



# Morning Glory

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

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## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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

Psalm 46:1-2

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

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

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

Only God could accomplish this victory, for Satan is **“the prince of this world”** (John 14:30), **“the prince of the power of the air”** (Ephesians 2:2). **NO MAN ON EARTH IS HIS EQUAL.**

But how did the Son of God gain the victory? By taking on Himself “flesh and blood” and dying a substitutionary death, **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil”** (Hebrews 2:14).

### The Right Man on Our Side

*“Behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not.”* Luke 22:31-32.

Satan wanted Peter to fall and he would (v. 34), but Christ had prayed for him that victory would come. The second verse of **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** reflects our vulnerability on our own and our invincibility on His side.

*Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side,  
The man of God’s own choosing;  
Doth ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He,  
Lord Sabaoth, His name, From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.*

After revealing many thrilling blessings, Paul asks: **“What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”** (Romans 8:31). Furthermore, neither **“principalities, nor powers; nor anything else in all creation is “able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”** (Romans 8:38-39). (Editor: Notice though, this does not forbid self-deception – Jeremiah 17:9: And even the unsaved are loved by God to the very point of physical death). With Him, Sa-

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tan cannot win the battle for our minds or destinies. But on our own, we cannot win.

The term Sabaoth is the Hebrew word for “hosts,” in particular, the “host of heaven.” The term Yahweh Sabaoth or “Lord Sabaoth occurs some 300 times in the Old Testament and constitutes a most majestic name for God. *“For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts in His name; and thy redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall He be called”* (Isaiah 54:5). This is none other than *“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever”* (Hebrews 13:8). Creator (Colossians 1:16), Sustainer (v. 17), Redeemer (v. 20) – He must win the battle.

## His Doom Is Sure

*“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”* John 8:44.

The third verse of “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” focuses on Satan’s end. God has willed triumph through His truth.

*And though this world, with devils filled*

*Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear; for God hath willed*

*His truth to triumph through us”*

*The Prince of Darkness grim  
– We tremble not for him,*

*His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.*

When Satan was cast from heaven, fully a third of the angels fell with him (Revelation 12:4), such that a “legion” of them could inhabit one individual (Mark 5:9). But God has other plans for His children. He desires “to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they might receive forgiveness of sins” (Acts 26:18). He desires us to “resist the devil” (James 4:7) and not “give place to the devil” (Ephesians 4:27).

He also has plans for Satan, including “everlasting chains under darkness” (Jude 1:6), and “everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41). Just one word and Satan will be “cast into the lake of fire and ...tormented day and night for ever and ever” (Revelation 20:10). Jesus, anticipating His execution, spoke of it triumphantly. This had been His Father’s will all along. “*Now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me*” (John 12:31-32), and now the battle is His.

### **His Kingdom Is Forever**

*“Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God”* Hebrews 12:1-2.

The final verse of “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” describes our tools and comportment while in the battle, and the final victory.

*That word above all earthly powers,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Thro’ Him who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever.*

As the Kings’ soldiers, we have God-given abilities and possessions, most notably the indwelling of God’s Spirit and empowering gifts. “***If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His***” (Romans 8:9). “*Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit*” (1 Corinthians 12:4). We should “***fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul***” (Matthew 10:28) and focus on Him, “denying ungodliness and worldly lusts” (even good and kindred (Luke 9:60-62) if need be). “*We should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in*

*this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ”* (Titus 2:12-13).

As of yet the battle continues. “*To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne*” (Revelation 3:21), “**and so shall we ever be with the Lord**” (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

John D. Morris, Ph.D.

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### **Conquering Quest**

*“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on.”*  
Philippians 3:12

The Spirit of God awakens a man out of the death-sleep of unconcern and self-security to spiritual perception. Through the Gospel the Holy Spirit opens his eyes to the mystery of the atonement, and gives a taste of the heavenly nectar comprising forgiveness of sins and friendship with God.

There is joy in witnessing this work of the Spirit of God. Individuals are given desire for the work of the Spirit within them. They hunger and thirst for more faith within them. They hunger and thirst for more faith and more intimate fellowship with the Saviour. Christ becomes more precious. The word becomes their only true wisdom and they discover new depths of spiritual mystery.

Others who have experienced poverty in spirit, and have hungered for the good things of the Spirit become so educated in the wisdom of God that they consider themselves spiritually filled and satisfied. Hunger and thirst for the gifts of the Spirit wanes when spiritual satisfaction and laxity are harbored.

***“More about Jesus let me learn,  
More of his holy will discern;  
Spirit of God my teacher be,  
Showing the things of Christ to me.”***

PRAYER: Spirit of God, renew a right spirit within me; and lead me progressively to greater depths in perceiving Your sacred and wonderful truths, for Christ’s sake. Amen.

*Rosenius’ Daily Meditations*, by Carl O. Rosenius,  
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## Cast Not Away Your Boldness!

Cast not away your boldness!

This is the sympathetic and earnest counsel which Jesus would proffer to His friends here today. He knows what boldness in our relationship toward God will mean in our battle against our sinful habits, in our work for the Lord, and in our sufferings and trials.

This boldness is a daily **miracle** which Jesus must work within our souls. It cannot be ascribed to natural inclinations, to a bright and cheerful disposition, nor to outward circumstances, such as a strong body, a secure position, good connections or money in the bank. By no means, we are here speaking of the **boldness** which we have by faith, that which we have by **the blood of Christ** (Hebrews 10:19).

Let nothing take this boldness from you; let not sin take it away.

If you err, take the course that you know you ought to take. Go to God immediately and be restored by the blood of Christ. Then your mistakes and failings (Ed. SINS) will be as though they had never happened.

Do not let your defeats from day to day deprive you of your boldness. As long as you speak candidly with Jesus about your defeats, you will be able to do battle boldly each day against your old sinful habits. Remember His loving words: *“Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in Me.”*

We all know that tribulation, adversity, poverty, illness, sorrow and death take on a different meaning when we stand with Jesus. To be a child of God gives us a peculiar and glorious strength with which to meet all the various problems of life. God in His holiness lifted us from our wickedness and forgave us all our sins for Christ’s sake. Then so to speak, He took us up into His lap, threw His eternal arms about us and said: “Now you can be calm both in life and in death, even in judgment. Keep nigh unto me, no matter what happens; I have espoused your cause. I will take care of you. No evil shall befall you. As you know, none is stronger than I in heaven, on earth, or in hell. I will care for mine own.”

My friends! This gives boldness.

**“Cast not away your boldness,”** says the Lord here today to His fellow workers. And we are all His co-workers, if we are His children. He needs workers that have boldness. If any one should be bold in his work, it certainly should be we who are co-laborers with the Lord.

In our work we often lose courage, in two ways in particular

In the first place, by allowing the spirit of factionalism to creep into our work, by working for ourselves

and for our group, for our church body, instead of being a glad and willing member of the church of our persuasion and working for Christ. By so doing, men lose their boldness both before God and their brethren. Still worse, they miss the blessing of God. And it is a heavy strain, my friends, to work for the Lord without having His blessing. Of this, we have all no doubt, had some bitter experiences.

In the second place, we lose courage in our labors for the Lord when we allow ourselves to continually look down upon our many difficulties, instead of looking up to the Lord. This has robbed many a sincere and faithful worker of his courage.

You parents, you teachers, you who are workers in the various Christian organizations, you who are members of the various governing bodies, you who preach the Word of God, you who occupy positions of leadership with their attendant responsibilities, — I feel a great desire to exhort you in the most brotherly manner possible: cast not away your boldness!

Remember that all of the Lord’s work has had its baptism of difficulties. At the present time we are having some very special difficulties. And there are more coming. Paganism, deliberate and anti-Christian, is now penetrating both the higher and the lower strata of society in our nation. The practice of silencing and denying the old gospel of the cross is penetrating more and more into both our churches and our schools. Mammon-slavery and pleasure-madness are spreading more and more among both young and old. The depression will make it increasingly difficult to balance our budgets. Our missionary societies are losing vast sums every day on foreign exchange alone.

In the midst of all these difficulties stands the Lord and says to us: **“Cast not away your boldness!** I will give you the workers that you need and also sufficient funds to carry on all of My work. Depend upon Me! Did I not say unto you that if you believed you would see the glory of the Lord?”

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“GOLD IS GOOD IN ITS PLACE  
BUT LIVING, BRAVE, PATRIOTIC  
MEN ARE BETTER THAN GOLD.”

Abraham Lincoln

# Editorial

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## TIPPING OR TITHING IN GOD'S KINGDOM VINEYARD?

*“Then the king said to Araunah, ‘No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing.’ So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. So the LORD heeded the prayers for the land and the plague was with-drawn from Israel.”*

*(II Samuel 24:24-25b)*

Today, let us borrow some information from *Matthew Henry's Commentary*, to start with!

Let us remind ourselves of the grace of our Lord Jesus, who gave Himself for our sins and GOD is encouraging us to offer to Him spiritual sacrifices is evidence of his reconciling us to Himself. and thus dealing with each of us and is dealing with us in His marvelous GRACE. David is directed to build an altar as he was now thoroughly reconciled to God, after his true repentance. If God accepted David's 'justification' as God is the Justifier; He would not have accepted his offering: Therefore would not have directed David to build an Alta'. (The word "Altar" means killing place). THUS, God is encouraging us to offer to Him spiritual sacrifices as the evidence of His reconciling us to Himself. That peace has been made between God and sinners by HIS sacrifice, even as by Christ the great *propitiation*, of whom all the legal sacrifices were types.

Araunah was likely by birth a Gentile, who became a Jebusite (Jewish religion) and therefore was allowed, not only to dwell among the Israelites, but to have a possession of his own in a city, Lev. 25:29, 30. Even though David was a king at the time, he went himself and as we know great men will never be the less respected for their humility.

Araunah, when he understood his business (v. 21), generously offered him *willingly*, not only the ground to build his altar on, but *oxen for sacrifice AND* other things that would be of use for David to sacrifice. (Keep in mind & heart that there is NO FORGIVENESS OF SIN, *without the shedding of BLOOD* before God – the innocent for the guilty.)

In response, King David resolved to pay the full value of the ground, thanked him, and performed the sacrifice, as he would not offer that to God which cost him nothing.

Now as we know true Christianity is not made up of

do's and don'ts in order to experience Salvation and Deliverance; but there is a price to be paid in order to be a true follower of Jesus.

JESUS Himself tells us that unless we are willing to daily take up our *cross*, we are not worthy of HIM! How true this is of freedom– period: Someone else had to pay the ultimate price in order to have freedom. FREEDOM NEVER COMES FREE! John 8:31-36. *“Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin”* Hebrews 10:25.

JESUS PAID IT ALL! *“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.

Now in reality you and I are “beggars” before a Gracious and Merciful GOD, as when we see ourselves lost before a thrice Holy God. We come to Him in godly repentance and plead for mercy and forgiveness, and as a promised **gift** (bonus) GOD promises the GIFT OF SALVATION.

Martin Luther mentions that if we were to receive what we deserve, we would be like a “blade of grass”: and personally I don't believe we would come out that well! So *“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls”* Hebrews 12:1-3.

In His Eternal Word, the BIBLE, Jesus talked much about money as money matters, yet even many of His Blood bought children don't like to heed or hear about

money (giving & tithing) even though it is for OUR benefit!

Doesn't it at times *seem like we are "tipping" to GOD, instead of tithing!* Kind of *like leaving a 'tip' after a meal!*

In our text, King David did not believe in stealing and giving it unto God! He gave that which he rightfully owned, not something that would not cost him nothing. Proverbs 3:5-10, Malachi chapter three. II Corinthians 8:1-8. Think of the lady who poured ointment/perfume on JESUS, or the "Widows mite" – as not only what she gave, but how she gave! GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER! (Be sure your giving is of the Lord; not just to a religious/Christian ministry or organization. Is it Holy Spirit led?)

The way of the world is to "live for yourself"; but God says to obey and follow HIM! The way of the world makes many promises which it can not deliver.

Out of LOVE, how we need to follow the following: **"Only fear (child-like fear) the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He had done for you"** 1 Samuel 12:24.

One DAY we individually will meet/stand before **JESUS/GOD/HOLY SPIRIT: FACE TO FACE.**

What will it be?

**"Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.'" Revelation 14:13**

## Blessed is the Nation

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD..." Psalm 33:12*

The providence of God was seen over and over again in the settling and founding of this country. George Washington alluded to it many times. Here is just one stunning example.

In the first year of the Revolutionary War, America almost lost the entire conflict. Washington's entire army was penned up in Brooklyn Heights by General Howe. The British forces surrounded him in a great semicircle and behind him British ships could close him off at any time. There was no way of escape. They were waiting to close in on them the next day, and, thus, end the war. That night, Washington determined that he would endeavor to escape, realizing the helplessness of his position. He collected every vessel he could find from row boats to sloops and set about to evacuate his troops by night. Counselors said it would be impossible because the British would see them in the moonlight and hear the splashing of their oars. But Washington determined to go ahead anyway and just as they started to put the ships in the water, a strange and unusual fog rose up and completely covered all of the ships. When General Howe gave the orders in the morning to close in on the trap, to his astonishment, he found that Washington and his entire army had disappeared.

Precisely because of many incidents like these, Washington wrote after the war: **"I am sure that never was a people, who had more reason to acknowledge a divine interposition in their affairs, than those of the United States."** I hope you will join me in getting peo-

ple to remember God's hand in the shaping of this great nation. Let's give credit to Whom it is due.

**"The hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith and more than wicked, that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligations."**  
George Washington

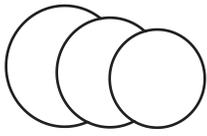
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*Editor's Note:* "Government is a dangerous servant and a fearful master." George Washington

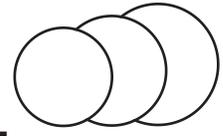
## What is a Child?

A child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit where you are sitting, and, when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends on him. He will assume control of your cities, states, and nations. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities, and corporations. All your books are going to be judged by him. The fate of humanity is in his hands.

Abraham Lincoln



# From Our Fellowship Circle



**M. J. J.**

**Hixton, WI**

Thank you for your excellent publication as always. You are truly one of the last places to find Biblical truth and information.

Please continue your mission.

Enclosed is a check for ... to aid in your work. God bless you all mightily!

**Pastor & Mrs. J. S.**

**Minneapolis, MN**

Thank you so much for mailing the *Morning Glory* to us. You have been so faithful all these years in sharing the Good News. We are living in turbulent and changing times and all the more we need to feast on the Promises in the Living Word of GOD.

We miss the good times of fellowship from years ago – God bless you! (Ed. AMEN)!

**H. J.**

**Woodburn, OR**

Dale’s relationship with Christ was paramount to anyone who got to know him. He met pastor Harvan Christensen, a pastor at Woodburn Immanuel Lutheran Church, who made Jesus real to him – not just a name on a piece of paper – but a real person. Dale gave his life to Jesus in 1948 and never stopped serving Him. He gave a helping hand, both financially and literally, to many individuals. There are many individuals today who could speak to Dale’s life and testimony.

Dale went Home to be with his Lord and Savior on June 15, 2016 at the age of 95.

*Editor’s Note:* I had the privilege of personally meeting Pastor Harvan Christensen also; and I had the privilege/responsibility of being an Evangelist for a series of meetings with him.

Pastor Christensen had me on the go more than probably any other place in my life as an evangelist, as he definitely was burdened/concerned about where souls would spend Eternity, and practiced the same! He definitely knew that each of us needed to know JESUS as our Savior personally.

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## **THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH**

*“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith’” Romans 1:17.*

This was the liberating Bible verse that set Martin Luther free from the work of seeking to earn SALVATION by reformation (good works) and the chains of Roman Catholicism! As you already know, the Roman Catholic religion holds their people by fear and true Christianity is held together by LOVE! (We most certainly see Preventive Grace at work in the life of Martin Luther also)!

In this text we see from God’s Incorruptible Word that the Apostle Paul was set free by the Power of God’s Eternal Word – Isaiah 55:11; and he was not “ashamed” to share the depravity (God’s Law in love) of the human person and the glorious message of saving grace – the Gospel.

God says that His Word is the dynamite that sets the sin-sick soul FREE and is justified in the presence of a thrice HOLY GOD; as God, Himself is the JUSTIFIER! It is the Word of God that is the power of God and without that power the gospel is but a dead letter. The medicine prepared will not cure the patient if it be not taken; as Jesus came to seek and save the LOST!

The ‘justification’ of believers is the way (v. 17); *‘For therein is the righteousness of God revealed’*, for ***“But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,”*** (Titus 3:4-5).

The gift of a living faith is all in all, both in the beginning and persevering of faith.

Thus is the evangelical righteousness from faith to faith – from Old Testament time, faith in a Christ to come, to New Testament faith in a Living Jesus Christ already come.

The proof of this biblical fact is that justification is either by works (Isaiah 64:6) or by faith. It cannot be by works and therefore it is by FAITH!

THUS, **God’s Law** must first be applied which brings about a broken and contrite spirit (godly repentance) before God’s remedy can be applied, and also must be applied DAILY in a believer’s heart and life! *“But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully.”* 1 Timothy 1:8, Romans 7:7-12, Galatians 3:19 – 25. Thus it makes the **Gospel welcome!** **SALVATION IS BY Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Word Alone!**

# Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

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## Morality's Enemy Proves It Again!

*Morality's Enemy Proves it Again!* Budweiser, the beer slop that destroys lives, breaks up homes, takes food from the mouths of babes, causes unemployment, leads to bankruptcy, procures mortgage foreclosures — **and damns souls in Hell forever** is now making mockery of our Country. From primary season through the November election, all the “devil’s liquid” it produces will not bear the company’s discredited name, but will boldly proclaim the name **AMERICA** on all its 12-ounce bottles and cans! *I kid you not!*

Company brass described it, “We are embarking on what should be the most patriotic summer that this generation has ever seen”. What, pray tell, is patriotic or American about getting drunk, vomiting and wallowing in the gutter? As one disgusted writer mocked, “So, between now and November 8, whenever you belly up to a bar do your patriot duty by ordering a foamy mug of “America”.

Their product tastes like dish water? Isn’t that why it is nicknamed ‘suds’?

Dr. Robert L. Summer, Editor of *The Biblical Evangelist*

## One in Four Transgender Men Have AIDS

A new Centers for Disease Control (CDC) report says that ... more than one in four (28 percent (of) men who identify as women – “transgender women” – are infected with the HIV virus, the precursor to AIDS.

The report found that less than half of those infected report their HIV status.

Lifesitenews.com

## Liberty Counsel Sounds Alarm!

We can’t say he didn’t warn us.

Just six months ago, President Obama told the nation that he has “unfinished business” and was determined to “leave it all on the field” in 2016. Now he is doubling down on his lame-duck agenda – with a vengeance. And that means

- Extreme pro-homosexual measures radically to transform our culture,
- Imposing unwarranted and unconstitutional

edicts he could never get passed through Congress and

- Trampling our constitutionally protected religious liberties.

His time is short, and this imperial president refuses to let anything stand in the way of his extremist policies. And, no doubt, he has far more “unfinished business” up his left sleeve ...

Until the day when Barack Obama leaves office, our mandate must be to stop his relentless assault, which is undermining and eroding our God-given rights and freedoms.

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## Church of Scotland Gives Consent to Same-Sex Ministers

The Church of Scotland’s general assembly has voted to allow those in same-sex marriages or partnerships to be eligible for clergy positions in the church.

According to the Christian Post, the general assembly voted 339 to 215 in favor of allowing gay ministers.

Veronica Neffinger for ChristianHeadlines.com

## Christian Rulers

*The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said, “Americans Should Select and Prefer Christians as Their Rulers.”*

## Baptist Church Sign Creates Uproar

A Baptist church sign (in Hood River, Oregon) which proclaims “Allah is not our God” is drawing criticism...

ChristianToday.com reports that, in addition to saying “Allah is not our God,” the sign says, “Wake up, Christians. Muhammad is not greater than Jesus, and “Only the Bible is God’s Word; Koran is just another book.”

Michael Harrington, the 74-year-old pastor of the small Baptist church, is responsible for the sign which has caused contention in Hood River...

Mayor of Hood River Paul Blackburn said the sign made him “really annoyed and sad.”

“I am annoyed that in this political season there’s a solid case of ugly going on. I think it norms up this kind of behavior like: “Oh, it’s okay to be a bigot now,” he

added.

Harrington, however, defends the sign's message...

"I'm not politically correct. I've never been politically correct, but I think I'm biblically correct, and that is what matters to me," he said. "It isn't against any particular denomination. It's just the fact that I have taught and will continue to teach that I have one God, one way of salvation and one Bible that's holy," he added.

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Editor's Comments: Telling it like it is or like you see it is okay when liberals do it; but when the rest of us speak up strongly, the liberals pronounce us bigots.

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## Hospital Stops Abortions after Every Single Doctor Signs Pledge Refusing to Do Them

A hospital in Poland has stopped doing abortions after every single physician there signed a pledge refusing to do them. This good news is a lesson for the United States and other countries where abortion is legal – that getting doctors to stand up for life and the Hippocratic Oath is a method of protecting women and unborn children even within the confines of legalized abortion.

LifeNews.com

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## How Long Will It Be Now?

By J. C. Masee

The submarine S-4 sank in a storm off Provincetown, Massachusetts. Thirty-two men and officers were imprisoned in the submerged boat. The news was flashed to the world, and the interest and sympathy of the world responded spontaneously.

The government at Washington concentrated all its efforts upon the work of rescue. As soon as the first rescuers were on hand, communication was established with the imprisoned men by means of tapping on the pipes leading to the boat.

The first message flashed back from the men was the question, "Is there any hope?"

What a cry from men doomed to die! For all of them did die. The government had not made adequate preparation for such an emergency. That lack of preparation let those thirty-two go to their death.

Is there any hope? The only hope was in the men above them in safety on the sea to whom the work of rescue was committed. They could do nothing for them-

selves.

Is there any hope? Their doom was not the less inevitable nor their despair the less real and terrible because theirs was a physical death caused by somebody's blunder.

Is there any hope? What a prayer! It wrings the very heart to remember it. Under color of hope the work of rescue began and continued vainly till the last one of them had perished. From time to time as the work of rescue continued, the imprisoned men tapped out another question: "*How long will it be now?*"

So hope gradually failed, and despair took its place. How long will it be now? No mind can measure the sickness of the heart as hope is deferred from hour to hour. But one by one they died there in their submarine prison.

How long will it be now? That is the tragic question of the millions who are sunk in the whelming sea of sin and suffering in the world.

To the Christian churches have been entrusted the work and the means of rescue. The means of rescue are adequate, but the preparation for rescue is all too futile, and the workers at rescue are all too indifferent.

The two cries of the submerged S-4 men are the very cries of the men who perish through sin in the world. These are the cries and prayers directed toward our churches: Is there any hope? Is there any remedy for sin? Any healing for its hurt? Any hope of recovery from its dreadful results?

We eagerly flash back the answer, "*Yes, there is hope.*" But then we get busy on our antiquated methods and use our energies upon secondary matters and stop to bewail the fact that somehow we do not get the job of rescue done.

And the millions of the lost perish while we experiment and waste energy upon matters of small importance. And the perishing millions continue to cry, "*How long will it be now?*" Don't our churches care? Will we never be done with the red tape of our inefficiency?

Back to the main business, back to some desperately in earnest work to get men delivered – **how long will it be now?** It is the perishing who cry. It is to us that they cry. Explicit directions for rescue were delivered nineteen centuries ago, and every Christian has them in hand in the first two chapters of the Book of Acts.

No amount of pious wailing that souls are perishing eternally will deliver us who know the way of deliverance from the judgment of God at the Great Day.

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# A Time To Stand and Be Counted

By Frank Wright, Ph.D.

*This is no time to wring our hands and mourn. When the darkness grows deeper, the light must shine that much brighter. This is a time to exalt the Person and the work of Jesus Christ.*

It's time to stop mourning what's lost and start celebrating what may still be found. It's time to recognize the insanity around us, but at the same time to remember nothing is new under the sun. But more importantly, it's time to remember that Jesus is risen and that the Sovereign Lord of the Universe is even now seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven.

Yes, the world is seemingly in headlong flight from any notion of biblical morality. Yes, the social fabric in place since the founding of America – one based upon a Christian consensus – has been seemingly rent asunder in just one generation. Yes, the fundamental freedoms secured by our Constitution are under attack as never before. Yes, the darkness seems to be gathering.

But I repeat: this is no time to wring our hands and mourn. When the darkness grows deeper, the light must shine that much brighter. This is a time to exalt the Person and the work of Jesus Christ. This is a time to live out our faith. This is a time to stand and be counted for Christ.

I say all this fully aware that the generations alive today are witness to the seeming disintegration of the Christian cultural consensus that made America unique among the nations of the Earth. We seem to be on the cusp of cultural chaos, with many boldly calling good things evil and evil things good.

While it is cold comfort, we cannot forget that Jesus was born into a world deeper in darkness than our own. With few exceptions, in the ancient world personal freedom existed only for the rich and powerful. Women and children were routinely treated as chattel property. The lives of many, if not most, were, as described Thomas Hobbes: nasty, brutish, and short.

Into this long dark night came the Light of the World, calling people out of darkness to walk in His marvelous light. And what did these followers of Jesus do? They lifted the cross of Christ high for everyone to see, and they proclaimed new life in His name.

Want to see revival? You will see it when the church repents in deep humility and seeks the face of God. You will see it when the church understands that the call of

Christ is to victory – a victory over sin and death purchased for us at the cross.

You will see it when the body of Christ remembers we are children of the Great King. Then the world again will see an unaccountably bold, loving, and faithful witness for Christ.

What does that witness look like? Some emphasize a priority of good works, quoting Saint Francis's famous aphorism: "Preach the Gospel every day; if necessary use words." So which is it? Does the world need to see our good works, or does it need to hear the Word of Life? Yes, and yes.

Jesus exhorted us to, *"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven"*(Matthew 5:16). But while good works are important, they are not enough. Jesus also said: *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth"* (Acts 1:8).

One need only look at the early church to see the priority of the Gospel message. In Acts chapter eight we read that the believers went everywhere... doing what? Doing good works? No, they went everywhere preaching the word.

Want to see revival in this generation? So do I. Revival begins with prayer and is followed by a faithful witness. When, from the overflow of our hearts, we can no longer remain silent, then will the forces of darkness flee from the face of the *soon-coming King*.

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*Editor's Note:* I am not a prophet by any means; BUT for us who are walking in the "light of God's Word" (His Grace), being enlightened by the Holy Spirit: IF we don't take a bold stand for TRUTH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS now, very likely in the not too distant future, many of us will wish we had!!! I believe we are living in a period of time when we are experiencing God's extended MERCY! Therefore we must not only take a bold stand for Truth and Righteousness, BUT make definite choices between 'bad and fair', 'fair and good', etc. (Even in our God-given privilege and responsibility of voting next month). How we need to plead before the Throne of Grace for boldness and empowerment to stand for TRUTH and RIGHTEOUSNESS! Time and opportunity are fleeting!

# Learning to Love

(Please read 1 Corinthians 13)

*Follow the way of love.* 1 Corinthians 14:1

*Love does more* than make “the world go round,” as an old song says. It also makes us immensely vulnerable. From time to time, we may say to ourselves: “Why love when others do not show appreciation?” or “Why love and open myself up to hurt?” But the apostle Paul gives a clear and simple reason to pursue love: “**These three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. Follow the way of love**” (1 Cor. 13:13-14:1).

“Love is an activity, the essential activity of God Himself,” writes Bible commentator C. K. Barrett, “and when men love either Him or their fellow-men, they are doing (however imperfectly) what God does.” And God is pleased when we act like Him.

To begin following the way of love, think about how you might live out the characteristic listed in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. For example, how can I show my child the same patience God shows me? How can I show kindness and respect for my parents? What does it mean to look out for the interests of others when I am at work? When something good happens to my friend, do I rejoice with her or am I envious?

As we “follow the way of love,” we’ll find ourselves often turning to God, the source of love, and to Jesus, the greatest example of love. Only then will we gain a deeper knowledge of what true love is and find the strength to love others like God loves us.

**God, thank You** that You are love and that You love me so much. Help me to love others the way Jesus showed us so that the whole world will know I am Your child.

**Love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.** 1 John 4:7

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## TWENTY Sinful Behaviors!

*Especially* so in the *last days*, these ‘sins’ seemingly will become even more prevalent!

See if the following sins are more prevalent TODAY than some years ago?

- 1). **Loves of their own selves** – selfish; self-centered; unconcerned about others.
- 2). **Covetous** – desires material things; greedy, driven

to possess more things.

3). **Boasters** – swaggerers; blow their own horns; talk about themselves.

4). **Proud** – considering themselves above others; haughty; refuse to admit when wrong.

5). **Blasphemers** – slanderous; swearing; reviling, foul-mouthed; dirty jokes.

6). **Disobedient to parents** – disrespectful toward elders; headstrong; hard to control.

7). **Unthankful** – ungrateful; take things for granted; think the “world/government owes me.”

8). **Unholy** – no interest or desire to keep separated from sin or the worldly world.

9). **Without natural affection** – showing more affection toward materialistic things, same-sex marriages, homosexuals, lesbians, animals, etc. than toward respect for the God-given opposite sex.

10). **Trucebreakers** – will promise anything but will not honor commitments, breaks promises.

11). **False accusers** – slanders; destroys the character of others.

12). **Incontinent** – no self-control; no self-discipline; no self-restraint.

13). **Fierce** – savage; cruel; heartless, wild’ impetuous – For example: Terrorist, ISIS, etc.

14). **Despisers of those that are good** – those who mock or have contempt for godly people.

15). **Traitors** – no convictions; changes sides for personal advantage or gain.

16). **Heady** – reckless; headstrong; stubborn.

17). **Highminded** – full of self; proud; puffed up; worship the intellect.

18). **Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God** – sensual; pleasure seeking; self-gratification is their god; not willing to submit to or obey God; pleasing themselves rather than God.

19). **Having a form of godliness; but denying the power thereof** - being religious – *maybe Sunday forenoons* – especially living for themselves, the world and the Devil the rest of the week; having an outward religious display but experiencing no real life-changing power by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. The BIBLE teaches no one to be religious, but to have a personal relationship with JESUS!

20). **Deception** – deceiving and being deceived as there are many false prophets doing ‘miracles’ and seeking to deceive the very elect if possible.

**Taken from II TIMOTHY Chapter 3.**

# Keep on Asking

By Dr. John R. Rice

I went to Chicago University in 1921 for graduate work. I left my teaching work at Wayland College to work on the M.A. degree in Chicago. I went to the university bookstore for a job to pay expenses. I said to Mr. Fred Tracht, "I want a job in the bookstore here."

He answered, "We are already filled up, and I have another fellow in mind when we need anybody."

But I said, "Well, you might need me. I will come back tomorrow."

He said I needn't come back, but I did – the next day. I said, "Mr. Tracht, anything open yet?"

"No, I guess not."

"Well, I just wanted to remind you that I have had experience in a bookstore. I love books. I am dependable, and I want the job. I am going to work my way through here."

He answered, "Well, never mind. I have another fellow in mind if we need someone."

"That is all right," I said. "I will come back tomorrow."

He softened a bit and said, "come back in a couple of weeks and we will see."

"I will be back tomorrow," I said.

I went back the next day. "I came to see if anything had turned up."

"You say you worked in the Baylor University bookstore and you know books pretty well?"

"Yes, I have – yes, I think so."

"We will see about that," he said. "I might need you; I don't know. Give me your phone number and I will call you."

The next day I came back to ask if anything had turned up. Mr. Tracht said, "When can you go to work?"

I took off my hat and went right to work! That other fellow wasn't hanging around like I was, and I got the job.

When a man is persistent, don't you think God pays more attention? Don't you believe when one of His children comes and says, "Lord, I want so and so; I want to please You about it whether or not I get anything to eat, whether or not I sleep and, if anything needs changing, I want it changed to please You, Lord. I am going to wait until I get it.

Is God says, "**Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you**" (Matt. 7:7), then when someone comes with tears and earnestness and confession, waiting before God, wanting this more than something to eat, don't you

know God is willing to hear a prayer like that? To be sure He is!

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## Sovereignty and Free Will

*Is everything that happens to us already determined by God? Or do we have the ability to carry out plans on our own, regardless of what God hoped would happen?*

Theologians have disagreed about this for centuries – some stressing God's absolute control over everything, others emphasizing our freedom to act on our own. And the reason they haven't agreed is because the Bible teaches both God's Sovereignty and our human responsibility. To us this sounds like a contradiction – and one I don't believe we'll fully understand until we get to Heaven. Until that day, we need to hold firmly to both truths: God is in control of everything, but we also are responsible for our actions.

**"It is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose."** Philippians 2:13

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## Walking on Water

Henry heard a rumor that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all walked on water on their twenty-first birthdays. So on his twenty-first birthday, Henry and his good friend Brian headed out to the lake.

"If they did, I can too!" he insisted.

When Henry and Brian arrived at the lake, they rented a boat and began paddling. When they got to the middle of the lake, Henry stepped off of the side of the boat – and nearly drowned.

Furious and somewhat ashamed, he and Brian headed for home. When Henry arrived back at the family farm, he asked his grandmother for an explanation.

"Grandma, why can I not walk on water like my father, and his father, and his father before him?"

The feeble old grandmother took Henry by the hands, looked into his eyes, and explained, "That's because your father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were born in January. You were born in July, dear."

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## A Prayer Promise

*“Whatever you ask in prayer you will receive if you have faith.”* Matthew 21:22

A common confession of God’s children is that they are not able to pray as they ought and as they wish they could. They look back on an earlier period reminding themselves how active and diligent they were in prayer. Now they have become afflicted with sluggishness in spiritual lethargy.

The early period when they were so animated did not come as a result of being rich in faith. But the normal stewardship in the household of God is that as children they enjoyed the affectionate sweetness of grace. They, like John, were resting in the Saviour’s bosom. These emotions have been lost in the degree that faith increases, and this faith must be tried and exercised. If our prayer-life were dependent on feelings our entire life in grace would be a failure.

We need to take inventory of what we possess. It would be well to search out and use the available means to strengthen our faith. When darkness, distress, and afflictions meet us, and when burdened with guilt, it is important that prayer rests on a more firm foundation than feelings. Then prayer becomes an act of faith.

***“Once I was bound, and now I am set free;  
Once I was blind, but now the light I see;  
Once I was dead, but now in Christ I live,  
To tell the world the peace  
That He alone can give.”***

(London Hymn Book)

PRAYER: O Lord, help me to trust not in feelings but in Your mercy and grace alone based on Calvary. Amen.

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## Lessens From a Sheepdog

It was pointed out at the beginning of this book that, as the owner of “Fairwinds,” I quickly realized I would need help to run the ranch and handle the flock efficiently. That assistance had to come from a faithful, loyal border collie, bred and disciplined for this unique and important work. Though I was an energetic young man with a strong set of legs and excellent lungs, I simply could not round up the sheep alone. The flock often scattered and fled in five directions when I tried to gather them up alone on foot. No matter how fast I ran or how loud I shouted, the sheep still strayed in their own stubborn way.

So I was obliged to find a co-worker, a helper – an

“under-shepherd,” if you will – in a sheep dog who would carry out my will and my wishes in managing my stock. Working together with each other in harmony, good will, and mutual delight, one good sheep dog and myself could accomplish as much as five men.

In a touching, moving way, the same precise principle holds true in God’s dealing with the world of men and women. The Lord called Himself the Good Shepherd. He pictured Himself or us as the one who had come to care for the “lost sheep.” He carefully instructed His disciples to be His co-laborers who were to feed and tend His ewes and lambs.

It will be recalled how, after His resurrection, Jesus met His young friends beside the Lake of Galilee, and there prepared them a breakfast of fresh baked fish and chapatties. When the meal was over He turned to the big, rough fisherman Peter, asking him three times:

***“Peter, do you really love me? Are you really my friend?”*** When the burly young man assured the Master of his loyalty and love, Jesus responded three times by saying;

“Peter, feed my lambs.”

“Peter, feed my sheep.”

”Peter, feed my sheep.”

This was the special labor, the unique work, the specific purpose to which he was assigned.

It has been well said that ***“God has no hands in the world but our hands. He has no feet here but our feet. He has no lips but our lips.”*** This is but another way of stating the rather obvious case that, in a mysterious yet wondrous way, our Father God chooses to carry on His purpose upon the planet through the fallible agency of common people most of the time.

He can, and on rare occasions does break through into human affairs in supernatural ways. Yet in the main agency, He chooses to use ordinary people to accomplish His grand designs. Seen in this dimension, we begin to perceive the enormous honor and divine dignity He bestows on those of us chosen to become His co-workers.

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***“The man who does not know the nature of the Law cannot know the nature of sin.”***

*John Bunyan*

## The Wittenberg Nightingale

Luther teaches that we all  
Are involved in Adam's fall,  
If man beholds himself within,  
He feels the bite and curse of sin.  
When dread, despair, and terror seize,  
Contrite he falls upon his knees,  
Then breaks for him the light of day,  
Then the gospel may have sway,  
Then he sees the Christ of God the Son,  
Who for us all things had done,  
The law fulfilled, the debt is paid,  
Death overcome, the curse allayed,  
Hell destroyed, the devil bound,  
Grace for us with God has found,  
Christ, the Lamb, removes all sin,  
By faith alone in Christ we win.

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*Editor's Note:* SALVATION IS BY **FAITH ALONE, GRACE ALONE AND THE WORD ALONE.**

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## A Look At The Book

By Bob Jones

When God commands us to perform a task, He tells us how to do it and also provides the strength that is needed. James tells us to "*resist the devil.*" The Apostle Paul says, "*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.*" It is not our own strength and will power that defeat Satan. Jesus Himself set the proper example with regard to dealing with the tempter. When Satan challenged Him to turn the stones into bread, our Lord answered, "*It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*" When Satan urged Him to cast Himself down from the temple, our Lord said, "*It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*" To successfully meet Satan's temptation to bow the knee to him and receive the dominion of the world, our Lord commanded, *Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.*"

The Apostle John warn us not to believe every spirit but to "*try (test) the spirits whether they are of God:*" because many false prophets are gone out into the

world." How are we to test the spirits? How may we know whether or not a religion is true? John says, "*Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God.*" It is not enough to admit that at one time a man named Jesus lived on the earth. It is not enough to say that He was a great teacher and miracle worker. Most religious systems admit the fact of Jesus. But the test of a religious system is this: Does it admit that Jesus is the Christ? Does it admit that He is the Son of God; that He is the Incarnate One – God come in the flesh – that He is the only begotten Son of God, and that He is our Lord and savior and Redeemer? If there is any uncertainty regarding this great central fact, the system is not of God.

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## Biography of A Failure

Difficult childhood  
Less than one year formal schooling  
Failed in business '31  
Defeated for legislature '32  
Again failed in business '33  
Elected to legislature '34  
Fiancee died '35  
Defeated for Speaker '38  
Defeated for Elector '40  
Married, wife a burden '42  
Only one of four sons lived past age 18  
Defeated for Congress '43  
Elected for Congress '46  
Defeated for Congress '48  
Defeated for Senate '55  
Defeated for Vice President '56  
Defeated for Senate '58

"When you think of a series of setbacks like this, doesn't it make you feel small to become discouraged, just because you think you're having a hard time in life?"

"Dissatisfaction with things as they are, the persistent struggle to reach expanding goals, not the triumphs, is what makes people great.

"This is the story of a man who never stopped trying even though his failures were many and his successes were few. He is today one of our most beloved Americans and you will certainly know him when one more item is added: **Elected President 1860**

The 'failure' of course: **Abraham Lincoln.**"

Gerald H. Daleiden, *Success Magazine*

## Legislating Morality

*The God of Israel said ... 'He who rules over man justly, who rule in the fear of God...'*

2 Samuel 23:3.

Have you ever heard that Christians should not impose their morality on others? I was in the Senate years ago when a bill intended to protect the integrity of the family was introduced. Each of the various articles in this bill was based on some moral view of what the family should be. It was viciously attacked by people who were anti-family.

As the family goes, so goes society, so some morality concerning the family, as in everything else, is going to be legislated. The question always comes down to whose morality do we want? God's or man's? Are we going to have a Christian nation – a nation under God – or a humanist nation – a nation under man?

In a humanist state there is nothing beyond man to which one can make an appeal. The founders of this country said that men have been created equal and have been endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. Therefore, our rights are not given to us by the state, which can extend or withhold them as it pleases. Rather, they have been unalienably given to us by God. We have an appeal beyond man, beyond the state, to God Himself, whereas in the humanist state there is nothing but man. The humanist state inevitably leads to tyranny and despotism. People have lost sight of the fact that there is an absolute God who said, “By Me kings reign,” and that Jesus Christ has been declared to be the King of kings and Lord of lords. The whole world is His kingdom and He is sovereign over all. Will you join me in prayer and in action to *restore* this great land as *one nation under God*?

*“The issue is not whether or not someone will impose his morality on legislation. The question is whose morality will he impose?”* D. James Kennedy

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## Does the Bible Teach Socialism?

By D. James Kennedy, Ph.D.

Some Christians say that the Bible teaches socialism. They invariably appeal to the passage in Acts 4 and 5 dealing with Barnabas and Ananias. Barnabas sold a

piece of land and brought the money and gave it to the apostles. Ananias and his wife sold a piece of land but kept back a part of the price. They brought only a portion of it to the apostles and lied about it.

The basic concept of socialism is that the state either owns or controls property or the means of production. One of the early French socialists of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Proudhon, famously declared that “property is theft.” Marx and Engels and all the rest inveighed mightily against the concept of private ownership or control of the means of production.

What does the Bible say? In the Ten Commandments, we have the repudiation of this. The commandment, “***Thou shalt not steal,***” as virtually every theologian for twenty centuries has declared, is a divine guarantee of private property. I cannot steal something from you if you do not own it. Furthermore, in the Decalogue we also have the command, “***thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house,... nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.***” Again, here is a clear teaching of private property.

In Acts, chapter 5, is private property repudiated or is it taught? First, notice what Peter said to Ananias: “*While it remained unsold, was it not your own?*” It is difficult to imagine any clearer statement of the ownership of property than that! While it remained unsold ... Was it not your own? ... Could you not do with it whatever you will? Even after you sold it, was not the money your own? Peter was showing Ananias he even had the control of that which he had received in the sale. The Bible clearly teaches the right of private property. God has given the whole world unto mankind as a stewardship to use and for which he is responsible to God.

Secondly, we note that this action was voluntary. They did not have to sell their property. There was no commandment to sell it.

Thirdly, consider the disposition of the money. They sold the property and brought the money and laid it ... at the feet of Pontius Pilate?... at the feet of Caesar? They brought it to the local tax collector? NO! The Bible says they “***placed it at the apostles' feet.***” I can think of nothing more perfectly designed to give Karl Marx apoplexy than the idea that people should sell all their property and give the money to the church. If there is anything anti-theological to the whole spirit of modern socialism, it is precisely that. And yet, people have the incredible temerity to say that this passage in Acts teaches modern state socialism. Nothing, indeed, can be farther from the truth.

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