



Hunger For Truth

July 1, 2014

Edited By: Craig Glickman -- svtday@yahoo.com
Andrew Lacroix -- andrewlacroix@yahoo.com

HUNGER FOR TRUTH
MINISTRIES

Proverbs 7:2 – Matthew 5:6 – John 8:32 – II Timothy 3:16-17 – Hebrews 4:12
“Let us Hunger For Truth”

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

It is our 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 us. We greatly appreciate your comments and we praise God for each and every one of you.



In This Issue:

- **The Book Of Revelation: Chapter 5 (Dr. Thomas Strouse)**
- **Gospel Questions**
- **Emotions in the Bible (John 11:5-6)**
- **Only Jesus Saves (The Folk in the Fire)**
- **Children for Christ (The Beatitudes)**

The Book of Revelation (Chapter 5) (Dr. Thomas Strouse)

The following is **part 5** of a study on the book of Revelation by Dr. Thomas Strouse who is Pastor of Bible Baptist Church and Theological Seminary in Cromwell, CT (www.bbc-cromwell.org). It is a syllabus written by Dr. Strouse. It is the HFT editors desire that this study helps you grasp the deep truths within this incredible book! Please look for a chapter from this syllabus posted in upcoming issues of Hunger For Truth. We trust this will be edifying and convicting as well as a blessing and encouragement to readers. Thank you for reading. We praise God for the privilege of being able to share this study with you. May God richly bless!

The Book of Revelation / Thomas M. Strouse / (Rev. 5) **CHAPTER 5**

Background

Chapter Five continues the throne room scene and advances the revelation, indicating that the seven-sealed book must be opened, and only the Lamb is worthy for that task.

Exposition

Rev. 5:1-14

The Sealed Scroll (Rev. 5:1-4)

The new focus in the throne room was the seven-sealed book or scroll, and the query about Who was worthy to open it, causing John to weep.

The Worthy Lamb (Rev. 5:5-7)

One of the elders instructed John to stop weeping, because the identity of the Worthy One fulfilled the OT prophecy concerning the Lion of Judah and the Root of David. Further information indicated that the slain Lamb, the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, took the scroll from the Father Who sat upon the throne.

The Worship of the Lamb (Rev. 5:8-14)

The Lamb took central position to receive worship, as the twenty-four elders, and multitudes of others, as well as angels and beasts, and all creatures in heaven and earth sang praise to the Lord in the final three hymns of praise.

Theological Concerns

The seven-sealed scroll is apparently the book of future judgment and redemption, as revealed in the rest of the Apocalypse (Rev. 6:1-17; 8:1-5).

Textual Issues

Rev. 5:9—the CT omits the TR's "us" (*hemas*), obfuscating who has been purchased with Christ's

blood. Only men, and not angels or beasts, have been purchased with the precious blood of Christ.

Summary of Chapter Five

The importance of this throne room scene registers for the reader when the vision presents the concern about Who may open the scroll, weeping over the concern, and rejoicing in the Lamb Who does take the scroll, worshipping Him in anticipation of unsealing the scroll.

Gospel Questions (Source: Bible Tracts Bulletin 6/14)

Recently I spoke to a church teen group about how to share Christ with other teens. The assistant pastor liked the approach enough to use it Monday morning at work.

The pastor asked a man two questions which opened a gospel opportunity. The simple gospel hit its mark and the man prayed to receive Christ. The two questions are these:

- 1. Do you think God gives gifts to people?**
- 2. What do think is the best gift God gives?**

I encourage using these questions in a survey format. You tell a person you are taking your own unscientific survey then ask if they would answer two questions.

ANSWERS: Almost without fail you will get wrong answers to question #2. People will answer with forgiveness, life, peace, etc. All these are wrong.

The right answer is Jesus, God's Son. With Christ you get everything else. John 3:16 & 36 clearly state that God gave His Son. With the Son you have life.

If you need an approach to share the gospel, try my two questions.

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 study by: John Geels

Passage: John 11:5-6

Emotion(s): Love, Suffering

Cause: Jesus' love

Effect: Lesson in faith in Him and patient waiting during suffering

What does the passage say?: Since Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus, we would expect that immediately upon hearing of their need He would hasten to their relief. But, surprisingly enough, instead of that, we read that just because Jesus loved this family He abode still two days in the place where He was. He purposely waited until Lazarus had died and the funeral was well over, before going thither (Isa. 55:8).

What does the passage say to you and I?: When in our distress we cry to God He may seem to delay His answer to our prayers. Yet, we may be sure, if our prayer is childlike, sincere and submissive, this delay is not due to any indifference on God's part (Rom. 8:32).

What should you and I do about it?: Jesus tarried because He had a far greater blessing in store for this beloved trio than could have been bestowed had He come at once. Mary and Martha are both sure that had Jesus been there our "brother had not died." But Jesus came right on time, just when He did, in order that He might give them back their brother from the dead, and that in and through this experience they and many others might be blessed, and that God and His Son might be glorified.

How do you and I stay accountable?: God moves in mysterious ways to perform His great wonders. If you are a fearful saint, why not take fresh courage today? Remember that the clouds you so much dread are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head. Amen! Praise God!

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

FOLK IN THE FIRE

By: Dr. Leon Foote (Evangelist) Source: Call To Glory Devotional – Nov. 2011

Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. – Mark 9:48

In reading Jeremiah I ran across verse 58 in chapter 51 the words "FOLK IN THE FIRE." While you are reading this there are folk in the fire. Some that you have known here on earth, maybe bought groceries from or worked with or lived beside. Who are they???

1. **Outright sinners.** Those who were here upon this earth and had no time for God, the Bible, or church. They loved and practiced sin. Outright sinners will have a part in the lake of fire and brimstone, and some are in the fire now.
2. **Religious Sinners.** They did not steal, cheat, gamble, commit adultery, smoke dope or even use camels. They were a part of the moral majority of religious people that went to church, paid their debts, but never really got born again. It is bad to go to hell from a bar room, but worse from a church pew!
3. **Preachers.** Galatians 1 speaks of those who preach another gospel, and 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 speaks of false apostles and false ministers. They are there.
4. **Surprised Sinners.** They stand before God and give excuses, but He says depart from me, I never knew you (Matthew 7).
5. **Indifferent People.** Those who have the "I don't care" attitude and many who put off salvation one time too many.

What about these folk in the fire? Matthew 13:42 teaches us that they are wailing and gnashing their teeth; Luke 16 says that they are in torment, and our text in Mark says that they are in FIRE, Isaiah 33:14 says that it is eternal. Be saved and don't join the "folk in the fire!"

:) Children For Christ :)

The Beatitudes

Memory Verse: Matthew 5:3 --- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Beatitudes are many blessings the Lord Jesus Christ speaks about. Please take time to fill in the blanks, from memory, of these verses from Matthew 5 on the Beatitudes:

1. Vs. 3 – Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the _____ of heaven.
2. Vs. 4 – Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be _____.
3. Vs. 5 – Blessed are the _____: for they shall inherit the earth.
4. Vs. 6 – Blessed are they which do _____ and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
5. Vs. 7 – Blessed are the _____: for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Vs. 8 – Blessed are the pure in _____: for they shall see God.
7. Vs. 9 – Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the _____ of God.
8. Vs. 10 – Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of _____.
9. Vs. 11 – Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you _____, for my sake.

<p>“When we don't keep our eyes on Him, we open ourselves up to temptation to backslide” <i>(Heb. 2:17-18)</i></p>	<p>“Don't let Satan give you a false agenda for God's will for your life! Put your complete faith and dependance on Christ alone!”</p>
<p>“We have a faithful and merciful High Priest (JESUS!) – Heb. 4:15-16. He knows our every care, our every weakness, our every need and wants us to live by faith...expecting Him to answer...not by sight.”</p>	<p>Praises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for the freedoms we still have in this great nation! • Praise God for those who protect and serve this great nation! O' may God bless America!
<p>“We must take the principles and precepts of God's Holy word literally and seriously!”</p>	<p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job and living situation needs for Bro. Craig and Andrew • Wisdom regarding developing the new location for Heritage Baptist Church • Sherrie (Sister of Bro. Craig's Fiancee Tash) (Lymph Nodes) (Heart issues) • Wedding for Bro. Craig and Sister Tash on May 2, 2015 • Abby Lafreniere (ALS) (Wife of Pastor John Lafreniere,
<p>“One came to Jesus with a HOLE (<i>void</i>) in his heart! He repented, believed on Him and left WHOLE!”</p>	

Surrender

(By: Sr. Edith Fisher)

**Teach me dear Lord, Thy will to do
Thy path make plain to me
That I may follow staunch and true
Nor fail Thy hand to see.
And give me strength to bear the test
Of yielding all to Thee;
Lord, use my life as sees Thee best:
Thine all the glory be.**

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 and needs of those affected by the tragedy in Boston, MA on April 15th 2013
- Salvation of Brother Andrew Lacroix's family
- Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)

Hunger For Truth is a bi-monthly e-newsletter publication edited by Craig Glickman and Andrew Lacroix who are members of Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA where the Pastor is Steve Hathaway.

If you wish to subscribe to H.F.T., or you have a study, devotional or article you would like posted in Hunger For Truth, please send an email to svtdtday@yahoo.com or andrewdlacroix@yahoo.com.

If you do not wish to continue to receive this bi-monthly newsletter, please send an email to svtdtday@yahoo.com with "Please Remove" in the subject line.

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

