



# Morning Glory

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

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## The Glorious Gift Of Grace

*Christianity is the story of how God reached down to mankind out of His great love.*

**I**n today’s world and even in many of our churches, grace is no longer amazing; it is boring, just as J. I. Packer has diagnosed: “The thought (of grace) means nothing to them: it does not touch their experience at all.” (*Knowing God*, 129). (Ed. Basically because SIN is not exposed in the light of the Bible, as repentance is missing. Unless ‘sin’ is proclaimed (even by name, as GOD in His Grace sees it necessary for our benefit: God’s Law shared in LOVE).

It is true that, in this age of human rights and animal rights and every other kind of rights grace is neither needed nor appreciated. People are no longer enthralled with the grace of God because they believe they are good without God and that everyone has the right to go their own way. Therefore, the world rejects any concept of sin – not to mention the judgment such rebellion deserves. And so, it spurns the awesome grace of God.

***This grace is the defining characteristic of Christianity, making it absolutely unique among all religions.***

For, whether we are talking about the Eightfold Path of the Buddha, the Hindu doctrine of *karma*, the Jewish ceremonial laws, or the Islamic *sharia* law, all other belief systems tell the story of how mankind is striving to earn God’s favor, to earn salvation.

But Christianity is the story of how God reached down to mankind out of His great love. In Christianity, no one can reach God. He is holy, divine, righteous, and mighty. Therefore, no one can buy or earn his way into heaven; it is simply impossible. Oh, out of His love, God

came to us. The notion that the God of the universe saves sinners with no strings attached goes against every human instinct and runs contrary to every other religious system in the world.

***You see, Adam and Eve’s temptation is precisely the temptation of today.***

They sought to be mater of themselves and tried to establish their own authority – their own way to reach (even be) the divine. This refusal to obey the commands of their loving, holy Creator ushered in death, just as they had been warned (see Genesis 2:16-17). Through their rebellion, Adam and Eve scorned the extravagant love and grace they had experienced as they walked with the one and only God.

If we were speaking of any other human made god, that would be the end. But we are speaking about the God of grace, whose love is so great that He made the universe. Even now, He extends grace daily by revealing Himself and His ways to us.

***Before God’s grace came into our lives, we were spiritual corpses; we could not even make a move toward God*** (see Ephesians 2:1-8).

Physically we were alive, but our lives were spent rejecting God as we chose our own foolishness over His wisdom. We were dead in our sins, enslaved in sin powerless to remove our chains, and justly subject to the wrath of God.

But now, if you have received the gift of God’s grace, the gift of salvation for eternity from the hand of God through the blood of Jesus Christ, you have been made alive. You have been set free from the power of sin and

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you will never again be under the wrath of God. (Ed. Provided you remain IN Christ – Romans 8:1, see Colossians 2:11-14, Romans 6:1-14).

Indeed, “*because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by the grace you have been saved. And God raises us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus*” (Ephesians 2:1-6).

***You have been set free! You are already seated in the heavenly realms with Christ so that, as the recipient of God’s grace, you have victory over anger, greed, lust, jealousy, envy, fear anxiety, doubt, and the addiction of any kind.***

For you are no longer a slave to sin, but an ambassador for the King of glory.

What an astonishing power is the grace of God. Far from boring, it obliterates our dismal past and gives us a glorious present as we walk in new life with the **King** of kings residing in our hearts. But even this is simply a taste of the indescribably fulfilling future to come. For, one day, we will see the God of grace face to face.

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## Transgender Mania — Only the Most Recent Attacks on the Family

By Karen Vantil Gushta, Ph.D.

The Obama Department of Education mandate requiring all government funded public schools (Ed. Not ONLY schools, but a few business places are following this ‘evil’ practice) to open girls’ bathrooms and locker rooms to boys who self-identified as girls was consistent with the progressive views of that administration. But it was also a direct attack on the authority and responsibility of parents to protect their children from harm.

The fact that the privacy of 99.7 percent of the population would be violated by this ruling based on the claim of 0.3 percent of the population that this was their “right” defies common sense. But those pushing special accommodations for transgender individuals are not guided by common sense nor will they be persuaded by it. Therefore, it is important that Christians understand what is behind this movement and why this is not an issue we can gloss over or ignore.

David Usher, president of the Center for Marriage Policy, sees the transgender movement as follow-up to the movement to legitimize same-sex marriage. According to the Pew Research Center, in 2001, Americans opposed same-sex marriage by 57 percent to 35 percent. Polling in 2016 showed that 55 percent now support same-sex marriage and 37 percent oppose it. Although this reversal has taken place in just the past 15 years, it is the fruit of seeds that were sown in western society more than 150 years earlier when Karl Marx declared war on the family.

Of course, ultimately, Marx was just a pawn for Satan, who, ever since he seduced Eve into taking the first bite of the fruit of the tree of Knowledge of good and evil has been trying to destroy God’s plan for the family. That plan, when faithfully carried out, brings glory to God, fruitfulness to mankind, and enables humans to exercise dominion over the rest of God’s created order.

But Karl Marx’s influence has spread far and wide since he first declared, “Abolition of the family!” Since the mid-1800s, as Paul Kengor points out in his book ‘Takedown: From Communists to Progressive, How the Left Has Sabotaged Family and Marriage,’ ... the far left has remained undeterred, faithful to its rebellious roots. It has long been hell-bent on taking down the family...”

How does “transgender rights” fit into this picture? If our society accepts being “transgender” as normal and not a mental illness, as the American Psychological Association has now done by dispensing with the term “gender dysphoria” to describe it, then we have declared that man’s plan is better than God’s plan for human sexuality.

In the beginning, God created humans as sexual be-

ings – male and female. Adam and Eve were not created androgynous, neuter, bisexual. Nor were they waiting for another man or woman to fulfill their sexual needs. God’s plan included marriage between a man and a woman so they could procreate and produce children to nurture in the fear of the Lord.

If society denies this plan, it denies and jeopardizes its very foundation.

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### Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God. (1 John 5:1)

YES, let us behold this a little while today!

Let us behold the grace of God by which we are saved into the *relationship of sonship*. He would not have us slaves who tremble at the voice of their master and are unwilling to do even the least that He commands.

Nay, He transforms His enemies into friends. He sets us free from the spirit of bondage and gives us the spirit of adoption by which we carry confidently, Abba, Father! And by which we rejoice to know and to follow the will of the Father.

What grace from God that He saves us this way!

He woos us away from sin and from our former manner of life. Can you imagine anything more beautiful?

With the glow of His love He melts the chains which bind us to sin. In His unfathomable love He entreats us to cast ourselves into His open arms. With this same love He gives us courage to acknowledge the truth to Him and make full confession of everything.

From that moment He can begin to reveal to us the glory of the entire realm of the invisible.

By His love He draws us steadily farther and farther into this invisible realm. And the more we become acquainted in this realm of the divine, the easier it becomes for us to deny sin – the more circumspect we become with respect to everything sinful.

We experience a new wealth of life which enables us willingly and gladly to surrender the old.

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us!

*“O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.”*

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# HAVE FAITH IN GOD!

Dr. Tom Malone

I have never been able to define **FAITH**. There is only one attempt made to define faith. Here we read, “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*” *Hebrews 11:1*.

But I know a little about faith. Faith means believing God against all odds. Faith means seeing the unseen. A Christian can see by faith what no one else has ever seen except another Christian. In so many instances in the Bible men saw the unseen, saw the evidence, saw the substance of things not seen.

Paul said, “*We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal*” II Corinthians 4:18.

Everything you can see with physical eye, every object, animate or inanimate, including this body in which the soul and spirit abide, is temporal – that is, it is related to time. But God tells us that with the eye of faith we can see the unseen, which is related to eternal things, things which will live as long as God lives.

Faith pulls aside the curtain of obscurity and sees the unseen. Jesus said, “*Have faith in God*” Mark 11:22. The greatest tragedy that could happen to a Christian is to lose faith and have confidence in the flesh. But we must “*have faith in God,*” not in preachers, not in deacons, not in churches, not in church members, not in Christians, not in things you can see, not in circumstances, not in the brilliance and talents of man.

The Sword of the Lord

*Editor’s Note:* Interesting and exciting to note that a number of times in the New Testament it mentions that JESUS saw their faith; faith being exercised in obedience to His Word! Jesus said it and faith in action followed; as faith is not only a noun but an action/response to His Word.

Over TV it is emphasized, not only have faith, but have a strong-faith. Well, how much faith does a person need to reach out to a life-preserver, or ride in an automobile, or cross a bridge? Faith cometh by hearing the Word of God and then exercising the same!

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## Be Still, my Soul!

*I have calmed and quieted myself.* Psalm 131:2.

(Please read also the entire 131st Psalm)

**Picture a parent** poised lovingly over a child, finger gently placed in front of nose and lips softly speaking

the words – “hush” “shhh.” The demeanor and simple words are meant to comfort and quiet anxious little ones in the midst of disappointment, discomfort, or pain. Scenes like this are universal and timeless and most of us have been on the giving or receiving end of such loving expressions. When I ponder Psalm 131:2, this is the picture that comes to mind.

The language and flow of this psalm suggest that the writer, David, had experienced something that provoked serious reflection. Have you experienced a disappointment, defeat, or failure that prompted thoughtful, reflective prayer? What do you do when you are humbled by life’s circumstances? When you fail a test or lose a job or experience the end of a relationship? David poured out his heart to the Lord and in the process did a bit of honest soul-searching and inventory (Psalm 131:1). In making peace with his circumstances, he found contentment like that of a young child who was satisfied with simply being with his or her mother (v. 2).

Life’s circumstances change and sometimes we are humbled. Yet we can be hopeful and content knowing that there is One who has promised to never leave or forsake us. We can trust Him fully.

*Father, when things change in my life, help me not to be anxious but to trust You and find contentment in You alone.*

### Contentment is found in Christ alone.

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## Controversy May Be a Duty!

J. C. Ryle

Controversy in religion is a hateful thing. It is hard enough to fight the devil, the world and the flesh without private differences in our own camp. But there is one thing which is even worse than controversy; and that is false doctrine tolerated, allowed and permitted without protest or molestation.

There are times when controversy is not only a duty but a benefit. Give me the mighty thunderstorm rather than the pestilential malaria. The one walks in darkness and poisons us in silence, and we are never safe.

The other frightens and alarms for a little season. But it is soon over and it clears the air. It is a plain Scriptural duty to “*earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*” *Jude 3*

# Editorial

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## *Essence*

*(Basic summary of Editor/Part-time Field Manager at Hauge Annual Bible Conference and more)*

### HOW TIMELY!

**“Beloved while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”** Jude 3

MOST CERTAINLY notice first of all that it is GOD who is writing this and not man; as is true of the entire BIBLE, as GOD inspired ‘godly men’ to write for our benefit of all people – what GRACE! But also ‘notice’ this is directed specifically to Christians!

WE are to contend *“earnestly” for the (living) FAITH*: it is not only for your own personal Salvation; but for ‘fellow-believers’ as it is not only a personal Spiritual Battle, as Satan is out to steal, destroy and kill you and me, but other ‘believers’ as well in regards to ‘our’ “common Salvation. Is not this not only for your own Eternal Destination (& mine), but for all who have received and will receive the gift of a ‘living faith’?

At the nearing of the Apostle Peter’s earthly journey, GOD states through Peter the following: **II Peter chapter 3**. WHY? Because of these days of Apostasy which means ‘falling-away’ which is self explanatory!

You see that ‘today’ not all who were once looking for the Rapture are walking in the ‘living faith’ day by day today! Tragic but true! SO I personally need to ask myself frequently: “Lord, Is it I”? *“Nevertheless, when the Son of Mn comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”* (Luke 18:8) Eventually, “falling away” will be rampant just before the ‘Rapture’ and tragically ‘falling-away’ is happening today! GOD says ‘decision’ is a reality and Martin Luther states that the person who does not fear himself has the greatest reason to fear of all. The main question is: are you saved today?

Also, Martin Luther said: Doctrine is just an explanation of a fact! **It has also been said: If the ‘doctrine’ is new, it is not true and if it is old it is not new, as faith does not change.** *“Beloved while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once*

*for all delivered to the saints.”* Jude 3. Yes, by the Grace and Guidance of the Holy Spirit; WE of the Morning Glory and Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation, make no apologies for the old time Christianity and seek to proclaim and practice the same, as it is better to be united by ‘truth’ than by error. We believe in ‘Experienced Salvation, Christian Fellowship and Simplicity of Worship’.

Many years ago a gentleman stated that if he were Satan he would start at the Seminary and years later he was the president of this Seminary where Satan succeeded.

Very recently I asked a fellow-believer that I have know for many year of the possibility/opportunity of this ‘ministry’ having a Hauge Bible Conference in the church/congregation where he is a member, and he answered: ‘The Spiritual Atmosphere has changed’. Years ago it was very supportive of this portion of the Lord’s work here on Earth. Sad REALITY!

Talking to a born-again Pastor and his Wife, they stated that they were so lonesome for Christian Fellowship and trying to find a Congregation where they felt at home – which is a fairly large city. OH, how ‘we’ need to redeem the time as the opportunity is still in our midst.

Many are gambling with their soul in being deceived and taking a chance for all ETERNITY!

In the little book’ of 1 John we find the word know or the privilege of a know-so experienced SALVATION 26 times. The GOD of LOVE does not want ‘us’ to gamble with ‘our’ Soul.

God is looking for those who worship Him in Spirit and Truth – John 4:23-24.

We are fortunate to have a fair sized raspberry patch and this year the Lord has entrusted into our midst an abundant harvest; but you know some of the ‘berries’ are somewhat hidden and a ‘reaper’ has to search for them! Now pestilence is taking its toll as tiny little black bugs have infested the patch. As I understand, actually the ‘egg’ had been planted in the blossom and now has hatched. *Symbolically*, it reminds me of sin – pestilence.

Our great Creator and Redeemer tells us that you

and I are sinners; full of sin to the very core – Isaiah 1:6, 64:6. There is no other remedy for cleansing but through the shed BLOOD of **Jesus!**

Now very seriously ‘we’ are to “redeem the time” even though we are living in like era of Noah and Lot; which time they not only were building, buying and selling (which in themselves are not wrong), but immorality was rampant and unknown to many folks – a time of restlessness.

As a challenge to you who are in favor of this portion of the Lord’s Ministry; WHY is it seemingly so difficult for YOU to ask for sample copies of the Morning Glory to place in business places, public & medical facilities, give to neighbors and friends and of course your own relatives?

What have you to lose in trying? And maybe prayerfully place individual names on our mailing/subscription list in prayer and a financial donation? WE NEED TO GET THE WORD OUT TO BOTH FELLOW-BELIEVERS AND THE LOST!

As the ‘part-time field-representative’ I sent out approx. 600 letters to folk who receive the Morning Glory in the last year.

Looking for ‘open-doors’ to conduct Hauge Bible Conferences or Evangelistic Meetings is becoming more difficult and also securing guest speakers who are of the Lutheran Haugean spirit/conviction as many congregations are filled to the brim with programs!

BUT in spite of the difficulties, ‘we’ want to be found faithful unto ‘our’ Lord and Savior as the crystal clear challenge/command is: “Occupy till I Come.” We are to go even out to the highways and byways and compel/constrain them to come-in – in CALVARY’S

LOVE.

Once again somewhat quoting Martin Luther as he shared that where the battle rages, there the Christian is called to the ‘front-lines’, or else he is like a ‘fox’ or ‘weather-vane.’

In order to continue to move forward and onward; ‘we’ stand in need of much specific prayer support and fellow foot soldiers of the cross to join ‘us’ and ALSO financially we are desperately struggling.

Being we have become so complacent (as a whole) and being Gospel-hardened in taking for granted the Bible and freedom for Christian Fellowship – is GOD gradually removing the “*Candle-stick*” from ‘our’ midst????

***Regardless, there is coming a Pay Day SOME DAY!!!***

**“I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may no be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see, As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be ...”** Revelation 3:18-19a.

**P. S.** When you read the ‘UpDate’ in this issue; the good financial income at the Hauge Annual Bible Conference held at BAD AX Lutheran is not included, but we are still definitely ‘struggling’ as a portion in His Kingdom’s Work here on the Planet Earth!

## THEY SHALL BE WHITE AS SNOW

*O DEAR Lord! My sins are crimson! My heart's vileness Thou dost know!*

*Oh, may I claim Thy precious promise:  
“They shall be as white as snow!”*

*Yes, dear Lord, my sins are many! My poor, lame feet wander so!*

*But dare I hope in Thy mercy—Thou hast made them white as snow!*

*Oh my soul! How did it happen That I should His pureness know?*

*It was the blood of my dear Saviour That washed me clean, white as snow!*

*Oh! What a kind, gracious Saviour!  
Such love on me bestow!*

*For though my sins were red like scarlet,  
He has made me white as snow!*

—Mrs. W. J. Berry

# Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

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## Ireland Supreme Court Rules Unborn Children Have No Legal Rights

The Supreme Court has unanimously ruled that unborn children have no rights in the Irish constitution part from the right to life, as enshrined in the Eighth Amendment.

In a landmark judgment the seven-judge court (March 7) overturned a decision made by the High Court last summer that an unborn child has rights in law beyond the constitutionally protected right to life. This ruling removes a significant obstacle in the government's plans to hold a referendum on repealing the Eighth Amendment in late May.

Lifenews.com

## Viewers Make 25,000 Calls Demanding ABC Apologize for Calling Christian Vice President Mike Pence "Mentally III"

The Media Research Center and its grassroots members made over 25,000 calls to ABC lambasting the network, demanding a full apology for anti-Christian comments made by The View on February 13 that suggested Vice President Mike Pence's "dangerous" Christian faith was a "mental illness."

This flood of 25,363 phone calls came following a February 15 open letter by Bozell to ABC that called out the "offensive comments" by co-hosts Joy Behar and Sunny Hostin.

"These characterizations of the Vice President's faith are insulting not only to him, but to all Christians..." Bozell added before noting that this was the latest chapter in a pattern of far-left, anti-Christian behavior by ABC. Lifenews.com

*Editor's Note:* Regardless if you are in favor of the Vice-President or not, or if you *possibly* question his Christianity; ABC should be ashamed of their attacks on him. Clearly notice if you are a true 'believer' we live in a sinful world.

## Abortion Group Launches \$5 Million Campaign to Flip the House

The pro-abortion group NARAL is spearheading a \$5 million campaign to make sure Democrats retake the majority in the House.

The Pro-Choice Majority Makers' program, which targets Republicans in 19 battleground states who have voted to restrict abortion, is the most expensive campaign the 49-year-old group has ever undertaken...

The funds will go toward campaign mail, phone calls, digital ads, door-to-door canvassing, television ads, and rallies, the group said in a press release.

Mairead Mc Ardle, nationalreview.com

## Primary School Tells Kids to Tattle on "Transphobia"

A primary school in Cambridge (England) is telling children that calling someone by the "wrong" pronoun is "illegal."

Arbury Primary, which takes children between four and 11 years old, holds special celebratory assemblies when a child "transitions" from one gender to the other and allows children to use whichever toilet match (his or her) chosen gender identity.

The school also urges parents to change their child's name ... if they "change gender," in guidance which is being used by a number of other schools.

David Davies, member of Parliament, criticized the school's "completely irresponsible" advice, saying: "It's ludicrous that a school would suggest something as radical as a legal name change for children this young..."

The policy, titled Being a Trans Friendly School," says, "Calling someone 'he/she,' 'it' or deliberately the wrong pronoun is unkind and illegal.

"If you hear or see this type of language being used, challenge or report"...

The guidelines are featured on the school's website alongside a script for an "equality assembly."

CHARISMA

## Boy Scouts' Radical Left Turn Takes Another Downward Step

The World Organization of the Scout Movement promotes the use of condoms and alcohol for attendees in its health and safety guidelines for next year's 24<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree to be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

The guidelines require that host organizations, who in this case include the Scouts BSA, formerly Boy Scouts of America, "...ensure that condoms are readily and easily accessible for all participants and IST (staff) at a num-

ber of locations on the site...”The guidelines also have “exceptions” allowances and instructions for the consumption of alcohol in “confined areas” at the 12-day camping event.

This announcement comes after the BSA recently changed its membership policy to allow girls to fully participate in local programs and changed its official name to remove the word *boy* to transform into the new “genderless” Scouts BSA.

The 2019 World Jamboree will be hosted by three national Scout organizations: Scouts Canada, Asciacion de Scouts de Mexico, and the Scouts BSA. The theme for the 24<sup>th</sup> Jamboree will be to “Unlock a New World”; and promotional materials claim the event will be “a celebration of cultural exchange mutual understanding, peace, and friendship”

LIBERTY COUNSEL

## Liberal Graduation Speakers Outnumber Conservatives Twelve To One, Study Finds

Young America’s Foundation looked at the top 100 national universities as ranked by U.S. News and World Report, and found only three schools that invited a conservative to deliver this year’s main commencement address...

The report identified 38 schools that shows graduation speakers who hold liberal views...

Elite universities were especially likely to shun conservative speakers from their commencement ceremonies.

Among the top 45 schools in the nation none invited a conservative graduation speaker; and 26 invited a liberal one...

Spencer Brown spokesman for Young America’s Foundation, said universities are giving students a liberal send-off before they face reality.

“America’s top institutions continue to be abandoned as sites of higher education and turned into indoctrination centers,” Mrs. Brown said in a statement. “As if our year of being fed leftist pablum wasn’t enough, too many schools shove their students out the door with one last liberal lesson.”

—gopusa.com

## The Facts Of The Matter

*Bible Studies Prevail Over California Homeowners’ Association*

After a homeowners’ association banned Christians

from holding Bible studies and other faith-based gatherings in common areas of a retirement community in California, attendees challenged and won the dispute to receive a settlement.

The Christian legal group Pacific Justice Institute (PJI) – which specializes in religious freedom issues – argued that the Solera retirement community located at Kern Canyon in Bakersfield, California violated the Bible study group’s constitutional right to practice and exercise their Christian faith.

The Sacramento, California-based law firm... confirmed a victory for the Christians against the association.

“(The court case) that tested the application of civil rights protections to Bible studies and a worship service in a senior community has been favorably resolved through a settlement,” PJI announced in a press release...

Approximately 100 attendees were prohibited from gathering together in their various faith-based meetings because one atheist had a problem with Christians congregating to worship and study God’s Word.

gopusa.com

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## It Wasn’t the Goths That Defeated Rome – It Was the Free Circuses

Luxuries, power, indulgence had made the once tough Rome people soft. To stay popular their emperors gave them more and more of the ease they craved – free bread, free circuses, easier living.

So the Romans softened up themselves for the ambitious, hardworking barbarians. And in A.D. 410, the greatest nation the world had ever seen was invaded and destroyed.

The greedy cry of “something for nothing,” the stupid whine of “somebody else should sacrifice, not me” is doing exactly the same for this nation – now!

Selected

## How to Save

A man who contributed the money to build a church later lost all of his own property. “IF you had the money you put into that church,” someone said to him “you could start again.”

But the good man wisely replied, “That is the only money I have saved. If I had not given it to the Lord, it would have gone with the rest. Now it will always be mine.”

Selected



## The Burning Bush – Part I

This is the first 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.*”

### The Background

God had made a covenant with Abraham that He would be with him as his God and his descendants after him. God had chosen a specific man and people to be His own possession. This continued through Abraham’s descendants – Isaac and Jacob. (Ex. 3:6) But Joseph, Jacob’s son – Ended up in Egypt – And consequently all the Hebrews ended up there as well. This 400 year exile in Egypt ended up with the people in slavery.

The Jewish nation cried out to God for deliverance (Ex. 2:23). In answer to this cry – God is going to institute a Deliverer to the People. In addition to that – He is going to use this special man as the mediator of the Old Covenant – The Giving of the Law. So this is no ordinary situation that God is dealing with here.

Moses was miraculously saved from death in the Nile through a wicker basket covered with pitch. He spent the first 40 years of his life being trained in the finest courts of the Egyptians – A son of Pharaoh. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew Slave (Ex. 2:11-12) – and then murdered the Egyptian. He then had to flee to Midian (2:15) – The desert. He then became Indignant about shepherds driving away women who wanted to water their flocks – who got there first (Ex. 2:16-17).

This is no ordinary man that God is dealing with – God has picked a man whose heart is aflame with the need for Justice. So this event at the Burning Bush is a watershed event in terms of the whole redemptive history of God with Mankind.

### The Encounter

Midian is in the desert (Ex. 3:1). Moses has been a shepherd for 40 years – a humble, boring existence. When all of a sudden the most significant event in Moses’ life takes place. He sees a bush that is ablaze (Ex. 3:2) – but is not consumed. Moses’ response to this Marvelous Sight is that he asks: “WHY is this bush burning and not consumed?” (Ex. 3:3) The answer to this question is God’s Revelation to mankind of His character.

## The Burning Bush

The desert is populated by bramble bush – No great significance – Nothing supernatural about this bush. What Moses saw was a fire WITHIN the bush – not burning the bush itself. The fire was not a natural fire – But a supernatural fire. It is Burning from its own power, not the bush’s ability to give it wood to burn. Moses saw a physical manifestation of the Glory of God. This is the Outward Appearance of God’s Glory.

It is commonly referred to as the “Shekinah” glory. It’s where God is said to “settle in” or “dwell with.” This word means where God is dwelling, settling or where His Divine Presence is. This glory is seen when God’s glory filled the Temple and even in the wilderness where He was a light during the night and the Shekinah cloud of His glory shaded Israel in the scorching sun of the desert. This is the Glory that radiates from the very being of God that is so powerful and majestic that it overwhelms anyone who comes into contact with it.

God is a pure spirit being and is therefore invisible, but there are occasions when the invisible God makes Himself seen by a natural manifestation – especially at critical junctures and moments – like this one in Exodus with Moses. God manifests Himself to people through the Shekinah glory. Here are a few examples:

When Solomon dedicated the Temple in Jerusalem to God – They brought up the ark of the covenant and placed it into the Temple

*“And it came about when the priests came from the holy place, that the cloud filled the House of the Lord so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.” (I Kings 8:10-11)*

God identified Himself with the Ark of the Covenant and the Temple with His Shekinah Glory.

In the New Testament – We read these words from John 1:14 *“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

### In Jesus – We see Him Manifesting The Shekinah Glory of God

When Jesus was born and the Savior of the World had come – We read these words from Luke 2:9, *“And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.”* The Shekinah glory of God announced the coming of God in His Glory to earth.

When Jesus needed to demonstrate to His core disciples – Peter, James and John – Who He was: *“And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became white as light.”* (Matt. 17:2)

When it was time for the great Apostle Paul to get converted – The man who would bring the Gospel to the Gentile World – And write much of the New Testament: “And it came about that as he journeyed, he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; and he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” And he said, “Who art Thou, Lord?” And He said, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.” Acts 9:3-5

And in the Final Book of Revelation, as it reveals to us the end of this current world and the instituting of God’s eternal kingdom – This is what we read: *“And in the middle of the lampstands One like a Son of Man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His breast with a golden girdle. And His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire; and His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. And in His right hand He held seven stars; and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.”* Revelation 1:13-16

What is it like when a mortal man encounters this Shekinah Glory of God? *“And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man.”* Revelation 1:17 This is exactly what happened when Moses tried to look at this Shekinah Glory of God. “Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.” (Ex. 3:6) Mortal man cannot look upon the Glory of God.

We are not transcendent in radiant glory – We are not comparable to the Glory of God – Nor can we because the Scripture says, *“All have sinned and fallen short of the **glory** of God.”* (Rom. 3:23) It wasn’t WHAT was in the bush – But WHO was in the Bush.

### **The Glory of God**

What do we learn about God’s Character from this?

Since He is the God of the universe and rules over all things – His very character and makeup is that He has this thing that we call Glory. This is the Shekinah glory of God that shines out of God’s inner, perfect, holy, Being. It is an outward display of the Majesty that God has Within. It displays that character of God that is called in Scripture – *“Unapproachable Light.”* (I Tim. 6:16)

Mere mortal man cannot even stand before such

glory. So we learn to revere God Almighty because of who He is. This is one of the areas that is sorely lacking today – a reverent fear of Almighty God Who exists in pure Shekinah Glory.

Only when we get to heaven will we finally be able to see and dwell within this glory of God. *“And behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.”* Revelation 4:2-3 This will be the appearance of God the Father Almighty when we see Him sitting on His throne in heaven and radiating that Shekinah Glory round about. Won’t that be a sight to behold?

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### **The river of God, which is full of water**

Psalm 65:9.

Along the highway of life flows the river of God. The weary pilgrim may sit down by the side of the river and rest. There he can quench his thirst and draw new strength. After a period of rest he may continue his pilgrimage with fresh courage.

You are the pilgrim. The stretch of the road you travel today is perhaps hilly and rough. You feel that your strength is not great. Therefore you are in greater need of rest.

These few moments of devotion are such a rest period. Cast off your burdens. Let the taut muscles relax. Bend down and drink from the river. The water is good and will refresh you. Take plenty. The river of God is full of water. Drink deeply. It will give you new strength and new courage to continue your pilgrimage.

**What is the Chief Purpose  
of Life?**

**To Discover the Will of God  
and to do it whole-heartedly.**

## A Word Fitly Spoken

By Ted Camp – Silent Word Ministries

### TRUTH REMAINS TRUTH

You can be politically correct and still be practically incorrect. Thousands may agree on a matter, but that still does not make it truth. A well-known car tag says, “God said it, I believe it, and that settles it.” No, it is still settled (true) whether or not you believe it. Your opinions, ideas, and preferences may change; but the Word of God will remain (Luke 21:33).

Today it seems again that truth has fallen and faded.

*“And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.”—Isa. 59:14.*

Fallen truth remains faithful truth. Truth is truth. Truth cannot become untruth. Truth never conflicts with truth. Truth confirms truth. Truth, when challenged, only proves truth. Partial truth was never permanent truth. You can accept it, attack it, think about it, change it, or deny it; but it still remains truth.

Notice that when truth is fallen, past established precedents and principles are replaced with present precedents and principles. But truth still remains truth. The ever learning Pharisees and lawyers used their knowledge and positions to oppose Christ (II Tim. 3:7).

They had much influence but were ignorant of truth. They wanted only liars who would agree with them. All who agreed with them became their friends, and all who opposed them became their enemies. They became friends because they had a common enemy. “Have I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (Gal 4:16).

They changed the truth to serve their purposes. “Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator who is blessed forever. Amen” (Rom. 1:25).

It seems that many know what they do not believe but only a few know what they do believe. When truth and righteousness are fallen, they are usually replaced with false, self-serving principles. They focus on causes instead of cures. “But every man did that which was right in his own eyes: (Judg. 17:6). They thought they were right but were proven to be wrong.

*“They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.*

“And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.”—John 16:2,3.

“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”—Prov. 14:12.

When truth is fallen, equity fades but truth still re-

mains truth.

*“For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.”—II Cor. 13:8.*

“For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

“God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.”—Rom. 3:4

As Christians, when truth is fallen, we must remain faithful. WE are to be salt to make a difference (Matt. 5:13). WE should be light in the darkness (vs. 14). Then when we have done all—we must stand! “wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Eph. 6:13).

Truth is still truth! When all else fails, have no fear; truth will prevail! God is still God! So stand, stand and keep standing until He comes! Selah!

Sword of the Lord

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### **“Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.” Psalm 65:3**

Why is it that God often forgives our iniquities only when they have become too heavy or us?

Because only then will we cry to God for grace (and forgiveness). Not everyone feels sin as a heavy burden. Some love sin and desire to live in it. As long as that condition prevails, no forgiveness can be had.

But when the Spirit of God enters the heart, sin appears in a different light. One begins to detest it, and tries to get away from it. Then the discovery is made that it has gained a great power, and one cannot set himself free. The guilt and the accusation are heavy burdens. The sinner is driven to Christ. And then he experiences salvation. *“Iniquities prevail against me: as for transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.”*

God be praised for the forgiveness of sins!

God has placed His own value on His Word. He calls it a “fire,” a “hammer” (Jer. 23:29) and a “sword” (Eph. 6:17). Now fire burns; a blow hammer hurts; while a cut from a sword causes real pain. And when His Word is proclaimed in the power of the anointing, it will have exactly the same results.

—Oswald Smith

## “Let Love Of The Brethren Continue.” (Hebrews 13:1)

*LOVE* cannot be born and fostered by commandment, and yet Jesus says that we *must* love each other. The kingdom of God in the old covenant was built on the ordinances of the Law. In the new covenant the kingdom is built on the law of the Spirit of life; on a new nature created by God in our hearts. Therefore, Christianity is love, just as GOD IS LOVE. But while love is appearing in the Christian as law sprung from life, this life itself is not outside all danger. Love’s task is not just to have pleasant feelings, and then to receive the same feelings from others. If we desire to love in that way only, then our love is doomed to death. If love is to thrive and grow it must serve, make sacrifices, suffer, and forgive.

*It costs!* But it cost God and Jesus, too. No one has loved as God has, and no one has made sacrifices as great as His.

How would husband and wife get along – even if they loved each other ever so much and so purely to begin with – if they did not learn love’s blessed art of serving and forgiving?

You and I too must, as Christians, get into this suffering, serving, and forgiving love. There are many Christians that it costs a good deal to love. They are so unlike us in character and in their outlook on life. Many have sharp edges too, are unreliable and fickle. We are to love these, too. Therefore it reads: **“Let love of the brethren continue.”**

It may be that in the group of Christians where you belong, there are some that it is difficult to love. Wherefore pray to God that you may have the love that serves and forgives.

*Come, children, let us onward go!  
We travel hand in hand;  
Each in his brother find his joy  
In this wild, stranger land.*

*As children let us be,  
Nor by the way fall out,  
The angels guard us round about,  
And help us brotherly.*

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*Editor’s Note:* Most certainly first notice this is a very clear directive to those who know JESUS as their personal Savior and towards those who know HIM also!

Secondly: Note that this is not a ‘feeling-directive’; but in a sense a ‘command’.

Thirdly: It is a definite ‘ear-mark’ of those who are ‘walking by faith’ with JESUS moment by moment – daily!

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**“Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new.”**

II Corinthians 5:17

AT the new birth God puts into our souls a *new power* with which to wage warfare against our sins.

Worldly people, too, struggle against their sins. But in a worldly way. They struggle against sin because of the unpleasant and dangerous consequences of sin. Sin itself they love; but they do not dare to commit it because by so doing they injure themselves.

At the new birth a change takes place in this regard. Sin itself becomes our enemy. To offend against God now becomes the worst feature of sin, because we love God.

Do not misunderstand me. Those who are born anew are not sinless. As long as we live here on earth *“the flesh will lust against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh,”* as the apostle says. [See Gal. 5:17]

We will therefore experience an unwillingness to pray and read the Bible also after the new birth; we will feel slothfulness and an unwillingness to do the will of God. Yes, we will even experience the desire to sin.

However, we know now that there is only one way in which we can overcome our sins, namely, by having the love of God shed abroad in our hearts again.

Now we will confess before Him that we fell because our love became lukewarm. And we will pray to Him that He will take us to His heart again and warm up thoroughly with His love.

This is the real secret of sanctification.

It does not take place by the will of the flesh, nor by the human will, but only by God. It is only an experience of Christ that can, after we have been defeated, give us the right inner attitude toward sin again. It is only love toward God that can make sin painful to us.

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# DAILY THINGS

By Pastor James (Jim) Mizell

There are some things we as Christians need to do daily. Let me share some of the daily things that can be taken advantage of:

(1) We need a daily renewing of the inner man. In 2 Corinthians we read, *“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing yet the inward man is being renewed day by day”* 2 Corinthians 4:16.

(2) We need to read God’s Word daily. There is strength found in reading God’s Word. Plus, it is the guide book for our lives. Check it out for up-to-date instructions. Nehemiah 8:18 tells us, *“Also day by day from the first day until the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God.”*

(3) We need to spend time in prayer daily with the Lord. If Jesus needed to pray, and He did *often*, we surely need to pray as well. *The Scriptures say, “Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God”* Philippians 4:6.

(4) We need to praise and thank the Lord. We read in Psalm 71:14-16, *“But as for me, I will hope continually, And will praise You yet more and more. My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness And of Your salvation all day long; For I do not know the sum of them. I will come with the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Your righteousness, Yours alone.”*

(5) We need to exhort and encourage one another daily. In Hebrews 4:13, we read: *“Exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”*

(6) We must bear our cross daily. We all have a cross to bear. Listen to Jesus speaking in Luke 9:23: *“If anyone desire to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”*

Yes, there are some things that we must do daily in the spiritual realm, just as we do some things daily in the physical realm...

## Character Not for Sale

A local committee of a certain community called on a leading merchant and threatened to boycott his store if he did not withdraw his support from a certain moral issue. His reply came back, “I want you to know, gentlemen, that my goods are on sale but not my character.” – Selected

# WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET

By Pastor James (Jim) Mizell

A nervous bride asked her pastor for help in dealing with anxiety about the wedding service. She was really nervous. The pastor, seeking to help, gave her a sure fire formula. “As you come through the door, keep your eyes down,” he advised her. “Don’t look around at the people. Keep your gaze fixed upon the aisle down which you will walk. When you are about halfway down the aisle raise your eyes just a bit until you can see the altar and keep your gaze fixed there until you are nearly to the front, and then lift your gaze until you see your beloved.”

The day of the wedding came. The church was full. The wedding march began. The door opened and there stood the beautiful young bride looking remarkably composed.

People began to wonder, as she assessed them muttering under her breath, *“Aisle, Altar, Him, Aisle, Altar, Him.”* Many brides get married with the intention of altering him. Unfortunately, it rarely works.

But love works! I’m convinced that the issue is never who is in charge, but the basis of the relationship is the issue. People who have an unselfish love for one another can work things out. People who really love each other can make mistakes, forgive each other, then go on. People who love each other can survive without getting their own way.

A woman was congratulated on her thirtieth wedding anniversary for holding on to the same man for 30 years. “Oh,” she replied, “he is not the same man he was when I first got hold of him. “We must grow together, work together, love one another and communicate with each other.

Remember the auto mechanic on TV who solemnly warns us, “You can pay me now or you can pay me later.” The same goes for marriages. We must work on our marriage now or we will find ourselves paying a tremendous price later.”

Self-giving love is the basis for Christian marriage. One only has to read in Ephesians 5:21-33 to see the formula for a successful marriage. Husband and wives are to “be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ” (v.21). There is something special about putting your mate’s needs above your needs.

All we are talking about is two people who love each other and are married to each other developing skills to meet each other’s needs and having their own needs met.

Thought: Continue the little courtesies after marriage that were practiced before marriage.

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## Behold, Thy King Cometh

Read Matthew 21:1-9.

*“Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold thy king cometh unto thee, meek, and riding upon an ass, upon a colt, the foal of an ass.”* (Matt. 21:5).

One year rolls by after the other. The wheel of time turns incessantly, and we follow. It seems that each year passes more swiftly than the preceding one. Old customs yield to new ones. We follow friends, parents and relatives to the grave with painful regularity. We weep—and forget.

Life is like a bustling ant hill. Tired and disgruntled people complain of weariness and injustice. The earth is aging. The races of mankind are wearing out. The end of all things is at hand; God’s great autumn season is before us.

In the midst of all this bustling and teeming life of sweat and blood and tears stands an immovable rock; the floodwaters of the world have failed to change it with the passing years. That is Jesus Christ our Savior. He is yesterday, today and forever the same.

To Jerusalem is accorded the privilege of another visit from the Savior. Once again He desires to offer the Kingdom to these stiff-necked people. Still another time He yearns to knock with a loving hand at the locked door. Once more—can it be possible that tears and loving words may thaw the frozen hearts of frigid souls?

Alas, no! Also this time the heart-door is closed to peace and salvation. For a fleeting moment the people thaw out sufficiently to hail their king. Then everything freezes up into eternal ice again.

Jesus wept as He rode into the city. Remarkable tears these were. According to human reasoning this was the only day of His earthly life that He had a reason to rejoice; and on that day He wept.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday brought suffering, derision and judgment; but there were no tears in His eyes then. Instead He turned to the weeping ones about Him, urging them to cease weeping over Him.

When love suffers voluntarily it does not ask to be pitied. It is self-love that goes from door to door to solicit sympathy.

Why did Jesus weep on Palm Sunday, but not on Good Friday?

On Good Friday Christ walked to Golgotha as the Savior of the world. His purpose was then to redeem the sin-bound race from sin, death, and the kingdom of Satan. The urge to save us impelled Him on toward this day. Now it had arrived. Therefore, He gave Himself voluntarily and meekly as a lamb. In this way He

opened again the road to the Father’s House for us. As heaven was closed to Him it was opened for us. That is why Jesus did not weep on Good Friday.

On Palm Sunday Jesus saw a group of people who would fail to benefit by all that He did for them. He saw that His life would be given in vain for so many of His own people. That is why He wept.

It is hard to sacrifice everything for others in vain; it is doubly so when one is rewarded with disgrace and mockery. Slighted love is the most painful experience a human being can suffer.

Many a strong and brave man has lost all courage and desire to live because he loved one who would never be his. Many a radiant young lady has paled away as fading flower because she loved without being loved in return. In each case a whole life volunteered to wear itself to the bone for another person but this other one slightly rejected the offer.

*Now Jesus at the door is knocking!  
Hark, how He pleads our hearts to win!  
Who hears His voice, the door unlocking,  
To sup with him He enters in!  
How blest the day, my soul, how blest!  
When Jesus comes to be Thy guest!*

Sighted love is the heaviest burden and most excruciating pain that is possible in life.

This is the kind of pain that made Jesus weep.

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**“For as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” I Corinthians 15:58**

LABOR done in the name of the Lord is never done in vain.

Many years ago a Sunday school teacher had a boy in his class who did not seem to want to study. The boy became reckless and wayward.

Years later this boy came to an Eastern city. As he walked the streets he found himself in a cemetery. He wandered around the cemetery reading the names on the tombstones, and on one of the tombstones he saw a name that bought back many memories. It was the name of his old Sunday school teacher.

Lessons that the teacher had tried to impress upon him came back. His heart was stirred; he went to the grave, knelt down and yielded his life to the Lord.

This man then studied for the ministry and became the pastor of a prominent church in Virginia. His

teacher had probably gone to his grave thinking that all his labor with this reckless boy had been in vain.

We shall reap if we faint not. Even a glass of cold water given in Jesus' name shall not be forgotten.

Dear Lord, we praise Thee for Thy Word, and the courage and strength we receive through it. We thank Thee that even the smallest service we render in Thy name is not in vain. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*There's surely somewhere a lowly place  
In earth's harvest fields so wide,  
Where I may labor thro life's short day  
For Jesus the Crucified;  
So trusting my all to Thy tender care,  
And knowing Thou lovest me,  
I'll do Thy will with a heart sincere,  
I'll be what you want me to be.*

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## Forward With Christ

By Claire Hobart

*(Actually a compact Gospel Song Book)*

In the preface he writes, "We are living today in a world in which there seems to be in every phase of life the watch word "forward." But there are two camps that are striving for the victory, ...and Christianity. And with this in view we would ask the readers of this book to open your Bibles to Ephesians 6:10-18.

This book is dedicated to the memory of two of my dearest friends, Pastor C. E. Frisk, ... He was my boyhood pastor in Taylors Falls, Minn. and he influenced my life profoundly, as he took time to discuss many spiritual subjects with me when I was just a very inquisitive child. This servant of Christ was in the ministry for almost 65 years. I also want to mention Mrs. Sarah Johnson of San Antonio, Texas... Aside from my immediate family, she was the sweetest Christian woman I have ever known and she helped me very much in the deeper things of the Christian life.

The song "Forward With Christ" was the Luther League motto of our young people for the year 1960. ... We cannot stress enough the necessity of watchfulness in

our own Christian faith today as there are many adversaries. "*Awake, awake, oh Church of Christ*" is a call to sleeping Christians to be on the move. "He Walked a Little Farther for Me" was inspired from a talk by Prof. C. B. Stuart of the Arizona Bible Institute on the subject, "Christ in His Father's School Room." The two hard lessons He learned were affliction and oppression, yet for our sakes, He was obedient. "God Loves to Hear His Children Pray" was written after a visit with an extremely sick man who died of cancer, a neighbor, Jose Delgadillo of Laredo; in spite of his unbearable pain he could still say "Glory to God," and he, too, was one of my best friends. Jose Delgadillo also made the statement "God loves to hear His children pray," which inspired the writing of this song "Perhaps Today" and was written during a time of personal illness when I wondered if death was not coming near...

I note that there is much written about heaven. My dear readers, I do not want to miss any one of you there in that place which the Lord has gone to prepare for those who love Him...

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## Perhaps Today

*Perhaps today we'll hear the glad surprise,  
When Christ shall come in glory from the sky;  
Perhaps today we'll hear His "Welcome home."  
To live in Paradise.*

Chorus

*Perhaps today our trials will be o'er,  
Perhaps today we'll live to die no more;  
Perhaps today we'll pass the open door,  
To live with Jesus forevermore.*

*What have I done to make the gospel known?  
This He will ask before His judgement throne;  
His proving eyes will search my inmost heart.  
It makes my teardrops start.*

Chorus

*In faith believing, come to Christ today,  
Trust in His blood to wash your sin away;  
Sweet are the promises that God has giv'n  
Of brighter days in heav'n.*

Chorus

Mr. Claire Hobart was physically blind.

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## UpDate

### WATERS

*“Cast your bread upon the waters, For you will find it after many days”*

Ecclesiastes 11:1.

Out in this ‘sinful’ world I sometimes feel like I’m in the ‘water’ of Christianity and in a ‘row-boat’ with only one oar that is partially broken: seeking to rescue the perishing and caring for the dying. In other words, just barely holding my own and the worldly ‘tide’ is gaining strength as the gale winds increasingly howl. I know there are many of our readers who are in accord with this ‘ministry’, but are caught in the net of procrastination. Other ‘fishermen’ are tired and weary and Satan is throwing buckets of cold water called discouragement to quench the individual’s biblical convictions by putting out the smoldering ‘coals’ and quenching the bush camp-fire in order that all missions come to an end as a ‘Thief’ he is. *Maybe*, at times, we feel like Peter of old who stated we have fished all night and took nothing, but nevertheless at your WORD.

As a biblical, pietistic, faith ministry; we believe God wants ‘us’ to be a ‘buoy in the sea of life’ in letting the ‘Beacon-light/Light house’ flow through us in encouraging Christian Fellowship, Experienced Salvation and Simplicity in Worship.

Thus we are in real NEED of ‘fellow-fishermen’ (old and new supporters) to help ‘us’ cast out the Law and Gospel Net and take GOD at His Word as HE can not lie. Praise the Lord! We seek to trust HIM in recruiting ‘fellow-sailors’. Are YOU willing to be one of them? The need is URGENT!

Expenses for this faith ministry are more than the Morning Glory expenses.

THE LORD BLESS YOU AS YOU PRAY FOR AND GIVE.

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