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Proverbs 7:2 – Matthew 5:6 – John 8:32 – II Timothy 3:16-17 – Hebrews 4:12

“Let us Hunger For Truth”

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The Ransom Money

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“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when *thou* numberest them. This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel *is* twenty gerahs:) an half shekel *shall be* the offering of the LORD. Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when *they* give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls. And thou shalt take the atonement

money of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls” (Exodus 30:11-16).

The silver ransom money is another beautiful Old Testament picture of salvation in Jesus Christ. It is another way that the law of Moses points to the grace of Christ (Rom. 3:21-22).

The ransom money points to the blood of Christ (1 Pet. 1:18). Ransom means to satisfy a debt with a full payment. It means to appease an offended party (Ex. 21:30).

Following are some of the lessons of the ransom money:

1. Every person needed the ransom (“every man,” Ex. 30:12). Likewise, the Bible says that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). Every individual needs the salvation that is offered by Christ.
2. The ransom was required of those who were “of age” (Ex. 30:14). Jesus said that salvation is for those who “believe” (Mark 16:15). The “age of accountability” doubtless differs according to the individual, but there is a point in a child’s life when he comes of age and is accountable before God for accepting or rejecting Christ.
3. The ransom was offered to God (“unto the LORD,” Ex. 30:12). It is God that we have offended by breaking His holy laws, and it is God who must be appeased by the acceptable sacrifice.
4. The ransom price was set by God (“after the shekel of the sanctuary,” Ex. 30:13). God will only accept the sacrifice of His own holy Son. He will not accept anything that man offers, such as good works and religious deeds and the “sincerity of heart.”
5. The price was the same for every person (“The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less,” Ex. 30:15). The Bible says that all have sinned against God and the way of salvation is the same for all.
6. The ransom was available for all and within the reach of all. Likewise Jesus “gave himself a ransom for all” (1 Tim. 2:6). The amount was only one-half shekel, which was available to every person. “The amount, however, which was to be given by each individual was easily within reach of all, the rich and the poor alike. It was a very, very nominal sum, but in the aggregate amounted to the [4.2 tons] of silver required for the foundation of the tabernacle” (M.R. DeHaan).
7. The price had been given by God (Ex. 30:15). The silver ransom price was available for every person because God had provided it for them from the Egyptians (Ex. 11:2). Likewise, God has provided the ransom price Himself by the blood of His own Son. God ransomed sinners by becoming sin for us (Hos. 13:14). Just as God provided a ram in the place of Isaac, so He has provided His Son as a ransom for sinners. We are invited to come and receive God’s banquet “without money and without price” (Isa. 55:1) and to drink the water of life freely (Rev. 22:17).
8. The ransom price was sufficient. Nothing had to be added by the supplicant. Likewise, Christ purchased our full and eternal salvation through His blood. The believer is perfected forever through Christ’s offering (Heb. 10:14).
9. Each individual bringing the ransom price was counted (“every one that passeth among them,” Ex.

30:14). The individuals passed under the watchcare of the priest, acting as a shepherd counting his sheep as they enter the fold. Compare Ezekiel 20:37. The Lord knows His sheep and none of them will perish (John 10:27-29). As the redeemed Israelites were known by name and tribe in the Jewish records, the believer's name is entered into the Lamb's book of life.

10. The ransom money brought the individual into God's family and gave him a place as a servant and soldier. Likewise through salvation the believing sinner is adopted into God's family and becomes an ambassador for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20) and a soldier in Christ's army (Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Tim. 2:3-4). "The Israelite, who paid his ransom-money, was numbered as a soldier and a servant for God. A place was assigned him in the battlefield: and he had his position in the camp, appointed with reference to the tabernacle, the dwelling-place of God in the midst of the hosts. From henceforth Jehovah was his Leader, his Lord, his King. In like manner, the believer is redeemed to God, by the blood of Christ, from the world, and from slavery to sin and Satan; that he may be a soldier and a servant of the Most High; to be led, guided, and sustained by Him, who has called him out of darkness, into His marvellous light" (Henry Soltau, *The Tabernacle the Priesthood and the Offerings*).

And They Sang A Hymn (By: Dr. Paul Heaton)

"And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." Matt. 26:30

The story is told of Frances Havergal, who wrote the song "Take My Life" around 1874. The song did not go into print until around 1878. When Miss Havergal saw the song in print and read the second verse, "Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold..." she became convicted of her failure to do just exactly that.

So she went into her bedroom and began to pack up some of her fine fine, exquisite jewelry (most of it was either inherited or given to her) and sent them to her church missionary society to be sold and used for their missions. Then she stuck in the package a check to cover the monetary value of the jewelry she kept. Her testimony was, "I don't think I've ever packed a box with such pleasure."

Say, when was the last time you sang a hymn like, "Have Thine Own Way Lord" or "Near To The Heart of God" or "Revive Us Again" and it so convicted you that you went to the altar to pray, or you wrote a letter of apology, or you sold off some of your "junk" and gave the money to your church, or got rid of some "things" that keep you from serving God? I could go on, but I believe you get the point!

When you sing the hymns at your church, do they speak to you? -P.H. (Baptist Bread Jan. & Feb. 2011)

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?**

Passage: Psalm 37:4

Emotion(s): Desire

Cause: Desiring to obey the LORD and do His will

Effect: He places His desires upon our hearts

What does the passage say?: I am so thankful that the Lord ransomed me from my former sinful self. Sadly, many Christians struggle at times with being controlled by self and their desire to satisfy all of their desires. In a world of materialism it is not unusual to discover that you have been sidelined from following the Lord and His will by something very simple as a computer or a hobby. Too often these distractions will end in some vice of sinful nature, making us wonder “How did I get into this?”

What does the passage say to you and I?: It never ceases to amaze me how ignorant you and I as children of God can be, at times, concerning what the Bible has to say about any given problem we face today. You and I need to be corrected by the precious Book God has so graciously given. Anytime the world introduces some item of interest that brings attention from all directions you must put it to the Bible test. I know the terminology or the name given to this new thing may not be found in the Bible, but you can be sure God has it covered.

What should you and I do about it?: Ask yourself these “test” questions before making decisions on things that you desire or what you desire to do:

1. Will this bring glory to God? (1 Cor. 10:31)
2. Will this divide my love for God? (Matthew 6:24)
3. Will this turn my mind from God's Word? (Psalm 119:113)
4. Will I forget my need to win others to the Saviour? (James 5:20)
5. Will I forfeit my time to study God's Word? (2 Timothy 2:15-18)

How do you and I stay accountable?: Seek God's face in prayer and godly counsel from your pastor, parents and godly brothers and sisters in Christ. Delight yourself in the LORD and He will place His desires upon your heart! Stay close to God and His Word.

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

Our Advocate

By: Pastor Cas Reeves

1 John 2:1

Imagine being drug into court and being accused of a crime by the prosecutor. Of course you will have standing next to you a lawyer, an advocate, one who will plead your case, one who will represent you.

A. Before God the Righteous Judge Jesus is our:

1. Advocate - One who pleads in favor of another - - 1 John 2:1
2. Mediator (1 Tim. 2:5) & Intercessor (Rom. 8:34) - One who interposes between (to step in between) parties at variance with a view to reconcile them, one who pleads in behalf of another.

B. Satan is our accuser

1. He will point out all our sins

2. He will point out the many ways we fail God

C. Jesus will stand as our advocate (or lawyer)

1. "I died for this one, I paid the price, I bought their pardon."

2. To be pardoned is to have it erased as if it never happened

3. Jesus stepped in to reconcile us to God by shedding His blood on the cross of Calvary -- Eph. 2:16

4. He doesn't deny the facts, He simply says, "It is already paid for. The sentence has been served. This one is pardoned."

5. Under the blood of Christ, as we ask for forgiveness, God puts our sin as far from us as the east is from the west -- Ps. 103:12

6. He buries our sins in the depths of the sea -- Micah 7:19 *He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.*

Dear sinner, will you trust Jesus Christ alone to be your advocate that you may receive a pardon? Today is the day and now is the time (2 Cor. 6:2) Jesus Christ alone can bury all your sin! You can have your sins pardoned!

:) Children For Christ :)

Hymn Name Fill-in-the-blank

Memory Verse: "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." Matt. 26:30

Please read the article "And They Sang A Hymn" in this issue. Then, please fill in the blank of these 10 hymn names:

1. _____ To The Heart of God
2. Revive _____ Again
3. Have _____ Own Way Lord
4. Tell It To _____
5. The _____ Rugged Cross
6. How Great _____ Art
7. I Must Tell _____
8. O Worship The _____
9. Great Is Thy _____
10. What A _____ We Have In Jesus

Now, please take some time to praise God by singing some hymns with your family and friends!

We're Engaged!!! (3/29/14)



Brother Craig and Tashann (Tash) Sarra got engaged 3/29/14 at Norton Park in Plainville, CT! We are pleased to announce a May 2, 2015 wedding date. Brother Craig and Tash met on Eharmony back on 11/3/13. She is the youngest of five siblings. Tash's parents have been serving the LORD in Zambia Africa for almost 20 years! Praise God! Tash faithfully served there for 7 years from age 12 to 19! She is a faithful member of First Bible Baptist Church of Plainville, CT. We are very excited about the way God has been working in our lives over the past 6 months and are thrilled to

look at our future together! We are very thankful for our family and friends who have prayed for us and supported us. For more details about us please visit:

www.weddingwire.com/tashncraig (Password: craigtashwedding). We appreciate your prayers for us as we continue on this journey together where our theme is "Each For The Other And All For The LORD!" Praise the LORD!!!

<p>“Lord, please help me to have valleys while on the mountaintops and mountaintops while in the valleys so that I may stay close to you!”</p>	<p>“Let us love and look for the God of the blessings and not the blessings of God!”</p>
<p>“Sin is the most costly thing in the universe! To understand this we would need to explore three fathomless oceans: (1) Human suffering since the Fall; (2) divine suffering of the Saviour on the Cross; (3) eternal sufferings of the lost in Gehenna and the lake of fire” <i>(Ernest Wilson, Blood Sacrifices Of The Old Testament).</i></p>	<p>Praises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for Bro. Craig and Tash getting engaged 3/29/14 (<i>See 'We're Engaged' above</i>) • Praise God for the privilege of praising His matchless name in godly, Christ honoring music <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.

“Salvation and good health are the two easiest free things to do but we think our way out of it and make it over complicated! It's free and simple but we think we need to keep searching for what we think will make us feel better in body and soul!”

Prayer Requests Continued:

- 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 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)

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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

