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

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Is Prophecy For Today?

By Jeff Dunkle

WHY PROPHECY IS IMPORTANT

Prophecy is one of the most important themes of the Bible, in spite of some assertions that it is of minimal practical value to daily Christian living. Nothing is further from the truth! Today it seems that little attention is given, and little is being taught by Christian leaders, even in seminaries, regarding this very important subject. Many of us recall just decades ago when Christians were captivated by movies such as “Thief in the Night” and books such as “The Late Great Planet Earth” (first printed in 1970, with now over 28 million copies sold). A veteran Bible-prophecy conference speaker shared with me that in recent years he has seen churches’ interest in hosting prophecy conferences noticeably declining, with such conferences becoming sparser every year, in spite of news with clearly prophetic implications breaking daily regarding Israel and other Middle Eastern nations.

UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES

Today, every follower of Christ should seek to be like the men of Issachar in David’s army, *“who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do”* (1 Chronicles 12:32). Understanding the times in which we live in light of biblical prophecy should motivate us to find out how to behave. Jesus said to the Pharisees and Sadducees, *“When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red’; and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky,*

but you cannot discern the signs of the times” (Matthew 16:2-3).

GREAT SIGNIFICANCE

Of course, the term “prophecy” in the Scriptures isn’t always used regarding future events, but often it is. Simply put, the word comes from two Greek words: *pro* (for, in front of or in behalf of) and *phemi* (to speak). A prophet therefore is one who speaks forth on God’s behalf.

Prophecy is not a minor subject in the Holy Scriptures. Over 30% of the Bible is prophetic; 20% of those prophecies relate to the first coming of Jesus Christ, but 80% deal with His second coming and events yet to come to pass. If you avoid “eschatology” (the study of end-time events in human history), you are missing valuable teaching from one-third of the Bible. In the New Testament, there are 300 references to the return of Jesus Christ, or 1 out of every 25 verses. This is not insignificant to God, nor should it be to us.

WHY A LACK OF INTEREST?

In light of the prominence of prophecy in the Holy Scriptures, it is puzzling to see its absence in the teaching ministry of the modern church and its overall neglect these days. I make it a point to ask visitors who come to our church during our Bible-prophecy conferences why they came. Almost without exception the reply is “Because we never hear anything about it in our own church.” How sad. I have even asked other pastors directly if they teach prophetic truths to their people, and

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many say that there are differing views about the order of prophetic events, so they prefer not to stir up any controversy in their church. Dr. George Sweeting when he was president of Moody Bible Institute, commented, “Some say that they neglect prophetic truth because of confusion that exists. It is our feeling that the confusion exists because of neglect of study of prophetic truth.”

Another reason that I believe there is a lack of attention to end-time prophecy is due to the unfortunate number of false teachers and heretics, who for dubious reasons have set dates for the return of Christ, all of them (obviously!) in error...

We need Bible prophecy, for it assures us of the return of our Savior someday and uniquely motivates us to live pure, holy lives (1 Jn. 3:2-3, II Pet. 3:11-14, 1 Thess. 3:13). Regarding Romans 13:11-14, some have said we need to wake up, clean up, dress up and look up because someday we will be caught up. Remember, someday Jesus is coming back, and though the Scriptures are clear about that, they don’t say when. So, we must watch and wait, and while we do, make sure that our lives are pleasing to Him in every way.

Finally, GOD has a promise for those who hear and keep these prophetic truths. ***“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keeps those things which are written in it; for***

the time is near” Revelation 1:3. Not knowing what God is about to do robs one of great blessings.

So, are you prepared to stand before your Savior if HE should come for you today? He **IS** coming back someday, Bible prophecy is clear about that. Someone has penned this challenge for all of us: “Say nothing that you would not like to be saying when Jesus comes. Do nothing you do not want to be doing when Jesus comes. Go nowhere you would not want to be found when Jesus comes.”

.... Excerpts from *Is Prophecy For Today?*
The Vine and Branches, Summer 2019

Do you Love Jesus?

“And He said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. “The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Matthew 22:37-39)

If you say “yes” to this question, then what is the true evidence that you love Jesus? Is it that you verbally say so with great expression? Is it that you are loving and helpful and encouraging to others? Is it that you are a beautiful person in your character? Is it that you are faithful in your attendance to church and the work of the church?

All of these are fine qualities to have as a Christian, but they do not really prove that you love Jesus. The true evidence that you love Jesus is your obedience to the Commandments of God. Jesus said so. *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” “He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him.” (John 14:15, 21)*

There are people today who claim with a loud voice that they love Jesus with all their hearts, and yet they live in direct disobedience to the Commandments of God. The Scripture says that they really don’t love Jesus at all, regardless of what they say. *“And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him.” (I John 2:3-5)* The impression is given by some today, “A believer can live any way they want as long as they love Jesus. Even if what they are doing is a sin, it really doesn’t matter as long as they love

Jesus since He has covered all our sins.” The Scriptures quoted in this article prove this to be a lie. It is the same as what God spoke through Jeremiah the Prophet to the Israelites, *“Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal, and walk after other gods that you have not known, then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered!’ – that you may do all these abominations? (Jeremiah 7:8-10)*

If someone has hatred in his heart toward a fellow believer, he also is a liar and does not really love God. *“If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” (I John 4:20-21)*

Some are quick to point out that the Law has been removed for the believer. They are removed from believers because Jesus fulfilled them in our place. *“For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the Law.” (Rom. 3:28)* The commandments show us the Will of God for our lives and lay out a pattern of good works that are pleasing to God. To break them is still sin in God’s eyes. If living a life in obedience to the Commandments seems to be a hard life of legalism, then you had better examine your faith to see if it is genuine. *“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.” (I John 5:2-3)*

Do you even know the commandments? Is it something you perhaps learned in confirmation, and have long since forgotten them? If you really want to love Jesus, this is how you will demonstrate it. Maybe it’s time to look at Luther’s Small Catechism and commit these to memory once again; but more importantly, to put them into practice in your life. This is when you can say that you Love Jesus and really mean it. *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” (John 14:15)*

JRH

MIRACLE

Every time a female conceives and thus becomes pregnant; it is a ‘miracle’ as a new-life begins! No life is possible without the gift of life from God.

INFANTS in their mothers’ womb definitely believe in miracles, as medically their heart-beat can be detected at **18 days!**

What a miracle!

The Border Issue

By Pastor Paul Larson, Detroit Lakes, MN

I decided to write this article, because several have asked, “*How should we as Christians respond to this situation?*” To have an open uncontrolled border is not “the Christian” thing to do. Many are being hurt by this policy. Unfortunately, there are some who despise our Country and want to see our great nation in chaos. They encourage anarchy. Groups like Antifa, Code Pink, Black Lives Matter, Aryan Nation, KKK and others just want to encourage conflict.

Congress needs to do the following to fix the problem.

1. *Build a wall and set up secure points of entry.*

A wall is not unchristian. A wall with an organized system of immigration is the kindest most Christ-like thing we can do for those wanting to come to America. This will actually stop the current abuse of children and young girls by taking away the Cartels opportunity to make them pay to get across the border.

2. *Provide the necessary courts and judges.*

We need to fund this to meet the overwhelming increase in the number of people entering the country.

3. *Provide housing.*

No one should be left in a situation that is inhumane. We can and should provide the room we need even if on a temporary basis, until the immigrants can be processed.

4. *Make sure all criminal behavior is punished.*

Anyone using or abusing young women or children to enter our country should be punished and imprisoned so they cannot do it again. The drug cartels are making a lot of money off our broken immigration system. We need to stop them!

GOD IS A GOD OF LOVE AND JUSTICE. Love says; you welcome people to come. Justice says every-one must follow the rules.

Editor’s Note: Along with others, Dr. James Dobson says the same thing; only possibly more emphatically than this article.

There is a great difference in our country in regards to a border wall between what is called ‘liberals’ and ‘conservatives’. It has NOW been discerned that there is a definite battle in the USA Congress assembly room at our Capital of “we the people.”

But our Spiritual Warfare includes the principalities that are unseen! Not only are WE instructed to pray for

our government Leaders, but also for one another.

Most certainly Satan and his helpers know time is running out for them! OUR VICTORY lies in and through the **Blood of JESUS and through HIS eternal WORD – THE BIBLE!**

The desperate line is this: We are in a real battle between the influence of LIGHT and that of darkness, between freedom and enslavement.

Why I Volunteer

By Chelsey Coffey

When I was a teenager, I was a party girl. I suffered from depression, so I tried to mask that feeling with alcohol and unhealthy relationships. *At the age of twenty, I found myself facing an unplanned pregnancy and quickly discovered that I would be raising my baby as a single mother.* I felt vulnerable and completely scared and alone. *Thankfully, I had the support of my amazing family and friends who were willing to help.* After my son was born, I stopped partying and realized I needed to start living a better life, if not for myself but for him. I was invited to a church where I gave my life to Jesus ... and became a part of a wonderful loving church community. A while later, that is where I met my husband to be, who was going to school for the ministry. *The day we got married, he adopted my son.* ...Our story was just beginning. A year after we got married, we moved to Fargo to plant Story Church. It is an incredibly humbling journey and testimony to God’s grace to go from a party girl to single mom, to a pastor’s wife. A little while later, our women’s Life Group at church was looking for a place to volunteer, and I had seen information about The Perry Center...

I know that not everyone has local support when they are facing an unplanned pregnancy, like I did. That is why I am so thankful for a ministry like... in our community. Although it was almost 10 years ago when I faced my unplanned pregnancy, I still remember how terrified I felt.

...Seeing everything going on around our Nation with the topic of abortion, my heart was completely broken. I had no idea how I could help protect the unborn in a loving, non-judgmental way, a way that Christ demonstrated for us. God reminded me of the answer: Take care of the mom. ...My story was filled with pain, but GOD can use pain for a purpose! That is why I am willing to give back and volunteer my time, talents, and experience to make a difference in someone’s life!

Perry Center, West Fargo, ND

Editorial

RES

LABOR Day!

“What profit has a man from all his labor in which he toils under the sun? One generation passes away, and another generation comes but the earth abides forever. And also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God.”

(Ecc. 1:3&4, 3:13)

I read that “my heart beat 103,369 times today!

“My blood traveled 168 million miles!

“I breathed 23,400 times!

“I ate three pounds of food, drank 2.9 pounds of liquid!

“I perspired 1.43 pints!

“I gave off 85.3 degrees of heat!

“I generated 450 tons of energy!

“I spoke 4,800 words!

“I moved 750 major muscles!

“My nails grew .00056 inches; my hair grew .01714 inches and I exercised seven million brain cells!

Selected

NOW Back to reality; after sharing with you a little of the ‘lighter’ side in life.

You and I are Not a pessimist but a realist – only ONE heart-beat from Eternity; regardless of age and health! When the magnificent heart stops pumping; how much longer does your body still function? **“So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom”** Psalm 90:12. Notice the Psalmist asks God to be his ‘school teacher’ in the process of our earthly journey; realizing that our life is like a ‘vapor’ or ‘flower’ basking in the ‘sunshine’ of His LOVE.

Each twenty-four hours we are a day closer to eternity. What a ‘day’ when my JESUS I shall see and I look upon His Face the One who saved me by His GRACE – WHAT A DAY!

As you know the only road that leads to Heaven is the road of GRACE all the way HOME; but this ‘Grace’ is also ‘Grace’ to serve. As JESUS, in His Infinite LOVE for each one of us THAT ‘we’ could spend all Eternity without any hassles/struggles/SIN forever! Not only each one of us; as likely many of you Morning Glory ‘readers’ have heard.

If a bird should take one pebble of sand in its mouth and cross the ocean once each year, by the time it had

emptied one ‘shore’ unto the opposite ‘shore’, Eternity has only begun! (there will be NO Timex watches in Heaven or yearly Calendars).

Because of the ‘transforming’ power and grace that JESUS had personally done in His life’s journey, he writes (which should be true in every ‘transformed’ life): ***I am a debtor both to the Greeks (Gentiles) and to barbarians both to wise and to unwise...For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek”*** Romans 1:14-16. Because we have experienced the LOVE of God personally in our own life, as a result ***“We love Him because He first loved us”*** 1 John 4:19. But after receiving HIM as our personal Savior; as long as we are still in this earthly journey; HE wants us to serve HIM until ‘faith’ becomes ‘sight’! Titus 3:4-8.

In the city of Dilworth in our modest house we are privileged to have a large lot and in the same we have a fairly large Raspberry patch. Well, the ‘patch’ didn’t get the attention that it needed for physical reasons: therefore, it became a major tangled ‘jungle’.

Now we are in the midst of ‘raspberry’ harvest time even though this ‘raspberry patch’ needed definite weeding earlier. (It is surprising/interesting where you find some of the very nicest ‘raspberries’.)

It reminds me of what GOD wants ‘us’ to do in the ‘light’ of His Eternal Word: like sowing His Incorruptible Seed; that cultivates, IF permitted, even plows in order to have good fertile soil. The Gospel has a big ‘GO’ in it, as He wants ‘us’ to sow His Seed everywhere and let Him give the ‘harvest’ as He promises in His Word will not return to HIM void. This incorruptible SEED that promises 100 percent germination. ...Psalm 126:5-6, Romans 10:9-10, Isaiah 55:10-11

As we pick ‘raspberries’, some of even the nicest are in difficult locations on the plant, as it is with you and me, things are not ideal. For the believer this example is as follows: sharing your personal testimony along with absolutely sharing the Incorruptible Seed; likely

a very worldly person who is at present enjoying the 'pleasures of sin' OR witnessing to a neighbor who is from a different 'synod' or denomination!

I do not believe that when you and I, who are in Christ Jesus, before this Judgment Seat of rewards, will not be asked IF we've been 'proselytizing': but were you 'obedient' to my Word and the gentle guidance of the Holy Spirit.

There will be no questions, as we individually stand before the 'judgment seat of Christ' as the unsaved will stand before the Great White Throne Judgment Seat giving an 'account' of what they did with God's Eternal (Incorruptible) Word; His BLOOD- bought GIFT of SALVATION through His beloved SON JESUS!

GOD wants every individual believer serving HIM until a person takes their last earthly breath/heart-beat! (Part of serving HIM could be even sharing the *Morning Glory* or placing their name(s) to 'our' mailing list?) LOOK UNTO THE FIELDS THAT ARE WHITE UNTO HARVEST; going everywhere – even the highways and byways and compel (very seriously urge) them to come in! How much are YOU willing to offer as a living 'sacrifice' unto Him? Romans 12:1-2.

HE wants to use every single person who is in the 'family' of God, excluding NONE.

REST! The Creator created seven twenty-four hours for a day and seven days a 'week'; with ONE day not

for 'catching-up' work but for rest. Pastor Peter Nordsletten served as an 'under-shepherd' in the Viroqua, Wisconsin area where I was raised from my 'infancy' until adulthood.

Pastor Nordsletten served a town congregation and at least two rural congregations.

Anyway, one Sunday morning on his way to 'break the Bread of Life' for one of the rural congregations, he had noticed that so many farmers were working out in the field, that he pulled his vehicle to the side of the highway and wondered IF he had the 'right-day' of the week (Sunday) and took his 'pastor's schedule book to check If he had the right day??? What a 'misuse'! This day was being abused! The Creator definitely intended to use the 'first-day' of the week for Worship, Christian fellowship, relaxation and on! TODAY, now much worse is this day abused; not only in the rural community – but across the 'board' – SIN, abuse, etc. – HORRIBLE!

The word 'Sabbath' means rest and GOD does not change His mind nor His promises!

JESUS didn't promise any of HIS pilgrims in this sinful world an easy path to walk, but the end will be worth more than we can even imagine here in our "Labor Day" journey!

What Is Your Primary Purpose of a 24 hour-day and 7 days a week?

NOT ADEQUATE (??)

Many can easily and scripturally state that they have felt very inadequate to be 'speaker' (Preacher) in God's Kingdom Work on Earth. Not everyone is called to be a pastor or a layman for a service at a Bible Conference or Evangelistic meetings. For example, consider Moses, Gideon, Hans Nielsen Hauge and the list goes on!

How did you 'feel' the first time you gave your own personal 'testimony'? (Granted, GOD does not call everyone in His 'family' to be a pastor, etc.)

I believe I shared this with you before; but I remember another Pastor by the name of Burnnell Lund, who also walked with JESUS by faith and served a large Lutheran Church in Viroqua telling me: "Rod, when your knees quit 'knocking' in sharing the Word of God, then it is time for you to quit preaching"! You see, he wanted to emphasize to me the 'privilege, responsibility and seriousness in handling the Living Word of GOD, the BIBLE – II Timothy 2:9, Psalm 19.

Nevertheless, there are a great number who would say, "I should have never been a preacher as far as human reasoning is concerned. I was an introvert. I was so

timid."

GOD isn't looking for folks who necessarily have been gifted with various talents or ability; but for those who are obedient to the sensitive Holy Spirit's leading; as what HE asks you to do HE has either provided or will provide that which is needed, and likely more.

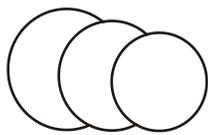
Jesus' Funeral Sermons

When I was a young man, I used to spend the summers in Chicago. When the ministers were gone away, they would send me to attend to the funerals. One day I was called to conduct a funeral. There were to be a great many businessmen who were not Christians there.

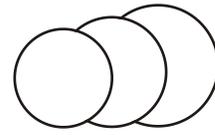
I said, "This is my opportunity. I will give them a Christian sermon."

I tried to find one of Christ's funeral sermons. To my surprise, I found that He broke up every funeral He attended. The dead couldn't stay dead where He was.

-D.L. Moody



From Our Fellowship Circle



G. & O. B.

Roseville, MN

We appreciate getting *Morning Glory* 9 times a year! Thank you for your challenging and blessed articles that are right-on 'Biblically' with the truth.

Sorry to inform you that my brother passed away on June 15, 2019 so he will no longer need to be on the mailing list.

T. & V. K.

Easley, SC

It was a privilege to have met the old ones like, Norheim, Haakenson, and Adolph Troien who was a good friend and you as well. We miss Toby, especially ... misses the telephone visits.

A. & D. H.

Twin Valley, MN

About 26 years ago we started to receive the *Morning Glory!* Each month that it came – my husband and I read it from cover to cover – after a while we give it away to someone! WE share Our Experience, Strength and Hope that we get from all the readings. Thank You!

The "Doctors Weigh In" was very good – honest and true!

Even the news of what is going on in the ELCA Churches – very sad and about the couple who sued Planned Parenthood – wow – Distorted thinking about your very own flesh and blood! Also, the Pope's acknowledgment about the Priests and Nuns about Disney World in Florida.

...Well, I could go on and on! ... We love you all and the *Morning Glory!* Keep up your good work!

EQUALITY ACT TO LEGALIZE INEQUALITY

Has anyone in their lifetime ever seen such a constant barrage of unrighteous legislation being turned out in such quantity as we are seeing in this hour? The prophet Isaiah's words echo across eternity:

"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." Isaiah 5:20

The struggle we are seeing and the deception being touted is the very thing that the prophet Isaiah spoke into. We are being told that objecting to the current trends and attempts to legislate perversion is intolerance, hatred and bigotry. We are being told that those who hold to biblical truths are the ones who are in the wrong.

Perhaps the greatest attack against our constitution is

a proposed amendment that would in effect legalize inequality for Christians and discriminate against the unborn. In March of this year, a piece of legislation was re-introduced to Congress called the Equality Act, which seeks to amend the Civil Rights Amendment. The act is being promoted as better described as a pro-LGBT law. It is better described as an anti-religious freedom act. Dr. James Dobson and Franklin Graham, among 21 other prominent conservative Christian leaders, sent a letter asking political leaders in both the House and the Senate to oppose the bill. The bill, also known as H.R.5, is considered by many critics as "the most extreme LGBT bill ever written." Some also say the bill would produce the greatest increase in abortions funded by tax dollars that our nation has ever seen. The act would change the 1964 Civil Rights Act widening its protection to not only protect on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, but also protect on the basis of "pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition" – so that demanding health-care providers to perform abortions would be a protected constitutional right.

This act would challenge and topple many religious freedoms that are currently protected. Christian employers would be forced to hire people who do not share their religious beliefs or practices regarding marriage, sexuality and gender, as well as force them to offer insurance coverage for hormone therapy and sex-reassignment surgery. If this bill is passed, it would make way for LGBT ideology to be required to be taught to children in public classrooms on a broad scale, such as is already happening in California.

Houston Baptist University Prof. Robert Gagnon said, "It is the most dangerous bill to freedom of speech and the free exercise of religion that has ever been proposed on a national level." It will codify into law that you are a bigot, the moral equivalent of a racist, tantamount to being a member of the Klu Klux Klan, who must be shut out of society, and wherever possible, harassed and persecuted for your beliefs." In other words, ***it will criminalize Christianity.***

WE MUST PRAY AND SPEAK OUT AGAINST THIS TYPE OF LEGISLATION that seeks to undermine the Christian foundations of our Nation. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

Christianpost.com, washingtontime.com
– from *The Vine and Branches.*

Believable ...Yet Unbelievable

Wendy's Stands Up to Promote Adoption

According to a (June 5) article published on *Live Action*, Wendy's clearly has adoption on its mind over abortion.

According to the Family Council, some of the companies that widely support Planned Parenthood include Aetna, Clorox, Deutsche Bank, Mondelez International, Nike, Starbucks, United Airlines and more...

Through Wendy's Wonderful kids – a program belonging to the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption – children who belong to a group considered “more difficult to place” are given a leg up in achieving adoption.

Live Action reported that the foundation hopes to bring the Wendy's Wonderful Kids program to all 50 states.

Sarah Taylor, blaze.com

Movies!

Personally, I am not in favor of attending the movie theaters; for a number of biblical reasons, but tragically according to the Internet; in Canada folks who privately own a theater are being physically threatened because they intended to show a Pro-life movie – Horrible and tragic.

Louisiana Governor Signs Heartbeat Bill Into Law

Louisiana has become the sixth state to pass the Heartbeat Bill into Law this year. Democrat Governor John Bel Edwards announced his intent to break with his party and sign the bill, which he did (on May 30).

“This is an incredible victory – for the right to life, for the people of Louisiana and for future elections,” said Ed Martin president of Phyllis Schlafly Eagles...

“Governor Edwards is taking a bold stand for the safety of Louisianans. I applaud him for sticking to principle and adding Louisiana to the growing list of states standing up for the rights of their most innocent citizens.”

EAGLE ACTION

Trump Administration Terminates Government Use of Fetal Tissue in Research

The Trump administration delivered on another promise to critically review the use of fetal tissue in gov-

ernment research. The Department of Health and Human Services announced an end to the use of fetal tissue in government-funded research. This policy shift includes the significant cancellation of long-standing, multimillion dollar contract with the University of California at San Francisco...

The announcement from Health and Human Services attributed this decision to the fact that “promoting the dignity of human life from conception to natural death is one of the very top priorities of President Trump’s administration.”

Eagleactionreport.com

Editor's Note: Regardless if you agree or disagree with the Trump Administration on different policies, we all thank God for their conviction that ‘human life’ begins at the moment of conception, which is very biblical.

Girls Targeted

A new form of persecution has arisen in Indonesia, where Christian girls are being targeted by Muslim men. In order to stop the spread of Christianity, Muslim leaders are training young Muslim men to target and rape Christian girls. Once pregnant, the Muslims approach the Christian families and force the girls to marry them. Due to the potential public shame that could occur, the Christians are compelled to agree. The girls are then cut off from their Christian families and the practicing of their faith.

Persecution.org

Pastor Vows To Continue On

Pastor Bangali Das from Tetua, India, was severely beaten for his successful Christian ministry. Evicted from the building they met in for church services for being “too loud,” they continued to meet outside.

After his church grew to over 200 locals, 150 Hindus attacked them during a worship service, demanding that he stop preaching. Then they assaulted him and some of the other believers, beating Das until he was unconscious. In a recent interview, he said, “Since I am working for the Lord, I have always prepared myself for any kind of persecution or danger. I am prepared to pay any price for serving my God... Great men of God in the Bible... were persecuted. So I feel it’s an occasion for me to glorify God like them. I will continue the work for the Lord in spite of all such obstacles and pain.”

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Top teacher to advocate for LGBT students

Minnesota's 2018 Teacher of the Year has stepped down from her teaching position to take on a new role: expanding the work of the state's largest LGBT rights organization in schools.

Kelly Holstine, who previously taught English at Tokata Learning Center, an alternative high school in Shakopee, will now serve as director of educational equity for Out-Front Minnesota, according to a news release issued Monday by that organization.

Holstine is the first openly LGBT teacher to win recognition as Teacher of the Year, and will now focus on leading training sessions and coordinating programs that aim to "support and create school environments that cause humans to feel safe, respected and valued," she said in a statement.

The Minneapolis-based organization is boosting its outreach efforts in schools – including anti-bias training – because of what it describes as a "deteriorating atmosphere for LGBTQ youth and educators in Minnesota schools." OutFront's executive director, Monica Meyer, said those shifts are the result of "anti-LGBTQ rhetoric from certain public officials and pundits."

"We know that a safe and supportive environment can mean the world to students and fundamentally change their school experience," Meyer said. "Bringing Kelly Holstine on staff to continue that work is the next step in building the best possible school environments for all of Minnesota's youth, including, and especially, our LGBTQ students."

Taken from the *Star Tribune*, July 9, 2019

ECC church and pastor are voted out

The Evangelical Covenant Church voted Friday [June 28] to evict the Rev. Dan Collison from the Minneapolis denomination, ending a five-year conflict over LGBT inclusion and cementing the denomination's position on same-sex marriage.

Covenant leaders also voted to expel Collison's First Covenant Church, a historic church in downtown Minneapolis that was a founding member of the 134-year-old denomination.

It was the first time a pastor and a church have been involuntarily removed in the denomination's long history.

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WHICH ONE?

People sometimes will say, "I will take my chance with the dying thief." OR at least insinuate the same! They put off coming to Christ until their dying day. YES, you can put off your decision, if you want to gamble with your eternal soul. But also keep in mind that there were two thieves!

Yes indeed, one went from the side of JESUS to the Paradise of God; the other from His side to an everlasting Hell.

One received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, as in himself he knew he was a lost and condemned sinner and the other rejected Jesus and was therefore a rejecter of God's mercy; for though it is a blessed fact that God is rich in mercy, it is only in Christ and through Him that mercy can fully reach us. How could God accept one who despises His beloved Son – John 3:16?

Morning Glory reader, remember there were two. Which one will you spend 'eternity' with?

"Be ye reconciled to God" II Corinthians 5:20. That loving Savior's heart is the same today. He says, "*Come to me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give rest*" Matthew 11:28.

IN Calvary's Love, please don't neglect or refuse Christ's offer of mercy; it may be your last opportunity!

AS, "*Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*" II Corinthians 6:2.

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"He is our peace" (Ephesians 2:14)

The Christian's peace is absolutely sure, for **Christ is our peace.**

Your peace does not lie in your victories, in your sanctification, in your repentance and conversion, in your prayers, or in your inner feelings; no, Christ Himself is your peace.

All else may be destroyed. The more powerfully our conversion, our sanctification, our prayers, and our whole inner life is subjected to the searchlight of the Holy Spirit, the weaker our peace becomes. But the more powerfully the Spirit's light is cast upon Christ the more glorious and unshakeable becomes the Christian's peace.

Christ Himself would have to be changed before our peace could be shaken. His work would have to be destroyed before our peace could pass away. Christ would have to be removed from the Throne of God before our peace could be removed. However, Christ seated Himself at the right hand of God **forever**, and therefore peace is also **eternal** for everyone who is in Him. In moments of darkness and conflict the Christian's peace remains unchanged, for **Christ is our peace.**

Rest A While, by Fredrik Wisloff

Hans Nielsen Hauge

(Editor: A little of Hans' personal testimony)

Religious Experiences

Another severe temptation met me on my way home from Christiania. For as I was wandering alone and as usual meditating upon Scripture and immortality, my mind became filled with thoughts of the nature of God, of heaven and hell, and especially of eternity. Into these thoughts entered human reason. I wanted to reckon eternity according to numbers. But as eternity has no end, my reason could not comprehend it at all. I pondered the nature of God and my immortal soul but it all became incomprehensible and in a certain sense obscure to me.

In short, I dwelt so long on these subjects and became so confused that I had only one wish left, namely, to regain my peace of mind. For no matter how well I prayed and how earnestly I desired to hold fast to Scripture in order to rectify my thinking, I had been led so far astray by spiritually darkened reason that I was unable to straighten it out. I went off the road into the forest and lay down to sleep in the hope that things would improve, for I was alarmed at my condition.

The plan worked; I fell asleep. After a few hours I awakened, calm and composed, and continued on my journey. I promised myself then never again to try to fathom spiritual things or eternity by means of reason. I also warned others to beware of such delusions. For God would not be the Supreme Being and eternity would not be an article of faith if our human reason were able to comprehend them.

At different times since then, I have had many severe temptations, and to this day I am severely tried by evil thoughts and sinful suggestions. This happens especially when asleep, with the result that even after I am awake, I am plagued with the thoughts that have been aroused and the Tempter terrifies me with things that I cannot utter. But even such things serve me by driving me to more zealous prayer to God and renewed promises to serve Him alone. Still, these temptations cannot be compared to the severe trials I have mentioned. But at the time, I felt that my Redeemer was praying for me that my faith might not fail and that Satan might not sift me as wheat.

So far, I have mentioned the unpleasant thing I have experienced. The exalted spiritual joys I tasted were especially great during my first years as a Christian. In joy, as well as in sorrow, I poured out my soul to the God of my salvation. In turn, He dealt with my soul as He does with the earth which He warms with the sun and

waters with the rain so that it should give all living things their food. In the same way, I believe these things happened to the end that I should become better fitted to bear for Him the fruits of salvation. When I was in doubt about anything, I went off by myself and talked it over with my Savior like a child and prayed that His Spirit might reveal to me the truth.

Among other Bible verses that seemed to me to contradict each other were these: "*Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine*" Matthew 7:6 and "*Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also the Son of man will be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels*" Mark 8:38. I felt a great desire to speak with all people about God, but these words "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs" made me hesitate. On the other hand the words, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me" seemed to say the opposite. Then I defied my own feelings of shame and mockery of others, and remembered how David prayed to God for a willing spirit to teach transgressors God's way (*Psalms 51*).

This then is the explanation that came to my heart. The holy things are the spiritual revelations, the heavenly bread, and the spiritual enjoyment of the holy Sacrament of the Altar. For such things it is impossible for evil men to have a right regard, but like dogs they tear it apart.

The pearls are the sweet, loving feelings of God. These are trampled on by people who are greedy and who wallow in sin like swine in the mud. They tread under foot this costly pearl which the spiritual man, having found it, would gladly sell all his possessions to obtain (Matthew 13).

One ought to speak to such evil-minded people only about the Almighty God, pointing out the nature of man and bringing home to them the commandments of God. One should show them that they are not truly happy but could become so if they would repent. That at the same time that God's grace is offered, it teaches that one should forsake ungodly living and worldly lusts.

I now searched diligently in the Holy Scriptures for guidance for my life. I did not trust my feelings, my inner light, unless they agreed with the teachings of Jesus and the apostles. From the beginning, I had read least in the prophets, as I always had the New Testament in my pocket at work and read it when I rested. In this way it often happened that things that I had formerly wondered about became clear to me with further search.

Autobiographical Writings of HANS NIELSEN HAUGE, Augsburg Publishing Company.

The Three Camps

By Theo. Knutson, Norma, N. D.

“BUT of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.”

1 Thess. 5:1-3

Ever since the advent of the splitting of the atom, man has been gripped with fear of sudden destruction by means of a thermonuclear holocaust.

Unregenerate and presumptuous men have been seeking ways and means of preventing the total annihilation of mankind. But in their diligent search for a solution, they have slipped up on one very important point: ‘GOD DEALS IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN.’

“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”...

Because they regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operation of His hands, He shall destroy them and not build them up.

The builders of the Tower of Babel in willful rejection of God’s clear command of “subdue the earth” called a conference and came up with some “must” resolutions: WHEREAS we have found a goodly “plain in the land of Shina,” and WHEREAS we do not want to “be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth,” be it RESOLVED, That we make brick.” Be it further RESOLVED, That “we build a city and a tower whose top may reach unto heaven.”

Hundreds of years later, the inspired psalmist, from the vantage point of immutable history, declares, concerning the conniving activities of rebellious man in the blundering Babel debacle, and similar sinister shenanigans: “Why do the heathen rage and people imagine a vain thing? The Kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.”

“He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.”
... (Psalm 2:1-5)

What is the United Nations Organization but a modern “Tower of Babel,” in whose assemblies, at the very beginning, under pressure from atheists and communists, it was agreed that there be no mention of GOD in the U.N. chambers. Instead, the most profligate of ancient deities,

the Greek god Zeus, has been given a place of pointed prominence in this modern conglomerate “Tower of Babel.”

Has Christian America suffered a spiritual shipwreck? Where are the Christian statements of our time who would dare to follow in the footsteps of our Christian founding father? Whose god was not the Greek god Zeus nor the divine architect of the Masons, nor the god of the Unitarian. The God of our founding fathers was the Triune God of the Scriptures: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! “The God of the Hebrews”! “The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.” The God of our most revered president Abraham Lincoln, who once said, “Tear down the flag of Christ and Old Glory will sink of its own weight.”

Ever since the United Nations began casting its ominous and lengthening shadows across our beloved land, the great American (USA) image of yesterday has been vanishing like the sparkling dew before a hot summer sun. This is to be expected, since the U.N. charter supersedes our (USA) Constitution, placing us at the mercy of Soviets’ (or other Significant enemy) veto!

How has the rest of the world fared at the hands of this so called, “peace-keeping” body, which has been lauded as the “hope of the world” by internationalist lecturers, professors, preachers and other pinko-punks, from almost every platform and pulpit of our land? In its short existence (notice this was likely written in 1967) of scarce two decades, this so-called “court of justice” has permitted the communist enslavement of an additional 700 million hapless people! Where was the U.N. “billy-club” during the rape of Hungary? Why should sane and reasonable people have expected anything but indecision and stalling by the communist-infected Security Council of the U.N. ...

Though it may be a little early to interpret and decipher in detail all that is contained in Revelation 13, one thing is clear: a world political system of dire dimensions will develop, or should we say is developing. When our disarmament is complete, our “one world” zealots will have placed us at the hands of ... (*Ed. Possible Muslims*) oriented “one world” government, headed by none other than the prophetic beast of Revelation 13.

The “camp of the beast” is identified by its ideology, not by its geographic location, since it will be world-wide.

Likewise, the “camp of the whore is global”. The woman which is “arrayed in purple and scarlet color and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls having a cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: and upon her forehead was written, MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.” She is identified by her harlotry (spiritually adultery), or “double dealing.” Professing to be the true

church, her essential principle will be the alienation of souls from GOD.

We are even now well aware of her malevolent malfeasance; her incessant stabbing at faith and scaring of doubt must be obvious to anyone who is “*washed in the blood of the Lamb.*” Her attack upon the faith of our fathers must be revolting to any who have a fair and open mind. Her playing down of Christian morals and principles of common decency must be repulsive to any clean living individual.

Who, but an aggregate of apostate and sex-minded ministers, could come up with anything so vile as the much publicized “new morality”?

Neither is the “camp of the Bride” geographically provincial. Her Simeons and Annas are found throughout the whole world. These are they which follow the Lamb withersoever He goeth. They were redeemed from among men, being the “first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb.” These are they who have overcome their accuser, the old serpent called Devil and Satan “*by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death.*”

Darkness hath nothing in common with light;
Good is not evil, nor wrong ever right;
Cold cannot cuddle nor hob nob with heat;
A fruit that is bitter we'd hardly call sweet;
But by the books of the Bible we clearly can see;
Not only two camps, but three.

The camp of the Beast, is cruel and cold;
No love for the young, nor regard for the old;
Brazen blasphemies against God on high;
Truth is trivial, but important the lie.
In this camp nice folks loathe to be;
But there's not only two camps, but three.

The camp of the Whore is respected and refined;
Preachers a plenty, though they be blind;
Praises are sung to The Eternal One,
Lip service also to The Son,
Here men find popularity;
But there's not only two camps, but three.

In the camp of the Bride so few are found;
She's hated by the world, persecutions abound;
She sojourn's here in trembling and fear;
She's a pilgrim on earth, her home is not here;
The popular thought is: two camps there be,
But there's not only two camps, but three.

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Editor's Note: In my opinion, what discernment and

insight that GOD gave to Theodore; and now for a long time he has been HOME with JESUS! Remember, now this article was written around fifty-two plus years ago: now with just a *very few* alternations.

As of *today*, I am definitely leaning in the direction that for a period of time the False Prophet (HARLOT) and the Beast will work together as both want to dominate the world and the religion of Muslims have a religious demand; which in a sense is political with a 'religious' front. Very likely the WCC & NCC will participate, along with ALL others who minimize the Blood Atonement of JESUS.

No doubt you have heard of the sins of Envy, jealously, pride, etc. will captivate both and thus the BEAST will overtake the FALSE PROPHET (HARLOT). What do you think????

Anyway, we believe that Jesus' primary reason for a lot of the future (prophecy) events that will take place; IS THAT JESUS WANTS US TO BE READY AT ALL TIMES AND TO BE OCCUPYING (In HIS Kingdom's work) WHEN THE EVENTS TAKE PLACE.

ONE thing we absolutely know **for sure**, that is GOD wants us meditating on, reading His Word and be under the hearing of His Word and participating in Genuine Christian Fellowship!

“I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore, with loving-kindness have I drawn thee” Jeremiah 31:3.

God's daily mercy is my life's greatest wonder. How remarkable that He does not weary of me or reject me! I even become weary and disappointed with myself. What can be the reason for His continued mercy toward me?

The answer is: I have loved you with an everlasting love. His love to me is everlasting and boundless, as is everything in heaven. Long before I saw the light of day from eternity He has loved me. And He has promised to love me long after the world has ceased to exist throughout the endless future of eternity. As fervently as God loves His own Son, so He loves me. As high as the heavens are above the earth, as unfathomable as the depths of God's mercy, so is His love for me, a poor sinner.

Therefore, with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. O To our marvelous God!

Rest a While, by Fredrik Wisloff.

The Attributes of God

This is the third in a series of articles about the character and nature of God. The church today has brought God down to a human level and consequently people view and relate to Him through strictly human terms and we have forgotten Who it is *“with whom we have to do.”* (Heb. 4:13)

The next attribute is that **God is Holy**. This means that He is sinless and pure and perfect in all He is and does. He is without defect or even the capability of wrong. The Prophet Isaiah saw a revelation of God’s Holiness. *“In the year of King Uzziah’s death, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.” And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”* (Isa. 6:1-6)

This incredible revelation of God in His Holiness teaches us several things. **God is Exalted Above all Things**. Isaiah saw the Lord on His Throne and sitting above all the created order. No one else may attain to that position. The seraphim (burning ones) angels surrounded him in service and even they could not even bear to look at Him as they covered their eyes with two of their wings. These angelic beings cried out “Holy, Holy, Holy,” one for each of the Trinity. Each one, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are entirely holy in and of themselves, and when they are three in one, they are an absolute pure, perfect and majestic whole.

This Holiness of God shows itself His appearance. The Scripture above says, *“The whole earth is full of His Glory.”* The Glory of God is that shining radiance that permeates from Him. It is like seeing the sun in all its strength; which no man can look at naturally.

When the Apostle John saw Jesus in all His glory, *“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.”* (Rev. 1:14-16) His response to this revelation of Jesus in

glory was this: *“And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man.”* (v. 17) When God’s Holiness beams forth in all its resplendent glory, then sinful mankind can’t stand to be in the presence of God.

This shows us the very essence of what the Holiness of God really consists. The word that is translated as “holy” essentially means “separate.” It means that God is separate from any defect or impurity. He is also separate from anything which is not absolutely pure itself. Herein lies the problem with mankind: Everyone who is not holy will be separated from Him. This was demonstrated in Isaiah in our text. He had just one sin mentioned, that of having unclean lips. Because of that, he was ruined.

It was also demonstrated in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve disobeyed just one command of God and they were driven out of the Garden and God’s Presence. This seems unduly harsh on God’s part, until you consider the absolute Holiness of God can’t tolerate any impurity. *“So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim, and the flaming sword which turned every direction, to guard the way to the tree of life.”* (Gen. 3:24) This was an act of mercy on God’s part because He didn’t want Adam and Eve to eat of the tree of life and forever be in that sinful condition and separated from God.

This is the essence of what hell is – Separation from God forever. One day Jesus will declare to all unbelievers, *“Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.”* (Matt. 25:41) This sounds unduly harsh as well, until you consider the Holiness of God demands that this be the case. When you consider this, the absolute question you must answer is this: “Am I holy in the eyes of God?” If you have just one defect in your life in regards to God’s holy standard, then you will be cast out of His presence. It isn’t a matter of you trying to do the best you can to try and make yourself right in the eyes of God, it is a matter of you attaining the very righteousness of God Himself!

Instead of wondering how a God of Love could send anybody to hell, perhaps you should wonder how an all Holy God could accept sinful people into His presence. The only answer is that they have been justified (declared righteous) in God’s sight through their faith in Jesus. Jesus died on the cross to satisfy the righteous demands of God in bearing the punishment of death that is due mankind. He bore the consequences of God’s holiness against us.

This attribute of God, that He is Holy, is the one most mentioned in Scripture. There are more references in the book of Isaiah to the Holiness of God than all the references to the Love of God in the New Testament. When

the Holiness of God is ignored today and the Law is not preached in all its sternness, then to say that Jesus died for us is simply a statement of sentimentality, similar to saying that our soldiers died for us. But when the Holiness and purity and glory of God are allowed to shine forth from Scripture in all their power, and men see that they are utterly condemned and separated from God – then the message of Jesus dying in our place to satisfy God’s Holiness becomes the most treasured thing in all of life. *“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”* (2 Cor. 5:21)

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A Bruised Reed and a Smoking Flax

Ho! All ye that struggle and strive unsuccessfully in your own power: Come to Him who desires to dwell in the heart of the humble. He can give you new life. As Mephibosheth was permitted to eat at the king’s table even though he was lame, so you may sit at meat in the Kingdom of God—as a bruised reed and a smoking flax.

He who gave Himself for us—so that He became as a bruised reed and a smoking flax—He arose again in power for our sake. What matters it then that we never amount to much? Our sufficiency is in Jesus Christ.

In the Kingdom of God, this is the rule: When I am weak, then I am strong. “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, That ye may be healed.” James 5:16

God admonishes us to confess our sins and to pray. When we confess our sins the Lord cleanses us from our unrighteousness, and then we are able to pray for others. We must confess our need of the Saviour and He will heal and restore us.

A poor, homeless boy was struck by a truck, and taken to a hospital where it was said the he could not recover. Each day a poor-looking boy, of the same age as the boy who had the accident, came with an orange or some other small gift. After a few days the nurse told him that his friend was dying. The boy asked to see his sick friend. When he saw his friend he started to cry, and said, “Oh John, I feel terrible! Tell me that you are not angry with me”!

“Don’t cry, Bob, it was my fault” answered the sick boy. *“I’ll forgive you, and you forgive me.* The nurse has been teaching me a prayer. How does it go, nurse?”

“Forgive us our trespasses,” replied the nurse softly. When Bob came the next morning, his friend had died. When he saw the nurse he said, “Are you sure that John

forgave me?” “Yes,” answered the nurse, “I am sure.”

John was not healed physically but his soul was healed from all sin.

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to confess our faults one to another. Cleanse us from all false pride. For Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Give us Thy grace, that we
All evil may forsake,
May boldly speak the truth for Thee.
The lowest place may take.

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Wise Aid

(Please read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15).

Encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 1 Thess. 5:14.

As I stopped my car at a red light, I saw the same man standing beside the road again. He held a cardboard sign: *Need money for food. Anything helps.* I looked away and sighed. Was I the kind of person who ignored the needy?

Some people pretend to have needs but are actually con artists. Others have but faced difficulties overcoming destructive habits. Social workers tell us it’s better to give money to the aid ministries in our city. I swallowed hard and drove past. I felt bad, but I may have acted wisely.

God commands us to “warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak” 1 Thessalonians 5:14. To do this well, we must know who belongs in which category. If we warn a weak or disheartened person, we may break their spirit; if we help an idle person, we may encourage laziness. Consequently, we help best from up close, when we know the person well enough to know what he needs.

Has God burdened your heart to help someone? Great! Now the work begins. Don’t assume you know what that person needs. Ask her to share her story and listen. Prayerfully give as seems wise and not merely to feel better. When we truly aim “to do what is good for each other” we will more readily “be patient with everyone,” *even when they stumble* (vv.14-15).

*When have others most helped you?
What did you learn about how best to help others?
Father, help me to help wisely, and often.*

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**“But unto you that fear my name shall
the sun of righteousness arise with
healing in its wings.”**

Malachi 4:2

WE spoke some time ago about “light treatments” for the soul, beginning with spiritual awakening and conversion. These stop the ailment which is afflicting the soul. But as yet the soul is not entirely *healed*. The light treatments must continue daily.

Our quiet hours in secret prayer should be such daily light treatments. But we do not often make use of them in that way.

We devote these hours to *speaking*. We speak with God about so many things. We talk all the time. And after we have talked a while, we say, “Amen!” and leave.

Suppose you did that to a doctor. You came into his office; he offered you a chair; you began to tell him of all your pains and ailments. And when you were through this, you arose, bowed him adieu, and went. What would he think? Oh, he would most likely assume that some deranged person had come unto his office by mistake.

GOD has patients such as these visiting Him every day. And this is one reason why our seasons of prayer mean so little to us.

If you know where your conscience hurts you, point it out to the Great physician. He will heal all your diseases.

Oftentimes, however, we do not know where it hurts; we know only that we have no peace and that there is distress within. Let us then take time to permit Him to examine us with His light and place His finger on the sore spot, that we may know clearly what it is that has deprived us of our peace.

Then something will happen in our prayer room. We will see the things in our hearts and lives which are injuring our life in God or which are doing damage to the work we are doing in the vineyard. We will make an accounting before Him with tears and rejoicing. And the Sun of righteousness will arise again with healing in its wings.

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again,
I will say, Rejoice!**

Philippians 4:4

ARE you happy in the Lord?

I am not asking whether you are *seeking* God, *praying* to God, *reading* about God, *hearing* about God, *talking* about God, *debating* God, nor am I asking you

whether you have an *awe* of God or whether you *fear* Him.

I am asking: Are you HAPPY in God?

Perhaps you must answer in the negative.

Tell me one thing: Have you never wondered at this?

You enjoy other people. You enjoy animals. You enjoy nature and art. And you enjoy money. But God; your Creator, your Father, Him you do not enjoy.

Have you never said to yourself that this shows that there must be something wrong with you, in fact, something radically wrong? Have you never felt that this is abnormal?

Undoubtedly you know that the Bible says that you are an enemy of God. **“The mind of the flesh is enmity against God,”** it says.

No doubt some people here and there are in their own minds quietly protesting against this saying: “No, it cannot be said that I am an enemy of God, even though I am not particularly intimate with Him.”

But some will acknowledge the truth and say: “I am not happy in God. I have tried to enjoy God, but I do not succeed. And I do not know what to do about it.”

God will take care of that for you, my friend.

You just do what He asks you to do: acknowledge before God that you do not love Him. And He will forgive, for Jesus’ sake, this great sin of yours, the most terrible sin of all. The basic sin – the sin for which Jesus shed His lifeblood.

And when He has forgiven you your sin, He will give you His Holy Spirit. And an entirely new *joy* will enter into your life: rejoicing in the Lord. Rejoicing that your name is written in the Book of Life!

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Take Time

Take time to look – it is the price of success.
Take time to think – it is the source of power.
Take time to play – it is the secret of perennial youth.
Take time to read – it is the source of wisdom.
Take time to be friendly – it is the way to happiness.
Take time to laugh – it is the music of the soul.

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Up Date

“As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluthereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings, so the Lord alone did lead him” Deut. 32:11-12.

The young eagle is about to learn to fly. The nest is located between high cliffs. The mountain is steep on every side. How can the young bird ever dare to leave the nest and risk such a plunge? What if the wings should not hold it up? It has never tried.

But the mother eagle stirreth up her nest. She circles about, coaxing the young one to try to fly. Finally, the young bird ventures from the nest. And sure enough, the wings hold it up. It veers over the abyss.

But soon it becomes tired. The wings fail. If only it were back in the nest! However, the mother eagle has kept a close watch. Now she swoops under her young one, spreads her wings catches the young bird, and bears it upon her wings. And the tired young eagle rests securely upon the strong wings of its mother.

You are the young eagle! Be not afraid of the abyss.

Risk making the plunge anyway. There is ONE who watches over your flight. If you grow tired, you can just relax and let yourself sink, even though you see the abyss below you. God Himself will intervene and bear you to your safe nest.

Rest A While, by Fredrik Wisloff

The above article shows us how the Lord watches over our lives and prompts us to take action that may seem like jumping off a cliff. But it is a matter of faith. If the Lord has called you to a specific course of action, then He will be there with what you need.

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