



# Morning Glory

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

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## HEART to HEART

By Mrs. Betty Smith

### *The Generational Divide*

#### A Godly Example

Now let's consider the young Timothy whom the apostle Paul called “*my own son in the faith*” (1 Timothy 1:2) because he was following after Paul and learning about the gospel ministry from Paul. (ED. And maybe Paul was the ‘vessel’ God used to bring him to Jesus for Salvation).

Timothy gives us an example of faith passed on from generation to generation. Paul commends Timothy for having the same sincere faith of his grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice (II Tim. 1:5). This is what can and should happen rather than a generational divide!

Can you imagine Timothy saying to Paul, “Hey, Dude, we are wanting something cool and edgy! You are too divisive. You need to step aside and let me run this ministry. I know how to do it!”

Didn't happen! Paul taught him not to let anyone despise his youth, but to be an example of the believer in word, conduct, love, spirit, faith and purity (II Tim. 4:12). Another instruction that Paul gave to the young Timothy is how to treat others.

*“Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity”* (II Timothy 5:1-2).

#### Responding to Authority

*“Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose fol-*

*low. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls.” Salute all them that have the rule over you.”* Hebrews 13:7, 17, 24.

These instructions are saying to respect, obey and honor your leaders.

Paul also told the young Timothy to pass on what he had been taught. He didn't tell him to go and find out what the people wanted or what tickled their fancy but to give them the Word that he had been given by Paul.

*“Thou therefore, my son be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also”* (II Tim. 2-1-2).

Do you see a pattern here? It was not to go out and find out what was trendy and palatable! It was to give them truth and give it straight as he had heard Paul teach.

But millennials, they say, are looking for a preacher who will take off his tie, untuck his shirt, sit on a barstool and give them skits, funny stories and “gospel life” talks.

In music, they don't want the hymns filled with biblical truth. They want barely Christian, emotionally stimulating music with a beat that is so much like worldly music that you can hardly tell any difference.

You may have heard of parallelism. That is a method of teaching that is being used now in some churches. They take worldly images and try to attach Christian principles to them. It is like saying that our ideas are not that different from what you're accustomed to seeing in the world.

Parallelism tries to show a similarity in direction,

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tendency and character between the world and Christianity. Some people try to say that Paul used it on Mars’ hill at Athens. I suggest you read that passage again (Acts 17:15-34). It is not so!

The movie *Willow* uses a baby Moses in the bulrushes storyline. In the movie, however, it was a girl who was to be the savior of the land. That defames and diminishes the Gospel. It weakens and degrades the truth of the Bible.

We should also beware of the rising acceptance of the occult, evil spirits and mysticism in our culture. It is being promoted in entertainment, movies and children’s games. It is subversive and designed to steal our children from us, to turn their loyalty away from our faith, our values and our traditions. They are trying to make the bizarre become acceptable and desirable. This is dangerous!

#### Closing the Generational Gap

So what’s wrong with change, connecting and relevancy? What’s wrong with innovation, seeking commonality and new styles? Nothing, if we do not sacrifice biblical principles in the process! But too often the message of salvation from sin is changed to beginning a relationship with Christ.

Too often change means conforming to the world rather than being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 12:2 says, “Be not conformed (Ed. Squeezed) to this

world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.” ...

May God help us return to the spirit of Psalm 84:2, which says, **“My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.”**

What’s More Important?

Truth or trends? Reverence or relevance? Convictions or connections? Substance or style? Commands or creativity? Doctrine or deference? Principles or presentation? ...

So you see, we are not opposed to creativity, change or new things, as long as we follow biblical principles and do not weaken the Gospel Message or the Doctrines of the Bible. We must not follow people who are not faithful followers of the Lord.

Excerpts, *Sword of the Lord*

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**“He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven devils (demons)”  
Mark 16:9.**

MARY of Magdala was the victim of a fearful evil. She was possessed by not one devil (demon) only, but seven. These dreadful inmates caused much pain and pollution to the poor frame in which they had found a lodging. Hers was a hopeless, horrible case. She could not help herself, neither could any human succor avail. But Jesus passed that way, and unsought, and probably even resisted by the poor demoniac, He uttered the word of power and Mary of Magdala became a trophy of the healing power of Jesus. All the seven demons left her, left her never to return, forcibly ejected by the Lord of all. What a blessed deliverance! What a happy change! From delirium to delight, from despair to peace, from hell to heaven! Straightway she became a constant follower of Jesus, catching His every word, following His devious steps, sharing His toilsome life; and withal she became His generous helper, first among that band of healed and grateful women who ministered unto Him of their substance. When Jesus was lifted up in crucifixion Mary remained the sharer of His shame: we find her first beholding from afar, and then drawing near to the foot of the cross. She could not die on the cross with Jesus, but she stood as near it as she could, and when His blessed body was taken down, she watched to see how and where it was laid. She was the faithful and watchful believer last at the sepulcher where Jesus slept, first at the grave

whence He arose. Her holy fidelity made her a favoured beholder of her beloved Rabboni, who deigned to call her by her name, and to make her His messenger of good news to the trembling disciples and Peter. Thus grace found her a maniac and made her a minister, cast out devils (demons) and gave her to behold angels, delivered her from Satan, and united her forever to the Lord Jesus. May I also be such a miracle of grace!

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*Editor’s Note:* There is much more ‘demon’ influence than this ‘world’ realizes, and also ‘demon’ possession! As a Christian, when you may come in contact with ‘demon’ warfare ABSOLUTELY make sure you are under the covering of the BLOOD OF JESUS – besides, ‘we’ need that constantly ALL the time anyway!

## Spiritual Imposters!

*“But evil men and imposters will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.”  
(2 Tim. 3:13)*

Paul warned his disciple Timothy that there would be imposters who would come and deceive God’s people. They are deceived from the truth themselves and they go about deceiving others into believing a lie. What is more, their deception will increase, they *“will proceed from bad to worse.”* Once they get people to believe a little deception, they can then lure them into greater deception. Just how crafty is this deception from these imposters? Paul had to warn the church at Corinth to be on the look out for these imposters. *“But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully.”* (2 Cor. 11:3-4) Notice that the purpose of this deception is to lead you away from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. Its aim is to water down the call of Jesus to be the Lord of your life and for you to be entirely devoted to Him with your whole life unto the death. The way it works is that these deceived imposters come and preach *another* Jesus to you than the Jesus from the Scriptures. The “Jesus” they talk about will mirror the real thing in many ways, but their “Jesus” is not the Lord God Almighty who is worthy of all honor, praise, adoration, worship and surrender of life.

There is a “spirit” that accompanies their ministry, but it is not the Holy Spirit. Rather, it is a spirit which is aimed at giving credence to these men rather than to the Lord Jesus Christ. It will stir the emotions of the listeners, but not their heart. People can go home from the meeting with a smile on their face and happiness in their soul, yet with an empty heart. That is because the “gospel” that these imposters preach is not the gospel from the Scriptures. The imposters will talk about simply believing in Christ or making decisions for Christ, but not about *repentance* of sin and *faith* in Christ. It is a “gospel” that invites Christ to come in to be your friend and help you with life’s problems, but it is not *the* gospel that brings forgiveness of sins and freedom from life dominating sins and changes the lives of those who embrace it. The “gospel” the imposters preach is void of repentance.

What is more, these imposters look and act like the real thing, yet they are really agents of Satan himself! Paul went on to describe these people like this: “*For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore, it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds.*” (2 Cor. 11:13-15)

What was warned against in the first century is happening in our time as well. Spiritual Imposters are going about as though they are the genuine thing. They look and act like real ministers, yet they are imposters. They stand and talk about Jesus and the gospel, but it is not the Jesus and gospel from the Scriptures, and the spirit accompanying them is not the Holy Spirit. They are agents from Satan himself. Spiritually dead or backslidden souls with little or no spiritual discernment can sit under these people and not know any difference. After all, they look and sound just like the real thing and they do talk about Jesus. In fact, they will prefer the imposters to the real thing because the imposters don’t stir up any conviction.

How about you, dear reader. Are you sitting under an imposter? Are you listening to an agent of the devil, imposing as an agent of God? Can you tell the difference? How can you tell the real from the false? – From the Scriptures! In this same text (2 Timothy) that Paul warns of these imposters, he also lays out the guidelines for the true minister of God. You can use these guidelines to evaluate those whom you are listening to. They are as follows:

**1) Do they have a testimony of salvation?** Paul told Timothy, “*From childhood you have known the holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise unto*

*salvation which is through faith in Christ Jesus.*” (2 Tim. 3:14) To this same one who came to initial faith as a child, Paul also said, “*Lay hold of eternal life unto which you were called.*” (I Tim. 6:12) Do the ministers you are listening to have a testimony of a time when they came personally to the Lord for salvation? It is a question of whether they have experienced conversion, a time when they came under conviction of sin and turned to Jesus as their Lord and Savior from their sin.

**2) Are they preaching the Word of God to you?** Paul told Timothy, “*Preach the Word.*” (2 Tim. 4:2) Are they expounding Holy Scripture to you, or just fanciful stories? Paul knew that people would gravitate to these imposters, that is why he warned Timothy to be on guard for those who tickled the itching ears of the listeners. Namely, are they telling the people what they want to hear, or what they need to hear?

**3) Are they preaching the whole counsel of God?** Paul told Timothy, “*Reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.*” (2 Tim. 4:2) True ministers will preach both the Law in all its sternness and the Gospel in all its sweetness. To “reprove” and “rebuke” means that they will warn you to flee from the wrath that is to come. They will tell you about the holy dictates of God’s Law and the dire consequences that awaits every one who breaks them. They will also tell you about God’s love for you in Jesus Christ and His means of forgiveness. He will tell you BOTH of God’s Wrath and God’s Love. Many ministers today are telling people about God’s Love, and never mention God’s wrath. Scripture tells us what kind of people these are. There is also a real tendency today not to talk about doctrine, because doctrine is an absolute truth and it divides those who will accept it from those who won’t. Imposters don’t want division, but rather unity at all costs and do not stand on absolute truth. This is the path of compromise and God never blesses compromise of His Truth!

**4) Do they have a burden for lost souls?** Paul told Timothy, “*Do the work of an evangelist, fulfill the duties of your ministry.*” (2 Tim. 4:5) Can they tell you how to be saved? Are they doing so, both publicly in the pulpit and privately in visitation? A true minister will explain the way of salvation to his people and do what he can to see that everyone knows how they can make it to heaven.

Selected

*Jesus began His sermon on the last days with these words: “Take heed that no man deceive you.” (Matt. 24:4)*

# Editorial

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## *Evidence of Salvation – Also Prevenient Grace*

*Please prayerfully read Luke 15:1-7*

First things first: How often don't we hear to 'turn your life over to Jesus Christ for a better- life!' Put 'your' faith in Him! Decide to follow Jesus! OR 'if' you have never trusted in Jesus, accept Him today! AND we have found a better 'ministry' than through Evangelistic Meetings! It doesn't matter what you wear OR don't wear; just come to hear the Word of God!

It really doesn't matter what 'religion' you are a part of as long as you are sincere and follow its doctrines; they all lead to Heaven as a God of love will not cast anyone into Hell! Christianity is only a 'magic'! When someone 'dies' we often hear the words 'passed away' – well the question is where they go and for how long? "Passing away" is foreign to the Bible.

Are these 'biblically' based statements??? Do as the Bereans did many years ago: Search the SCRIPTURES daily to see IF these things are so! (Acts 17:11) As true 'biblically born-again Lutherans' we need the Holy Spirit's enlightenment (as well as everybody else); but also we believe in using Scripture to interpret Scripture. YES, 'faith' cometh by hearing the Word of God – Romans 10:17; but almost all the time in the Bible the word 'hear (ears)' is more than physical 'ear-hearing', but it includes obeying God's Word from the heart out of love!

First things First: Notice, first of all the tax collectors and sinners (Luke 15:1 & 2) drew near to hear God's Word through His beloved Son Jesus.

In verse two it was the 'Pharisees and scribes' who murmured/complained about the 'evidence' of the action (evidence/involvement) of Jesus. THUS Jesus was speaking/responding to whom? Which 'thought of themselves that they needed NO repentance'; for a true Christian 'repentance' is a daily experience.

A 'parable' is an earthly-story with a heavenly meaning. What is left when the 'shepherd' leaves the ninety and nine; that is in 'Christendom or a Christian'? Just a *form of godliness!*

There are times/prompts by the Holy Spirit when a person can get saved.

WHO seeks Who? Isaiah 55: "*Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.*" "Yes, there is a time when a person can so harden their

heart, that God quits calling. It is when God has been working behind the scene (awakening/prevenient grace) that a needy-lost 'sinner' has the empowerment to respond, by the working of the Holy Spirit: to 'respond' positively to the 'prompting/calling of the Holy Spirit.

Actually ALL three parables in Luke 15 have as the basic bottom-line: The value of ONE soul/each person!

When ONE precious 'soul' finds its *way to Calvary* with a 'repentant' heart, then Satan is defeated and rejoicing takes place even among the inhabitants of Heaven; along with the Blessed Little Flock that JESUS calls His own (Verses. 7 & 19 IN Chapter 15)! Prior to this, that 'soul' was in captivity in Satan's realm, but the Blood of Jesus has broken the shackles of sin and set him free! For by faith we walk, not sight or learning. Salvation/deliverance is not by good-works' – Isaiah 64:6, Titus 3:5. For I can not come to Him by my own reason or strength! The old-nature is never converted; but actually the old-nature grows. It depends upon which 'nature' a believer 'feeds' the most, who wins the Spiritual Battle and IF feeding the 'new-nature' most; then is found by our all-knowing GOD as 'faithful' unto the end.

First things First: As you have noted it is not reformation that we are emphasizing but TRANSFORMATION! New direction, purpose, etc. – II Corinthians 5:17. When you find the word 'therefore' in Scripture; stop and ponder as it means 'as a result'. **"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation (creature); old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."** So **"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you."** Matthew 6:33. **"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."** Matthew 6:20-21. In the 'light' of God's Word, the Bible, what is your heart? A triangle: your intellect, will and emotions!

As a result, a person will experience a real love for the Word of GOD, the BIBLE, also for and of the breth-

ren: *“We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death”* 1 John 3:14. Also, *“see how they loved one another”!*

Now a person will find out by experience that he/she has two natures; the old-nature and the new nature and a real inner-battle takes place. The ‘old-nature’ looks out for three characteristics: Me, Myself and I. SIN takes on a new dimension – Romans chapter seven.

There is no question whatsoever, this person will now have a burden/concern for lost sinners.

With a watchful care a new person IN Crist will take seriously and heed the last verse in Hebrews chapter one and the very first verses of chapter two as it is written specifically to Christians and then all folk. As you know the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit and in love for the benefit of ALL humanity and it is God’s Incorruptible Seed that will not return unto Him void.

First things First:

**II Corinthians 5:17 – 21, Ephesians 2:8-10.**

FIRST OF ALL!

***God in his LOVE tells ‘us’ to examine “ourselves” in the light of Holy Scripture!***

Caution: Stop, Look and Listen to the last part of Luke 15 as the “older son” was ‘angry’ and would not come

in to the house where there was a ‘banquet’ taking place, even though the Father/Son/Holy Spirit invited/pleaded and begged for him to come in – ***“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels”*** Isaiah 61:10.

“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to he it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, ‘Write; Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb’! And he said to me, ‘These the true sayings of God.’” Revelation 19:7 – 9.

*Epecially for those who may disagree with this ‘editorial’:* *Satan the deceiver is out to KILL each one of ‘us’ as he is busy working overtime to “steal, kill and destroy” each of us! “Therefore, we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation”* Hebrews 2:1 & 3a.

**HEBREWS 10:35 – 39.**

## The Autumn Years

By G. W. Arms

Cheer up! Be of good courage! Old age is neither a sin nor a dishonor. It is a glory.

Most of the folks who attain unto old age are in one of three groups.

First, there are some whom it makes bitter.

Next, there are some who try to fool themselves and their neighbors by pretending that they are not old, as though it was a thing to be ashamed of. They like to act kittenish and dress like they were sixteen, whereas they should show soundness and wisdom. They want you to guess their age, hoping you will make them ten years younger. You sense their desire and flatter them with a number you know isn’t close. Old age cannot command the honor and the respect belonging to it if it acts insincere and silly.

Then there is the last group; those who accept the riches of their years and rejoice in them. As Julia Ward Howe said, “All the sugar is at the bottom of the cup.” Robert Browning put it this way: “The last of life, for which the first was made.”

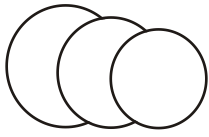
There are many whose latter days have been their

most fruitful. John Wesley preached until he was called Heavenward at eight-eight. Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote some of his most brilliant judicial decisions at ninety. Thomas Edison gave us some of his best inventions between the ages of seventy and eighty.

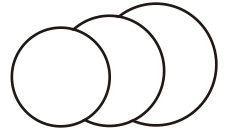
Old age is the autumn of life. It can be made beautiful with the gold and crimson tints of Indian summer; or it can be made cold, cheerless and disagreeable, like dead leaves and a piercing wind.

Sword of the Lord

*Editor’s Note:* To my knowledge, the Palm Tree bears its best fruit in old age! **“The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age, They shall be fresh and flourishing, To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.”** Psalm 92:12-15



# From Our Fellowship Circle



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**Eagle, IA**

Thank you so much for your faithfulness and tireless effort in sending the *Morning Glory* our way! We have been blest and challenged with many of the articles.

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**J. & P. M.**

**Burnsville, MN**

It is so marvelous that the LORD continues to give us day by day GRACE to live, seek and occupy for and by Him! What a wonderful Lord we have!

We have decided to send a monthly contribution of \$... and, IF many more would be willing to do that, what financial-burden would be lifted for this outreach ministry!

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***It is good that the heart be  
established by grace  
Hebrews 13:9.***

It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of Jehovah.

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in youth. Let him sit alone and keep silence, because He hath laid it upon him.

Let him put his mouth in the dust, if so be there may be hope.

This does not seem to be good. To get everything we have wished for, to live in well-being and good days, that is what we think is good. When some young people do not have to work and get everything they want from rich parents, then other young people who must toil, carry loads, and work for a living, think that their case is evil, and that of the others is good.

But God says it is good for a man that he bear the

yoke in his youth. The best inheritance that one takes with him from his home is: to have learned to work; to be satisfied with little; and to believe in God. The world has got its best men and women from such homes. Consult the Bible, look into the history of the world, and you will find that this is true. Jesus did not choose His disciples among the rich in Israel, but among fishermen and working men.

Never be jealous of the youth into whose hands roses are placed but rejoice to learn the art of leading a life full of work, opposition and victory. Let the rose appear among thorns, then the sun will shine in an eye wet with tears. While others are dancing their way into the night of death the grace of God bears you into life. To be privileged to open your heart to Him who Himself fought His way through life, and to be allowed silently and confidently to lay your burdens on Him, that is good. Then you shall not only have the good fortune of tasting the joy of conflict and victory, but shall also have the chance to help many of those who follow on the road that you walked ahead of them.

***Keep us on Thy strength relying, in Thy name the  
foe defying;***

***Till Thy coming brings us peace.***

***O how sweet the thought, and cheering,***

***In the day of thine appearing. Trouble shall for  
ever cease.***

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## **How to Repay Kindness**

D. L. Moody on a certain occasion had shown great kindness to a friend. In thanking him, the friend said that he hoped one day he would be able to repay the kindness to Moody. In his quick abrupt way, Moody answered, "Don't wait for me! Do it to the first person who comes along!"

*"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."  
(Matthew 25:40)*

# Believable... Yet Unbelievable

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## ACLU Gives Former Planned Parenthood President a Lifetime Achievement Award

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) presented former Planned Parenthood president Cecil Richards with a lifetime achievement award (June 11)

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Planned Parenthood performed 321,384 abortions over this past year, according to their latest annual report. After Richards took charge of the organization in 2006, the number of abortions Planned Parenthood performed each year increased by nearly 11 percent.

Richards has also received an award from New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, who called her “a national champion, a national role model” in March.

Lauretta Brown, Lifenews.com

## Twitter CEO Apologizes to leftists for Eating at Chick-fil-A

Left-wing hysteria over a wildly popular fast food restaurant deserves to be mocked for the dated, over-the-top, knee-jerk reaction, says a conservative activist.

“I think this whole situation is bizarre, frankly,” Peter Sprigg of the Family Research Council says after the CEO of Twitter apologized about eating at Chick-fil-A.

Jack Dorsey tweeted about saving money with the Chick-fil-A app, which he likely considered an innocuous gesture on the social media at website, but the left-wing social justice warriors came knocking on his Twitter door.

That’s because Chick-fil-A is considered “hate chicken” by the left after its CEO opined in 2012 that he believed in biblical marriage. That suggestion enraged the left, which has been enraged ever since and denounces Chick-fil-A and its chicken sandwich apologists when the opportunity arises.

Gopusa.com

## Wells Fargo Resists Pressure From American Federation of Teachers

The American Federation of Teachers has threatened to pull its business from Wells Fargo unless it severs ties with the National Rifle Association and gun

manufacturers, but so far the bank is resisting.

“We’re issuing Wells Fargo an ultimatum,” said AFT President Randi Weingarten... in a (recent) statement. “They can have a mortgage market which includes America’s teachers, or they can continue to do business with the NRA and gun manufacturers. They can’t do both.”

Wells Fargo CEO Tim Sloan offered to meet with her without acceding to her demand to stop offering loans and other services to the NRA and firearms companies.

...Mr. Sloan said in an April 3 letter, “In fact, as I have publicly stated, I do not believe that the American public wants banks to decide which legal products consumers can and cannot buy.”

He declined to confirm or discuss the bank’s relationship with firearms companies, citing customer confidentiality.

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## Shocking Curriculum in Arizona Schools

Liberty Counsel represents concerned parents and residents against the implementation of a harmful curriculum under the guise of sex education at the Sunnyside Unified School District in Tucson. The material is not age appropriate, violates Arizona law, is not medically accurate, and promotes harmful sexual behavior for K – 12 grade children.

Advocates for Youth drafted the “Rights, Respect, Responsibility” curriculum, known as the “3Rs” and is featured prominently throughout the material as “resource.” (They are) a partner of Planned Parenthood.

LIBERTY COUNSEL

EDITOR’S COMMENTS: Once again, the details are so graphic that I will not reprint them here.

Sword of the Lord

## Conservative? Christian? Canned!

The Southwick Tolland-Granville Regional School District in Massachusetts worked with their local VFW chapter to dedicate a newly constructed foyer to alumni who were killed in combat while serving in the armed forces. A dedication ceremony scheduled for May 21 will highlight veterans and their sacrifices for their na-



tion and their community. Kyle Reyes, an alumnus of the school, was scheduled as the keynote speaker. Now the superintendent has removed Reyes from the program. The reason? Reyes is an unapologetic Christian conservative.

Reyes is a public speaker, runs a marketing firm, and has been named the national spokesman for Law Enforcement Today. He is passionate about supporting veterans and first responders... The school superintendent thinks Reyes would make the students feel unsafe.

## Trump Confronted Kim Jong Un About Atrocities Against Christians

President Donald Trump says he addressed the plight of persecuted Christians when meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un...

Open Doors USA, a Christian persecution watchdog group, ranked North Korea as the No. 1 persecutor of Christians on the planet.

David Curry, president of Open Doors USA...said, "...President Trump's decision to address North Korea's human rights atrocities was diplomatically bold, and we are particularly glad to hear the President say he brought up the plight of the more than 300,000 Christians who face persecution and even death under the regime of Kim Jong Un.

"In North Korea, 50,000 to 120,000 Christians have already been confined in prison camps where conditions remain deplorable.

"For the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, NORTH Korea is the No. 1 most dangerous place to be a Christian, according to the Open Doors World Watch List."

Charismanewsdaily.com

*Editor's Note:* How we need to pray for the persecuted brethren around the world! **"Let brotherly love continue. Remember the prisoners as if chained with them – those who are mistreated – since you yourselves are in the body also."** Hebrews 13:1 & 3.

## Teachers' Union Gives Anthem Protestor Kaepernick Its "Highest Honor"

(Since his repeated refusals to honor the American flag,) Colin Kaepernick has amassed no shortage of awards from left-leaning groups, most recently the National Education Association.

The nation's largest teachers' union honored Kaepernick with the President Award, described as the "NEA's highest honor," at the Human and Civil Rights Awards ceremony... in Minneapolis.

The NEA cited his refusal to stand for the national

anthem during the 2016 NFL season and the work of his eponymous foundation, which runs "Know Your Rights" youth camps and has donated \$1 million to social-justice groups...

Kaepernick has filled his trophy case with awards over the last year even though he has not played a game since the 2016 NFL regular season...

There have even been calls for the quarterback become activist to receive consideration for the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize, which is slated to be awarded in October.

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*Editor's Note: Imagine!* IF, IF, the patriotic and beautiful flag, made up of Red, White and Blue colors, didn't fly over our beloved USA, and what it stands for, very likely these 'Protestors' wouldn't be playing professional football and be sports heros!

ALSO, *imagine* what our forefathers (and today's military) would think – who gave their all, money, property, houses and lives, – so that WE THE PEOPLE could enjoy not ONLY GOD's Blessings, but the First Amendment to the USA Constitution!!!

*Maybe* "WE the People," in and through the USA Government, should follow the example of the Government's ruling in the Country of Australia.

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## Priceless

The best and sweetest things in life are things you cannot buy –

*The music of the birds at dawn, the rainbow in the sky;*

*The dazzling magic of the stars; the miracle of light,*

*The precious gifts of health and strength; of hearing, speech, and sight;*

*The peace of mind that crowns a busy life of work well done,*

*A faith in God that deepens as you face the setting sun;*

*The boon of life; the joy of friendship. As the years go by,*

*You find the greatest blessings are the things you cannot buy.*

Patience Strong

## The Burning Bush – Part II

This is the second in a series of articles about the encounter of Moses with God at the Burning Bush in Exodus chapter three. This encounter will show us the character and nature of God. This should be the goal of every true Christian – To know God for Who He is in His fulness – as expressed in John 17:3, “*And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent.*”

### God is a Marvelous Sight

Moses is in the desert wilderness when he comes upon a bush burning but not consumed (v. 2). He has a desire to see what is going on – I MUST SEE (v. 3). Moses describes this as a MARVELOUS Sight – Literally a Great Sight. That is because this is no ordinary fire that is burning inside the bush. Moses can tell that this is a supernatural fire – Something beyond nature – And beyond himself as a natural man.

It is the Lord who is in this bush (v. 4) — That is the key to this whole episode. He alone is the reason for all this supernatural happenings in this ordinary bush. It tells us that the Lord is not ordinary in His vary nature and makeup. Moses is quite taken back about the extra-ordinary character of such a fire. Here you see the desire of people in the world – Drawn to the supernatural. People have a desire to see – And to know – God in His supernatural character. I think that any of us would jump at the chance to see a sight like this.

God desires that we have this revelation of Himself. As Moses is seeking to see this marvelous sight – Something very interesting happens (v. 4) – The Lord calls Moses BY NAME. In fact – He repeats it for emphasis. This tells us that God is all-knowing – Omniscient. He knows all things about everything – He has wisdom beyond what any man can even grasp – enough to create all things and maintain them in perfect balance. What is even more amazing is that this all-knowing, eternally wise God knows each of us individually, even to call us all by name!

John 10:3 says, “*The sheep hear His voice, and He calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out.*”

The Lord knows who you are and will call you by your name – A personal address. The Lord’s desire is to have a personal relationship with people. God created mankind in the beginning in order to have fellowship with Him. He would be our God and we would be His people. We would exist in a relationship – not a best friend relationship – but as a family relationship – that of a Father to child.

**But alas – There is something standing in the way of this happening!**

### God is Holy

God orders Moses to Stop (v. 5). Moses walks toward the bush and a Voice comes out of the Bush – STOP! – Don’t draw near! God knows something that Moses doesn’t know yet – that there is something different about God. He is un-approachable by natural man – He is separate and Distinct. There is a division between God and all His creation – Including you and me. It is demonstrated by what God orders Moses to do (v. 5) – Remove your sandals because the ground is holy – **Because God is Holy.** There was nothing unique about that soil. Rather it was the Presence of God that made it holy and anything that God touches is now also Holy.

What does it mean when we say that God is Holy? The word means “separate.” To say that God is Holy means that He is entirely perfect in all that He Is and Does. There is no defect in Him in His very being, character and makeup. Every decision and act are entirely perfect and without defect of any kind. God is absolutely Pure and Perfect.

Because God is Holy – He is now separate from all people. The natural cannot even touch where God is – not even a sandal. Natural man cannot be in the same place that the Holy God is. This revelation of the Holiness of God reveals to us the crux of the matter: **God is Holy and we are Not.** God in His Holiness cannot be in the presence of those who are not holy.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit – They were no longer Holy, so God banished them from the Garden and His presence. When Satan and his evil angels revolted against God they were kicked them out of heaven down to the earth. When God dwelled in the Tabernacle and anyone except the High Priest tried to enter the Holy of Holies – they were struck dead on the spot. Only the Levites were commissioned to carry the furniture and the Ark of the Covenant. Anyone else who even touched that Holy furniture was killed on the spot. God is absolutely separate from everything that is not holy

Because God is Holy – He must judge each and every act of un-holiness. It is why God has **that thing called wrath** – which is largely forgotten today. Romans 1:18 says, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.” This God is going to execute His wrath and Judgment upon the great nation of Egypt. There will be ten plagues unleashed – the culmination being the death of the first-born of man and beast.

God will judge each and every act of people that is

not holy – Nationally and individually. Ultimately that will take place on Judgment Day. Anyone who is not holy will be separate from God – just like Moses was ordered to stop. They will be forever banished from the presence of God, which is the very essence of hell. God is Holy and can't exist together with anyone who isn't holy.

### God's Holiness Met

This revelation of God's Holiness means that all mankind is now separated from God. Because, if a great man like Moses can't come into God's Presence – who can? Romans 3:10-12 says, *“There is none righteous, not even one; There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one.”*

So how are you going to be AS HOLY AS GOD HIMSELF? It isn't a question of how good of a person you are – Or how many good deeds you have done – Or what kind of a testimony you have before people – Or what good character you may have. The standard is that you must be as holy as God Himself. Jesus said it this way: *“Be ye therefore perfect, even as my Father in heaven is perfect.”* (Matt. 5:48)

How are you going to do that? If you can't, you won't be in God's Presence – because you are not holy – and He IS. The only way that Moses and Israel would be able to stand the Judgement of God on Egypt was through the Passover. An innocent lamb would be slaughtered and the blood applied to the top and sides of the door where the Israelites were. God declared, *“When I see the Blood I will Pass over you.”* (Ex. 12:13) God's righteous requirements were met with that innocent lamb and the life given with the shedding of blood. God was able to look upon all inside as being holy as Himself and pass over the Judgment.

The same is true for each one of us today. God has provided an innocent, sinless victim to pay the price for our un-holiness. This Lamb of God was none other than Jesus Christ. It is the holiness of God that drove Jesus to the Cross. He died for our sins – our acts of un-holiness against God. Jesus gave His very life's blood to fully atone for our evil before God – And in so doing, He now brings to us **THE VERY HOLINESS OF GOD HIMSELF TO US!!!**

Romans 1:16-17 *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.”***

This is exactly what Justification is: God declares you holy in His sight because Christ is Holy. God adds the very Holiness of Christ to the account of your life and

takes away all your un-holiness, so that God sees you as perfect as Himself – Since Christ is God Himself. This is true ONLY IF you have faith in Jesus as your Personal Lord and Savior.

2 Corinthians 5:21 says, *“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, **that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**”* This is demonstrated in Exodus. When God commanded Moses to take off his sandals (v. 5), his feet were now in direct contact with the holy ground with nothing in-between. This is only possible when God has bridged the gap between His holiness and our unrighteousness.

Have you had a revelation of the Holiness of God and what God has done about it in Jesus?

Pastor Jim Haga  
Shoreview, MN

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### God's Great Creation

*“The birds of the sky nest by the waters; they sing among the branches”* Psalm 104:12

*(Please also read Psalm 104:10-23)*

**On a recent** visit with some of our grandchildren, we enjoyed watching a web cam that focused on an eagle family in Florida. Every day we would check in on the mom, the dad, and the baby as they went about their daily routine in their nest high off the ground. Each day the parent birds would keep a constant protective vigil over the eaglet, bringing it fish from a nearby river for nourishment.

This little eagle family depicts for us one image of the creation in Psalm 104 – an array of creation images, of scenes from the work of God's creative hand:

We see the majesty of God's creation as it relates to the universe (vv. 2-4).

We experience the creation of the earth itself – water, mountain, valleys (vv. 5-9).

We enjoy the glory of God's gift of animals, birds, and crops (vv. 10-18).

We marvel at the cycles God created in our world – morning/night, darkness/light, work/rest (vv. 19-23).

What a glorious world God has fashioned with His hands for our enjoyment – and for His glory!

**“Praise the LORD, my soul!”** (v. 1). Each one of us can say thank You to God for all He has given us to appreciate and enjoy.

**Praise God! Praise You, Lord for the wonder of the earth You created.**

The beauty of creation reflects the beauty of our Creator.

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## Rest Awhile

**And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus; and they told Him all things, whatsoever they had done, and whatsoever they had taught. And He saith unto them, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile."**

Mark 6:30 – 31

JESUS has commanded His people not only to go with Him to work: He has also said that we shall go with Him and rest.

It is true that many of us are heavy of foot when we are to go with Jesus to work. But if it is a Christian art to work for our Savior, it is no less an art to go apart with him and rest. It is not at all God's will that we shall work all the time. He who forgets to rest, will soon be incapable of work.

The nervous chase in the work of Gods Kingdom wears on us more than we think. We have no peace either in our homes with our own family, or in the prayer chamber with God. It would surely be of much greater value for the work that God gave us, if we oftener found the way to rest together with our Savior. We must notice that it was when the apostles came and told about all that they had done, that Jesus said: "**Now you must go and rest.**" And in our day it surely is time that we go apart with Jesus when we begin to tell others about what we have done. If it appears to us as though we in this way desire to honor God, we will find when alone with Jesus that we praised ourselves most.

When He again has purified the heart, we see how much dross adhered to the gold. Therefore, remember to rest together with Jesus you who are working for Him.

*O Bread of life from heaven,  
To weary pilgrims given,  
O Manna from above;  
The souls that hunger feed Thou,  
The hearts that seek Thee lead Thou,  
With Thy most sweet and tender love.*

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### The Pastor's Pen

By Pastor Paul Larson

**"Go therefore and make disciples of all the na-**

**tions, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"** Matthew 28:19.

The Great Commission as it is called reminds us that we are to go and make disciples. There are many ways to do that but we are ALL called to do it! Showing people the way of salvation is not work the Lord intended just a few people to do. He calls on all of us to make disciples.

Sometimes we think we need to be a pastor, missionary, Sunday School teacher or hold some position in order to carry out this command, but that is not so. Everyday there are ways for you to be a witness and help move people into a place where they can see their need of salvation.

Just saying no or not participating in sinful behavior is something Christ can use to bring conviction of sin to others. Live your life in a way others can tell you're following Jesus!

Of course there are usual ways, like missions, and I am thankful for people of this church who are mission minded... (Ed. Example: The Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation is a 'mission'). Also your financial support and prayers are all a part of this effort. Together we will have an impact on the lives of other people for Christ. ...

News Bulletin for Faith Lutheran Congregation,  
Detroit Lakes, MN

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**"But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious of the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked."** Psalm 73:2-3

There is a rightful resentment against ungodliness and unrighteousness. The Christian should not lose the ability to react against injustice and sin.

But something carnal and sinful may creep in. We become angry because the ungodly fare well, while we have many difficulties. Behind our anger is found a little envy, and perhaps some personal ill-will. Such resentment is not good.

**"As for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious of the foolish."**

It is important to keep our soul undamaged. There must never be a personal sting behind the resentment. Otherwise it may lead to our fall.

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# What Does Faith Do?

Dr. Tom Malone

What is faith? How does it come? What does it do?

Faith makes all things possible. We read in Mark 9:23: *“All things are possible to him that believeth.”* Did you know that by faith a Christian can literally tap the resources of Heaven?

*“And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it”* John 14:13-14.

I am afraid that to many Christians God is not real. Think about the people you know. Think about the people of your church. Do they live, act and pray as if God were real?

Lady Summerset faced this problem. *“Lord, I believe, and I’m saved but I want to know that God is real!”* One day it seemed that a still small voice silently spoke to her heart, saying, “My child, act as if I were real, and you shall know that I am.”

God must be real to a child of God. And faith makes God real. It links us with omnipotence. Faith says, *“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me”* Philippians 4:13. This is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith” 1 John 5:4.

The three Hebrew children lived down in Babylon. They lived in the world, but they were not of the world. One day Nebuchadnezzar the king told them, “We are going to put you in this fiery furnace unless you denounce the name of God.” The three answered, *“Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.”* Daniel 3:17-18.

They were not going to denounce their faith in their God, their hope, their trust. *“We believe God is able.”* So the three Hebrews were put in the fiery furnace while God up in Heaven was looking down.

God must have said, “Amen! I’m proud of Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego!” The Lord said, “I believe I’ll just go down and get in there with them.” They had heated it *“seven times more than it was wont to be heated”* (vs. 19) and cast them in. It burned and “slew” those men that threw them in (vs. 22). Forgive me, but I like that! It burned them up!

After a while the Babylonians thought, “They ought to be well done. Let’s see how the cooking goes.” When the furnace door was opened they saw not three but four men walking in the midst of the fire unharmed. The only thing burned was the binding put on them. Not a hair of their heads was singed.

“How many did we throw in there!”

“Three.”

“How many are now in there?”

You’re crazy! You can’t see straight. Somebody else count them.”

“One, two, three, four – there’s four!”

“You’re nuts too. Let me count them! One, two, three, four. Yes, you’re right. Who’s the fourth One? How’d He get in there?”

The Bible says, *“The form of the fourth is like the Son of God”* (vs. 25).

Nebuchadnezzar now knew **“there is no other God that can deliver after this sort”** (vs. 29). Then he promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

**Faith sees the invisible, believes the written Word and attempts the impossible! That’s what faith does!**

Sword of the Lord

*Editor’s Note:* As you have read the above challenging article, keep in mind the BIBLE talks about two kinds of faith – a ‘dead faith’ and a ‘living faith’, and so does Martin Luther in the Catechism.

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## A STATUE OF LIBERTY

By Evangelist Billy Graham

***If the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.***

During the national observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, I was struck by the great emphasis on the number of immigrants who had often left everything behind. Coming to America with nothing but the clothes on their backs, they risked their lives for something they valued more highly than everything they had left behind: freedom. They did not take their adopted country’s hard-won freedom for granted – and neither must we.

Their experience is a picture of what we must do when we come to Christ. We must forsake our allegiance to this world, leave behind all that it offers, and become citizens of a new Kingdom – the kingdom of God. His statue of liberty is in the form of the **Cross**. The statue in New York Harbor lifts her lamp *“beside the golden door.”* The statue of liberty on that hill outside Jerusalem lights the way into **eternal life**.

**THERE IS HOPE FOR TODAY.** No one braves the treacherous journey to America in order to live as they would in their homeland. Likewise, Christ did not leave glory and suffer an agonizing death so that you could live in anything less than absolute freedom.

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## Diligence

**“Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge, etc.”** 1 Peter 1:5, 6

IF thou wouldest enjoy the eminent grace of the full assurance of faith, under the blessed Spirit’s influence, and assistance, do what the Scripture tells thee, **“Give diligence.** “Take care that thy *faith* is the right kind – that it is not a mere belief of doctrine but a simple faith depending on Christ, and on Christ alone. Give diligent heed to thy *courage*. Plead with God that He would give thee the face of a lion that thou mayest, with a consciousness of right, go on boldly. Study well the Scriptures, and get *knowledge*; for a knowledge of *doctrine* will tend very much to *confirm* faith. Try to understand God’s Word; let it dwell in thy heart richly.

When thou hast done this, *“Add to thy knowledge temperance”* Take heed to thy body; be temperate without. Take heed to thy soul; be temperate within. Get temperance of lip, life, heart, and thought. Add to this by God’s Holy Spirit, *patience*; (Ed. Patience also means ‘perseverance’) ask Him to give thee that patience which endureth affliction, which, when it is tried, shall come forth as gold. Array yourself with patience, that you may not murmur nor be depressed in your afflictions. When that grace is won look to *godliness*. Godliness is something more than religion. Make God’s glory your object in life; live in His sight; dwell close to Him; seek for fellowship with Him; and thou hast *“godliness,”* and to that add *brotherly love*. Have a love to all the saints: and add to that a *charity*, which openeth its arms to all men, and loves their souls. When you are adorned with these jewels, and just in proportion as you practice these heavenly virtues, will you come to know by clearest evidence *“your calling and election,”* **“Give diligence,”** if you would get assurance, for lukewarmness and doubting very naturally go hand in hand.

**“That He may set him with princes.”** Psalm 113:8

OUR spiritual privileges are of the highest order. *“Among princes is the place of select society.”* Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.” Speak of select society, there is none like this! *“We are a chosen generation, a peculiar people, a royal priesthood.”* *“We are come unto the general assembly and church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven.”* The saints *have courtly audience*: princes have admittance to royalty when common people must stand afar off. The child of God has free access to the inner courts of heaven. *“For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.”* Let us come boldly,” (Ed. Childlike *confidence* to its parents) says the apostle, **“to the throne** of the heavenly grace.” Among princes there is *abundant wealth*, but what is the abundance of princes

compared with the riches of believers? For *“all things are ours, and ye are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.”* **“He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”** Princes have *peculiar power*. A prince of heaven’s empire has great influence; he wields a scepter in his own domain; he sits upon Jesus’ throne, for **“He hath made us kings and priests unto God, and we shall reign for ever and ever.”** We reign over the united kingdom of time and eternity. Princes, again, have *special honour*. We may look down upon earth-born dignity from the eminence upon which grace has placed us. For what is human grandeur to this, *“He hath raised us up together, and made us all together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus”*? We share the honour of Christ, and compared with this, earthly splendours are not worth a thought. Communion with Jesus is a richer gem than ever glittered in imperial diadem. Union with the Lord is a coronet of beauty outshining all the blaze of imperial pomp.

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### The Moral Beauty of the Bible

*“I have seen an end of all perfection: but Thy commandment is exceeding broad.”* Psalm 119:96

Everything human has a limit to its apparent perfection. Trace it far enough or examine it thoroughly enough, and you will find defects if not deformities. Everything born of man or produced by him is faulty, mixed up with error.

Our watches are correct by chronometer, and the chronometer must be regulated by the sun, for *“beneath the stars nothing goes right.”* But God’s law reveals no defects. It has no limit to its perfection.

There was in the Roman Forum a gilt pillar erected by Augustus and known as *Milliarium Aureum*, or the Golden Milestone. There all the principal Roman roads centered and terminated and thence radiated to the remotest verge of civilization, running in all directions, as far as the silver eagles had triumphantly borne the standards of the empire!

The Bible is the Golden Milestone of the ages. It has been for thousands of years the grand center of all the nobles thought purest love and holiest life of the world. All roads converge here. The great highways of human progress radiate from this shining center.

From this great Book proceeds the inspiration of the best literature, the most unselfish philanthropy, the most faultless morality which the world has ever known.

Arthur T. Pierson

**“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you.” II Corinthians 9:8**

God’s grace is sufficient for our trials; sufficient for our needs and sufficient for our growth in Him. No matter what the temptation, the trial, the heartache, the sorrow, or the joy, His grace can abound toward us, for God is able. We limit Him, but He is limitless in His resources, and His provision for the needs of His children. He is limitless in power.

A nine-year-old boy was delayed at home one morning. Just as he started for school, he heard the clock strike nine. It was time for school to start. As he ran, he prayed so loud that people could hear him say: “Dear God, help me so that I will not be late to school!!”

But he knew this would be impossible because the teacher always started on time. Yet, his prayer was answered. He was not late for school. That morning the teacher was unable to open the school house door, and had to send for the locksmith to help her. The pupils were standing outdoors waiting to have the door opened. God is able to make all grace abound toward you. Dare you trust Him?

Dear Lord Jesus, give us the faith to trust Thee more. Help us to go to Thee for all needs, knowing that Thou are able to provide for them all. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Simply trusting ev’ry day,  
Trusting through a stormy way;  
Even when my faith is small,  
Trusting Jesus, that is all.  
Trusting as the moments fly,  
Trusting as the days go by,  
Trusting Him whate’er befall,  
Trusting Jesus, that is all.*

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**Retired from the HLIF Board**

Mr. Duane (Duke) Nessa of Garden City, Iowa, has retired from the Board of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation Board after many, many ‘faithful’ years of support, participation, prayer, attendance and financial support. He was also a very faithful ‘supporter’ in the local Innermission Society. Very likely he will continue to be also, as health and opportunity permits!

Duane, may the LORD richly bless you in order that you may become an even richer blessing to others! Thank you so very much for all those years of faithful service as a ‘Blood Bought Vessel’ that you are in the King’s ministry here on Earth!

**Hauge Fall Bible Conference**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church of rural  
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Pastor Gideon Johnson, Host Pastor

*October 12 – 14, 2018*  
(Friday Evening through Sunday Noon)

**THEME:** “Sound the Trumpet”  
Ezekiel 33:4-5

**FRIDAY** – Service at 7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker:  
Pastor Jim Haga, Shoreview, MN.  
Refreshment time to follow the service.

**SATURDAY**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time  
9:30 a.m. – Coffee/Refreshments  
10:00 a.m. – Pastor Jim Haga  
11:00 – Pastor Reuben Unseth, Rochester, MN  
Noon Meal at the Church (Free Will Offering)  
1:15 – Pastor Eric Westlake, Zumbrota, MN  
2:15 – Testimonial/Singspiration  
Fellowship and Refreshments following

7:00 p.m.– Pastor Jim Haga

**SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. – Worship Service – Pastor Gideon Johnson

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Pray that the ‘windows of Heaven may be open’ with many Blessings from Whom all blessings Flow!

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