



Hunger For Truth

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“Let us Hunger For Truth”

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Your Convenient Season is Today

By: Bro. Andrew Lacroix

TEXT: Acts 24:24-25; II Cor. 6:2

Paul was witnessing to an important political figure in this time. His name was Felix. He was the governor of Judea. This was not their first encounter. Now some short time later, Felix and his wife Drusilla were interested in hearing Paul again, and sent for him from jail. Felix's reaction to Paul's preaching of the Gospel brought two reactions:

He showed fear. The fear and trembling Felix had at the presentation of the Gospel was necessary. Paul wanted these people to be saved. Paul wanted everyone to get saved. God desires that not one soul perish. Peter said: “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come

to repentance” (II Pet. 3:9). God wants to see every person in the world repent. The word “repent” means, “to change one’s mind”. God wants every person to repent of their sins, to change our minds about what our sin is in His sight. Before I got saved, I thought I was good enough to go to Heaven. I knew I had done wrong and had sinned, but I never knew my sins separated me from God. It only takes one sin to separate you from God. Sin is falling short of God’s perfect and holy standard. Let’s return to our Acts passage. Paul most definitely argued Felix’s need to repent. He spoke to Felix about his sin in the sight of God, temperance, righteousness, and the coming judgment for all unbelievers. The judgment is the lake of fire in Revelation 20. This brought Felix great conviction. Conviction is good to an extent. If a financial counselor showed you that your spending was too much for your budget, he or she convicted you of your need to reduce how much you spend. However, if you continued to spend excessively, you would reject the conviction and advice of the counselor. Felix had this conviction of his need to repent of his sins and trust Jesus Christ as his Saviour. He would reject this conviction by saying he would call for Paul when he had a “convenient season”.

He showed procrastination. Procrastination is putting off doing something with the intent to do it later. For example, the popular saying on a T-shirt is “Procrastinators Unite Tomorrow”. Tomorrow never comes for the procrastinator. For Felix, he was a procrastinator of his salvation. His “convenient season” would never come. That day, when Paul reasoned with him, was his only convenient season. Waiting for a convenient season to do something is only okay in a few aspects. You can wait to do the dishes until after your guests leave, but it is not okay to put it off until five minutes before your next guests come over for dinner. It is never convenient for you to put off the decision to repent of your sins and trust Jesus Christ and His death on the cross for forgiveness. You’re being convicted right now of your need to be saved, if you haven’t been saved yet. The reason for your conviction is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit works in the life of a believer, but He also works to convict the unbeliever of their sin and their need of a Saviour. He will warn of your sin and the coming judgment of an eternity without Christ. In John 16 Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit (16:8-11) and His ministry of conviction. Therefore, you cannot be saved if you reject this conviction, or feel the conviction and not accept Christ. That is also rejecting the Holy Spirit. Everyday you breathe, you have the opportunity to be saved. However, one does not know their last day on earth. Solomon, the son of king David, said, “Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth” (Proverbs 27:1). We are not guaranteed tomorrow, no matter how healthy or sick we are.

Paul told Felix he needed to be saved and told him how he could be saved. However, Felix procrastinated, and was going to wait. He would never have the return of this conviction of his need to repent and believe on Jesus Christ again. You may never be convicted of your need to be saved again after today. Today is the day then to repent and accept Christ. The Bible says “now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation” (II Cor. 6:2). If you need to be saved, get saved today. Come and speak to us, but believe God’s Word and acknowledge your sin before Him, then place all your trust in His death, burial, and resurrection to forgive your sins. If you do that, believing with all your heart, you will be saved, but you need to do that today. Felix never found his “convenient season” to get saved. Your Convenient Season is Today.

The Purpose of Devotions

The following was put out by a anonymous Pastor. I pass it along for your encouragement and edification:

We have devotions to cultivate being devoted. Being devoted to God will not happen by accident. Cultivation of devotion to God comes when we are driven to know Him. The Bible expresses that

concept by the words hungering and thirsting after righteousness. (Matthew 5:6). God's promise to those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness" is that "they shall be filled." Devotions is not just about reading your Bible and praying every day. Devotions is about being consumed with knowing God intimately, personally, and seeking His face.

What You Give is What You Get (By: Roger F. Campbell)

"For even the Son of man came, not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45)

Most of us like to be catered to. It's a part of the nature of man. From the first cry that brought our parents bleary-eyed from their beds, we have enjoyed the attention of others.

The Christian, however, has a new nature. Christians have been given all the attention they need in the love of God. Strange, then, that Christians are often found pouting and defeated like others. What's wrong?

The simple conclusion is that such pitiful pilgrims are not living up to their potential in Christ. While headed for Heaven, they are 'earthbound' in their attitudes. They are living for what they can get. On the other hand, the Christian who is surrendered to the Holy Spirit lives to give. Like Jesus, his purpose is not to be ministered to, but to minister.

Do you desire attention? Give attention. Do you want friends? Be friendly. Do you long for fellowship? Find someone who is lonely and give that one fellowship.

It's the only way to be like Jesus.

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 "Diligently Earn—Wisely Save" by: Steven Andres

Passage: Proverbs 13:23

Emotion(s): Laziness, Slothfulness, Poor judgment

Cause: Spending more than you have

Effect: Poverty, debt, poor stewardship of what God has given you

What does the passage say?: Sir Edmund Bulwer-Lytton said, *"Every man is needy who spends more than he earns. No man is needy who spends less."* When one lives within his means, no matter how little one may earn, he can purchase all he needs and still have enough to acquire some of the extras to be offered. So have laid so much aside for a rainy day, that capital is born. In the earlier days of our country, such capital was the backbone and right arm of steel mills, ship lines, oilfields, medical firms, textile shops and everything else that enables men to help other men.

What does the passage say to you and I?: Contemporary man does not save. He chooses to live a debtors life. "Back to the wall and nose to the grindstone" seems to be the motto of modern life.

Corporations were formed to enable men to band together and accumulate capital to do things which were impossible for a single man to accomplish. But the corporations of today squander more and preserve less than individuals. Companies can have many years of prosperity and then one bad season and they go out of business and close up shop.

What should you and I do about it?: There is plenty of income even in the homes of the poor, but we lack prosperity because of the use of poor judgment in many cases. The Apostle Paul wrote, [be] “*Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;*” (Romans 12:11).

How do you and I stay accountable?: Be sure you are being a good steward of the time, talent and treasure that God has blessed you with. It is all God's but He asks just 10% of our income. Are you faithfully and willingly tithing? Are you living within your means financially? If not, I encourage, beg and implore you, please seek help today before you end up in debt yourself and in debt to God!

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

Lightning Struck

By: Dr. Tim Green

“The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and clouds are the dust of his feet.” – Nahum 1:3

I read a story of a sailor who was struck by lightning while far out at sea. He was taken up for dead, and as they carried him along the deck he heard the first mate say, “Poor fellow he is gone.”

However, the young man was not gone and began to wonder if he was gone, where would he go. While pondering his predicament in his semi-conscious state, the acts of his wicked past paraded across the stage of his mind. The review of his life was an awful sight, and the thought of Hell arose in his thinking. “There I must go,” he surmised.

Eventually, he was revived by the ship's physician; but he had been too near to eternity to be any longer indifferent to spiritual concerns. He quickly fled to the Safe Harbor and Refuge which is Jesus Christ! His continued life's testimony consistently affirmed the fact that he had been soundly converted.

Friend, what will it take for you to come to your senses and be saved? Will it take a storm, lightning, earthquakes, floods, tragedy, or sickness? When will you wake up and come to Christ Jesus for Salvation's free gift?

Our young sailor friend saw Hell. You may say, “Where is hell?” Listen, if you keep going the way you're going, you'll find it at the end of a Christ-less life.

:) Children For Christ :)

DISCOVER THE THEME

Memory Verse: The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. – *Psalms 19:9*

Please take your Bibles and read the following passages and discover the theme of these verses:

1. Psalm 19:9
2. Proverbs 1:7

3. Proverbs 8:13
4. Proverbs 3:7-8
5. Proverbs 15:16
6. Proverbs 23:17
7. Ecclesiastes 12:13
8. Proverbs 9:10
9. Proverbs 10:27

The theme is: _____ (hint: the fear of _____)

<p><u>A Teacher's Prayer</u></p> <p>Lord, who am I to show the way to little children day by day, myself so prone to go astray. I teach them wisdom, but I know how faint it flickers, and how low the candles of my knowledge glow. I teach them love for all mankind and all God's children, then I find my own love lagging far behind. Lord, if their guide I still must be, O let these little children see their teacher leaning hard on Thee!</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>--Author Unknown</i></p>	<p><u>Found By The Thankful Heart</u></p> <p>If anyone should give me a dish of sand, and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes and search for them with my clumsy fingers, and be unable to detect them. But let me take a magnet and sweep through it, and the almost invisible particles would be caught up by the mere power of attraction.</p> <p>The unthankful heart, like my fingers in the sand, discovers no mercies. But let the thankful heart sweep through the day, and as the magnet finds the iron so it will find in every hour some heavenly blessing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>– By: Oliver W. Holmes</i></p>
<p>“A churchless community, a community where men have abandoned and scoffed at or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid down grade.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>--Theodore Roosevelt</i></p> <hr/> <p>“Pursue Jesus and true joy and happiness will come as a result of that.”</p> <hr/> <p>“Focus on God, family and others to find joy in the Lord.”</p> <hr/> <p>“Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>--Nate Saint – Ecuador</i></p> <hr/> <p>“A decision doesn't show true salvation! Devotion to Christ does.”</p>	<p>Praises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for the spring season and it's beauty! <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 abomination that has occurred with the DOMA decision. • Needs of the body of Heritage Baptist Church • Salvation of Brother Andrew Lacroix's family • Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)

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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,

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Prov. 3:5-6

1 Thes. 5:18

