



Hunger For Truth

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

“Let us Hunger For Truth”

Greetings

Hello dear reader and welcome to another issue of Hunger For Truth. Once again, the format has changed. The HFT editor recently purchased a new laptop. The Lord blessed with a great deal. The only setback was it did not have the word processor that was on the previous computer, so to make a long story short, I was able to find new software.

This issue is packed with new articles including part 1 of “Five More D’s” which is another very good devotional by Brother Andrew Lacroix and the return of “Emotions in the Bible”. I trust it will be a blessing to you.

On a MA update, please continue to pray for a day position for the HFT editor if the Lord wills. The weather has turned hot and steamy the last couple days with highs near 100 degrees! Yes, it does get that hot in MA. Fortunately temperatures have cooled down as I typed this. May we not let the preaching in Independent Baptist Bible Believing churches cool down.

Also, I’d like to wish each and every one of you a...

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Five More “D’s” (Part 1) (By: Andrew Lacroix)

Last year, I did a five part series revolving around the letter “D” on the prophet Jonah. The diagnosis can be looked up in previous issues of Hunger For Truth. This time around, I’m changing it up a bit. I’d like to examine five lesser known Bible characters whose names all began with the letter “D”. In each part of this study the character will affect the work of God. Here in part one we will look at the NT impact Demas had: “Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you” (Colossians 4:14). “Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers” (Philemon 24).

In each of his epistles Paul gives his closing comments and commendations. In Philemon Paul called Demas a “fellowlabourer”; but yet to the church at Colossae, Paul commended everyone but Demas (4:9-14). Did something change between these two letters in Demas’ demeanor or did Paul happen to pick up a flaw? The Bible offers little on Demas, but Paul smelled the proverbial rat. He knew there was something that weighed all too heavily on Demas’ mind that was affecting their relationship. Enter 2 Timothy 4:10: “For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica”. Demas *departed* from the work of God.

When Paul penned his letter of Onesimus’ conversion to Philemon, he mentioned Demas with three others: Marcus (known as John Mark, Acts 12:15; 2 Tim. 4:11), Aristarchus (Acts 19:29), and Luke (the author of his account of Christ and the Acts of the Apostles). Demas was surrounded by the “cream of the crop”, yet he let his past cloud the glorious opportunities he had. He wanted to find a convenient season

to ditch Paul and return to the world and its worthless cares. Seems to me Demas was the “seed amongst the thorns” (cf. Matt. 13:22). Demas apparently heard Paul preach, received it, made a profession, but got caught up in his possessions or other material values and decided the old way of life was better. This should be a lesson to us. If we ever believe the old way of life was better, dear Christian, then we need to get on our faces and ask God to forgive us and remind us of all He’s done for us. To go from fellowlabourer to fruitless to fled is a steep slide. His fruit was that of the religious person. He showed it proudly on the outside, but I believe all the while he denied it on the inside. When Saul was removed from power, everyone, even Samuel, turned to Eliab to be the next king. The Lord had a different plan: “Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him; for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart” (1 Sam. 16:7). The Lord knows what He’s doing: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord” (Isaiah 55:8). Nevertheless, Demas was close to Paul for a while, but he saw more worth in a worthless cause.

I’d like us to ponder this question: Was Demas ever saved? On one side of the discussion you could argue that Paul would not have had another specific helper without making sure he was soundly converted and able to present himself useful. I deny this for two reasons: 1) Jesus had twelve disciples, and one was a devil (John 6:70). 2) Paul had experienced this before with John Mark. Marcus was with Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey. However, after seeing the conversion of Sergius Paulus, he abruptly turned around, and went to Jerusalem (the journey started in Antioch).

I see two explanations for Mark’s departure from the work: 1) He was upset that Barnabas, a family relative, was not the one heading up the mission; it was Paul that was taking the lead. Or, 2) He remembered cares of this world and left to go attend to them. In either case John Mark had no excuse to up and quit. When Antioch commissioned Paul to go “visit our brethren...and see how they do” (Acts 15:36), Barnabas wanted Mark to have a second chance. He was emotionally led, for John Mark was a family relative. Paul argued that Mark was a quitter and would not go with him. The contention (v.39) split them up. Barnabas would take John Mark to Cyprus to lead a mission; but Paul and Silas were blessed by the local church at Antioch. Barnabas was led by emotion; Paul was led by evangelism. We never hear from Barnabas again; yet John Mark got right with Paul and Paul said he was “profitable to me for the ministry” (2 Tim. 4:11). Mark even penned one of the gospels.

Having looked at that side of the question, let’s shift gears. If Demas, the seed amongst thorns, was saved, then why would he sour so quickly? Aren’t we supposed to be in it for the long haul? I give you one argument: Lot. Lot, Abram’s nephew (Genesis 13), split from Abram and chose to pitch his tent towards Sodom. In Genesis 19 the account is given of just how worldly and wicked Lot had become. Here he gets right with God (thanks in large part to Abraham’s intercession for him and the multitude of Sodom, Gen. 18), and now urges his family to leave. His sons in law seemed as one that mocked. Being a worldly influence will not have a positive affect if you’d like to win souls to Jesus. Only his wife and two daughters were spared. His wife couldn’t resist looking back on her possessions and cares, and she was judged by becoming a pillar of salt. His two daughters commit an act of gross immoral violations as chapter 19 concludes. All that from a Christian? Yes. Only through Peter is it revealed that Lot was indeed righteous (2 Pet. 2:7-8).

I have presented both sides of our question. It is a question that will only be truly answered when we get to Heaven. If Demas is there, then he was the “Lot” type of Christian who we shouldn’t be. If he is not there, may he have served as a warning to those after us to not be wrapped up in cares of temporary value. The evidence looms larger for Demas being lost and “playing church” than him being a I Corinthians 3:15 believer.

Demas disregarded true Christianity for what it was and ought to be today, disposed of it at the first chance he got to do so, and disguised himself to be truly righteous. If you’re thinking about departing from the work of the Lord, consider Demas. Would you like to be questioned by those in your church, unsaved family, and others regarding whether or not you had true saving faith?

“Alone” (Part 5) (By: Craig Glickman)

This is the continuation of a long, yet informative study on every appearance of the word “alone” in the Bible. This word appears 106 times in the King James Version. For sake of space, I will show only

the reference but I encourage you to take your Bible and read the passages.

Job 31:17 – In this passage Job is still trying to figure out if he had sinned and as we read in the last issue, he had not yet seen his sin of self righteousness. He is saying, “have I not shared my food with others?” “I did not keep it just for myself alone.” This passage gives us a lesson on sharing.

Psalms 83:18- This is a Psalm of Asaph and a prayer for Israel's defense. In this passage, he recognizes that Jehovah is God alone (Exo. 6:3). There is no God but Jehovah and He is the most high over all the earth and the judge of all the earth! No idol or false god's can save you.

Psalms 86:10- This passage is a prayer of David for deliverance. David clearly knew Jehovah God and he knew that He is great, does wonderful things, and is God alone (*See Psalm 83:18*).

Psalms 102:7- This passage is a prayer of (Or, for) the afflicted when he is overwhelmed, and is seeking the Lord's help in the affliction. The Psalmist here is facing a great trial and affliction. He is suffering, and he is discouraged and alone. He can't even remember to eat because of his heartbreak (vs. 4)! He is in pain (vs. 5). His enemies were all around (vs. 8). He feels like a pelican in the wilderness, an owl of the desert (vs. 6) and a sparrow alone upon the housetop (vs. 7). He was diligently seeking the Lord's help ('I watch' – Ps. 77:4) and felt helplessly alone (Ps. 38:11). Praise God His eye is on the sparrow and He watches over our soul. With God we are never, no never alone. In the rest of the passage (vs. 10-28) the Psalmist seems to be on the way to victory after praising, seeking, and trusting the Lord who he knew could and would deliver his soul from the affliction.

Psalms 136:4- In this passage, we see that it is God alone who does great wonders, for His mercy endureth forever. Psalm 72:18 says, “*Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.*” In the song of Moses in Exodus 15:11, Moses says, “*Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?*” His name is indeed Wonderful!

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 34:4

Emotion(s): Afraid/fear

Cause: This is a Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.

Effect: The Psalmist had complete peace in, trust in and dependence on God who delivered him from his fears.

What does the passage say?: After David sought God in prayer, God heard him and answered his prayer and delivered David from ALL of his fears.

What does the passage say to you and I?: This passage teaches us that when we are overcome with fear of man, a situation in our life, or whatever it may be we need to seek the Lord first and foremost in effectual and fervent prayer. When we seek Him with no unconfessed sin, He will hear us (Matt. 7:7) and promises to deliver us as He did the Psalmist.

What should you and I do about it?: We need to apply this passage to our heart and not live our lives in fear of man or any situation or circumstance we face. We must willingly trust, depend and rely fully on God who is in control and knows the situation we face. We are in the situation for His perfect plan, purpose and for His glory. He allows the trials of life to fulfill His perfect plan for all of mankind.

How do you and I stay accountable?: Keep praying, keep believing and trust fully in Him.

Sing His Praises - Psalm 66:2

I MUST TELL JESUS

This great hymn is sung in many churches and is one my favorites. I must tell Jesus all of my cares, trials and troubles for Jesus can help me, Jesus alone. My friend, take all your cares to Jesus today and let Him lift you up and encourage you.

Verse 1:

I must tell Jesus all of my trials,
I cannot bear these burdens alone;
in my distress He kindly will help me,
He ever loves and cares for His own.

Chorus:

I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
I cannot bear my burdens alone;
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

Verse 2:

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles,
He is a kind, compassionate friend;
if I but ask Him, He will deliver,
make of my troubles quickly an end. (*Chorus*)

Verse 3:

Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior,
One who can help my burdens to bear;
I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus;
He all my cares and sorrows will share. (*Chorus*)

Verse 4:

O how the world to evil allures me!
O how my heart is tempted to sin!
I must tell Jesus, and He will help me
over the world the victory to win. (*Chorus*)

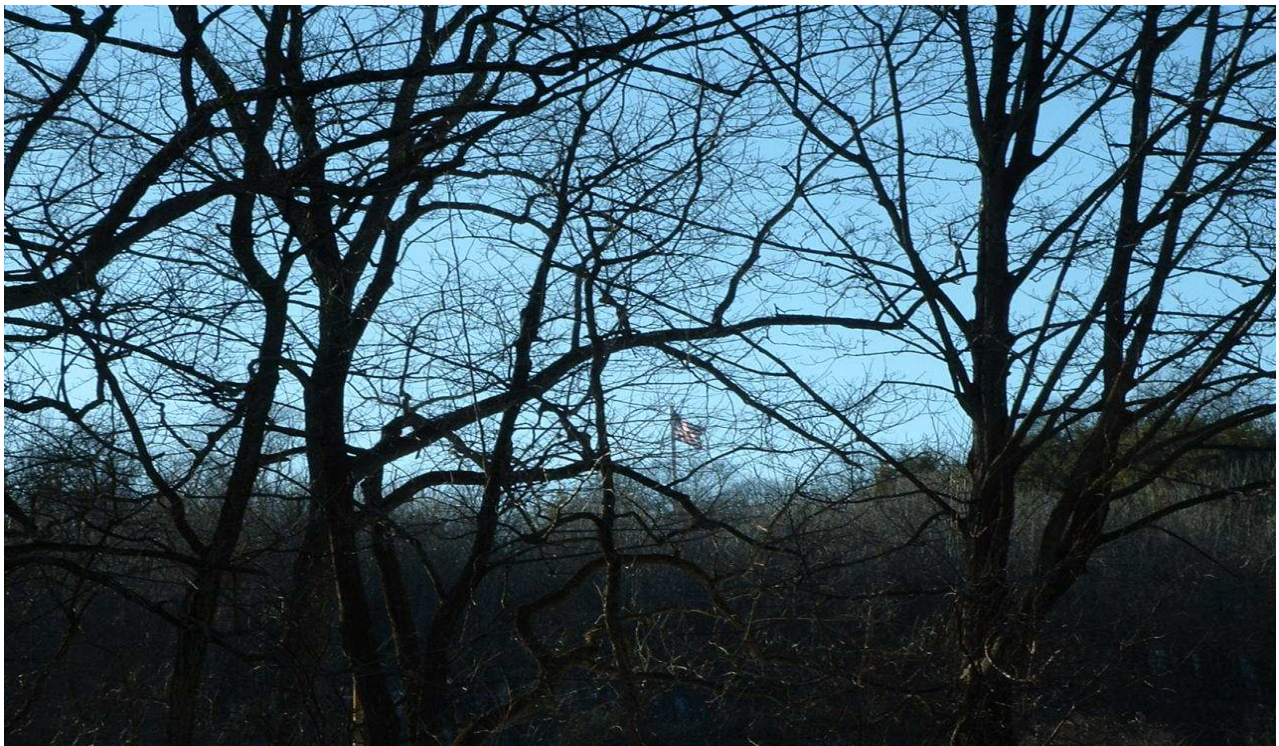
Stop and Think

“It is impossible to govern rightly without God and the Bible.”

George Washington, 1732 – 1799 First President of the United States

Quotes

- “Does 'repent and believe the gospel' imply that the sinner must do two things to be saved, and not one only? The exhortation is really only one requirement. The instruction, “Leave London and go to Los Angeles” sounds like a two-fold request, but it really is only one; it is impossible to go to Los Angeles without leaving London.” – *J. Edwin Orr*
- “Law and the fear of hell may startle into sorrow, and even lead to some kind of repentance. But it is the great power of Christ's love and sacrifice which will really melt the heart into true repentance... I beseech you to put yourselves under the influence of that great love, and look on that Cross till your hearts melt.” – *Alexander Maclaren*
- “Our success in the future does not depend upon failures in the past, but on how we handle the present!”



Fly the flag high this Fourth of July! *The above picture of our flag high above the barren trees is from Winter of 2004*

:) Children For Christ :)

WORD SURPRISE 2

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Sam. 15:22b -...Behold, **to obey is better** than sacrifice, and **to hearken** than the fat of rams.

Fill in the missing letters to discover the mystery word:

1. As a believer, we need to ___ B E Y the Bible.
2. ___ E L I E V E on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.
3. ___ V E R Y tongue shall confess that Christ is Lord and every knee shall bow before Him.
4. He is able to ___ E L I V E R thee.
5. The most ___ M P O R T A N T decision we will ever make is believing on Jesus Christ.
6. ___ N O C H walked with God.
7. ___ O A H built the ark for it was about to rain 40 days and 40 nights upon the earth.
8. Jesus ___ H R I S T alone is the way, the truth and the life!
9. It is very important to memorize Bible V E R S ___ S.

What is the mystery word? _____

Praises

- Praise God for His grace and mercy upon this nation who has gone so far away from His word and will
- I praise God for blessing me with a new laptop and FREE Word Processing software for this newsletter.
- I praise God for the recent witnessing opportunities he has blessed with.

Prayer Requests

- Salvation of Mike, Debbie, Tom, Gary, Kim, Adam & A.J.
- A day shift position for the HFT editor
- Salvation of my sister Wendy, nephew Jacob and aunt's Sybil and Bernice.
- Outreach of Heritage Baptist Church (We have distributed over 2000 'Marked' New Testaments and gospel tracts to Norwood and surrounding towns!)
- Needs of the body of Heritage Baptist Church
- Missionaries across the globe
- Unspoken request for HFT editor

Readers Corner

This section will have comments, etc. from readers. So far I've not received any as of this issue. If the Lord leads, I'd love to hear from you.

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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***

