



Hunger For Truth

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Greetings

Hello and welcome to another issue of Hunger For Truth. It is a privilege and honor to prepare this bi-monthly newsletter.

This issue is packed with new devotionals and Bible studies. It also marks the return of "Emotions in the Bible"!

Now for a MA update, it was 60 degrees in late February! What an unusual winter. Hard to believe, spring is just around the corner and most of winter here was spring like!

The Lord has blessed with many witnessing opportunities. As mentioned in the previous issue, the HFT editor will be moving in May into a very nice 3 bedroom apartment with two dear brothers in the Lord. I praise God for this and look forward to what He has in store.

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

It is my 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 me. I greatly appreciate your comments and I praise God for each and every one of you.

Proverbs 7:2

Matt. 5:6

John 8:32

II Timothy 3:16-17

Heb. 4:2

"Let us Hunger For Truth"



Follow Me

TEXT: Matthew 4:16-20

We have a generation of *followers* today. The problem is they are following men or following one another on Twitter. There is even an application that allows you to see who *isn't* following you. What we need among the children of God are followers of Jesus Christ.

A young African convert prayed one evening: "O Lord, You are the needle and I am the thread!" That day he had visited a school and watched some girls who were sewing. He noticed that the thread always followed the needle, and he saw in that simple task a profound spiritual truth. If he stayed close to the Lord, praying, reading His Word, and depending entirely on Him, he would always be led by God's Spirit.

"And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27).

Today, why don't you pray something like this: "Lord, I want you to come and supplant my will with Your will. May the Holy Spirit guide me and lead me and cause me to walk in Your ways. Oh Lord, help me to fix my convictions upon Your Word and choose to follow You. Lord, in me let thy will be done! I surrender my will to you. I'm not surrendering to be a missionary, a pastor, an evangelist, or full time Christian service, I'M SURRENDERING TO CHRIST!!"

Total reliance on God will keep us from becoming frustrated by interruptions or from wondering what He wants us to do next. Follow Jesus today!
By: Pastor David K. Warner

"You Have a Headlight Out"

By: Craig Glickman

John 1:1-13

As I was deciding how to prepare this devotional, I thought of the hymn "Let the Lower Lights be Burning". To make a long story short, I pulled into church one morning and a dear Bro. in the Lord told me, "you have a headlight out.", thus the title of this devotional. Now those of you that know me know that I am not good with cars. I was prepared to take the car in the next day to have a dealer replace the headlight. After some conversation this dear Bro. offered to help me. Later that afternoon I met with him and he had not only bought the headlight for me, he had someone he knew put it in all at no cost to me! Praise God! What a great blessing!

Dear reader, do you have a spiritual headlight out? When a headlight in a car is out, our visibility of the road decreases. When we have a spiritual headlight out, our witness becomes weak or dim for we are not brightly reflecting Him. Our passage speaks of the Deity of Christ (vs. 1-2) and the preincarnate work of Christ (vs. 3-5). Jesus is the Light (vs. 7-9)! He was rejected by the world (vs. 10) and even rejected by His own (vs. 11)! Satan desires to hinder you and I from sharing the Gospel (II Cor. 4:4).

With a spiritual headlight out, we can lose our passion for souls and our testimony can become weak! We need to desire to brightly reflect Christ who is our Lighthouse! I encourage you to go out and share the Gospel with someone today that they might receive Him (vs. 12-13). We can not be a beacon if our light does not shine! He is the Light of the world! Are you a reflection of Him? Dear reader, check your spiritual headlight(s) today.

☺☺ Children For Christ ☺☺

Godly Music Praises God

(This lesson is primarily for teenagers)

Memory Verse: Psalm 146:2 “While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.”

1. My friend, to start this study, how much do you know the hymns you sing in church, at home and at school. Take a sheet of paper and write down from memory the names of at least twenty hymns that you know?
2. If you have a hymn book at home, take it out and have a hymn sing with your family and friends.
3. Do you desire to praise the Lord in song wherever you are? _____
4. I encourage you to take your Bible and look up some or even all the references to the words “song” and “sing” in the Bible and see how much they relate to praising God! You can use the internet or a concordance to find these references. Also I trust that you will see how God’s music is melody 1st, harmony 2nd, and rhythm last. This is true music to God. The devil’s ‘music’ reverses this method. The devil’s music is **ANY** kind of worldly music (CCM, Rock and Roll, Country, Rap, Hip Hop, etc.)
5. What kind(s) of music are you listening to? _____
6. Does your music you have at home honor God? _____ (measure this by melody, harmony, then rhythm in the song. Also check the song’s message)
7. If you have ungodly music in your home. I encourage you to destroy it today! You will be blessed and most of all it will please the Lord.
8. I encourage you to go out and buy or download godly, Christ honoring music and listen to it wherever you are, whenever you can.

Emotions in the Bible

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?**

-By: Craig Glickman

Passage(s): Psalm 144:15; 146:5

Emotion: Happiness

Cause: Their God is the LORD

Effect: A state of happiness because their God is the LORD, who is also their help and hope (146:5)!

What does the passage say?: This passage teaches that true joy or happiness can only come by having repented of your sin and trusting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. Knowing Him brings happiness or inner joy no matter what is going on in our lives (*i.e The Apostle Paul’s trials*). We have that hope in Him (a reverential fear/awe) knowing who God is and what He can and will do for us and in us for His glory!

What does the passage say to you and I?: It tells us that happiness is the LORD! This is a great hymn that children often sing. As the Bible says, we need to desire to do all to the glory of God and do all things heartily as to the LORD and NOT unto men. Delight thyself in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. In other words, we can not be truly happy or joyful outside of God’s perfect will for our lives.

What should you and I do about it?:

First off, if you do not know Christ, why not trust Him today? Secondly, be willing to...

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Citizens of Heaven

Philippians 3:20-21 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

The following is adapted from John Phillips’ commentary on Philippians:

The word translated ‘conversation’ is *politeuma*, which refers to the seat of government in the country of which we are citizens (*polites*) and in which we have certain rights and responsibilities. Citizenship was highly prized in an empire made up mostly of slaves and freed men. Paul enjoyed the rare privilege of being a Roman citizen. Yet he was far more proud of being a citizen of glory.

Our citizenship too is in glory. This citizenship is open to all who will enthrone the King of glory as sovereign, Savior, and Lord. We Christians belong to the aristocracy of Heaven where our Lord reigns at the right hand of God, and we have a responsibility in this present world never to disgrace our homeland.

And what a homeland it is! In our country the streets are paved with gold, the walls are built of jasper, and the gates are made of pearl. A rainbow-circled throne, a crystal stream, foundations ablaze with gems, many mansions, and the tree of life are there. Sickness, death, and pain do not haunt our country’s streets, and no hospitals, prisons, asylums, or retirement homes can be found. This land of fadeless day is eternally bathed in the sunshine of God’s smile. No sobs or signs are ever heard--just anthems of praise, doxologies of bliss, and songs expressing ‘joy unspeakable and full of glory’ (1 Peter 1:8). The citizens--all most gloriously fair--are served by angels commissioned by the throne to minister to salvation’s heirs.

The eternal passport to that city is obtained through repentance and faith in the cross-work of Jesus Christ.

Right now we are pilgrims and strangers in a foreign land. This world is not our final home. We are here as Heaven’s ambassadors. Every night we pitch our tent a day’s march nearer home. We are never to forget even for a moment where our citizenship lies. The thought of that fair land and its all-glorious King will influence our dress and our deportment. It will help determine what we say, where we go, how we behave, what pleasures we permit, how we invest our talent, what we do with our money, how we treat other people, and the amount of time we spend in worship, service, Bible study, and prayer.

Source: www.wayoflife.org



Quotes

“The past has not exhausted the possibilities nor the demands for doing great things for God. The church that is dependent on its past history for its miracles of power and grace is a fallen church.” --E.M. Bounds

“Evangelism is the redistribution of spiritual wealth. This is the only kind of wealth redistribution we go along with -- and let us do it with great joy and enthusiasm!”

“There never was a real revival that did not produce holy heartburn and hallelujahs.”

“My whole outlook upon everything that happens to me should be governed by these three things: my realization of who I am, my consciousness of where I am going, and my knowledge of what awaits me when I get there.” --D. Martin Lloyd-Jones

“I must die or get somebody to die for me. If the Bible doesn't teach that, it doesn't teach anything. And that is where the atonement of Jesus Christ comes in.” --Dwight Lyman Moody

“The Lord who vacated His tomb has not vacated His throne.” --G.R. Beasley-Murray



Song of the Month

Let the Lower Lights Be Burning

This old P.P. Bliss hymn has a great story behind it. It is a favorite of mine. I wish I had the space to tell you the story. I encourage you to look it up. Believer, let your light shine for Christ who is our Lighthouse and be a reflection of Him.

Brightly beams our Father's mercy from his lighthouse ever more, but to us he gives the keeping of the lights along the shore.

CHORUS: Let the lower lights be burning! Send a gleam across the wave! Some poor fainting, struggling sea-man you may rescue, you may save.

Dark the night of sin has settled, loud the angry billows roar; eager eyes are watching, longing, for the lights along the shore.

CHORUS

Trim your feeble lamp, my brother! Some poor sailor tempest tossed, trying now to make the harbor, in the darkness may be lost.

CHORUS

Emotions in the Bible (cont.)

...put your all on the altar for him. Lay aside worldly & ungodly lusts & desires. Ask Him to search you, to take all your will, passion, self and pride and fill you with the power of His Spirit. Lastly, seek to help, edify and encourage others in need. Seek opportunities to reach out to lost souls (your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors, etc.).

How do you and I stay accountable?:

Talk to your Pastor, your parents, your family, your teachers and even your friends and tell them to let you know if they think you are not happy, content or joyful. If so, tell them you need encouragement. Have a prayer time, Bible study and/or hymn sing together. Go out for a walk and talk... whatever God leads. **Encourage the discouraged!** Happiness is the Lord!

Stop and Think

“All experiences must be gauged with scripture!” -Anonymous

“Are you and I guilty of serving God and serving idols (false gods) in the SAME DAY!” -Anonymous

Prayer Requests

- Needs of the body at Heritage Baptist Church
- Salvation of my sister Wendy, nephew Jacob and Aunt's Sybil and Bernice
- The upcoming move for the HFT editor and friends
- Unspoken needs for HFT editor
- Outreach to lost souls in Norwood, MA and surrounding towns

Praises

- I praise God for the new living place this May that He has provided

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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 Glickman
Prov. 3:5-6*