



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 readers and welcome to another issue of Hunger For Truth. This issue includes the conclusion of the study “Five More D’s” by Brother Andrew Lacroix, Part 9 of the study on the word 'alone' and Emotions in the Bible returns. I trust this all will be a blessing and help in your daily walk with the Lord.

On a MA update, fall, my favorite season, is quickly approaching. I can't wait to see the beautiful colors of the trees. If you have not yet seen the foliage in New England, I invite you to come on up and visit. In fact, I'd love to have you come up and visit anytime of the year. If interested, please drop me an email.

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

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 5) (By: Andrew Lacroix)

Demas *departed* from the work of God. The Acts 19 Demetrius tried to *diminish* the work of God. The Demetrius in 3 John attempted to *demonstrate* the work of God. Diotrefes tried to *destroy* the work of God. Dorcas was used to *draw* others to the work of God. Lastly, we will delve into the OT to see Deborah: “And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time” (Judges 4:4). Deborah desired to *deliver* the work of God.

The children of Israel were in a pattern. After the death of Joshua, the first generation was faithful. The second one arose, but they “knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which He has done for Israel” (2:10). So, from that moment on, the children would do evil by serving some other idol, then God would have to chasten them by bringing oppression, then the children would repent, the judge would deliver them, and the land would have rest while that judge was in control. As soon as that judge died, the cycle would repeat itself (cf. 2:16-19).

After the first two judges, no man was willing to step up when Israel fell away again. So God used a willing woman, Deborah. This is contrary to God's standard of male leadership and female submission, both in the family as well as in the local church. However, no man desired to do their part. God thus was forced to use a woman. This showed her true testimony, but it also shows what women have to do when and only if the man fails to do his God-given role. That statement is further enhanced by this: “And Barak

said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then will I go; but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go. And she said, I will surely go with thee; notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honor; for the Lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman” (4:8-9). This was an army captain, mind you; yet he wanted the prophetess (just one of five in the Scriptures).

His lack of faith early on led to Sisera’s defeat- in Deborah’s hands. Yet what Barak lacked, Deborah more than made up for. She was willing to “get her hands dirty” and lead the charge.

God has always used men (and women) to deliver His work. In the days of the wilderness journey, Moses was mightily used and time and time again God gave Moses the way and he would follow it. A little maid was used to bring Naaman healing and salvation through the prophet Elisha (2 Kings 5). He could use rocks if He so desired (they’d put up a lot less fight than we would, to our shame), but He wants to use us if we are pliable and so choose (free will) to allow God to use us.

However, deliverance was also used to go the other way. Paul criticized Corinth for their lack of dealing with immoral acts (I Corinthians 5). He said in verse 5: “To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh. . .” God removes His hedge of protection here to allow Satan to inflict him. The purpose was not for death (unlike His judgment for Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5), but rather for repentance. He would repent later (2 Cor. 2). Deliverance can go either way.

Barak is mentioned as a hero in the “Hall of Faith” (Heb. 11:32) for his assistance with Deborah in giving Israel forty years of rest.

What have we learned? God desires that all of us surrender to His honor and glory and allow Him to use us. Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid? Your heart, does the Spirit control? You can only be blessed and have peace and sweet rest as you yield Him your body and soul. God will use people young and old in His churches of like precious faith and practice. God will use whatever means necessary to further enhance and deliver His work.

We have also learned the responsibility Christian men have. We have the responsibility to “go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). We need to lead our homes by example. We need to lead our churches, Pastors, by example, and make sure whom you are discipline and further teaching are leading by example. If the men fail to do this, it is a shame unto us. God lays out the responsibilities and the proverbial ball is on our courts. God help us all to oblige and do just what He asks in delivering His Work.

“Alone” (Part #9) (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.

Hosea 4:17 – This passage relates to the immorality of Israel and the idolatry of Ephraim. God says “let him alone”. Idolatry and immorality is rampant (vs. 1-16) and Ephraim being the largest and most central of the northern tribes, became a name for the whole northern kingdom (vs. 17). I believe God says “let him alone” meaning, “I am done with Ephraim. They are hopeless.” Today, if one rejects Christ who is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6) as their personal Lord and Savior, he/she too is hopeless and God may be done with him/her and never call again.

Hosea 8:9 – In this chapter we read in vs. 4 “set up kings, but not by me.” God had appointed David's family to rule his people. The ten tribes had rebelled, and set up a different line of kings for themselves. We read in verse 9 “Ephraim hath hired lovers”: flirting with Assyria, by paying tribute. They are compared to a “wild donkey” alone by himself. They were alone and did not have God's help and blessing. As believers, when we are flirting with sin, we too can end up 'alone' like Ephraim (Psalm 1) engulfed in sin and ungodliness and separated from sweet fellowship with the Savior. If this is you, repent and return to the Lord.

Matt. 4:4 – This passage is the temptation of Jesus by Satan. Satan asks Jesus who had fasted 40 days and forty nights and was probably very hungry to make the stones bread (vs. 1-3). Jesus replies with “...man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”. This also is in Deuteronomy 8:3. Here the Lord brought testings and troubles to His people in the wilderness in order to teach them that one's life does not consist merely in the physical (the bread alone), but rather that one's well-being (both physically and spiritually) depends on one's relationship to God and obedience to His word. Simply put, God's word the Bible is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Without it, we will fail. We must faithfully trust, live by and obey its every word.

Matt. 14:23 – This passage comes shortly after the feeding of the 5,000. Jesus constrained His disciples to get into a ship and go before Him unto the other side, while He sent the multitudes away (vs. 22). Then in verse 23 after sending away the multitudes He goes up into a mountain apart to pray and he was there alone when the evening was come. During His earthly life, Jesus often sought time to be alone with God (Mark 1:35; 6:46; Luke 5:16; 6:12; 9:18; 22:41-42; Heb. 5:7). Time alone in prayer with God is essential to the spiritual well-being of every believer! We must continually remember that the lack of desire for solitary prayer to our heavenly Father is an unmistakable sign that the spiritual life within us is in a process of decline! If this happens, we must fall on our knees, repent and return to Him. Believer, how often do you spend time alone with God in prayer? How often do you spend time alone in Bible study meditating on the word? I need to ask myself these questions. Since Jesus our Lord and Savior did, we should to.

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: Proverbs 13:12

Emotion(s): Hope, Desire, Joy, Blessing

Cause: Hope possibly leading to the desire coming

Effects: a tree of life (joy and blessing) when the desire comes or a despondent, sad/stooping heart when the hope or desire does not come.

What does the passage say?: This passage is simple and is not deep at all. It says “Hope deferred maketh the heart stoop.” Nobody can say, “I am so happy I did not get what I hoped for.” We all have hopes and desires and when they don't come, we are sad. Our hearts stoop. We may feel like we failed and that there is no hope! If our hope or desire comes true it is a 'tree of life' we rejoice with joy and we are happy and blessed. One may hope they get a job he/she applied for. If he/she gets the job the desire was met and it is a 'tree of life'. If not, his/her heart will stoop for the hope and desire was not

met. It is most important that we first make sure our hopes and desires agree with God's word.

What does the passage say to you and I?: If our hopes and desires are not the will of God for our lives they will most likely not be met (Psalm 37:4) and if they are met they are not from God but Satan. When we strive to serve and please Him daily He will place His desires upon our hearts and it will be a 'tree of life' unto us as believers for we have the privilege of serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

What should you and I do about it?: Make sure your hopes and desires agree with the Bible. Make sure your faith/hope is in the Bible (Heb. 11:1-3). One should not hope to get a job that might keep them from faithfully attending church. One should not hope to be unequally yoked with an unbeliever. Yes teens and singles, this is for you. Also, if our desires and hopes agree with the Bible and we are assured of that, we still need to be patient. It may take weeks, months, years for that hope or desire to come true. It is also possible it may not come true as even good hopes and desires don't always come true. We may greatly desire a job we can serve the Lord in, marriage, salvation of a loved one, victory over a trial, etc. We must trust God who is in control, who's timing is perfect and take Him at His word (Rom. 8:28) and realize His will be done for His grace is sufficient. Christ and His word are our hope!

As a believer we have the "blessed hope"! We have the hope of being caught up "raptured" to be with the Lord forever more (1 Thes. 4:17)! All praise and glory to God! This is the believer's hope that only believer's can have! O' what a Savior! Blessed Assurance Jesus is mine, o' what a foretaste of glory divine. This blessed hope is indeed a desire that absolutely will come for we have His word on it. This desire met is indeed a 'tree of life'!

How do you and I stay accountable?: Keep on believing! Keep on praying! Study the Bible! Keep on trusting Him! Be faithful to your local church! Keep on witnessing! Never quit, look back, give up! Strive to always do right! The lives of many in the Bible show us that no matter how hopeless life and its trials and circumstances may seem He promised He will never leave nor forsake us! Like the old hymn says, "But for Calvary there go I"! We have the blessed hope of being with Him forever more in heaven for all eternity saved from the effects of the curse and the presence of sin! O' what a moment when we Jesus!

Quotes

– "Leave the matter of religion to the family altar, the church, and the private school, supported entirely by private contributions. Keep the church and state forever separate."

Ulysses S. Grant, 1822 – 1885 (18th President of the USA)

– "Confess and forsake sin as soon as it is conceived in the mind or it will grow like a weed and just like weeds left out of control ruin a garden, the weeds of sin will ruin your life!"



:) Children For Christ :)

BE A SOUL WINNER

Memory Verse: Romans 10:13 – “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Take your Bible and read each of these verses related to soul winning:

1. Romans 3:10
2. Romans 3:23
3. Romans 6:23
4. Isaiah 59:2
5. Ephesians 2:8-9
6. Romans 3:28
7. Romans 5:8
8. Romans 10:13
9. John 3:16

Now answer the following questions and fill-in-the blanks based on these verses:

(Use a piece of paper if needed)

1. Are there any righteous?
2. How many have sinned?
3. What have we come short of?
4. What comes from the wages of sin?
5. What is the gift of God?
6. Your _____ separates you between you and your God.
7. What are we saved by? A. Grace through faith B. Works C. Both A & B
8. What is a man justified by? A. Faith B. The deeds of the law C. Both A & B
9. Who commended His love toward us?
10. While we were yet sinners, who died for us?
11. Who can call upon the name of the Lord to be saved? A. Whosoever B. Few C. Nobody
12. For God so loved the _____ that he gave his _____ that _____ believeth in _____ should not perish but have _____ life.

Praises

- I praise God for His grace in the good times and the bad
- I praise God for the opportunity to witness to family and friends Labor day weekend

Prayer Requests

- Salvation of Mike, Debbie, Tom, Gary, Jose, Kim, Adam and A.J.
- Traveling mercies and witnessing opportunities for the HFT editor and a friend who will be in PA 8/31 to 9/3

- A day shift position for the HFT editor in the Lord's perfect timing and witnessing opportunities at work
- Salvation of my sister Wendy and friend Ben, my nephew Jacob and aunt's Sybil and Bernice.
- Outreach of Heritage Baptist Church (We have distributed over 3000 '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

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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***

