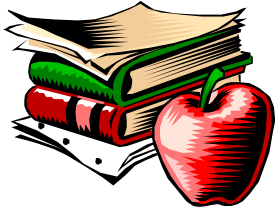


# Hunger For Truth

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**“Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.**

**Proverbs 7:2**

**Matthew 5:6**

**John 8:32**

**II Timothy 3:16-17**

**Hebrews 4:2**

## **Special Interest Articles:**

- Informative and helpful charts on the Local Church vs. Universal Church issue.
- Psalms & Proverbs study
- The Fear of the Lord in the “Children for Christ” column

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## Greetings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the latest issue of Hunger For Truth. It has been a privilege to now produce H.F.T. bi-monthly. Praise God!

We are in the dead of winter and it is C O L D out there! But God’s word is always H O T! Amen!

This issue will have more from the study on

the Local Church as well as the return of the study on Psalms and Proverbs. Please pray for me in preparing these studies.

See the “Special Interest Articles” section for just some of what you will see this month in the newsletter.

Also, please note that back issues of the newsletter are available to view, print or save at

[www.studytoanswer.net](http://www.studytoanswer.net).

The goal of this ministry and newsletter is to edify and encourage believers using the truth of God’s precious Holy Word.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for me. I greatly appreciate your comments and I praise God for each and every one of you.

## **Meditate on The Word (Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:148)**

### **Kingdom of God / New Testament Church – By: R. Reaves**

The following chart is from an article from [www.baptistpillar.com](http://www.baptistpillar.com) entitled “The Universal Invisible Church Vs. The Local New Testament Church” by R. Reaves. This chart clearly helps solve the confusion.

#### **Kingdom Of God**

Universal  
One  
Invisible  
Membership by new birth  
All members saved  
No discipline  
Theocracy  
No Officers  
No ordinances

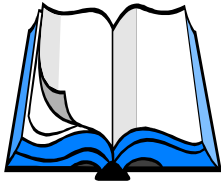
#### **New Testament Church**

Local  
Many  
Visible  
Membership by baptism  
Some members unsaved  
Discipline practiced  
Democracy  
Pastors  
Baptism and Lord’s Supper



## What is the Bride and how it relates to the Local Church?

Bride – Family of God (ALL believers, not JUST Baptists) (The People of God)

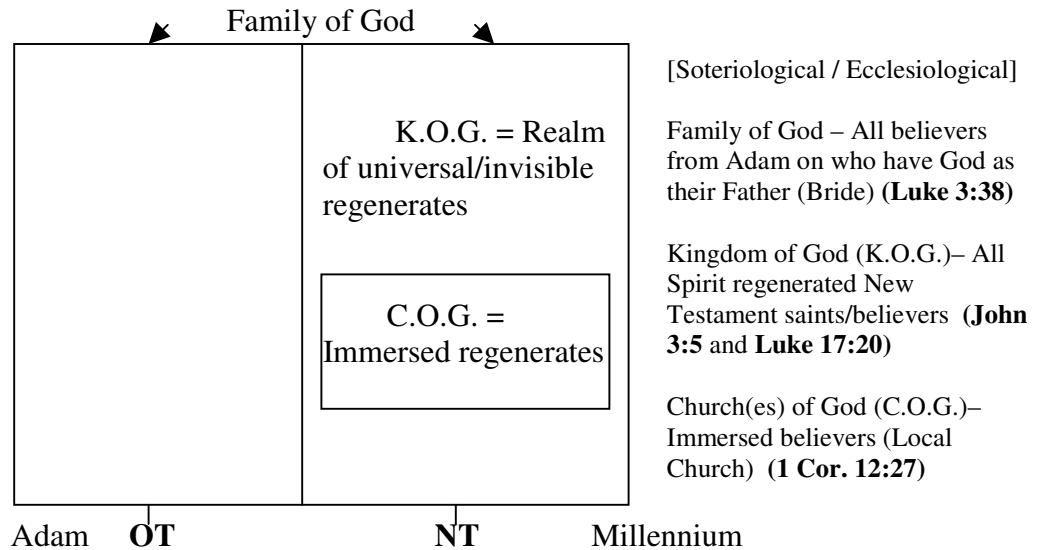


Matthew 5:6

*“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”*

John 8:32

*“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*



## The Book of Psalms: A Treasure From God – (Part 7) – By: Craig G.

**Psalm 16** – “Eternal life for one who trusts Him / Joy in His presence”

Vs. 1. – Trust in God and He will preserve thee.

Vs. 2a – Our soul knows that He is our Lord.

Vs. 2b – We are only good because of Him and His righteousness.

Vs. 3 – It is a delight to be with other saints (believers).

Vs. 4 – God 1<sup>st</sup>! No Other God...ONLY the Lord!

Vs. 5 – God is All in All and All we need. He keeps, provides and upholds us.

Vs. 6-7a – The Lord will instruct and guide me and I will praise Him for it.

Vs. 7b - Our bodies tell us of our Great Creator.

Vs. 8a – Set the Lord always before you.

Vs. 8b – He is always with us, thus we should not be moved (troubled).

Vs. 9 – Trusting God makes our heart glad and rejoicing in Him. My flesh will dwell securely (speaks of provision and healing).

Vs. 10 – He will save us from Hell.

Vs. 10b – The future King (Jesus) would not be hindered from defeating the wages of sin at the cross of Calvary!

Vs. 11a – He will show us the paths of life (Prov. 3:5-6) and in His presence is fullness of joy!

Vs. 11b – In His right hand are pleasures forevermore! Stay by His right hand. (i.e. Solomon)



## The Book of Psalms: A Treasure From God – (Part 7 cont.) – By: Craig G

### Psalm 17 – “Deliverance from the wicked”

Vs. 1 – Ask God to hear your prayer and your cause. Cry out to Him and pray with a pure/clean heart and a right spirit.

Vs. 2a – God will vindicate (defend, justify) us.

Vs. 2b – Keep your eyes on the things that are upright.

Vs. 3 – He will test and search us out. When He tests us, will He find evil (sin) unconfessed?

Vs. 3b – Do we purpose in our hearts that we might not sin against God?

Vs. 4 – Walk upright (godly) before others

Vs. 5 – God will uphold your

steps and keep you from falling when you walk with Him. Ask God for help.

Vs. 6 – Call upon God with a sound mind, a humble/contrite heart and He will hear us.

Vs. 7a – When we trust Him, He shows us His loving kindness and pleasures from His right hand (Ps. 16:11).

Vs. 7b – He will deliver us from all trials and persecutors.

Vs. 8a – His people (Israel/Believers in Christ) are the apple of God’s eye!

Vs. 8b – He will hide us under the shadow of His wings.

Vs. 9 – He will keep us from the oppression of the wicked.

Vs. 10 – The wicked have hard hearts and are filled with pride and hatred towards God and His people.

Vs. 11 – The wicked surround us and their eyes are only on evil. They worship sin and evil and set their eyes bowing down to earth.

Vs. 12 - They are eager to sin and are like a lion.

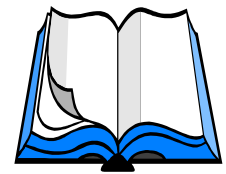
Vs. 13a – Ask God to confront the wicked of their sin and cast them down (break them).

Vs. 13b – He can deliver the wicked with the word. (Written = the Bible; Living = Christ)

Vs. 14a – Only God can deliver them (“with Thy hand”).

Vs. 15a – Seek God’s face in righteousness.

Vs. 15b – We shall be like Him (Jesus) someday and have a glorified body!



### II Timothy 3:16-17

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

## Wisdom From Proverbs – (Part 5) – By: Craig G.

### Proverbs 6

Vs. 1a –Do not be a surety (excepting responsibility for one’s debt if he/she fails to pay it) for a friend.

Vs. 1-2 – Don’t strike hands in a pledge with a stranger and be snared and taken by the words of your mouth

Vs. 3 – Choose your friends wisely! Are they believers? Do they know the Lord and love His word?

Vs. 4-5 – Get away from those who reject Christ and His word.

Vs. 6-8 – Consider the ant and it’s ways. Do not be a sluggard/lazy person. Slothfulness is most dangerous in the spiritual realm. As His servants, we need to be diligently serving the Lord with zeal and passion.

Vs. 9-11 – The results of laziness or the doom of the sluggard results in poverty and unmet needs!

Vs. 12-14 – The seven ways of a wicked, froward, ungodly, worthless, and most likely unregenerate man.

Vs. 15 – The punishment for the wicked man spoken of in verses 12-14.

Vs. 16-19 – Six things the Lord hates and seven that are abomination to Him: A proud /haughty look, a lying tongue, hands that physically harm others, wicked ungodly plans or thoughts, walking towards and enjoying sin and its pleasures, falsely accusing others, and sowing discord/gossip/causing strife among brethren.

Vs. 20-23 – Listen to your parents, pastors, and teachers as they teach you God’s word. Desire to apply the principles/teachings of God’s word to your life and walk with the Lord. See the positive results in vs. 22-23.

Vs. 24-29 – Avoid adultery! Strive to keep your mind and eyes from sensual lust(s).

Vs. 30-33 – Thievery and adultery contrasted. It’s consequences are no understanding and a destroyed soul!

Vs. 34-35 – The husband’s fury due to the adulterer, He’ll have no appeasement & no accepted recompense.

### Hebrews 4:12

*“ For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*



## Quotes of The Month

*(Sources Unknown)*

*“Imply scriptural principles based on a heart conviction, and let the Spirit work out that action, and you comply based on biblical conviction and not outward appearance.”*

*“Take the best moments of my day and seek to get alone with Him in worship and prayer.”*

*“Spend more precious moments meditating on the word of God.”*

*“Be diligent in the stewardship of the time He allows me.”*

## **Favorite Quotes From Our Forefathers**

*“We can stand affliction better than we can prosperity, for in prosperity we forget God.”*

D.L. Moody 1837-1899  
American Evangelist

## ☺ Children For Christ ☺ - “The Fear of the Lord”

*(Based on a series of sermons by Jim Schettler, former Pastor of the Campus Church at Pensacola Christian College)*

**THIS LESSON WILL BE BEST UNDERSTOOD WHILE DOING IT WITH YOUR PARENT(S) OR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND HAVE THEM EXPLAIN EACH PARY TO YOU AND WORK TOGETHER ON IT WITH YOU.**

**Memory Verse: Psalm 34:9 “O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for *there is no want to them that fear him.*”**

### **FAULTY FEARS OF GOD:**

Read the passages and then match the faulty fear:

\_\_\_ *A Discouraging Fear*  
(Matt. 25:24-end; I Cor. 10:13; II Cor. 8:12)

\_\_\_ *A Defiant Fear*  
(Num. 14:1-end; Deut. 2:25; Exo. 23:27)

\_\_\_ *A Departing Fear*  
(Gen. 3:8-10; I Sam. 12:20-24; Exo. 20:18)

\_\_\_ *A Defective Fear*  
(II Kings 17:24-end)

**A:** Don't just teach people HOW to fear God. Teach them WHY to fear God? Because of who he is and what he can and will do in our lives. Don't say we fear God and then serve other gods! Do God's wants and desires, not ours.

**B:** People who think that God has been unfair to them and God is demanding more of them than they can handle.

**C:** Some sin is committed and they do not confess it. There is no sorrow about it and they try to hide from God.

**D:** Turning your back on God! Trouble in your life makes you angry at God and causes you to complain.

### **DEFINING THE FEAR OF THE LORD**

1. Read these verses: Psalm 34:9,11; Psalm 128; Prov. 23:17; Prov. 2:1-5; Heb. 12:28; Jer. 32:39-40

### **THE DEFINITION:**

**The Fear of the Lord – An act of God's grace giving me the right response to who God is and what he can and will do in my life.**

2. Match the parts of the definition to the proper response:

\_\_\_ “An act of God's grace”

\_\_\_ “giving me the right response”

\_\_\_ “to who God is”

\_\_\_ “and what he can and will do in my life”

\*\*\* Read the verses listed in A-D \*\*\*

**A:** Obedience and faith (Heb. 11 – Noah) (Gen. 22 – Abraham)

**B:** An awesome God that we should keep 1<sup>st</sup> place in our lives (Isa. 8:13)

**C:** His power – Joshua 4:24; Psalm 33:8-9; His goodness – Psalm 130:3-4; I Sam. 12:20-24; Jer. 32:39-41; His judgment – Ecc. 11:9; Ecc. 12:13-14; Heb. 9:27

**D:** No pride. We must humble ourselves before God and depend on him alone for everything

### **THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS OUR GUIDE, OUR GOVERNOR & OUR GLORY**

1. Read these verses: Psalm 2:11; Prov. 9:10; Prov. 1:7

(The fear of the Lord should bring us joy when we let it be our guide)

2. Match the definitions: (**The fear of the Lord is our guide**)

\_\_\_ Wisdom **A:** The ability to view the information you gathered in the right perspective

\_\_\_ Knowledge **B:** The ability to use the knowledge in the way that God wants you to apply it.

3. True or False: What you know and the information you have gathered are not important! The fear of the Lord is and won't give you true godly knowledge and wisdom. People can learn good and right ways, but still can change their ways. The person with the fear of the Lord has the guiding principle of God's word and won't change his ways. \_\_\_ T \_\_\_ F

4. Read these verses: Ecc. 8:11-13; Prov. 16:6; Prov. 8:13 (**The fear of the Lord is our governor**)

5. True or False: The fear of the Lord ought to limit the sin we commit. God knows about and sees and hears all our sin! \_\_\_ T \_\_\_ F

6. Read II Cor. 6:17-18 to 7:1,9-11 and fill in the blanks: Godly \_\_\_\_\_ worketh \_\_\_\_\_ to salvation. Worldly sorrow worketh \_\_\_\_\_. (The reason why is in vs. 11. Those with Godly sorrow do the things in vs. 11)

7. Read Gen. 28 and fill in the blank: The presence of \_\_\_\_\_ was the greatest feeling \_\_\_\_\_ had. It gave him \_\_\_\_\_ and he glorified God. (**The fear of the Lord is our glory**)

*Go over this whenever you forget or do not understand what it means to Fear God as a believer in Jesus Christ*



## Song of the Month – “Lord I Need You”

This great Ron Hamilton song is a blessed hymn and the words must be considered. I realize every day how much I need the Lord in ALL things and for ALL things; spiritually, physically, mentally and financially and that without Him, I am nothing! Sit down with your family and study the words to this song:

*Sometimes when life seems gentle and blessings flood my way, I turn my gaze away from You and soon forget to pray. But when the sky grows darker and courage turns to fear, my anxious voice cries upward with words You long to hear.*

*(Chorus) – Lord, I need You when the sea of life is calm, O lord I need You when the wind is blowing strong. Whether trials come*

*or cease, keep me always on my knees, Lord I need You. Lord, I need You.*

*(Verse 2) – Lord, help me to remember I’m weak but You are strong. I cannot sing apart from You, for Lord, You are my song. Although I’m prone to wander and boast in all I do; Lord, keep my eyes turned upward so I depend on You.*

*(Chorus)*



If you have a praise or prayer request you would like posted in Hunger For Truth, please e-mail it to me at [svtdtday@yahoo.com](mailto:svtdtday@yahoo.com)

## Praises

- Praise God for the T R U T H of and that is His precious and Holy word!
- I praise God and want to say thank you to each and every one of you who take the time to read this every month and to those who have sent emails or have spoken to me about how the Lord has blessed you. Please keep them coming. They are a great blessing.
- Praise God for solid Local NT churches all across the land.
- Praise God for Victory in Jesus! Hallelujah, What a Savior!
- Praise God for health, safety, friends, family, and fellowship.
- I praise God for the privilege & blessing of preparing and sending this newsletter to people all across the land.
- Praise God that all we are and have belongs to Him. We should not want it any other way. The best place to be is near to the heart of God in the center of His will



## Prayer Requests

- Children and teens across the globe with serious health ailments.
- Comfort for the Vasel family in the home going of baby Jack Vasel
- Bro. Greg Myers (recovering from heart bypass surgery)
- Gods grace, strength, wisdom and victory regarding an unspoken request for the HFT editor.
- Those in need of employment and ones seeking other jobs
- Pray for wisdom in finding work in MA and for sale of my home in PA to make a move to Norwood, MA
- Pray that God would help the H.F.T. editor find the one wife that God has for him.
- Our nation and its leaders and for revival in this land
- Salvation of my sister Wendy
- Salvation of my nephew Jacob and Aunts’ Sybil and Bernice
- Salvation of our family, friends and co-workers
- Wisdom regarding HFT, HFT ministries and for FT service as the Lord leads
- Parents across this land to raise their children for the Lord
- Health and needs of Pastors, Missionaries, and Evangelists and their families
- Tract distribution and outreach to lost souls all over the world who were witnessed to last month for salvation

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## In The Next Issue

Psalms and Proverbs study continues and much more plus a devotional in the “Children For Christ” column.

Thank you for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I 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 Servant,

Craig G. – Prov. 3:5-6

