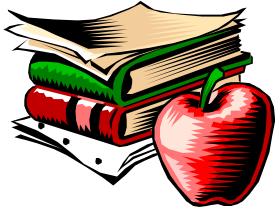


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“Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

Proverbs 7:2

Matthew 5:6

John 8:32

II Timothy 3:16-17

Hebrews 4:2

Special Interest Articles:

- “Five D’s” Part 2 - Deliverance
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- Defeating Temptation in the “Children for Christ” column

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Greetings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the latest issue of Hunger For Truth. It is amazing what praising can do! This summer, let us praise the Lord for all He hath done for us! I hope you all had a blessed 4th of July!

In This Issue: you’ll find more great devotionals from a dear friend and brother in

Christ Andrew Lacroix. You will find Parts 2 and 3 of “Five “D’s”. This great study will be concluded in the August 1st issue.

See the “Special Interest Articles” section for just some of what you will see this month in the newsletter.

Also, please note that back issues of the newsletter are available to

view, print or save at www.studytoanswer.net.

The goal of this ministry and newsletter is to edify and encourage believers using the truth of God’s precious Holy Word.

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.

Meditate on The Word (Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:148)

Five “D’s” (Part 2) (By: Andrew Lacroix) (Text: Jonah 1:17-22)

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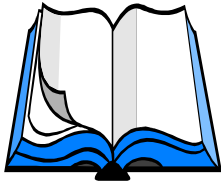
In part one of our study, we looked at the great prophet Jonah’s **disobedience**. After he was thrown overboard into the great sea following his attempt to get as far away from Nineveh as possible, Jonah is just out in the midst of the sea. Joppa, where the boat took off from, is on the Mediterranean coast (near present-day Tel Aviv). I believe that it is safe to say that Jonah is in the midst of the Great Sea at this point in time. The first sign of his **deliverance** (this happens twice) was that although he could have drowned, he is swallowed up by a great fish (1:17). Realizing all he has done wrong in his journey, he begins to cry unto God. He is crying because of what he has done, going away from the will of God. We often do this when we are disobedient.

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Five “D’s” (Part 2 *continued*) (By: Andrew Lacroix)

As a young child, to keep me down as best a path as possible (I grew up in a non-Christian home), I was often chastised by my parents for not obeying their commands and I cried out that I was sorry. A wrong motive for crying out would be crying out because we got caught in the act, however, I believe Jonah’s motive becomes more pure the more he pleads with God in chapter two. Even though our disobedience has caused God’s chastisement in our lives, he will hear our repentant cries and forgive us.



Matthew 5:6

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”

Jonah says in verse four, “I am cast out of thy sight, yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.” He knows he has sinned and lost fellowship with God. He restores fellowship by crying out for forgiveness and looking to Him with sincerity. Eventually Jonah’s final utterance, “salvation is of the Lord” (vs.9) causes God to deliver Jonah from the great fish, and back unto dry land (vs.10). The cry is similar to David fleeing from Absalom in Psalm 3. Ultimately, no matter what we have done, salvation from whatever situations we are in and trials we deal with come from the Lord.

I needed to realize this firsthand when I dealt with a financial burden earlier this year. I was having all the wrong financial motives in my own life and it nearly forced the Lord to have to send me back to Pennsylvania . I lost a lot of blessings, but I have now realized my errors and the Lord has been gracious to me. Deliverance in any and all trials needs to come from the Lord.

-Andrew D. Lacroix

John 8:32

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

“Those who walk with God have an appetite for the Word and are filled, but the carnal soul hungers even after gorging his flesh with pleasure.”

-Unknown

“Do You Have Love Like An Ocean In Your Soul?”



Five “D’s” (Part 3) (By: Andrew Lacroix) (June 9, 2011) (Text: Jonah 3:1-4)

In our study of the prophet Jonah we have seen his **disobedience** and his **deliverance**. Now I’d like to talk about what Jonah’s original call was for: his **denouncement**.

The dictionary defines denouncement as meaning, “to inform against”. God orders Jonah to Nineveh; and he is to cry out what God tells him to.

This time there is no voyage to Tarshish; and there is also no fish to swallow him. He goes and does exactly what God asks him to. When the fish vomited him up, we are not sure where Jonah ended up, if he was any closer to Nineveh than when he boarded the ship at Joppa. No matter where he ended up getting spit out off the shore of the Mediterranean, it is a long trip. About a day or so in, he enters greater Nineveh, a vast area with at least “sixscore thousand persons...” (4:11). Jonah’s account of his message to the heathen Ninevites is summed up by a great cry: “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown”. (v. 4)

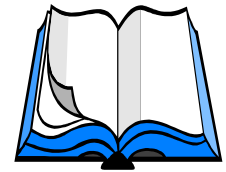
The number forty has much significance in Scripture. Forty days was the length of time Christ spent in the wilderness before being tempted thrice by Satan (Matthew 4). Forty years was the Israelites’ journey to the Promised Land (Exodus 13- Joshua 1). Forty days was the time length between Christ being heard and seen by Mary Magdalene and His ascension into Heaven. It was also the length of time Elijah went on the strength of one meal (I Kings 19:7).

I for one would have liked to hear the cry Jonah belts out for the Ninevites to repent. Repentance is vital to God’s forgiveness. Jesus said, “Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:3). Paul summed up salvation in Acts 20:21: “Testifying both to the Jews and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” True biblical repentance is to have a complete change of mind from sin not being so bad to realizing how atrocious it truly is before a holy God.

The Ninevites responded positively to Jonah’s warning (v. 5-10). The city fasted and put on sackcloth, not knowing for sure if God would bring judgment upon the city. Jonah at this point must be really happy, as he believed the evil Ninevites are about to be utterly destroyed at the hands of an angry God (he couldn’t be more wrong).

What great cry do we have to hear to get us to respond like this to God? Do our lives need to be tossed and shaken like a boat in a stormy sea? All of us need to examine our own hearts and see if we are truly repentant and willing to believe God or are we just going to remain rebellious and ruin our lives? What will you do with a denouncement on your life?

-- Andrew D. Lacroix



II Timothy 3:16-17

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”



Quotes of The Month

(Source Unknown)

“Worthless sinners we are, yet God paid a huge price to purchase us. As our Creator and owner, we are accountable and responsible to Him!”

“Our Heavenly Father never forgets us and delights in having His children come to Him, seeking His face. Are you looking for the One in whom you trust?”

“Do right, be right and stay in tune with the Lord each day for blessings from heaven.”

“That which our human senses can experience is enough to fascinate and humble us, let alone the countless and the incomprehensible. Oh, He is worthy of MORE praise!”

“The great tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer.”

“Be faithful in praying for others every day.”

☺ Children For Christ ☺ - “Defeating Temptation”

Memory Verse:

1 Cor. 10:13 --- “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer (*allow*) you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

“Temptation is a sinful joy (“oh yeah”) while a trial is suffering (“oh’ no”)”

TEXT: I Cor. 10:13

1. We are all tempted to sin, but God has promised us that? A. We are able to stand before it B. God will provide a way of escape C. Both A & B
2. True or False: The way of escape from temptation is found in Jesus Christ!
3. Please read Matt. 11:28-30. Check all that show that the way of escape is found in Jesus Christ:
 Accept His invitation (“come”) Believing in Him (“give rest”) Obedience (“take and learn”) Living in sin Trusting in the flesh Trusting friends
4. True or False: The way of escape from temptation is found in prayer!
5. Please read James 4:2-10. Check all that show that prayer helps keep us from temptation:
 By asking (vs. 2) By asking in holiness and humbleness (vs. 8-10)
 By asking in faith (Matt. 21:22) By asking the right way (vs. 3) ; (John 16:24)
6. True or False: The way of escape from temptation is found in the Bible
7. Please read Matt. 4:1-11. Check all that show why the way of escape from temptation is found in the Bible: For our cleansing (Ps. 119:9, 11) For our direction (Ps. 119:105)
 For our faith (Rom. 10:17)
8. True or False: The way of escape from temptation is found in our daily walk with God.
9. Please read James 4:7. Check all that show how we gain strength in our walk with God:
 From going to church to all services (Heb. 10:25) From fellowshiping (1 John 3:14)
 From serving (Heb. 5:14) From trusting self From missing church
10. God has promised you an escape when temptations come. In Jesus Christ you can find that escape. Receive and surrender to the Lord Jesus and find that victory today. Take some time to pray to the Lord to help you get victory over temptation.

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“Neglect of private prayer is the locust which devours the strength of the church.”

-C.H. Spurgeon



Song of the Month – “God Makes No Mistakes”

This great hymn brings comfort and peace of mind to a believer when we realize that God indeed makes NO mistakes! He is just and right in all that occurs and we need to realize He is in control and trust Him fully!

My life I give to you, O Lord, use me, I pray. May I glorify your precious name in all I do and say. Let me trust you in the valley dark as well as in the light, knowing you will always lead me; your will is always right.

CHORUS: I know God makes no mistakes. He leads in every path I take along the way that's leading me to home. Tho' at times my heart would break, there's a purpose in every change He makes; that others would see my life and know that God makes no mistakes.

And when some day in heaven above I see His dear face, may I then be counted faithful as a runner in this race. But now I'm trusting in the Savior to show me the way. In His righteousness He guides me, as I seek to please Him day by day.

CHORUS: I know God makes no mistakes. He leads in every path I take along the way that's leading me to home. Tho' at times my heart would break, there's a purpose in every change He makes; that others would see my life and know that God makes no mistakes.

-By Kim Moore



If you have a praise, prayer request, study, devotional or article you would like posted in Hunger For Truth, please e-mail it to me at svtdtday@yahoo.com

Praises

- I praise God for all soldiers in the U.S. Military who have given their all for this nation.
- I praise God and want to say thank you to each and every one of you who take the time to read this every month and to those who have sent emails or have spoken to me about how the Lord has blessed you. Please keep them coming. They are a great blessing.
- Praise God for solid Local NT churches all across the land.
- Praise God for Victory in Jesus! Hallelujah, What a Savior!
- Praise God for health, safety, friends, family, and fellowship.
- I praise God for the privilege & blessing of preparing and sending this newsletter to people all across the land.
- Praise God that all we are and have belongs to Him. We should not want it any other way.



Prayer Requests

- Children and teens across the globe with serious health ailments.
- Expectant mothers all across the globe to know the Lord and raise the children for the Lord
- Bro. Greg Myers (recovering from heart bypass surgery)
- Gods grace, strength, wisdom and victory regarding an unspoken request for the HFT editor.
- Those in need of employment and ones seeking other jobs •Wisdom for HFT editor in leaving current jobs
- Pray for wisdom in finding work in MA in God's perfect timing and for process of house sale in PA to go well.
- Pray that God would help the H.F.T. editor find the one wife that God has for him.
- Our nation and its leaders and for revival in this land
- Salvation of my sister Wendy & friend Ben • Local New Testament churches with building needs
- Salvation of my nephew Jacob and Aunts' Sybil and Bernice
- Salvation of our family, friends and co-workers
- Souls devastated by the recent earthquake & tsunami in Japan. Pray for souls to be saved.
- Wisdom regarding HFT, HFT ministries and for FT service as the Lord leads
- Parents across this land to raise their children for the Lord
- Health and needs of Pastors, Missionaries, and Evangelists and their families
- Tract distribution and outreach to lost souls all over the world who were witnessed to last month for salvation

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In The Next Issue

Parts 4 and 5 of “Five D’s”. You’ll find several studies plus a devotional in the “Children For Christ” column.

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 G. – Prov. 3:5-6

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