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

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Am I Debtor To My Brother's Soul?

“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself”

Mark 12:31.

CAN you possibly love your neighbor if you see him going to perdition without warning him by a single word? It is our sacred duty to seek our neighbor's salvation next to our own; to **“love”** our neighbor as we love ourselves; to be sincere in our love. We cannot silently witness the destruction of our brethren. We shall try to arouse them to a sense of their danger, and make use of all means to attain this end. We are familiar with the profound truths, that every unconverted soul is on the way to eternal death; that the same soul may by conversion become an heir to the glories of heaven; that the lowliest Christian may be an instrumentality for the salvation of that endangered soul.

We know the Lord's will in this matter. *“He that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad”* (Matthew 12:30). The apostle says: *“He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins”* (James 5:20). We are familiar with the royal mandate; **“Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”** We know the commandment, but how do we obey it? It is a sad commentary upon human nature, that even sincere Christians overlook this prime Christian duty. We are daily surrounded by souls who in their ignorance are under the damnation of the Law. “They know not what they do.” We understand their plight, how very. We have in terror fled from “the wrath to come.” And yet we have no word of warning or admonition to utter to these people. How does this reticence argue for our love to our neighbor? Is there any rhyme or reason in this attitude of silence? Are we alive or are we

spiritually dead or moribund? ...

What does Jesus say in regard to this great commandment of love? He says: *“He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly (heart) shall flow rivers of living water”* (John 7:38). And in another connection He says: *“Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in a well of water springing up into everlasting life”* (John 4:14). A spring wells forth continually with pure, fresh water. It operates by a law of nature. It produces rills and rivulets and cannot be restrained. Hence King David says about the compelling power of the Holy Ghost: *“I have preached righteousness in the great congregation; lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, Thou knowest. I have not hid Thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation: I have not concealed Thy loving kindness and Thy truth from the great congregation”* (Psalm 40:9-10). The spring is the source of the river. Where the spring is, the water gushes forth cool and clear as crystal to all who live near it. Where there is no spring, all labor is in vain for the production of the water of life.

There are two infallible signs of this futile effort to produce the spiritual life mechanically. The one is characterized by external means and methods, reinforced by an artificial enthusiasm instead of a frothy and unsubstantial quality. This sort of witnessing never produces abiding results. It fails because it relies upon human intellect and emotionalism instead of depending upon the Holy Spirit. It is superficial and fabricated, and therefore futile and void of thorough conversions. The other sign of a spurious conversion, whether individual or in greater number, is that which is characterized by insipidity, sen-

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timentalism and lack of power. It is devoid of life – a painted carcass.

Let all who would work for souls remember the repeated words of Christ that their work must depend upon the spring, the fountain, the source of spiritual life. The spring from which the living waters flow is the personal life of faith in Christ, who alone giveth the world life. *“That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit”* (John 3:6). Hear what the Apostle Paul says about this spring in activity: *“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead, and that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again”* (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

How the heart of the apostle must have tasted the love of Christ! It must have been a high and glorious experience thus to be united in love with Christ. This oneness with Christ explains the tireless zeal of the apostle. He could not have labored as he did unless Christ had revealed His love to him. It was this love of Christ which made the apostle so burning in the spirit. It is not enough that we intellectually appreciate the love of the Son of God. If this love is to become a compelling force in the heart, it must be embraced in faith and used as a light which none but the Holy Ghost can produce in the heart. It must fill the soul

with peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. It is the flowering of the heart's individual knowledge of Jesus and His love. Thus, His love becomes a spring in the heart, from which by the law of necessity the water of life flow out to bless other souls. The apostle has explained his own personal relation to Christ in the words:

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live. Yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

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Editor's Note: What an encouraging and yet convicting article: Why not try to reach 'neighbors' by hosting a Hauge Bible Conference or a series of Evangelistic meetings with the Morning Glory/Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation, as the vessel/means! This is one of 'our' functions and GOD has not given up on Evangelistic Meetings nor Bible Conferences! GOD STILL IS IN THE MIRACLE GRACE OF SAVING SOULS AND NOURISHING HIS LAMBS AND SHEEP! Are you an available means/vessel to do the same, as GOD still uses "Evangelism?"

Likely a "Heaven-sent" REVIVAL has begun in your midst when believer(s) stand and say:

HERE AM I, LORD, SEND ME, USE ME!

WHY NOT? The LORD says: "Try Me, Prove Me" (Hebrews 11:1 & 6) **"Call to Me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know"** Jeremiah 33:3.

You know, God does not change and God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, His Word do not change!

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SEVEN REASONS FOR DAILY (*Family Altar*) DEVOTIONS!

1. From Infancy on, God has created you for Fellowship with HIMSELF!
2. It is time to 'listen' to God through His Inspired Word, the Bible.
3. Faith cometh by hearing/reading the Word of God & gives us Grace to 'walk in the Living Faith'.
4. God wants, most certainly a Living, Personal Relationship with you.
5. Example: Even JESUS, His Son, took time in His earthly Journey to 'fellowship'

With our Heavenly Father.

6. It exposes our need (sin) and provides (Grace) in God's Remedy.

7. Daily Devotions helps us overcome Worry, Anxiety, sin period and live in Victory.

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No Name Like the Name of Jesus

By Billy Sunday

To many, Jesus Christ is only a grand subject for a painting, a heroic theme for a pen, a thought for a song; but to those who have heard His voice, who have received His forgiveness and His benediction, He is music, warmth, light, joy, hope and salvation — A Friend who never forsakes, lifting you up when others try to push you down.

There is no name like His! It is more inspirational than Caesar's, more musical than Beethoven's, more conquering than Napoleon's, more eloquent than Demosthenes', more inspiring than Washington's, more patient than Lincoln's.

The name of Jesus throbs with all life; it weeps with all pathos; it groans with all pain; it stoops with all love; its breath is laden with perfume.

Who like Jesus can pity a homeless orphan? Who like Jesus can welcome a prodigal back home? Who like Jesus can make a drunkard sober? Who like Jesus can illuminate a cemetery plowed with graves?

Who like Jesus can make a queen unto God out of the lost woman of the street? Who like Jesus can catch the tears of human sorrow in His bowl? Who like Jesus can kiss away our sorrow?

I struggle for a metaphor with which to express Jesus. He is not like the bursting forth of an orchestra; that is too loud and it might be out of tune. He is not like the sea when lashed into a rage by a storm; that is too boisterous. He is not like a mountain wreathed in lightning, canopied with snow; that is too solitary and remote.

He is the Lily of the Valley, the Rose of Sharon, a Gale of spices from Heaven.

"Fully through Christ absolved I am, From sin and fear, from guilt and shame."
(Nikolaus Ludvig von Zinzendorf - 1700 -1760)

WHAT'S WRONG WITH SOCIALISM?

Sounds too good to be true? Discover how the lofty promises of free healthcare and free college tuition lead to a stifling loss of liberty and prosperity.

1. David Barton, the founder and director of Wall Builders, told over TV recently that in 5,500 years of recorded history, “you cannot point to any socialistic nation that has increased freedom and increased prosperity for the people. Yet right now, seventy-five percent of students in college support socialism and think it’s the best form of government”.

2. In the Ten Commandments and in other places throughout Scripture, GOD tells us that we shall not steal. That is ultimately what socialism is: government theft from citizen A to give to citizen B. Thou shalt not ‘covet’. Yet socialism – the promise of “free stuff” – is essentially the politics of envy; Take from the rich and give to the poor!

3. Let me be crystal clear; the BIBLE clearly states and teaches us to help the impoverished. It’s a prevalent theme throughout Scripture. Caring for those in ‘need’ is important in the sight of God. Indirectly ‘caring’ for the ‘needy’ honors God. BUT this challenge HE gives to individuals and definitely the Church. As part of the body of Christ this also is part of our scriptural challenge and privilege/VOLUNTARILY.

4. SOCIALISM is no utopia. Without motivation, productivity, and ingenuity, the standard of equality steadily deteriorates until there are no resources left to redistribute. Also, seemingly loose more ‘incentive’, and *maybe*, purpose as you become more of just a number and not as a personal individual, that you are. Contrast too: ‘we the people’, as a ‘republic’, Private enterprise, motivation, productivity, wanting/& pursuing a fair competition: individually, corporations, etc.

5. CLIMAX: It is ‘unbiblical’ as God’s Word, the Bible, counters the lies of socialism. *Personally*: I believe the ‘free-enter prize’s’ system goes at least clear back to Cain and Abel in the Old Testament. FREE CAPITALISTIC system! Abel raised Animals and Cain raised Grain – thus needing each other’s business as a capitalistic system – but also always keep in mind ‘we’ do live in a ‘sinful-world’, made up of we-sinners!

Do you Agree?

Editor

A Better Cup of Tea

The tragedy is that so much Christianity today is only a mental acceptance of the Gospel-a performance but not an experience. It is an impersonal head belief but not a warm, glowing fellowship with the living Christ. Such Christianity does not make flaming witnesses eager to pass on the joy of their new life. Missions are an abstraction but a live missionary translates it in flesh and blood.

Evangelism is a cold subject unless it is embodied in an evangelist. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14) and must be embodied in living people to reach others. A printed recipe on how to make a better cup of tea may get some results, but a live enthusiast who puts on a demonstration is the best salesman. It is better to have your cup of tea on hand and invite your friends to try it.

If only we had more convinced Christians who have tasted and found that the Lord is good-that Christ is their life, their bread, their meat, their drink-and who tell what they have found wherever they go! It sells a better cup of tea to have tried it and found it good -and then to recommend it to everybody. Nothing spreads the Gospel like a Philip finding Nathanael and reporting, “We have found him” (vs. 45)

There are professional tea tasters, I am told; but we do not need their counterpart in Christian experience. We are not meant to sip lightly of this truth and that but to drink regularly and habitually of the Living Water.

We have a treasure in earthen vessels and something to pass on worth infinitely more than a better cup of tea.

–Vance Havner

CURRENTLY!

Currently, the killing of unborn children is accepted and even EMBRACED by many! Minnows in California are safer than babies in New York! IF the helpless could speak ... **MY LIFE MATTERS.**

As you already know, the most dangerous place on the face of the Earth; is in its Mother’s Womb.

IF I am not mistaken, the ‘Medical’ world states that an “infant” (baby, a person) can feel while in its Mother’s womb at the age of *seven* weeks!

IF a ‘human-life’ does not begin at the moment of ‘conception’; when does this person’s human life begin?

At the ‘moment’ of human ‘birth’, the child is announced as either ‘alive’ or sad to say ‘dead’.

WHAT happened to human ‘common-sense’ or logic?

Editorial

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Three Personal "P's"

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope (expected end)."

(Jeremiah 29:11, also please read I Pet. 2:1-12)

UNBELIEVABLE: That an Almighty, Holy, Righteous, Sinless GOD would actually want a living relationship/fellowship with 'sinful/rebellious human beings (such as you & I); EXCEPT for the Infinite, Unconditional LOVING GOD in His Marvelous, Love Letter (The BIBLE) Gods' GRACE tells 'us' in His Word the whole TRUTH present conditions in this 'world' – past, present, future); and that HIS WORD is forever settled in Heaven.

What a magnificent difference between 'our' finite mind and God's Infinite Mind! For biblical example: just think that GOD had you and me in His Loving Heart even before the foundation (Creation) of the World! Truly amazing: *"Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:"* Ephesians 1:4, 1 Peter 1:20. This is definitely not predestination; but is in the 'Fore-knowledge' of our All-knowing GOD. HE knows who will personally accept JESUS as their personal Savior and walk by faith with Him until 'faith' becomes sight and in this journey of life; God has a plan, place and purpose for each one of us!

Ephesians 2:8-10. The Bible is crystal-clear that God wants **ALL to be saved**; but the majority of humanity will stay-on/take the broad and easy road that leads to Hell.

THUS it 'indicates' God's Infinite LOVE for each of us (personally) that not His will; but lets the majority go lost into Eternity in order that you and I (minority) might be saved!

PLAN

Conception. You and I were not created/made by GOD by accident or chance; but that GOD has a unique plan for each one of us! Now that doesn't say that we necessarily obey His plan, actually following Scripture and in reality the BIBLE tells 'us' otherwise.

Conception: Genesis 2:7, Psalm 22:9, 51:5, 58:3, 71:6, 139:13-16, Isaiah 48:8b, Galatians 1:15. Conception is a 'miracle' of GOD! The 'true' meaning of the word "miracle" is something that ONLY GOD can do,

HIMSELF! The instant 'conception' takes place a new life is begun; but being in a 'Mother's Womb' is the most dangerous place (humanly) to be today is in that of a Mother's womb as abortions (murder) are frequent. Other than Salvation, Motherhood is the greatest calling a female can receive; especially a god-fearing Mother!

How we live at home is the acid test for every Christian man and woman as it is easier to live an example life among our friends, when we are putting our best foot forward and are conscious of public opinion, than it is to live for Christ in our home.

ALL LIFE NEEDS NOURISHMENT/light

ALL life needs nourishment and some 'light' to keep thriving/living and human beings need at least some human touch! A Christian seeks to walk in the 'light' of the Bible; while the unsaved, first of all, are all blinded and secondly love 'darkness' rather than 'light'. The unsaved want to 'rationalize' SIN and a true believer wants all his 'sin' under the Blood of Jesus. Repentance & confession of sin to our Holy God, through the BLOOD OF JESUS are thus forgiven –for His Name Sake.

Our "sanctification" is two-fold (The Word sanctification/sanctify means 'set apart' and unto) – In JESUS 'we' are perfectly sanctified before our righteous, holy God and then there is the earthly sanctification as we are never to be totally satisfied with our sanctification here on our earthly journey of Earth; but only in the Lamb that was slain – **"saying with a loud voice: 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing'"** Revelation 5:12.

You cannot stop a baby's cry by giving an infant a rattle when he/she is hungry. He will keep on crying until his hunger is satisfied by the food his body calls for and basically IF that is not TRUE something is definitely wrong. Just as, *"As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my souls for you, O God"* (Psalm 42:1). THUS, a believer wants/desire to 'crave' the Word of God

And Christian Fellowship; like a hungry Infant at

meal time – “Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as new born babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious” 1 Peter 2:1-3. Hopefully, as the ‘editor’ of the Morning Glory we can fill in some of your Soul’s hunger/nourishment that you crave for. Also, if there is no real hunger for not only milk of God’s Word, but meat also; again there is something wrong with your spiritual health system and you lack ‘discernment’ appetite. Have you sensed that from behind many ‘pulpits’ (should be one of God’s feeding’ places) today there is either false teaching or lack of calling ‘sin’ by its name (God’s Law) in love!

Then a spiritual natural INSTINCT, a desire for Christian Fellowship: YES, to seek out ‘believers’ in like mind/spirit for ‘Christian fellowship’ and also to ‘worship our Savior in ‘Spirit in Truth’ in an assembly together Psalm 133:1, John 4:24-25, Hebrews 10:24-15 & Proverbs 27:17.

KEEP in mind/heart that when you know Jesus as your personal Savior, your body becomes the temple (dwelling place) of the Holy Spirit. AND as such we then have two natures – old nature and a new-nature. The old nature doesn’t die easily; a matter of fact he actually grows; but whichever one you feed the most will have the victory! Martin Luther spoke of the old nature that I must drown him daily, but he knows how to swim. Isaiah 64:6, Romans 3:10-20, 6:23, but ISAIAH 1:18, 1 John 17-10.

Days of Apostasy; Compromise; popularity, peer-pressure, wanting to be ‘accepted, and praise can be more dangerous for the Christian than even persecution! Compromise can and does turn folk away from Jesus without them even being aware of it, making us like those in Jesus day who “loved the praise of men more than the praise of God” (John 12:43). ASK God to keep you from being so concerned what others think of you and me; but what GOD knows and sees! After all it is to Almighty GOD that you and I must give an ‘account’ too, ONE DAY! ASK GOD to give you and me, in His Marvelous Grace/empowerment/Word to become ‘bold’ in telling and standing for the **TRUTH IN LOVE!**

TOO often when an unexpected privilege/responsibility comes a person’s way, too *often* the person has already have set plans; instead of being open to the Holy Spirit’s prompting, in walking in love with Jesus; for example: but when this privilege arrives to visit the sick or shut-in, give unto our Lord (which has been entrusted to us to start with) or sharing His Incorruptible Word privately or to a group, etc.; it is said let me pray

about it first – which becomes a cop-out; because this person has already their mind & plans made! At times ‘interruptions’ are a richer blessing then our pervious plan and praying should be as ‘natural’ as certain breathing is to the human body! James 4:1-8.

Sometimes when God/Holy Spirit lays a specific concern/burden for another person(s) or a biblical Christian church/ministry; instead of asking another to be the messenger vessel; actually GOD had intended for you to fulfill your prayer burden in order that YOU might receive a richer blessing! Yes, at times GOD wanted to use your tongue, hands, & feet, pocketbook AND thus you miss out on the ‘richer’ blessing that God intended for you to receive and maybe others! For example: How about Hans Neilsen Hauge, when he got saved, while plowing in the family farm: shortly afterwards he was thought of as a bigot and extremely radical and then persecution began: Well he responded when Jesus called fishermen to be fishers of men; while I am an unlearned farmer, God use me to plant the SEED! Actually we don’t know what GOD can do through us; as a ‘*broken vessel*’ until we are available and obedient; do we???

Saved to serve as in a ‘foreign land’ (as a born again born person you are a citizen of two countries – one is in a sinful world and the other where sin never enters) Do not let me hear you say: “There is nothing more I can do in the Kings’ Work here on Earth; BECAUSE as soon as your service is over; **God (Jesus) will call you HOME immediately!** It is just like in the physical ‘military’: when your needed service is finished in that location, the Commander-in-chief will either direct you to a different location OR call you HOME!

Anyone who tries to tell you that being a ‘Christian’ is easy; mark that person down as a ‘*dreamer*’ and definitely one whose ‘teaching’ is foreign to the Bible! We are living in what the Bible calls “PERILOUS TIMES”; which means ‘very difficult times’ and that is not only in the religious realm, Christianity; but I am beginning to be convinced also physically in our earthly journey.

Martin Luther speaks of if you are not in the ‘battle-front’ where as a “soldier of the Cross” ought to be; you are either a fox in sheep-clothing or worse yet a ‘weather-vane’! JESUS teaches we are daily to take up ‘our’ cross and follow Him! This ‘cross’ is speaking of persecution – 11 Timothy 3:12. WE are to take ‘our’ human-reasoning in captivity in obedience to God’s Word and he who does not fear himself has the greatest reason to fear of all!

The Christians’ life is actually in a ‘spiritual-battle-field’, and in Ephesians chapter six it indicates the

'battle' is so fierce that it is like being in the military in battle and so fierce is like a one-to-one battle with bayonets! But greater is HE who is within you, then he of this world!

A Casual observer who would sit on Sunday forenoons and watch folk attend the local church, especially a regular attender who would walk by on foot.

Then on one Sunday forenoon this casual gentleman noticed the lady walking away from church much sooner than usual, likely on the way home and he asked her IF the 'service' was already over, being it was noticeably 'earlier' then usual? "NO, she replied, "the other half is yet to be lived!"

PURPOSE

IF we who know Jesus as our personal Savior real, actually believed that everything we do and have done in love to other was accepted by our Lord as being done to Him; we would be much more earnest of making use of His provided Grace and be earnestly seeking more opportunities to serve our Risen and Coming SAVIOR!

Notice carefully: *"for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in: I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me."* Matthew 25:35-36. (Isn't this 'passage': encouraging, convicting and challenging)? Yes, each believer should pause before these words in all earnestness.

Let it be clear that what the LORD says is really true. This 'passage' is very clear so there should be no 'waver-ing' in recognizing what JESUS is truly saying here; for it is TRUTH!

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. *"We love Him because He first loved us"* 1 John 4:19. SAVED TO SERVE!!! IF a person does not 'love' JESUS it is because this person does not know JESUS as his/her personal SAVIOR!

IF, there is not a fair percentage of males/men in your assembly as a congregation, there is something wrong

and lacking!

PLACE

Graduation: When you and I are through the school of 'hard-knocks' (by the way the school colors are back and blue!), we will immediately become in the presence of the 'Sinless-ONE for time and Eternity! For a child of God death is in a sense 'Graduation' when I look upon His Face, the ONE who saved me by His Grace, what a day that will be! (The ONE who saved me by His GRACE & I look upon His Face).

Shortly thereafter (In Eternity there are no Timex watches or Calendars): it will be 'Coronation' time!

Many songs, sermons, books have been given/written around the theme of going Home/Heaven; yet none of them can hold a candle to the heavenly homecoming that awaits us in glory!

BUT we are not HOME yet! We are to be serving in a foreign (sinful) land as soldiers of the Cross. And when our service is done; instantly the Lord will take 'us' *Home!*

IF the teaching of the false prophets, deceivers, were true; (Example: like all people are eventually going to Heaven) an unsaved person in Heaven would *most certainly* feel out of place and likely, very lonely; but don't be 'deceived' only forgiven sinners will enter HEAVEN; only those who possess Christ's robe of righteousness, through Jesus' shed blood, will enter HEAVEN, as a forgiven sinner!

LIFE IS NOT A DESTINATION, BUT A JOURNEY TO A DESTINATION: Either Heaven or Hell!

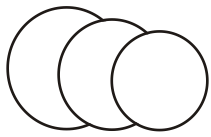
PRAYER: ABBA FATHER, King and Preserver of Creation, as I desire to serve You out of Love, as I am justified through the Blood of Jesus; as confessed before You the Father, give me grace to confess You before men. And Lord, I don't want to portray something in public that I don't live up to in my home. Amen.

IT WILL BE WORTH IT ALL!

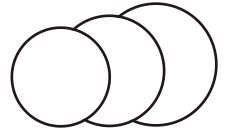
PURPOSE

The "purpose" of the 'ministry' of the Morning Glory/Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation is to help 'we the people' of the USA and beyond, to think and use convictions more biblically, live more wisely and to serve more faithfully! We are here to be a resource for the local congregation of evangelism, disci-

plesh and encouragement. We are Pietistic Lutheran in our beliefs and practices. We are available to conduct Evangelistic Meetings, Bible Conferences and provide literature to help the local congregation fulfill the Great Commission of "... making disciples of all the nations." (Matt. 28:19)



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Your magazine is a blessing to so many and I pray HE will provide through His children the means to continue your ministry.

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I remember you having your ... Birthday in turning...

I trust that you and Mrs. Stueland are doing well and including your whole family. I sure remember your sons and especially ...

Thank you for the *Morning Glory*.

J. B., J. E. Franksville, WI

Dear Christian Brothers in Jesus Christ of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation.

Your magazine is a wonderful tool to preach the Gospel, but also to steer the straying back to the straight and narrow way that leads to Heaven.

Please try to understand that these days of T.V., Internet, Cell-phones, etc., people are inundated with messages of all kinds – including Christians; as a Christian family our resources are spread in many directions; religions, & politically and trying to support Pro-life candidates, etc. as we try fight the takeover of 'god-less' Socialists in the country and the threat coming from the Islam as well.

May God bless you as you continue to preach the Gospel!

... Our 39 year old Son who has Downs Syndrome; but he really knows his Bible and loves the Lord. He also plays Basket Ball, Track, T-Ball, and Ushers at our church.

G. D. Radcliffe, IA

Enclosed please find \$... to pay for a year's subscription for me. I read it cover to cover and then pass it on to others. ...

I. T. Souris, ND

I'm so blessed by articles teaching truths of God's Word.

Please find enclosed \$... to keep the "Morning Glory" coming my way in this year of 2019.

P. & V. F. Colfax, WI

We are truly blessed by the articles and teachings from God's Word.

Am sending a gift in memory of some dear loved ones who have gone into Eternity these last weeks.

R. & C. H. Minneapolis, MN

The 'eyes' of the Lord are on the righteous and his 'ears' are attentive to their cry!

May God continue to bless and inspire you in this very blessed work.

A gift to help with publishing and postage is enclosed.

J. J. Pelican Rapids, MN

Please use this for continued publication of the *Morning Glory*.

We still appreciate your Biblical Teaching and I enjoy your Ministry.

I was a good friend of Pastor R. P. Haakonson and certainly miss him.

Personal note: Barb and I also had the privilege of knowing and fellowshiping with Pastor R. P. Haakonson, and his wife: Clara.

EVERY HUMAN BEING IS BORN
IN SIN AND WITH SIN, WITH
OUR BACK TOWARDS GOD.

ACTUALLY, WE ARE IN
REBELLION AND YET GOD SENT
FORTH HIS SON TO DIE FOR US.
AND IF HE SO LOVES US WHILE
WERE HIS ENEMY, HOW MUCH
MORE CAN WE BE ASSURED OF
HIS LOVE FOR US WHO KNOW
JESUS AS OUR PERSONAL
SAVIOR?

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Love to Have it so!

This 'article' is definitely intended to be CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM; something like an 'music instructor', you need to point-out the 'students' "error" in order to give the correct application.

It is Almost 'unbelievable': sent out over FIVE dozen individual an too congregations the basic 'editorial' article in March issue of the Morning Glory called *The Great Architect* and have received absolutely NO response!

Sad, Tragic and it must be that there is seemingly NO need for 'seasons of refreshing' from the presence of the LORD! It must be that the 'local congregation', that wants to be known as a 'biblical' congregation is so full of programs, activities that there is NO need for the vital 'ingredient' of Evangelism meetings, Hauge Bible Conferences, etc.; as "comfortable" with the present program.

How sad, but 'Christianity' is very complacent in these 'Perilous Times' and as a result likely 'compromise fills-in'!

There may be many of you concerned 'readers' wonder what's wrong, as the 'words' seem right from behind the sacred desk (Pulpit); but lacking 'power/unction of the Holy Spirit! Well, ONE 'ingredient' from the recipe of the Architect is EVANGELISM; with GOD's LAW being shared in LOVE – the sin of omission!

Editor

Andy Stanley Says Ten Commandments Don't Apply to Christians

Christians should quit erecting Ten Commandments displays and should instead consider making monuments dedicated to the Sermon on the Mount, popular pastor Andy Stanley said.

...The North Point Community Church pastor argued that the Ten Commandments are "the old covenant" and no long apply to believers...

"Participants in the new covenant (that's Christians) are not required to obey any of the commandments found in the first part of their Bibles," wrote Stanley. "Participants in the new covenant are expected to obey the single command Jesus issued as part of his new covenant: as I have loved you, so you must love one another."...

Last year, Stanley garnered controversy when he argued in an April sermon that Christians should "unhitch" themselves from the Old Testament...

For his part, Stanley explained that critics needed to

understand the context, especially since his remarks were more for an audience that is turned off by biblical arguments.

Michael Gryboski, christianpost.com

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: Andy Stanley, son of Dr. Charles Stanley, is a popular contemporary church advocate. His Atlanta church has five campuses with a weekly attendance reported to be approximately 33,000 people.

Sword of the Lord

Forty-two Million Abortions in 2018 Outnumbers Death From Cancer, Aids, Traffic Accidents

There were approximately **41.95** million abortions carried out around the world in 2018...

Christian Daily Reporter was one of a number of websites to note the statistics on Worldometers on December 31, which issues live tallies on global births and deaths, based on statistics published by the World Health Organization.

The website, which is now displaying the statistics for 2019, said that 8.2 million people died from cancer in 2018, while there were 1.7 million victims of HIV/AIDS.

Overall, the deaths by abortion outnumbered those from cancer, malaria, HIV/AIDS, smoking, alcohol and traffic accidents put together.

Stoyan Zaimov, christianpost.com

Editor's Note: Please continue to pray for God's continued extended mercy; not only upon the USA, but around the world!

The State of the Union Address: 2/5/19

It is likely that President Donald Trump made significant, might be the strongest pro-life statement ever made by a President in a State of the Union Address (2/5/19).

President Trump also said, "And let us reaffirm a fundamental truth: "all children – born and unborn – are made in the holy image of God."

At the National Prayer Breakfast (2/7/19) President Donald Trump told attendees that he stands behind that and "I will never let you down." "As president I will always cherish honor and protect the believers who uplift our communities and sustain our nation".

Personal Editor's Note: Regardless of your personal

political choice and IF in favor of the President Donald Trump Administration or not: I believe the above statements are a step(s) in the right direction for “we the people” of our great USA and beyond.

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may led a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence” 1 Timothy 2:1-2.

Vaping Among Teens Alarming!

Researchers at the University of Michigan conducted a survey in almost 400 public and private schools to assess the prevalence of vaping among teens. In interviews with 44,482 students, approximately one-third of the students admit that they vaped at least once in the past year.

Vaping is often a gateway to tobacco smoking. Teens may start with vaping with the assumption that it is a safe substitute for tobacco. That assumption is a false premise. Federal officials find the usage level of vaping “alarming”.

That alarm ought to be a warning to teens and adults alike.

SWORD PRESS SERVICE

Hebraic approach to faith

THE TIME FRAME IN WHICH we live is that of post-modernism. As a result, atheism increases, the spirit of the anti-Christ spreads, traditional moral standards are suppressed, absolutes are rejected, the institution of family is being destroyed, and individuals create their own truth, whether it is true or not. The Christian Church in the West is facing a declining influence upon society. Revival has almost disappeared. The younger generation of believers are walking away from their faith. Our reaction and response to all of this is, why?

Our Lord Jesus, the Messiah, prophesied that one of the main signs for His return at the end of the age would be deception. “Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many” (Matthew 24:4-5).

We have all heard the phrase, “fake news,” but what about “fake theology”? Fake theology started many centuries ago when the Jewish roots of our faith were removed from Gentile Christianity. Augustine, the Bishop of Hippo (353-430 B.C.), using reason, thought that

Christian faith would be more appealing to the Gentile world by dovetailing it with the teaching of the Greek philosopher Plato. Later, Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274 B.C.), using human reason, blended Christianity with the Greek writings of Plato’s student, Aristotle, the first secular humanist. All of this created the fake theology which Martin Luther faced at the time of the Reformation in 1517.

Augustine and Aquinas placed themselves above Scripture, for in Greek philosophy “man is the measure of all things” (Protagoras). They used reason as a judge for the interpretation of God’s Word. Luther, being a Hebraist, rejected this philosophical, humanistic approach to Scripture. Listen to what he writes, “... reason is the devil’s prostitute and can do nothing but blaspheme and defile everything God speaks and does” (*What Luther Says*, Vol. 3).

Luther emphasized faith against reason, divine revelation against philosophy. He taught that divine revelation was the sole source for theological truth and that truth was accepted by faith alone. “When we know that what we have and confess is the Word of God, let us with simple faith assent to it,” he wrote (*What Luther Says*, Vol. 3). Man cannot arrive at theological truth through reason in religious matters because reason is corrupted in man’s fallen, sinful nature. Reason is flawed.

Therefore, faith was the original Hebraic approach to the authority of Scripture. Reason leads to doubt. Jesus affirmed the Hebraic approach when He stated, “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?” (John 5:46-47). The Bible is a supernatural book; its authority can never be destroyed. Its challenge is, “Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper” (II Chronicles 20:20c). Approach the Bible with faith and you will come to know theological truth.

How refreshing, reviving it is to know that the Bible was written to be believed. This faith approach alone leads to absolute theological truth and upholds completely the authenticity and supernatural origin of Scripture. The younger generations are waiting to hear and to obey this theological truth. “This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith” (I John 5:4b). The Bible was written to be believed.

This article is from Dr. Oliver Blosser who teaches Hebrew and Old Testament at the Free Lutheran Seminary.

Taken from *Kinship*, Winter 2019

Fruit Out of Season

By Ivor Powell

Out-of season fruit is always a rare commodity. Strawberries in winter or blackberries in the spring will always excite comment; and if prices are not prohibitive, these rarities will always sell.

Among the many fruits of the Spirit are love, joy and peace; but sometimes these have been produced in the most unlikely places at the most unexpected times. Their appearance promotes wonder; their existence under certain conditions creates amazement.

It was this fact which astonished the early Christians. They had seen luscious summer fruit in winter. When icy winds had blown upon their Lord, when pre-Calvary conditions had overwhelmed all else with dreariness and woe, the very choicest of Heaven's fruit had been found in the words and actions of the Saviour.

MY PEACE

“Peace I leave with you my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27

It seemed incongruous for Christ to speak about His peace when men were planning to murder Him. Treachery of the worst type was about to be exhibited and even the disciples were soon to demonstrate their unfaithfulness.

Alone and in pain, the Lord had every reason to feel bitterness of soul rather than to speak serenely of His undisturbed tranquility. *“My peace I give unto you.”* Anxiety was firmly banished from His mind. Hatred did not exist in His heart.

Assured that all was well, He calmly walked with God. His soul was an ocean of divine compassion, unruffled by malice, a place of a biding restfulness.

MY LOVE

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.” — 15:9.

Constantly the Lord had been challenged by frustration and disappointment. The Pharisees hated Him, the self-confident disciples were about to forsake Him and Judas would soon sell his loyalty for pieces of silver.

Could any tree produce the fruit of love in the face of such biting winds of evil? Could Christ endure such detestable conditions and at the same time preserve the sweet purity of His spirit? Could love overcome hatred even as peace overcame anxiety?

Where sin abounded grace much more abounded. Christ loved them all – even Judas. The words spoken on that occasion seem now to be rays of brilliance shining

from an ancient lighthouse.

From the blackness of the past, the light shines forth to guide us safely into the harbor of the divine will. Christ said, *“If I have loved you, ye ought also to love one another”* (1 John 4:11). A Christian whose love exists only in his theology is a tinkling cymbal, a sound without music, a desert without life.

MY JOY

“These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” – Vs. 11

“The fruit of the spirit.....joy” (Galatians 5:22). Calvary's horizon had already appeared dark and ominous; the spikes destined to draw blood from the Master's body had already been forged. The gibbet was already lying in some timber yard awaiting the command which would take it forth to carry its precious burden.

Apparently, everything had gone wrong with God's world and the road to the green hill was ready for the blood which would stain its dust. Christ went forth to meet His death knowing it would be a tunnel leading to a new era.

At the end of the last Supper, He had announced a hymn and probably pitched the tune. Emotion almost prevented the disciples from singing their parts; but his resonant, wonderful voice re-echoed the music of His soul.

They wondered how He could be so buoyant and serene when everything had gone against Him. Whence came the charm of His manner, the rich cadence of His tone, the supreme confidence of His bearing? Was He not to be crucified?

Alas, the disciples were short-sighted. They saw the cross; He saw the throne. Love, joy, peace! These were summer fruits produced in winter. They were rare and very costly.

Sword of the Lord

We Have An Anchor

Priscilla Owens – 1982

***Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife?
When the strong tides lift and the cables strain,
Will your anchor drift, or firm remain?***

***We have an anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fasten to the Rock, which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.***

In These Days

By Dr. Sheldon Smith

In these days when compromise is widespread the standards of Scripture have been diluted by many professing Christians. Many churches are being driven by cultural trends. The winds of change are blowing fiercely across the religious scene. By and large those changes are not upgrades but foolish accommodations to a worldly crowd.

When Queen Esther came to power, the question was posed to her “*And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*” (Esther 4:14). Yes, for just such a time!

We do not stand because it’s easy but because it’s right.

In these days – right now – you and I can do what we ought to do as we ought to do it. Others may head off into compromise, but you and I can hold our convictions courageously! Let’s keep our ministries anchored authoritatively in the Scriptures!

Let’s stay excited about the Lord and aggressive in our witness to a lost and dying world! Amen!

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Religious Counterfeits

By Dr. Bob Kelley

Wolves, false prophets and deceitful workers are counterfeiters. They are con artists and they used crooked methods. They are the greatest of imposters and satanic masqueraders. They change the truth of God into a lie.

They stand in the pulpit in their sheep’s clothing. They have memorized all the little religious clichés. They use the word *salvation* like we use it. They use the word *Bible* in the same context that we use it.

They use all the terms that we use, but down deep inside they are foolers and deceivers. They are destroying the work of Jesus Christ.

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“Let the people renew their strength.”

Isaiah 41:1

ALL things on earth need to be renewed. NO created thing continueth by itself. “*Thou renewest the face of the earth,*” was the Psalmist’s utterance. Even the trees, which wear not themselves with care, nor shorten their lives with labour, must drink of the rain of heaven and suck from the hidden treasures of the soil. The cedars of Lebanon which God has planted only live be-

cause day by day they are full of sap fresh drawn from the earth. Neither can man’s life be sustained without renewal from God. As it is necessary to repair the waste of the body by the frequent meal, so we must repair the waste of the soul by feeding upon the Book of God, or by listening to the preached Word, or by the soul-fattening table of the ordinances. How depressed are our graces when means are neglected! What poor starvelings some saints are who live without the diligent use of the Word of God and secret prayer! If our piety can live without God it is not divine creating; it is but a dream; for if God had begotten it, it would wait upon Him as the flowers wait upon the dew. Without constant restoration we are not ready for the perpetual assault of hell, or the stern afflictions of heaven, or even for the strifes within. When the whirlwind shall be loosed, woe to the tree that hath not sucked up fresh sap, and grasped the rock with man intertwined roots. When tempests arise, woe to the mariners that have not strengthened their mast, nor cast their anchor, nor sought the haven. If we suffer the good to grow weaker, the evil will surely gather strength and struggle desperately for the mastery over us; and so, mayhap a painful desolation, and a lamentable disgrace may follow. Let us draw near to the footstool of divine mercy in humble entreaty, and we shall realize the fulfillment of the promise, “*They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.*”

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**He Giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the
hoarfrost like ashes. He casteth forth ice
like morsels** Psalm 147:16-17.

People speak about the “gods of the weather,” as though there were some special gods who had to do with the weather. But there is only one “god of the weather,” and that is the Lord God in heaven. “He giveth snow, he scattereth frost, he casteth forth ice.” Sunshine, rain, snow, hoarfrost, storm, and quiet, all come from Him. Therefore, there must be some reason for it all. If the weather does not please us, we should not complain. As it is with the weather, so it should be with everything else we meet in our daily life. Whether it is of great or of small importance, welcome or un welcome, it all comes from God, and He has a purpose in everything. We must not complain, but accept it all as something which is sent u from on high.

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Restored

(Please read Joel 2:18-27)

I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten. Joel 2:25

A 2003 infestation Mormon crickets caused more than \$25 million in lost crops. The crickets came in such numbers that people couldn't so much as take a step without finding one underfoot. The grasshopper-like insect, named for attacking the crops of the Utah pioneers in 1848, can eat an astounding thirty-eight of plant material in their lifetimes, despite being merely two to three inches long. The impact of infestations on farmers' livelihoods – and the overall economy of a state or country – can be devastating.

The Old Testament prophet Joel described a horde of similar insects ravaging the entire nation of Judah as a consequence for their collective disobedience. He foretold an invasion of locusts (a metaphor for a foreign army, in the minds of some Bible scholars) like nothing previous generation had seen (Joel 1:2). The locusts would lay waste to everything in their path, driving the people into famine and poverty. If, however, the people would turn from their sinful ways and ask God for forgiveness, Joel says the Lord would “*repay (them) for the years the locusts have eaten*” (2:25).

We too can learn from Judah's lesson: like insects, our wrong doings eat away at the fruitful, fragrant life God intended for us. When we turn toward Him, and away from our past choices, He promises to remove our shame and restore us to an abundant life in Him.

What can you ask God's forgiveness for today?

God's love restores

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Be Courageous

“Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in your then you will abide in the Son and in the Father.” 1 John 2:24

These are times of unrest and uncertainty. Is it not true that universally the nations are aware of deceptions and difficulties? In the areas of spiritual teaching there are many winds of doctrine to tempt uncertain people to disregard the Word of God (1 John 2:24).

Amid these circumstances it is only through unspeakable grace that one can rest one's weary head upon

the bosom of him who is called the “**everlasting father,**” who is, who was, and who is to come.

Blessed are they who trust in the Lord. This is the way of comfort in all our difficulties. We may be assured that not a hair shall fall from one's head without the knowledge of the Father. This is the basis for peace of mind and heart in this world of unrest. Let us heed the urgent words written by the Psalmist. “**Be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the Lord!**” (Psalm 27:14).

*“I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and say can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.”*

(Henry Frances Lyte, 1793 – 1847)

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, keep me firm in faith so that I may claim assuredly the true basis for courage and strength. Help me resolutely to press toward the goal of the upward call in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Rosenius' Daily Meditations, by Carl O. Rosenius,
Lutheran Colportage Service, Inc.

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“Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.” Philippians 4:1.

We live in a sinful world that constantly opposes and is apparent more all the time the things that are of God! Thus, the people of the Kingdom of God face challenges both inside and outside the church as our Adversary does what he can to derail the work the LORD has give us to do. God has provided what we need through His Holy Spirit and in His Word to guide us through the tests, trials, ad temptations we encounter on a daily basis.

So, the privilege remains as not only hearing the Word of God; but obeying the same out of LOVE for HIM and practicing obedience, and in His Marvelous GRACE hear HIS Words, “Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you the Crown of LIFE”!

**Deliverance from sin is far greater
in value than deliverance from
affliction.**

Robinson Crusoe book

Walking in the Light

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7

The Bible tells us that Satan accuses us. He comes before God and points at our sins, and, if it were possible, he would tell us that e such sinners that there would be no hope for us. But God says by walking in the light the blood of Jesus will cleanse us from all sin. We may confess our need of Jesus as our Savior from sin.

Satan had a long list of sins, and came to Martin Luther with the one day. Luther looked at them and said, “I know all about this, but don’t you have any more?”

Satan was ready with a bigger list, and came with one which seemed to have no end. Luther waited until Satan did not have any more to present, and then he said, “Don’t you have any more?”

“Well, aren’t all these enough?” Satan asked, with surprise.

“Oh, yes, they are enough, but now write on the bottom of the list: “The blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son cleanseth us from all sin.””

Satan could not accuse Luther any more, and so he stole away. Marvelous power of the blood of Jesus! It can cleanse us from every sin. How grateful we ought to be!

Dear Saviour, make us grateful for the forgiveness of sin. Let us see Thy light and cause us to walk in it every day. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Altar Steps, by Pastor R. P. Haakonson, Copyright Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation.

Editor’s Note: This very good ‘family’ devotional book is available from the Hauge Book Store for a donation of eight dollars, plus two dollars for shipping and handling. There are a few other very good Christian Books available also from the same source.

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Reading Between the Lines: President Trump’s Grand Plan for the Middle East

President Trump’s young son-in-law, Jared Kushner, is a devout orthodox Jew, and has reportedly developed a chose rapport with the Saudi prince. Together, it seems these me have been working for some time on a grand plan to forge an economic and military alliance between Israel, Saudi Arabia, and the United States (along with Egypt, the United Arab hostile threats in the region).

The first is Iran and its expanding influence in the region through its terrorist proxies in Syria Lebanon,

Gaza, and Yemen. This second is Turkey and its alliance with the Muslim Brotherhood.

These two are working in tandem to bring down the Saudi monarchy, destroy Israel, and establish an Islamic caliphate under Turkish rule across the entire Middle East.

These Iranian and Turkish ambitions are not a well-kept secret. In fact, earlier this year the Saudi Crown Prince spoke publicly of his disdain for these two rival nations and the Muslim Brotherhood:

“The Ottomans (Turks), Iran, and the terrorists are the trinity of evil. ... It is Turkey’s (President Recep Tayyip) Erdogan who wants to impose the caliphate system. Iran is using the Muslim Brotherhood to export revolution and the terrorism we are fighting.”

Saudi Crown Prince, Mohammed bin Salman, Newsweek.com (3-7-2018).

Excerpt taken from *Zion’s Fire*, November-December, 2018.

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“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain” Exodus 20:7

What a terrible thing it is to take God’s name in vain. This sin is being committed by old people and even by children (Ed. Not just ‘old people’)! Older people are not careful of the example they set before small children. Children like to do what they see and hear older people do. It makes them think they are big.

One day while a father was shaving, he cut his face. His little daughter who was playing nearby heard him use the lord’s name in vain. She asked him why he called upon Jesus. But her father could not tell her. She kept on asking until he realized he had committed a sin. He felt very bad about it, and asked Jesus to come into his heart, and save him. Children talk about Jesus openly, and they make the older people ashamed of the way they talk and act.

Children praise God more freely than do older people. They sing songs about Jesus, their Saviour. And by their speaking and praising God they bring conviction to older folk who are careless in their speaking and their actions.

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to talk of Thy wondrous love and grace to all people. Help us never to take Thy name in vain, but only to praise Thee. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

*O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free.
A heart that always feels Thy blood,
So freely shed for me!*

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Worry

“Blessed are thy that mourn; for they shall be comforted” Matthew 5:4.

WORRY and complaint about food and clothes and all else that belongs to “daily bread” is as common as it is un-Christian and unprofitable. All the disquiet and agony that anxiety for daily bread has in its train is enough to rob us of our courage for the problems of life and our strength to work. God has therefore been so good to us that we are spared the need of worrying about such matters.

Jesus said to His disciples: *“Be not therefore anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or, ‘What shall we drink?’ or, ‘Wherewithal shall we be clothed?’ For after all these things do the Gentiles seek’ for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.”*

For what kind of mourning does Jesus call the Christians blessed? It is sorrow for sin, sorrow because of our weak Christianity, and because we do so little for Him who did everything for us. It is the feeling that we need more of God’s Spirit and power in our lives, so we can be living letters for our fellow men to read about Christ. It is mourning for all those who are living without God and without hope in the world. This is the right Christian mourning.

The tears that we shed for such reasons our Savior gladly wipes away; and He comforts the heart that feels oppressed by sorrow for sin and sympathy for others.

*Cleanse us, Lord, from sinful stain,
O’er the parched heart, O rain!
Heal the wounded of its pain.*

*Bend the stubborn will to Thine,
Melt the cold with fire divine,
Erring hearts to right incline.*

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A Mansion!

“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you” John 14:2.

WHAT will become of me when I die? A Christian, too, can ask that question in the dark hours of life. Jesus has told us what becomes of a Christian when he dies. He goes to the Father of Jesus Christ, to heaven, to God.

When *“the earthly house of our tabernacle is dissolved, we have a building from God a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”* *“We are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord.”*

It looks as though it is very difficult for us Christians of today to keep a firm hold on the Word about the heaven that awaits us, and to grasp it with a living faith. We surely believe it after a fashion, but it is so loose, gray, and unreal. If we accept it as a truth that cannot be shaken, that when we leave this world we are going to a real home, a place where we shall live a fully conscious life, without sin, sorrow, and death then we shall surely be less earth-bound and we shall long more for heaven. Then we shall also understand more of what these words contain: *“We are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord.”*

God grant us Christians a more living faith in heaven!

“The sun shall be more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but Jehovah will be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.”

*Blessed are the heirs of heaven,
The dead, who die in Christ forgiven,
They from their labors have release’
Saith the Spirit: they are resting,
No sting of death is them molesting,
For they have found the home of peace;
In peace they sweetly rest,
Forever they are blest,
Hallelujah!
Before God’s throne to His dear Son
Do follow them their works well done.*

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“I don’t know where this Bible will take me in this world but I do know where this Bible will take me in the here-after.”

Dr. Carl McIntyre

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PLEASE pray specifically for the Bible Conference
if you are in attendance or not!

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May GOD be glorified and Souls nourished!

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