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“Let us Hunger For Truth”

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Psalm 51:7

Soul Winner or Salesman (By: Dr. Enoch Kumar)

The following article which starts on page 2 is written by Dr. Enoch Kumar, who is a missionary to India, is from the 11/17/13 issue of the Heritage Herald Newsletter published by Pastor Cas Reeves of Heritage Baptist Church in Endicott, NY. I trust this will be a blessing and help to you as you seek to reach souls for our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



Soul Winner or Salesman

By Dr. Enoch Kumar

The idea of winning souls is Scriptural. Solomon wrote, “*The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise*” (Proverbs 11:30). Of course, that inspired statement should be considered in its context. In the minds of many evangelical and fundamentalist Christians today, soul-winning is merely an attempt to teach lost people a few facts and then lead them in

making a decision, usually settled by their repetition of some form of the “sinner’s prayer.”

The context of Proverbs 11:30 includes the truth that Solomon, a wise man, was teaching a wise way of life. He was presenting a path to walk; a path of thinking, living, speaking, working, loving, investing, spending, etc. in a wise manner. He was teaching a lifestyle of wisdom. Solomon did not teach a method whereby a person could merely repeat some words in a prayer, declaring themselves, from that point on, to be a wise person. He actually taught repentance from foolishness and simplicity, to the life of the wise, and laid out what that would look like in actual practice.

So, “*he that winneth souls is wise*” should be understood to mean that a wise person turns foolish and simple people to the path of wisdom to truly live in a wise way. That has nothing to do with a practice of just getting people to pray a prayer stating that they will be wise. Now, this is not to imply that there would be no decision or prayer involved when a foolish or simple person turned to wisdom. Certainly they would spend the rest of their lives declaring that they made such a decision, while keeping on in foolishness and simplicity, then it would be folly to conclude that they truly did decide to pursue wisdom. After all, Proverbs 20:11 states the self-evident truth that “*even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.*” Even the character of a child is known, not by what he claims to be, but by what he does. How much more is this true of men and women?

Another favorite Old Testament promise claimed by soul-winners is found in Daniel 12:3: “*And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever*” (Daniel 12:3). Obviously, if someone is turned to righteousness, they do not live in unrighteousness. Biblical soul-winners look at Daniel 12:3 and say, “I want to be wise for the glory of God. I want to shine for His praise. So, I want to turn many to righteousness.” But we must notice that the goal is *many to RIGHTEOUSNESS*; not many to *praying a prayer, walking to the front of a church, signing a card . . .* and then continuing on in a life of wickedness. The spirit of the salesman who is attempting to emulate Biblical soul-winning is revealed as he emphasizes the word “**MANY**,” even excusing all those that he has claimed to

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turn to righteousness and yet carry on in selfishness and sin. “Many” excites the salesman. Big crowds. Big facilities to host the crowds. Big offerings. Notoriety as a great soul-winner. Excitement! All these are wrapped up in his warped understanding of “*many to righteousness.*”

The Biblical soul-winners are actually thrilled that people are turned to righteousness; but, only if they are converted. A Biblical soul-winner knows that salvation is “*by grace*” and “*not of works*” (Ephesians 2:8,9). He preaches that man is totally incapable of saving himself. He cries with Jonah, “*Salvation is of the LORD*” (Jonah 2:9). He also accepts the truth that the true grace of God that saves a man from sin and hell will produce good works for the glory of God (Ephesians 2:10). People that are born again by the Holy Spirit of God do good works because they have been saved unto good works. That is so plain throughout the whole of Scripture.

James devoted an entire Epistle to preaching the truth that the faith that saves works. Paul wrote to the church at Philippi, “*For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure*” (Philippians 2:13). Titus 2:11-12 declares that the grace that saves teaches the Lord’s converts: “*that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.*” John the Baptist preached that legitimate repentance would be obvious by fruit in the lives of those who repented (Matthew 3:8-10). The Lord Jesus Christ declared, “*Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them*” (Matthew 7:17-20).

Many to righteousness? Yes! Many to agreeing with a salesman and then remaining on the same path of un-righteousness? If one believes the Bible, No!

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Depending On The Lord (By: Pastor Cas Reeves)

Text: Psalm 17:1-15

Message By: Dr. Caswell A. Reeves – Heritage Herald 1/26/14

David was a saved man. He was a man who depended on the Lord. He reveals dependence in this Psalm, showing us an example of what it is like to depend on the Lord.

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- I. David depended on the Lord in prayer (vs. 1-3)
 - A. He believed the Lord would hear him (vs. 1)
 - B. He believed the Lord's justice was right (vs. 2)
 - C. He believed the Lord judged him acceptable (vs. 3)

- II. David depended upon the Lord in works
 - A. He was obedient to the word (vs. 4)
 - B. He was dependent on the Lord's help (vs. 5)
 - C. He was prayerful in his goings (vs. 6)
 - D. He was trusting of the Lord's kindness (vs. 7) and deliverance (vs. 8-14)

- III. David depended upon the Lord in hope (vs. 15)
 - A. He looked for the day he would see the Lord
 - B. He looked for the day he would be righteous
 - C. He looked for the day he would be complete

Are we depending on the Lord in the way that we should? If not, let us begin learning how today!

Emotions in The Bible (By: Craig Glickman)

There are many verses and passages in the Bible that relate to emotions and feelings of man and our Lord Himself in trials, suffering, affliction, and of course peace and joy. The following is an ongoing study of passages that have convicted, comforted, edified, encouraged or blessed me through hearing messages, devotions and studies over the years. I hope this is a blessing and help to you and I, and that the Lord may be honored and glorified in this series of studies on emotions in the Bible. Each issue, Lord willing, will have a verse or passage in the Bible covered. I am excited and privileged to do this. Praise God! I intend to break each passage down into the following: **Passage, Emotion(s), Cause, Effect, What does the passage say?, What does the passage say to you and I?, What should you and I do about it?, How do you and I stay accountable?**

Based on a message by Pastor S. Hinebaugh

Passage: James 1:7-8

Emotion(s): Double mindedness

Cause: Impure mind and double mindedness

Effect: Unstable in all our ways

What does the passage say?: We need to have a pure mind for the battle and that does not come naturally. How do we have a pure mind? Philippians 4:8 shares how: “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” Dear reader, we can have a pure mind by thinking on the previous mentioned. This will help keep our minds pure and not walk in double mindedness.

What does the passage say to you and I?: Here are the two steps to developing a pure mind:

1. Develop

- A. Have a personal daily time with God and be an active member in your local NT church.
- B. An Old Testament Jewish man would never think that synagogue attendance is optional. This should be the same for the NT local church.
- C. Ephesians 4:17 – You need to get the garbage of the world out of your life.

2. Maintain

- A. Matthew 12:43-45 – Sin confessed and forsaken needs to be replaced with godliness.
- B. Philippians 2:4 – Don't get distracted. Keep your mind on the eternal and not the temporal.
- C. God, family and church are the things that have the best return.
- D. Don't get discouraged! (i.e. fruitless witnessing). Discouragement is not a luxury you can afford yourself as a Christian!
- E. Prov. 27:17 – Be with godly counselors who will shape you and not tear you down.
- F. Ezekiel 11:5 – God knows ALL that comes into our minds!
- G. Prov. 4:23 – Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.
- H. You are either going to fuel your spirit or the flesh.
- I. Titus 1:15 – This tells us the grave danger of a corrupted, defiled mind and conscience.
- J. I Timothy 1:7, Romans 7:23-25 – A Sound mind (wise, discerning) (Discern outward signs of inward problems)

What should you and I do about it?: Guard what you let into your heart and mind (impure, lustful thoughts and images – Job 31:1). Be aware of carnality (Rom. 8:7) for it is enmity against God. An impure mind must be recognized due to its destructiveness. It makes you a loser and puts you at enmity against God with judgment for false services to God (i.e. tithe yet live for the world)! The answer is to live for God and according to His word and not the world. Peace of mind comes by simply trusting, depending and relying on God (Isa. 26:3) (Stayed – Sustained by).

How do you and I stay accountable?: Seek godly counsel, be faithful to and active in your local church and strive to draw nigh to Him in daily prayer, praise, study, serving and witnessing. O' beloved, this has been the key to a sound and pure mind like the mind of Christ.

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

Just a Touch...

“If I may but touch His clothes, I shall be whole” (Mark 5:28)

This poor woman “had spent all that she had”, and could only touch the Lord. As true as a spark of fire is fire, so is little faith, really faith. Remember the result does not hang upon either weak or strong faith, but upon God's faithfulness! It is not especially the amount of faith but the object of that faith that makes the difference.

Oh, touch the hem of His garment!
And you, too, shall be free;
His saving power this very hour
Shall give new life to thee.

:) Children For Christ :)

GOD! A BORROWER?

Memory Verse: Proverbs 19:17 – “He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again.”

1. The scripture would lead us to believe that the poor are in the special care of the _____
A. Lord B. Man C. Both
2. God is looking to those who have been blessed financially to care for His poor. ___ True
___ False
3. God borrows from them so that He may take care of His family of dependents. ___ True
___ False
4. We are amazed to think that the Lord should count Himself as a borrower from any of His servants that He may feed His hungry and give comfort and cheer to the sick and helpless.
___ True ___ False
5. Money should be:
A. Spent wisely B. Given by those who have been blessed to the poor C. Kept for selfish purposes D. A & B
6. Talk to your parents today about how you can honor God with the money you have.

Answers: 1. Lord 2-4. True 5. D

<p>“The hardening of the heart ages more people than the hardening of the arteries.”</p>	<p>“If we would have God hear what we say to Him by prayer, we must be ready to hear what He says to us by His Word.” <i>--Matthew Henry</i></p>
<p><u>The Untiring Reaper</u> There is a reaper whose name is death: and with his sickle keen he reaps the bearded grain at a breath, and the flowers that grow between. “He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul FROM DEATH.” – James 5:20</p> <hr/> <p>“Modest living is not so much a renunciation of specific things in themselves as it is a renunciation of making “things” a goal in life or a source of satisfaction to us. It is the exercise of responsibility, of restraint, and of realism, whether our means are large or small.” <i>--M. Hancock</i></p>	<p>Praises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for the precious sin cleansing blood of the Lamb which washes us whiter than snow (Ps. 51:7) <p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job and living situation needs for Bro. Craig and Andrew • 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. • Needs of New Hope Baptist Church of Lynn, MA • Needs of Chester Baptist Church of Chester, MA • Missionary Tim Hawes (To Papua New Guinea) (Church Planting, Bible Translation, Agricultural Development) • Brother Bill Moore of Heritage Baptist Church (Health needs) • Those affected by the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines • The condition of this nation following the

Prayer Requests continued:

- abomination that has occurred with the DOMA decision.
- Needs of the body of Heritage Baptist Church
- Salvation and needs of those affected by the tragedy in Boston, MA on April 15th.
- Salvation of Brother Andrew Lacroix's family
- Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)

MILK FOR THE MEAT EATERS

(A Daily Email Devotional By Brother Andrew Lacroix)

Dear Hunger For Truth Readers,

Milk for the Meat Eaters started January 1, 2014. MFTM is a daily email devotional that is sent to your Inbox on a daily basis. If you wish to subscribe to Milk for the Meat Eaters, please email Bro. Andrew Lacroix at: milkforthemeateaters@gmail.com. If you have not yet signed up for this devotional, why not sign up today so you don't miss out on these blessings from God's precious Holy Word?

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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

