



Hunger For Truth

January 15, 2015

Edited By: Craig Glickman -- svtdtday@yahoo.com
Andrew Lacroix -- andrewdlacroix@yahoo.com

HUNGER FOR TRUTH
MINISTRIES

Proverbs 7:2 – Matthew 5:6 – John 8:32 – II Timothy 3:16-17 – Hebrews 4:12
“Let us Hunger For Truth”

Please note that back issues of Hunger For Truth are viewable and printable at:
www.studytoanswer.net.

It is our desire that Hunger For Truth edifies, blesses and encourages you in your walk with the Lord. Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for us. We greatly appreciate your comments and we praise God for each and every one of you.

In This Issue:

- **The Book of Revelation: Chapter 18 (By: Dr. Thomas Strouse)**
- **Grace (By: Pastor Cas Reeves)**
- **A God-Glorifying Faith (By: Pastor Cas Reeves)**
- **Only Jesus Saves (You Can Have Perfect Health Someday) (By: Bro. Craig)**
- **Children for Christ (Name That Hymn – Part 2)**

The Book of Revelation (Chapter 18) (Dr. Thomas Strouse)

The following is **part 18** of a study on the book of Revelation by Dr. Thomas Strouse who is Pastor of Bible Baptist Church and Theological Seminary in Cromwell, CT (www.bbc-cromwell.org). It is a syllabus written by Dr. Strouse. It is the HFT editors desire that this study helps you grasp the deep truths within this incredible book! Please look for a chapter from this syllabus posted in upcoming issues of Hunger For Truth. We trust this will be edifying and convicting as well as a blessing and encouragement to readers. Thank you for reading. We praise God for the privilege of being able to share this study with you. May God richly bless!

The Book of Revelation / Thomas M. Strouse / Rev. 18
CHAPTER 18

Background

This chapter gives subsequent events to chapter 17 with regard to the defunct religious Babylon, indicating that the political Antichrist will dominate the world with his economic policies and self-worship.

Exposition

Rev. 18:1-24

The Condemnation of Babylon (Rev. 18:1-8)

Another angel announced the fall of Babylon with the double declaration “*Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen*” (cf. 14:8), revealing divine wrath for her fornication, wealth, pride, and sin.

The Cry for Babylon (Rev. 18:9-19)

Her fall will cause great wailing and mourning from her merchants as the system and physical properties crumble before their eyes.

The Destruction of Babylon (Rev. 18:20-24)

The Lord will allow violence to destroy commercial Babylon, which will signify a series of “no mores” (vv. 21-23).

Theological Concerns

The holy apostles are in heaven and told to rejoice. This adds credence to the interpretation that the church age saints (including apostles) do not go through the Tribulation, but are removed before it begins in the Rapture.

Textual Issues

Rev. 18:3—CT has “*have fallen*” instead of TR “*have drunk.*”

Summary of Chapter Eighteen

This chapter summarizes the fall of condemned commercial Babylon.

Grace (By: Pastor Cas Reeves) (Source: Heritage Herald 12/14/14)

To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 1:7).

The Apostle Paul uses the word **grace** in his New Testament epistles as he addresses the recipients in his greetings and again in his closing remarks as he ends his epistle.

The Greek form of the word **grace** is *charis* (χάρις) and is pronounced *khar-eece*. The simple meaning of this word is *grace* or *kindness*. This simple meaning conveys many other ideas associated with it: 1) *grace*, meaning that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness; 2) good will, loving-kindness, favor as in the merciful kindness by which God offers salvation to the believing person, drawing him to salvation, saving him and sanctifying him through His only begotten Son. This is the undeserved/unmerited favor, or **God's grace**, that He demonstrates to all mankind.

When Paul uses this word **grace** in the greeting or farewell of his epistle, he is saying hello or good-bye on behalf of the kindness of God, desiring or praying for His good-favor upon those to whom he is writing. There are times that the word **grace** is coupled with *mercy* and *peace*. For example when Paul greets Titus:

*To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: **Grace, mercy, and peace**, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.* Titus 1:4

At other times the word **grace** is coupled with only the word *peace*:

***Grace** be unto you, and **peace**, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.* Philemon 1:2

The use of this word **grace** when expressing greetings or farewells acknowledges the gracious goodness of God. The desire by the Apostle Paul that his fellow believers be recipients of God's grace or gracious kindness and benefits further establishes the meaning of **grace**. Theologically, it may be described as ***the unmerited favor of God that He expresses toward mankind and even more so toward those who receive His grace through faith in Jesus Christ.***

A God-Glorifying Faith (By: Pastor Cas Reeves)

(Source: Heritage Herald 12/14/14)

Text: Hebrews 11

The Christian life is one of a remarkable faith.

I. The definition of faith (vs. 1) *a belief* [cf. Eph.2:8,9]

- A. It is the substance - the promises of God
- B. It is the evidence - the power God

II. The need of faith (vs. 6)

- A. The only way to please God
- B. The only way to come to God
- C. The only way to be rewarded by God

III. The testimony of faith (vs. 32-40)

- A. It gives a value to the believers (vs. 38)
- B. It gives a success to the believers (vs. 39)

IV. The challenge to the faithful (12:1-3)

- A. Let us "lay aside"
 - 1. weights

2. sin

B. Let us "run" (*keep on running*)

1. with patience the race set before us (vs. 1)
2. with dependence, looking to Jesus (vs. 2-3)

Do you have a God-glorifying faith?...

Editors note: Most of all, have you repented of your sin and exercised saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, not trusting in works, church or religion to save you, but in Christ alone? (John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9-10,13) If not, why not trust Jesus today before it is too late?

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6) (By: Bro. Craig)

You Can Have Perfect Health Someday

We all want to be healthy and not have sickness and disease and aches and pains. People of all ages suffer and die from cancer, AIDS, heart attacks, strokes, severe aches and pains, and endless other physical and mental sufferings. The desire to have good physical and mental health causes people to go to all levels to achieve that. The thought of death, how we are going to die and where we will be when we die are even more serious matters we must consider. The unfortunate thing is, we are all going to die someday! Why? Because of sin!

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23)

That is a fact. Sin is why we have so much trouble, problems, and suffering in this world today. Sadly, we can't have perfect health on this earth, but **we can have perfect health someday for all eternity in heaven**. God, our creator (Genesis 1), has given us two choices: eternal life with Christ in heaven or eternal death in hell where the sufferings on this earth will not compare to the suffering forever in hell. The Bible says,

“And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; (II Thess. 1:7-9)

My friend, this is not intended to offend you, but rather that you might see your need to trust in Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior from sin and hell. We can have perfect health physically and spiritually, forever someday! For those who know Christ, we can have peace and comfort in all our troubles knowing that he is always with us. For those who know Christ, death need not be a frightening and tragic event. God promises in his word,

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and their shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall their be any more pain...” (Rev. 21:4)

God promises in I Corinthians 15 that those in Christ will have an incorruptible and immortal body just like His someday with no more suffering or death. What a blessing that is! I hope you see your need to trust Jesus Christ and turn from your sin and serve him. Sin is the reason for the pain and suffering of all mankind. Why not trust Christ, the Savior of all mankind, today? Jesus saves all who are willing to admit their sin, believe in what Jesus did for them at the cross and repent of their sins (John 3:16). My friend, you can be saved today. You can have peace, joy, happiness, and comfort by knowing Jesus as your Savior. He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

Imagine knowing that you can have eternal life in Christ, a home in Heaven forever FREE from pain, sickness, disease, suffering and trouble, all thanks to Jesus Christ and what he has done for us (John 3:16). He promises the saved that we shall be like him someday (Philippians 3:21). Jesus wants to save YOU from sin and hell. God gave us his word (The Bible) to show us we are sinners and that we need to be saved from sin and hell (John 5:24). No one can force you to trust in Christ. No works, church, or religion can save you. Only Jesus Christ can save you from sin by grace through faith in Him alone (Ephesians 2:8-9). Do you realize that Jesus Christ shed his blood for YOU & was beaten and wounded for YOU! His hands, feet, and side were pierced for YOU! He died on that cross of shame for he loved YOU so much! He was buried and rose again that ALL who trust in him could have eternal life (John 17:1 to 20:31).

Jesus is the joy of living. Without him we are nothing. Trust Christ before it is eternally too late (Hebrews 2:3). You will die someday. Where will you be? Please trust Jesus as your Savior today. He is at your heart's door knocking this moment. Will you let him in? Your time on earth is short, but your decision for Christ lasts for eternity. Why not pray and ask Him to save you today (II Corinthians 6:2).

:) Children For Christ :)

NAME THAT HYMN – Part 2

Memory Verse: Psalm 98:1 -- *O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.*

Dear children, how much do you like to sing songs and hymns? When you got saved He put a new song in your heart. The songs of this world are replaced by songs of praise to God! I love to praise God in songs and hymns and I hope you do as well. Please match the phrase to the hymn.

1. All things are possible____
2. O' magnify the precious name of Jesus...Praise His name!____
3. Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power...____
4. Sin had left a crimson stain! He washed it white as snow!____
5. But with all Thy wondrous pow'r flowing through us, Thou canst use us every day and every hour.____

Songs: A. Are You washed in the blood
B. Only Believe
C. Wonderful Grace of Jesus

- D. Channels Only
- E. Jesus Paid it All

Consider This: (Quotes)

“Trusting God does not mean trusting Him for the favorable results that you expect, but rather, for Him to do as He wills with your life and circumstances as you give it all to Him!”

“Fear knocked at the door and faith answered. No one was there.” – *Old English Proverb*

“Rest time is not waste time. It is economy to gather fresh strength...It is wisdom to take occasional furlough. In the long run, we shall do more by sometimes doing less.” – *C.H. Spurgeon*

“Opposition to divine sovereignty is essentially atheism.” – *C.H. Spurgeon*

“Worry is an indication that we think God cannot look after us.” – *Oswald Chambers*

“Sins are so remitted, as if they had never been committed.” – *Thomas Adams*

“It does not spoil your happiness to confess your sin. The unhappiness is in not making the confession.” – *C.H. Spurgeon*

Praises and Prayer Requests

Praises

- Praise God for your senses! (taste, smell, hearing, seeing, etc.)

Prayer Requests

- Mike Jordan (Being discipled by Bro. Lacroix)
- Jason Freeman (Shoulder injury) (friend of the editors)
- Salvation of Brother Andrew Lacroix's family
- Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)
- Kelly Freeman (Cystic Fibrosis)
- Job needs for Brother Craig
- Sarra Family (Missionaries to Zambia Africa) (John – Health needs – back, liver) (Coming to the states on furlough in winter of 2015!)
- Wisdom regarding developing the new location for Heritage Baptist Church in Norwood, MA center.
- Sherrie (Sister of Bro. Craig's Fiancee Tash) (Lymph Nodes) (Heart issues)
- Wedding for Bro. Craig and Sister Tash on May 2, 2015
- Abby Lafreniere (ALS) (Wife of Pastor John Lafreniere, church planter to Fairfield, CT)
- Dr. Michael Thompson (Member of Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA) (Brain cancer)
- Pastor Gary Freeman (Race Street Baptist Church in Catasauqua, PA) who is battling colon cancer
- Missionary Tim Hawes (To Papua New Guinea) (Church Planting, Bible Translation, Agricultural Development)
- Brother Bill Moore of Heritage Baptist Church (Health needs)
- Needs of the body at First Bible Baptist Church of Plainville, CT
- Needs of the body at Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA
- Needs of the body at Community Baptist Church of Quakertown, PA
- Needs of the body at Race Street Baptist Church of Catasauqua, PA

- Needs of the body at Heartland Baptist Church of Alliance, NE
- Needs of the body at New Hope Baptist Church of Lynn, MA
- Needs of the body at Chester Baptist Church of Chester, MA

Hunger For Truth is a bi-monthly e-newsletter publication edited by Bro. Craig Glickman who is a member at First Bible Baptist Church of Plainville, CT where the Pastor is Thomas Benson and Bro. Andrew Lacroix who is a member of Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA where the Pastor is Steve Hathaway.

If you wish to subscribe to H.F.T., or you have a study, devotional or article you would like posted in Hunger For Truth, please send an email to svtday@yahoo.com or andrewdlacroix@yahoo.com.

If you do not wish to continue to receive this bi-monthly newsletter, please send an email to svtday@yahoo.com with "Please Remove" in the subject line.

Thank you for reading this. We praise God for all our dear brothers and sisters in Christ and we greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

**His Servants,
 Craig Glickman Andrew Lacroix
 Prov. 3:5-6 1 Thes. 5:18**

