



Hunger For Truth

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Greetings

Hello dear reader and welcome to another issue of Hunger For Truth.

This issue includes several devotionals that I trust will be a blessing and encouragement to you.

On a MA update, my friends and I will be moving in a few weeks. We were blessed with a special deal to get the place sooner and receive the month of May free! Praise God! Please pray for the Lord to use us to be a witness to the new neighbors around us.

It is hard to believe April 20 will mark six months in MA for the HFT editor! It seems much longer. It has been filled with trials and blessings, but God has been and is in control and I trust fully in Him and His promises.

Also, check out the powerful words to the centuries old hymn "The Hiding Place" in "Sing His Praises" (Formerly "Song of the Month").

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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"



Go Get It

Text: Colossians 3:1-6

Paul instructed the Colossians to seek the things which are heavenly. What kind of things? The text does not say, but it is likely Paul wanted them to seek the heavenly blessings which were theirs because they belonged to God. Salvation endows every believer with certain privileges. One might call these privileges "the believer's rights;" the right to fellowship with God; the right to understand Scripture; the right to experience resurrection power; the right to make our petitions to God and have them answered; and so forth. These rights are our heritage: they are ours because we are the children of God. Perhaps this was Paul's challenge, to seek after the heavenly gifts that God has granted.

The word "seek" implies that effort will be required. While these blessings are ours, we are required to want them and to go get them (James 4:2). God has provided many blessings for us; but to claim them, we will have to give of ourselves. What kind of effort is required? Again the passage does not say but a reasonable list can be created with a little thought. Time will likely be required to pray, time to worship, time to seek the things that God wants us to have. Consistency may also be required. While many Christians tend to be up and down; God is more interested in the steady walk of His children. God might also desire fervency. Christians need more than a passing curiosity for the things of God to receive His blessings. They need a passionate determination that will not stop until the goal has been achieved.

The bottom line is that God offers the best of Heaven, but we must want it enough to go get it. Will you?

- Pastor Carl D. Hall

Song of a Determined Youth

Text: Psalm 101:1-8

Most accept that this is a Psalm written by David when he was a mere youth. David had just assumed his place on the throne in Jerusalem. Within the Psalm, we can see David's determination of praise, "I will sing" (vs. 1), practice, "I will behave" (vs. 2), purity, "I will set no wicked thing" (vs. 3) and purging, "I will early destroy" (Vs. 8). David has a desire that these virtues might abide and abound in not only his life, but the lives of those whom God has given him to govern!

The presence of these spiritual virtues would result in a nation of peace and prosperity. While these virtues may randomly appear in one's life, their perpetual presence requires continual cultivation and that requires the personal determination of our will! On four specific occasions within the Psalm, David said, "I will."

If there was to be praise in David's life, it was because he had made the personal determination to praise God. Whether it is the practice of living right, encouraging pure thoughts by setting a guard about the mind, or driving spiritual enemies from the boundaries of life, David knew a determined will would be required! This determination would cause David to become known as "the man after God's own heart" (see 1 Samuel 13:14).

David would accept responsibility for the condition of his spiritual life! The simple truth is, most of us could elevate our level of Christian living with something as simple as the personal determination of our will.

Christian, as you live for the Lord today, determine to say "I will" many times to the Lord.

-Evangelist Dr. Bob Sanders

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BIBLE EVENT FILL-IN-THE-BLANK

Memory Verse: *John 1:29b*

“...Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

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The Bridge

By: Pastor Alfred Smith, (1929-2010)

“I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan...” (Genesis 32:10)

High above the hills of time, upon those lofty ridges, I gaze upon turbid streams below with their many splendid bridges;

Those sturdy man-made bulwarks, which help pilgrims go across,

Who could never ford such a stream, without a dreadful loss!

If I could be anything in this old world, to which I could point with pride,

Oh God! Let me be a bridge, that I may help others over to the other side.

For over the chasm of hell, the Lord Jesus laid down His cross and died,

Just so that sinners like you and I, could pass over to the other side.

No Never Alone

For reasons only God knows, I have spent most of my life alone. Nevertheless, *I will praise Him for God leads His dear children along.* I am thankful that at a young age, *Just as I am,* I trusted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior and realized that no matter what life brings I am never, *no never alone for Jesus is always near.* He is with me now and throughout eternity. I praise God that *Christ liveth in me.* I was *born to serve the Lord* and I am a *Child of the King.* My father is rich in houses and lands and *He is all I need.* He is my *All in All.* My burdens are lifted at *Calvary.* I must tell Jesus all of my troubles. I will *tell it to Jesus alone.* He is my *Rock of Ages* and the God of my praise! I daily desire in that *sweet hour of prayer* to say *Search me O' God* and know my heart. I am *living by faith* in Jesus above, trusting and confiding in His great love. *Without Him* I can do nothing. Without Him I'd surely fail. Without Him life would be hopeless, like a ship without a sail. Whether I am alone or not, I fully trust in Him for *Jesus Never fails.* *My God makes no mistakes.* I know *the Bible stands.* I strive to *keep in the middle of the road* and where *He leads me I will follow.* I will cling to the *old rugged cross* and sing His praises of *amazing grace* that saved a wretch like me! *Amazing love* how can it be? *Who am I* that a King would bleed and die for? there is *power in the blood!* *O' what a Savior!* *O' Lord, how great Thou Art!* Lord please *fill my cup.* Fill my cup and make me whole. *I need thee every hour* most gracious Lord. I have anchored my soul in the *haven of rest* and I strive to *rescue the perishing.* Lord, whether I am alone or not, help me to *trust and obey* for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus than to trust and obey.

-By Craig Glickman



Quotes

“Living faith produces obedience to His Word and love.”

“A vibrant, bold, radiant, God praising, righteousness practicing (*justified by faith*), contagious faith focused on the Savior is genuine real living faith manifested in works of obedience.”

“They do not love Christ who love anything more than Christ.”

“If you are swept off your feet, it’s time to get on your knees.”

“In the offer of the Gospel we must make no limitation whatever, because God “...commandeth all men everywhere to repent.”

“Since He may come at any day, it is well to be ready and watching every day!”

“O faithful Christian, search the truth, hear truth, learn truth, love truth, speak the truth, and hold the truth `til death.”

“The wounds of Christ were the greatest outlets of His glory that ever were. The divine glory shone more out of His wounds than out of all of His life before.”

-Robert Murray M’Cheyne

“In doing what we ought, we deserve no praise, because it is our duty.”



Sing His Praises

Psalm 66:2

The Hiding Place

This great old hymn based on Psalm 119:114 is from a very old hymnal with no music, just the words. The words are very powerful. I recently heard it sung to a beautiful Christ honoring melody.

Hail Love Divine that first began, the scheme to rescue fallen man; Hail, matchless, free, eternal grace, that gave my soul a hiding place! Against the God, that built the sky, I fought with hands uplifted high; despised the mansions of His grace, too proud to seek a hiding place.

Enwrapped in dark Egyptian night, and fond of darkness more than light; madly I ran the sinful race, secure without a hiding place! But lo! The eternal Word of God, came to convict this heart of sod; I felt the arrows of distress, and found I had no hiding place.

Vindictive justice stood in view, to Sinai’s fiery mount I flew; but justice cried with frowning face, this mountain is no hiding place! But lo! A heavenly voice I heard, and mercy’s angel soon appeared; He led me on a pleasing pace, to Jesus Christ my hiding place!

Should sevenfold storms of vengeance roll, and shake this globe from pole to pole; no thunderbolt shall daunt my face, while Jesus is my hiding place! On Him almighty vengeance fell, which else had sunk a world to hell; He bare it for this sinful race, and thus became our hiding place!

Roll on, thou sun, in rapid haste, and bring me to that constant feast, where joyful songs of saving grace, are sung to Him the hiding place!

-Jehoiada Brewer

Stop and Think

“Your works show you are saved. Your faith and my faith is no good unless we are producing works. By your works you will be justified. What saves is faith alone, but faith that saves is never alone.”

-Unknown

Prayer Requests

- Salvation of my sister Wendy, nephew Jacob and aunt’s Sybil and Bernice
- Needs of the Heritage Baptist Church body
- Outreach to Norwood, Walpole and surrounding towns
- Unspoken request for HFT editor

Praises

- I praise God for the unsearchable riches of Christ.

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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*