of Noah’s Ark, the Tower of Babel, and a first-century village, along with a theme ride that will take visitors through the 10 plagues of Egypt.

Melissa Barnhart for ChristianPost.com

## Thirty Public Universities Adopt More Christian-Friendly Policies

A legal effort by the faith-based organization Alliance Defending Freedom launched last year has resulted in 30 of the nation’s public universities and colleges changing their policies to ensure that students’ First Amendment freedoms are protected, including Christian students’ right to free speech and choice of leadership.

“Public universities should encourage, not censor, the free exchange of ideas,” said ADF Senior Counsel Kevin Theriot. “This effort has given public universities and colleges the opportunity to respect the constitutionally protected freedoms of their students without any costly litigation ...”

Among the problematic policies are various speech codes and zones that place unconstitutional restrictions on student speech, policies that force student clubs to accept voting members and officers that don’t agree with the clubs’ beliefs, and policies that allow nonreligious student groups to use student activity fees but exclude religious student groups even though the students in those groups have contributed to the fees, according to ADF.

Alex Murashko for ChristianPost.com

## New Pope Says Atheists Are Redeemed Too!

Pope Francis, the leader of 1.2 billion Roman Catholics around the world, said that non-Catholics and atheists can do good and that God has redeemed everyone, in a recent speech that is making waves.

“The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the blood of Christ: all of us, not just Catholics. Everyone! ‘Father, the atheists?’ Even the atheists. Everyone! And this blood makes us children of God of the first class! We are created children in the likeness of God and the blood of Christ has redeemed us all! And we all have a duty to do good. And this commandment for everyone to do good, I think, is a beautiful path towards peace...”

Selected

*Editor’s Note:* What ‘wishful’ *thinking*; YES, Jesus paid for the sins of the ‘whole’ world (everybody) – BUT it has to be received ‘individually/personally’ to ‘endorse’ the paid in full! Anyone who disagrees with ‘Scripture’ is in for ‘real trouble’. **Acts 4:12, John 14:6, 3:18, 3:36, 1 John 5:11-13, John 10:1-10, etc.** *BEWARE* of ‘false teachings/doctrine as your ‘eternal Soul’ is at stake!

## Mormon Church Accepts New Boy Scout Policy on Homosexuality

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) has released a statement expressing their support for the Boy Scouts of America after the youth organization voted to allow openly gay members.

Released ...After the resolution to change the membership policy was passed on (May 23), the LDS statement spoke of the longstanding history between the church and the BSA ...

Selected

*Editor's Note:* Cults like the Mormons, etc. are not a group(s) with which anybody should be aligned with anyway. Also in addition to the Latter Day Saints Church for example, are: United Methodist Church and the Roman Catholic Church (and others) who sponsor a large percentage of Scout chapters.

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## Never Stop Improving

By Fred Willis

A well-known building materials chain of stores uses the slogan "Never stop improving." This is good advice for any homeowner. The most valuable physical thing that most of us will ever own is our house. It certainly pays to take good care of it. But, while we should take care of the material possessions that God has blessed us with, there are far more important things that we should never stop improving on.

Our daily walk with the Lord is something that we should never take for granted. We should start early by reading our Bible and spending time in prayer. We should talk to the Lord all day long and ask for His guidance and protection. Even the busiest of jobs should not hinder our daily communication with our heavenly Father. If you cannot find time for the Lord on a daily basis, then you need to rearrange your priorities.

Husbands and wives should never stop improving on their marriages. Divorce statistics are staggering, even among Christians, because someone in each marriage stopped working on the marriage.

It has been said that if you keep on doing after you get married, what you did before you got married, you will never get unmarried. The fast-paced, busy society that we live in today can be hard on any marriage; but nothing is more needful in America today than strong, exemplary Christian homes.

Husbands and wives need to find time for each other

and work at keeping the romance alive.

We should never stop trying to improve our children. The early formative years are critical to how your children will turn out. Parents should be very involved in every aspect of their children's lives, but especially the spiritual side of their life.

We always had family devotions when our children were living at home. It was not the five-minute Bible-verse-and – a prayer type but thirty to forty-five minutes and serious reflection on what we just read. We all memorized many Bible verses together. Even today with the children grown and gone, Dad can't help but still give a little Bible advice from time to time.

We should do all that we can to improve our churches. The need for volunteers to help at church never stops. Most everyone has some type of talent that can be beneficial at church. I'm sure the pastor can offer suggestions if you go and volunteer to help, but we need to be willing to do the menial tasks.

We should never stop trying to improve our minds. By the time I finished Bible College I had twenty-two years of formal classroom schooling. This was counting secular college and military schools. Quite frankly, I was sick and tired of studying.

But as I entered the ministry, there was a continuous call to study. At the age of seventy now, even though I am no longer a pastor, I still study all the time.

There are many other areas of our lives that I could mention, but hopefully you get the idea. Even though it may be difficult at times, let's never stop improving.

Taken from *Sword of the Lord*

*Editor's Note:* "... desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious" 1 Peter 2:2b-3. "but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen" II Peter 3:18. SANCTIFICATION!

**"Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can.  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can."**

**John Wesley**

# What About Tattoos?

*“You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead, nor make any tattoo marks on yourselves: I am the Lord.” (Leviticus 19:28)*

The trend in society today is for people to have tattoos put on their bodies. Some people will even go to the extent of having a good share of their bodies covered with different tattoos. Christians have also entered into this. Some Christians will put tattoos on their bodies of a cross or Jesus or a Bible verse or the like. They say that this is a witness to their faith in doing this. How are Christians supposed to look at tattoos?

The prevailing attitude in Christianity today is that God looks at the heart and not the outside. *“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’” (1 Sam. 16:7)* This verse is frequently quoted and the impression is given that God only looks at the heart and we are free to do with the outside whatever we want. The whole context of this Scripture was for God’s choosing a replacement for Saul to be king in Israel. When the people choose Saul for their king, they went by his outward appearance. *“And he had a son whose name was Saul, a choice and handsome man, and there was not a more handsome person than he among the sons of Israel; from his shoulders and up he was taller than any of the people.” (1 Samuel 9:2)* God was telling Samuel that the qualifications for being a king were not in the outward appearance as Saul had, as God was looking at the heart to find someone who was “a man after God’s own heart.” He was NOT stating that God doesn’t look AT ALL on the outward appearance of a person.

The Scripture at the top of the page clearly spells out for us that God’s people are not supposed to put tattoos upon themselves. Some would read this and reply, “Well, this is from the Old Testament. We’re not under that covenant any longer. Its dictates don’t apply to the New Testament Christian.”

Does that mean that every dictate from the Old Testament is no longer valid? In this text, it also says, *“Do not profane your daughter by making her a harlot, so that the land may not fall to harlotry, and the land become full of lewdness.” (Lev. 19:29)* If we are going to disregard everything that the Old Testament teaches, then is it alright for daughters to give themselves to harlotry? This portion of text also says, *“Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God.” (Lev. 19:31)* Does that mean that it is alright for a Christian to seek out spiritists and mediums? No.

When we read the Old Testament, we must ask ourselves the question: “Does the New Testament give further insight into issue?” The Old Testament teaches that animals were to be slain to cover the sins of the people. We no longer do this because Jesus has come and was sacrificed once for all, the just for the unjust. The New Testament instructs us that this part of the Old Testament is put away. (See Heb. 10:1-9) Therefore the Ceremonial Law is instructed for us in the New Testament as put away and not binding upon us. The Old Testament taught *“And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.” (Ex. 21:17)* We don’t put disobedient children to death or stone adulterers today because the Civil Law that Israel was under does not apply to us today. We are governed by the law of the land in these matters.

The Moral Law that God has given to us in the Old Testament still applies today. Specifically, we can look in the New Testament and find all of the Ten Commandments repeated for us. So in terms of the moral dictates of the Old Testament, we should ask ourselves: “Does the New Testament give further instruction on a given practice? Are there things banned in the Old Testament that are lifted in the New? Are there things allowed in the Old Testament that are not done in the New?”

When we think of tattoos, we should ask ourselves, “Does the New Testament give any further instruction on this practice, either in direct commands or in examples?” There is no lifting of the ban put on tattoos in the New Testament, either in direct command or by example.

In fact, the New Testament goes further in its teachings of the role of the believer’s physical body. It tells the Christian that his body is the Temple of the God the Holy Spirit. He is the place where God now dwells. In the Old Testament, the Temple was revered and set apart as being holy, because this is where God dwelled and where people came to bow down and worship. Jesus Himself even cleansed the Temple when people wanted to defile it. (See John 2:13-22) The thought of painting displays on the Temple were not even considered.

New Testament Christians are given commands on what to do with their bodies. *“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.” (1 Cor. 6:19-20)* Christians are to glorify God in their bodies the way that the Temple was set apart

and glorified in the Old Testament. *“I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”* (Rom. 12:1) Here our physical bodies are to be presented to God like the sacrifices in the Old Testament. Animals which were physically marred were not allowed for the sacrifice.

It is clear from these New Testament Scriptures that our bodies are not neutral to do with whatever we please. God commands us to glorify Him with our physical bodies also. According to God’s Word, placing tattoos on your body violates these commands.

Pastor Jim Haga  
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***Have you entered the storehouses ...which I reserve for times of trouble? Job 38:22 – 23***

Our trials are great opportunities, but all too often we simply see them as large obstacles. If only we would recognize every difficult situation as something God has chosen to prove His love to us, each obstacle would then become a place of shelter and rest, and a demonstration to others of His inexpressible power. If we would look for the signs of His glorious handiwork, then every cloud would indeed become a rainbow, and every difficult mountain path would become one of ascension, transformation, and glorification.

If we would look at our past, most of us would realize that the times we endured the greatest stress and felt that every path was blocked were the very times our heavenly Father chose to do the kindest things for us and bestow His richest blessings.

God’s most beautiful jewels are often delivered in rough packages by very difficult people, but within the package we will find the very treasures of the King’s palace and the Bridegroom’s love. – A.B. Simpson

We must trust the Lord through the darkness, and honor Him with unwavering confidence even in the midst of difficult situations. The reward of this kind of faith will be like that of an eagle shedding its feathers is said to receive – a renewed sense of youth and strength. – J. R. Macduff

*If we could see beyond today  
As God can see;  
If all the clouds should roll away,  
The shadows flee;  
O’er present griefs we would not fret.  
Each sorrow we would soon forget,  
For many joys are waiting yet  
For you and me.*

*If we could know beyond today  
As God does know,  
Why dearest treasures pass away  
And tears must flow’  
And why the darkness leads to light,  
Why dreary paths will soon grow bright;  
Some day life’s wrongs will be made right,  
Faith tells us so.*

*“If we could see, if we could know,”  
We often say,  
But God in love a veil does throw  
Across our way;  
We cannot see what lies before,  
And so we cling to Him the more,  
He leads us till this life is o’er;  
Trust and obey.*

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*“Sanctify them through thy truth”* (John 17:17)

Sanctification begins in regeneration. The Spirit of God infuses into man that new living principle by which he becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus. This work, which begins in the new birth, is carried on in two ways: mortification, where the lusts of the flesh are subdued and kept under; and vivification by which the life which God has put within us is made a well of water springing up to everlasting life. This is carried on every day in what is called perseverance, by which the Christian is preserved and continued in a gracious state and is made to abound in good works to the praise and glory of God. While the Spirit of God is the author of sanctification, there is a visible agency employed which must not be forgotten. “Sanctify them,” said Jesus, “through thy truth. Thy word is truth” (John 17:17). Many passages of Scripture prove that the instrument of our sanctification is the Word of God. The Spirit of God brings to our minds the precepts and doctrines of truth and applies them with power. These are heard in the ear but received in the heart. They work in us to will and to do of God’s good pleasure. The Word is the sanctifier. If we do not hear or read the truth, we will not grow in sanctification. ***“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path”*** (Psalm 119:105).

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## Green Pastures and Still Waters

*“He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.”*

Psalm 23:2

PSALM Twenty-three has been called the “Pearl of Psalms.” It has been called the “Psalm of Psalms.” It has been called the “Psalm of Life.” It is the most beautiful, the most exquisite Psalm from the Old Testament Psalter.

The Prince of Grenada was shut up in an old prison in Madrid for thirty-three years. They were years of loneliness and suffering, imprisoned in a living tomb. At the end of the thirty-three years liberty came to him in the form of death. After his death there was found scratched on the walls of his dungeon these words: “Psalm twenty-three is the most beautiful chapter of the Bible.” The man who could write that statement in such conditions and under such circumstances certainly knew the truth of that Psalm. Yea, more, he knew the Shepherd.

That Psalm brought light into his dark dungeon that was brighter than the candle and warmer than the sun. It gave a greater liberty than he might have known had he been free. It brought more gladness to his spirit than earthly pomp and pleasures could. It spread for him a greater feast than his wealthiest earthly friends ever could.

You see, even in a dark dungeon you may have green pastures and still waters.

### INTERPRETATION

In order to better understand the text we give a brief explanation of the daily duties of the Oriental shepherd. First, a word about the sheepfold.

My grandfather once had some sheep. When they were not in the pasture they were kept in a shed built in connection with the barn. Years ago when I heard of a sheepfold I thought of his barn-like structure.

The Oriental sheepfold, however, is not a covered building like a barn. It is a mere enclosure surrounded by a wall, possibly built out of rough stones, on the top of which thorn branches are placed to keep wild beasts and robbers from crawling over. It is always built out on the range in the open. One corner might have a covering for protection of the shepherd or the porter in time of storm, but the sheep in the fold rest under the open heaven. Generally several shepherds keep their flocks in the same fold. The sheep are brought to the fold at night and either the shepherds take turns watching through the night, one watching while the others sleep, or they hire a night watchman who is called a porter. This porter is in charge of the sheep during the night. The entrance into the sheepfold is by one door. In the morning the shepherd comes to the fold to lead his sheep out to pasture. There

may be hundreds of sheep in the fold, and it might look like quite a problem to get them separated after mixing up during the night, but every shepherd can quickly separate his sheep from all the rest simply by calling them. The sheep know the voice of the shepherd, and when he utters his shepherd all then will come quickly to him. When the sheep are gathered, he leads them out to pasture. *“And when he putteth forth his own sheep he goeth before them”* (John 10:4). It is the daily duty of the shepherd to see that his sheep have plenty to eat and to drink. The flocks are never fed in the fold, either winter or summer. They must depend upon foraging for their sustenance. The shepherd must lead his flock to pastures of tender grass. He must also have in mind during the wanderings of the day a drinking place to which he will lead his flock. They must have a fresh drink every day. The land of Palestine is very rough and mountainous. The streams are noisy and turbulent. You cannot get a sheep to drink from a nosy, rushing stream. A dog will, or the beasts of the forest will, but not a sheep. The sheep are afraid of water. Even the babbling of a fountain will frighten them. A dog is not helpless in the water, but a sheep is. Their wool buoys them up and the rushing streams carries them away. Because of this, wells and fountains are found all through the land of Palestine, and to these quiet drinking places the shepherd leads his sheep. At the well the shepherd draws the water and pours it into the drinking troughs. Or sometimes when the shepherd leads his sheep over the slopes he finds a spring with its little rivulet noisily running down a crevice, and he finds a nook where he can dam up the water and make a quiet pool. It is so the shepherd leads his sheep by the waters for quietness. At the close of the day the shepherd leads his flock back to the fold, unless perchance they have wandered too far away in search of pasture to return at night. In such cases, the shepherd watches his sheep in the field by night.

### APPLICATION

What do these green pastures and still waters mean to you and me? We are not woolly sheep. We are human beings symbolized by sheep. The one who wrote this Psalm was a man thinking of himself in terms of shepherd life. It is customary to say the green pastures mean rest and the still waters refreshment, which is true; but even more simply than that, green pastures mean food and still waters mean drink. Food and drink are necessary for physical life, and food and drink are necessary for spiritual life. What, then, do the green pastures mean to **us**? In other words, what is the food of the Christian? Many times in Scripture the Word of God is presented as our food. Jeremiah said, *Thy words were found and I did eat them.*” Nourishment and strength and growth come by the Word

of God, therefore our green pastures are the Scriptures. Many times in Scripture the Spirit is presented under the emblem of water. The smitten rock is typical of Christ, but the refreshing flow of water at which both thirsty man and beast assuaged his thirst speaks of the Spirit. In John 7:37-39 our Lord said, *“If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink ..... out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit.”* Paul, writing in 1 Cor. 12:13, says, we *“have been all made to drink into one Spirit;”* that is, we all drink at the same spiritual fountain – the still waters.

Taken from *The Psalm of Psalms* by R. L. Moyer, D.D.  
Submitted by Paul Peterson, Kenyon, MN

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### **Getting In; Getting Out!**

*The Major Miscalculation of Marching  
With a Mixed Multitude*

The believer’s separation from the world is closely linked with his salvation. We read of Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father (Gal. 1:3, 4).

The cross of Christ is the door of escape from a doomed world, as well as the place of refuge for a guilty sinner. By the cross the believer is crucified to the world and separated unto God.

Many do not see this – or do not want to see it. They boast of the cross as their deliverance from the wrath to come but ignore its power to separate them from the world. They live at home in Egypt. The ungodly are their associates; and, although they speak of being in Heaven at last, they grasp as much of the world as they can – or, to use a popular phrase, they try to “make the best of both worlds.”

It is not “the will of God and our Father” that his children should be mixed up in unhallowed alliance with the world. He has spoken on this with a clearness that none need mistake. What think you of such a verse as this: *“ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God”* (Jas. 4:4).

This does not read like “making the best of both worlds,” does it? Nor has anyone who ever tried to do so found the game to be a gaining one, either for time or eternity.

We learn from Israel’s history the way of the Lord in separating His redeemed from this present evil world. Shrink not from making the line a clear one. Let the gap between you and the world be as wide as God has made it.

The “mixed multitude” (Exod. 12:38) may teach us another lesson. If one trick fails, the enemy will try another – for his devices are not one, but many. If he cannot retain some of God’s redeemed in Egypt, he will seek to send Egyptians up to Canaan to mix up among them. And has he not succeeded?

In the dead of night, it would have been a difficult thing to detect a few Egyptians among a band of some two million people. Probably this mixture consisted of Egyptian friends of Israelitish families, for it would appear they had intermarried (Lev. 24:10), and what more natural than to accompany their friends! But these became a weakness and a curse to them. It was the “mixed multitude” who cried for flesh and loathed the manna, and they led Israel to the same (Num. 11:4; 21:5). And so it ever is.

During a time when souls are being saved, Satan introduces his counterfeits and sends them on along with the Lord’s redeemed. They may go on all well for a time, but by and by they must come out in their true colors – always leaving their marks among the people of God.

Some follow for the loaves and the fishes, and others are led on by natural feelings – and none more likely than the relations and friends of true believers, who have outwardly adopted the profession and name of “Christian” through their influence but who are at heart Egyptians.

Such will only become a clog and a snare to the true believer; therefore, let us watch the worldlings who ‘un-awares creep in’ among the saints. Sooner or later, they will return to the world, and their influence for evil is mighty.– John Ritchie

Taken from *Sword of the Lord*

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### ***Just to Know That Jesus Cares!***

*When you’ve met some disappointment  
And you’re tempted to feel blue,  
When your plans have all been sidetracked  
Or some friend has proved untrue,  
When you’re tolling and you’re struggling  
At the bottom of the stairs,  
It will seem a bit like Heaven  
Just to know that Jesus cares!*

*Oh, this life is not all sunshine;  
Some days darkest clouds disclose.  
There’s a cross for every joybell,  
And a thorn for every rose.  
But the cross is not so grievous  
Nor the thorn the rosebud wears,  
And the clouds have silver linings  
When we know that Jesus cares! – Selected*

## **The God-Called, Blood-Cleansed, Spirit-Filled (Ed. Controlled) Preacher**

We are thinking now of the God-called blood-cleansed, Spirit-filled preacher – the man of God who is wholly occupied with his concern for and his message to his fellow beings. We are thinking of the man who is little concerned about other things, but his thought is centered on the salvation of human souls.

He is possessed with a burning passion. Nothing can divert him from his one great objective. He is so rich in his own spiritual state, he is so uplifted with the love of Christ in his heart, he is so constrained to seek after the lost, he is so satisfied with the blessing that God gives him as he brings in the lost sheep that he has little concern or thought of material things.

This preacher we are thinking about is one of the most independent men in the world. Don't misunderstand me. I do not mean he is a rash man or a lawless man or a man who rends and tears propriety to pieces, but I do mean that the perfect love of Christ has cast out fear.

He feels and knows that God is with him and that his message is not his own. He is not afraid to trust God. Whatever comes or goes, he charges it up to headquarters. “Thou hast called me. Thou art with me; I am dead to the world; my life is hid with Christ in Thee. All things concerning me are safe for time and eternity What care I, live or die? Immortal souls are saved and Christ is glorified.”

It is a privilege to look upon such a man in the pulpit. He is not proud, and he does not cower. He doesn't fear the face of any man. He is filled (Ed. Controlled) with the Holy Ghost. He rests while he labors. He feasts while he hungers. His garment may be seedy, but he is clothed with invisible garments of righteousness.

The weather may be below zero, and his body may be lean and chilled, but his heart is on fire. He is warmed with the sense of the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. He can get on somehow. He eats well of whatever comes to hand. He braves the tempest. He wears out opposition, and he sleeps as if he were enfolded in the everlasting arms of Omnipotence.

It awakens and stirs and thrills the souls of men to hear him speak. The voice is human, but the truth is divine. His message is a sword to conquer; it is medicine to heal; it is bread to feed us; it is water out of the wells of salvation to slake the burning thirst of our famishing souls.

There is no way to describe what this man who is God-called, blood-cleansed and Spirit-filled means to us with his message; that is the Gospel of Christ and the power of God unto salvation. H. C. Morrison.

Taken from *Sword of the Lord*

## **HAUGE FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE**

**Bethany Lutheran Church**

*West Union, Iowa*

**Pastor Marshall Nessa, Host Pastor**

October 18 – 20, 2013

(Friday Evening thru Sunday noon)

### **JESUS ONLY**

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich”  
II Corinthians 8:9

#### **Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. – Pastor Paul Larson, Callaway, MN

#### **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time

9:30 a.m. – Coffee/Refreshments

10:00 a.m. – Pastor Jim Peterson, Mondovi, Wis.

11:05 a.m. – Pastor Paul Larson

12 Noon – (Meal served at church with a Free Will Offering)

1:15 p.m.– Editor: Rodney Stueland, Dilworth, MN

2:20 p.m.– Pastor Jim Peterson

3:15 p.m.– Coffee/Refreshments

3:45 p.m.– Testimonies, Fellowship, Singspiration

7:00 p.m.– Pastor Paul Larson

#### **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

First Session at 9:30 a.m. – Rodney Stueland

Closing Session at 10:45 a.m. – Pastor Paul Larson

***He (JESUS) could have called ten thousand angels, BUT...***

REMEMBER: Throughout all Scripture they gathered to hear the WORD OF GOD!

*For More Information:* Please call Pastor Marshall Nessa 563-422-7241

**WELCOME: Please pray for, try to attend and invite others!**

P. S. IF convenient, please bring along ‘goodies’ for ‘refreshment times’



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**Update**

Please prayerfully and carefully read Luke 21:1-4

**REMINDER!**

*“for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.”* Luke 21:4.

NOTICE when our Lord observed a widow putting two mites (*the smallest of coins*) into the temple offerings (actually giving unto GOD); He praised her for her extravagance! Why? Not because of how much she gave, but because she gave all she had, as HE *noticed* what was left over for herself.

You know it's that kind of giving that honors GOD (giving HIM free *access* to ALL AREAS OF 'OUR' LIVES & letting HIM choose what and how much we should give! **11 Corinthians 9:6 – 8.**

Gratitude of heart can often be seen in a generous spirit.

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