



# 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 and welcome to another issue of Hunger For Truth. This issue includes part 2 of “Five More D’s” by Brother Andrew Lacroix, part 6 of the study on the word “alone”, and much more.

Also, as of this issue, I have decided to discontinue “Sing His Praises” and “Stop and Think”. I trust these columns were a blessing to you. Please note that quotes that would have appeared in “Stop and Think” will now be in the “Quotes” column.

On a MA update, please continue to pray for a day position for the HFT editor's job. I also want to praise the Lord for over two months now in a very nice apartment the Lord has blessed the HFT editor and two dear brothers with. I hope to post pictures in the future.

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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.

## *Five More D's (Part 2) (By: Andrew Lacroix)*

In part one, we considered Demas and how he departed from the work of God to serve his own lusts and desires. He went against what John said to his readers: “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (I John 2:15).

Here in part two, let’s look at Demetrius. First, turn to Acts 19, where we see his grand entrance: “For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen” (v. 24). Demetrius is only mentioned once in this passage and one other time in Holy Writ: “Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself yea, and we also bear record, and ye know that our record is there” (3 John 12).

Confused? Are these two one and the same? While it certainly can be connected (there is no evidence that does not mean the two are different men), the Bible also shows no evidence that these two are indeed the same individual. This is not the only instance of the Bible revealing the future of a person later in Scripture. Lot certainly is an example. How about Nicodemus? The wise scholar who by night came to Christ (John 3) a few chapters later defended Him to the Sanhedrin (7:50-53). At the tail end of John 19 he is with Joseph of Arimathea, carefully wrapping His precious body and putting it in the tomb to await His glorious resurrection (v. 39). As for this study, we will go ahead and lay claim that this is not the same person.

The Demetrius of Acts was a silversmith, and he made shrines for the very popular goddess named Diana, who was loved, adored, and worshiped in the coastal Asia Minor city of Ephesus. Enter the apostle

Paul, who was turning heads and hearts, leading people to Christ left and right. Paul was convincing many of their need to turn from “gods, which are made with hands” (v. 26). As a result, Demetrius felt that Paul was trying to put him and his craftsmen out of work. So Demetrius took to the streets of Ephesus and caused an uproar, confusing the Ephesians. Eventually the discussion was taken to the town theater (v. 29), where Paul begged his disciples (probably Silas and one or two unnamed others) to enter in but Aristarchus and Gaius had already gone in before the towns clerk. Once inside, the two groups were settled by the towns clerks’ ruling of verse 35-40. Paul and his men were cleared, mostly by verse 37: “For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.” It was a victory for Paul to give the Gospel in Ephesus, much fruit was witnessed there, and until they lost their first love for Christ (Rev. 2:5), had one of the strongest Bible-believing churches there. Here Demetrius was trying to *diminish* the work of God.

Let’s go to 3 John to see what this Demetrius did. He was commended by the elder, John (who was not yet exiled to Patmos, cf. Rev. 1:9), for his stand in serving Gaius’ church, probably somewhere not too far from Ephesus. Gaius had previously worked under John and John praised him, saying, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth” (3 John 4). His stand was much different than that of Diotrephes, whom we will examine in greater detail in part three. Demetrius: “hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself”.

Being of good report ought to be a challenge to all of us. Pastors are required to have this trait in order to be and remain qualified to lead: “Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without” (I Timothy 3:7). Good report (that was, having a good testimony in the lost community) was also necessary with deacons. Honest report was seen and valued highly amongst the seven deacons of the church of Jerusalem (Acts 6). If your testimony, Christian, could not be said to be of “good report”, I ask that you and I would seek the Lord’s forgiveness, read the Scriptures, and strive to improve so we can have a positive impact rather than no or negative impact. We all need this, because every day we fall short of God’s perfect standard.

Now, Gaius is mentioned in both passages of Scripture (Acts 19 and 3 John). This name, now practically unheard of, might have been commonplace in that day, age, and area. The Acts Gaius apparently was around at the time of Crispus’ conversion (Acts 18:8) and was with him when Paul penned Romans (16:23) and I Corinthians (1:14). John mentions Gaius as “my children”, meaning disciple. Gaius had done well and so he went out and started his own church not too far away, and now had Demetrius. While Gaius of Acts 19 is not the same as the one in 3 John, Demetrius could have been. He quite possibly could have gotten saved under John’s ministry (or another disciple’s) and now was in Gaius’ local church. While the Bible is unclear as to whether the Acts 19 one and the 3 John one are the same, it is clear as to this: Demetrius in 3 John *demonstrated* the work of God. We should therefore strive to be the Demetrius of 3 John and be of good report, that we may convert the Acts 19 Demetrius and turn him from idols to serve the living God, just as the Thessalonians did ( I Thessalonians 1:9).

## “Alone” (Part 6) (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.

**Psalm 148:13** – This is a powerful passage! The name of the LORD should be daily and continually praised for His name ALONE is excellent or exalted. Many things and people are called 'excellent' but truly and according to this passage only God ALONE is excellent for His glory is above the earth and heaven! Let us praise His name!

**Proverbs 9:12**- To start, it is interesting to note that this is the only passage in Proverbs using the word 'alone'. This passage talks about the contrast between wisdom and folly. I believe this passage is saying if you have godly wisdom (living by faith in God and obedience to His word) you will be wise for thyself. A true believer needs to be godly wise, discerning and rightly dividing the word of truth.

On the other hand, if you are scorner (contempt or disdain towards others or some object considered despicable or unworthy), you alone will bear it. God is far from the wicked and close to the righteous who are those who have repented of their sin and put their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

**Ecclesiastes 4:5-12-** Verse 8 and 11 is where 'alone' appears in this passage but we need to look at verses 5-12 to understand this incredible passage! Verse 6 says '*Better is an handful with quietness, than both hands full with travail*'. This is saying that hard work and the development of skill are often spurred on by jealous rivalry with one's neighbor and the spirit of selfish competition; those motivations are self-destructive (vs. 5). God wants us instead to seek a life of moderation—to do good work and to live in a quiet, godly manner. We must work together and not alone (vs. 8-9) and help each other (vs. 10-11). there is no “I” in team.

Two are indeed better than one! Verse 10 says woe to the one who is alone for he has no one to help him up if he fall (This does not so much refer to a physical fall, but rather falling spiritually and mentally). Praise the Lord for companionship! Companionship has many advantages, for God did not create us to be alone without love and fellowship (Genesis 2:18). We all need the love, help and support of friends, family, and fellow believers (Acts 2:42)! Verses 9-12 is also a great passage portraying the marriage bond as each for the other and all for the Lord (..how can one be warm alone? [vs. 11]...and a threefold cord [vs. 12] of God, husband and wife is not quickly broken).

**Isaiah 2:11, 17** – These verses are part of a passage about 'the day of the LORD' (vs. 5-22). Both verses 11 and 17 are saying that in that day of the LORD man will be humbled and bowed down and the LORD alone shall be exalted. This repetition is important! We need to hear and do what God is telling us and that it is very serious. One serious consequence of human pride is the belief that we can decide for ourselves, independent of God, how to live and what to consider as right and wrong. Mankind today is highly praised and exalted and idolatry is rampant! On the day of judgment, God will bring this attitude of haughtiness to the lowest shame and abasement! Man will realize they are but worms and nothing before a thrice holy God! O' how important it is to repent of your sin, trust Christ and live for Him!

**Isaiah 5:8** – This passage relates to God's judgment against Judah (vs. 8-30) as six woes or statements of judgment are pronounced upon six types of sins: (1) selfish greed [“all I have is mine alone”] (vs. 8), (2) drunken conduct (vs. 11-12), (3) mockery at God's power to judge their sin (vs. 18-19), (4) distortion of God's moral standards (vs. 20), (5) arrogance and pride (vs. 21), and (6) perversion of justice (vs. 22-23).

## *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:** Isaiah 43:4

**Emotion(s):** Love (*the love of God*)

**Cause:** Israel is precious in God's sight

**Effect:** God gives men for Israel (*thee*) and people for Israel's (*thy*) life

**What does the passage say?:** The chapter relates to God's tender love and care of Israel (vs. 1-5)

**What does the passage say to you and I?:** Just as God's chosen people Israel are precious in the sight of God, so are Bible believing Christians. I see in this verse that in love, grace and mercy God will not leave His children alone, but will provide guidance and counsel (men for thee) and fellowship with other believers (people for thy life). This would relate to the need for faithfully attending church to hear preaching for guidance and counsel and fellowship with other believers. God does not desire His people to be isolated, outcast and alone! He desires them to be saved, sure and serving Him as a member of a Bible believing, Bible preaching church.

**What should you and I do about it?:** We need to be faithful to our local church and desire to hear the word preached and be doers of it and desire and enjoy the fellowship with other believers. We should desire to disciple others, especially new believers to help them grow in the knowledge of the word and their walk with the Lord.

**How do you and I stay accountable?:** Keep studying, keep serving and be in church every time the doors are open.

## Quotes

“Cover up your sins, and God will uncover them in judgment. Uncover your sins, and God will cover them in grace.” -A.J.P.

-“In Biblical terms, to be blessed means to be rightly related to God so that your life is fulfilled and you experience deep, personal satisfaction. It's important to know that this sort of happiness is not related to our circumstances and it doesn't come simply by seeking for it. You find happiness not by seeking it, but by doing certain things (and not doing other things). The blessing comes as a side benefit of the choices we make.” --Ray Pritchard

-“Memorizing Bible verses does not mean much if we don't live (do) them!”

## Our Gospel (Galatians 1:1-24) (By: Pastor Caswell Reeves)

*We have the real Gospel, the true Gospel, the living Gospel. We shouldn't hide it, but rather share it with all. WHY?*

- I. Because it's a Powerful Gospel (Gal. 1:4)
  - A. It is the “will of God”
  - B. It is the “salvation of God”

II. Because it's a Unique Gospel (Gal. 1:7-9)

- A. Only one like it
- B. Not to be perverted: add or subtract
- C. Emphasizes the person of Christ (2 Cor. 2:14)

III. Because it's a Heavenly Gospel (Gal. 1:11-12)

- A. Through revelation (2 Pet. 1:21)
- B. Through inspiration (2 Tim. 3:16)

IV. Because it's a God-Glorifying Gospel (Gal. 1:24)

*What does the "Gospel of Christ" mean to you? Is the "Gospel of Jesus Christ" your Gospel, too? Are you sharing Christ Jesus with others?*

## *:) Children For Christ :)*

### **MATCH THE BIBLE CHARACTER**

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:11 - **Thy word have I hid** in mine heart, that **I** might not sin against thee.

Match the Bible character to the event:

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| 1. Moses   | ___ | A. Was in the lions den                                   |
| 2. Jesus   | ___ | B. Fled from Nineveh                                      |
| 3. Daniel  | ___ | C. By God's power he parted the Red Sea                   |
| 4. David   | ___ | D. Was crucified on the cross of Calvary                  |
| 5. Aaron   | ___ | E. Slayed the giant Goliath                               |
| 6. Lazarus | ___ | F. Saw the wheel way up in the middle of the air          |
| 7. Jacob   | ___ | G. Had a rod that budded                                  |
| 8. Thomas  | ___ | H. Wrestled with God                                      |
| 9. Ezekiel | ___ | I. Doubted Jesus  |
| 10. Jonah  | ___ | J. Was raised from the dead by Jesus 4 days after he died |

## *Praises*

- I praise the Lord for godly, Christ honoring music and the privilege of praising Him in song.
- Praise the Lord for all His daily benefits He richly bestows upon us.

## *Prayer Requests*

- Salvation of Mike, Debbie, Tom, Gary, Kim, Adam and 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

Sorry, I still have not received any replies as of this issue. Please note, this section is not for my praise or glory but for God's alone. It is to help reader's see how God has used this newsletter to bless, edify, and encourage others. To reply is simple: Please send me your reply via email and how you want it addressed as (email address, location, anonymous, and/or your name are all OK) Also, please let me know anything you would like to see in this newsletter? I strive to improve this newsletter as the Lord leads.

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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***

