



# Hunger For Truth

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

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## *All You Can Handle*

TEXT: Joshua 18:1-3 (Sermon By: Pastor Steve Hathaway – Notes by: Bro. Craig)

- I. How long are ye slack (*will ye neglect to*) (Joshua 18:3)
  - A. Israel going into possess the promised land parallels...
  - B. ...The Christian life today
- II. The challenges we face (Exo. 23:29-30)
  - A. Strengthen your walk with God so that you may receive what God has for you
    1. Guidance
    2. Blessings

3. Growth (more meat!) (1 Pet. 2:2)
  4. Getting to the place to enjoy the blessings God has for you
  5. Wisdom and direction of His clear and perfect will for your life
- B. Handling what life brings you as a believer
1. Emotionally
  2. Spiritually
  3. God will never give you more than you can handle!

#### **APPLICATION:**

- Has God called you to be a pastor or missionary? Maintain the desire for that responsibility! Don't quit, give up, become slack or back off! Make it a priority in your life! (Joshua 18:3)
- You should not have to be told what to do! You should do it! Strive to do right!
- Don't be distracted by other things! Move forward and work hard now! Be willing to put in the hard work! Serve in your local NT church!
- Don't get ahead of God! Don't get to doing your own things like the Israelites did! God holding you back should be a part of your Christian life! Wait patiently and be careful of self-appointment! God, your pastor and the church body will make it clear what you should do and where to go when the time comes.
- Stagnancy led to Israel's demise – Judges 1:28
- Be engaged and move forward! The Christian life is not for the lazy, the slothful, the slacker!
- Be careful! Be focused! Be diligent! Be persistent! Be bold!
- Parents should seek God's face as a family (i.e. family devotionals)

## *What Happens When We Lose Focus*

Text: Exodus 32:1-8

*Sermon By: Pastor Steve Hathaway – Notes by: Andrew Lacroix*

This story of the Israelites and the golden calf really gives a window into depraved humanity. While our sin nature can be minimized by walking with the Lord and reading His Word, the fact is that it can be ravaged and roused at any time and can put us far from God before we even realize it. Let us find out why Israel committed this grievous sin before the Lord.

Verse seven is just a reminder that God knew everything that was going on while He was talking to Moses. Nothing gets by God. *Israel had a trust problem* (v.1). Their trust was in Moses, in man, to bring them to the Promised Land. Their trust and their eyes should have been to God, who delivered them from Egypt's cruel bondage. Moses is up with the presence of God on Mt. Sinai. We need to get our focus off of men and onto Jesus Christ. Their "man" was not meeting "their" expectations. If they had just focused on God, they would have been busy doing His work and not worried about what Moses was doing. Instead, they decide to ask Aaron, Moses' brother, to make gods for them. This was "create your own religion" day in the Israelites' camp. This is the way our sin nature works. If we come to our own interpretations and live the way we want to live, we make our own "calves". The Bible is the very Word of God. We need to live by it, no matter what it says or how we like parts and don't like parts of it. This was just as pathetic as we just living our own life and not

by the Bible. Even the local church is not where our focus needs to be. It needs to be on the Head of the local church, the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Israel got overemotional.* Misguided emotions can be damaging. Was Moses safe? In the very presence of God he most certainly was. However, they thought he was gone for good. They felt fear and decided to do things their own way. We can easily have this too. They needed some patience. We do very well to not be impatient when seeking God regarding something. Sometimes the Christian life gets very hard. Our prayer life gets hard. We sometimes feel as if we get nothing from our time of reading Scripture. If you live your life based on emotions, you will have a very tumultuous life. Don't give in to your feeble, varying emotions. Keep doing what God has asked you to do and you will be just fine. They felt like God simply abandoned them, and their feeling was wrong. God was there for them, and He will be there for us as well. Circumstances may change, but God's Word does not.

*So where did the idea of making gods come from?* The Israelites had a tendency to go back to Egypt and its religion of idolatry. When you are discouraged and your trust is not in the Lord you too will want to go back to your previous, Christ-less ways. They brought Egypt with them. Aaron proclaims, "tomorrow is a feast to the Lord". This verse utilized the personal name of God (that is when LORD is all capitalized in the OT). Was the Lord pleased in this? He certainly wasn't. He is never pleased when we take pure worship and mix it with something contemporary. This is the problem with most "places of worship" today. They have taken godly preaching and mixed in CCM. Our music is just one aspect of worship, and everything needs to be in submission to God and His Word. This world will use music as one of its tools to accomplish their purpose. This the world making golden calves and having feast days to the Lord, unaware of the fact they are wrong at best, or deliberately being wrong at worst.

The Israelites sacrificed gold, time, and effort into their worship. However, *all the zeal in the world didn't make the Israelites right with God.* They did the right things with the wrong motives. They had a pressure to return to the old life. Don't be focused on what the crowd does and what the crowd likes. Focus on Jesus Christ. We need to be stronger than ever with our convictions on music and our worship of God. Our trust shouldn't be in anything other than Jesus Christ.

## *Consecrated to the LORD Himself (By: Dr. Enoch Kumar)*

"At the top of page 4, you will find the article, *Consecrated to the LORD Himself*, which is copied from the 8/18/13 Heritage Herald newsletter. Dr. Kumar is a solid and powerful preacher and teacher who earnestly contends for the faith and preaches the whole counsel of God! God has enabled him to plant several churches in Bhadravathi (Karnataka) and other nearby cities in India! God has done an incredible work in this man, his family and his ministry! I have heard him preach several times. He is also working on a faithful translation of the original Hebrew and Greek manuscripts (The Received Text) into the native language called Kannada. Please pray for Dr. Kumar and his ministry. May God bless the reading of this article..." *(Brother Craig)*

**To what, as a Christian, are we to be consecrated?** Not to Christian work, for that involves our abilities, our talents, our efforts, but **to the will of God**, which requires death to self, submission to Him, yielding to whatever He desires. How did we become a slave of the LORD? On His part, He bought us, and on our part, we presented ourselves to Him (Rom. 12:1-2). Giving ourselves unreservedly to God requires that many “modifications” be made: family, business, church associations, personal preferences, and convictions. God will let nothing of us persist. *There must first be the sense of God’s possession of us before we can have the sense of His presence with us.* Once His ownership is established, nothing of self, or our own interests, is useful in His service. Being His exclusive property, He will work and do through us all that He purposes. Paul told Timothy that he had “finished (the) course.” As a Christian, God has also marked out a specific *course* for us. **A supremely important and clearly marked pathway**, where difficulties are simply the evidence of the importance of the task God has given us. These must be faced, calmly, but with an immovable determination to finish the task at hand, by His grace, and solely thru His power. Interjection of self when difficulties confront us will produce despair. However, acceptance of sorrow as God’s provision to draw us closer to Him, to have us focus solely on Him, expands our faith and produces an unquenchable, God-driven desire to do His will. If the light be indistinguishable, the bright sun yet shines behind the clouds, and it does not matter if people do not understand or even mock our hesitant efforts, **it only matters if God is pleased.** Our work for Him must be the spilling over of the fountainhead which discharges as a result of our ministering to Him. God reserves to Himself the right to suspend our serving, for a time, in order to discover whether it is the service, or Himself, that holds us. Our love for the LORD is a beautiful thing – beautiful and dreadful also, as we must determine to permit nothing unworthy or blemished to remain in us - Jehovah-Shalom: The LORD is Peace!



- Dr. Enoch Kumar, Bhadravathi-India

## **“Account” (Part 13) (By: Craig Glickman)**

This is the continuation of a long, yet informative study on every appearance of the word “account” in the Bible. This word appears 31 times in the King James Version (*Account, Accounted, Accounting, Accounts*). For sake of space, I will show only the reference but I encourage you to take your Bible and read the passages.

**Luke 20:35** – Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible says:

But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world,.... The world to come, eternal life and happiness; not by their own works and merits, but through the blood, sacrifice, and righteousness of the Messiah; and the resurrection from the dead; that is, the first resurrection, the resurrection unto life, which only the dead in Christ will enjoy; otherwise all will be raised: but some to the resurrection of damnation: these neither marry, nor are given in marriage; there will be no need of any such practice, for the reasons that follow.

**Luke 21:36** – Clarke's Commentary on the Bible says:

Watch ye therefore, and pray always - Perhaps we should connect ες παντι καιρω, continually, with αγγυπνειτε, watch, as it appears to be the most natural order. Indeed the word continually

belongs equally to both watch and pray; and no man is safe, at any time, who does not attend to this advice as literally as possible. That shall come to pass - That is, the tribulations which are on their way to overwhelm and destroy the Jewish people. These are sufficiently stated in the preceding verses. To stand before the Son of man - To be acquitted, and to be condemned, are expressed, in [Romans 14:4](#), by standing and falling. Those who were faithful to the grace they had received were not only not destroyed in the destruction of Jerusalem, but became heralds of the grace and mercy of God to the nations. Thus they were counted worthy to stand before the Son of man - to minister salvation in his name.

Matthew Henry says, “...Do you ask how you may be found worthy to stand before Christ at that day? Those who never yet sought Christ, let them now go unto him; those who never yet were humbled for their sins, let them now begin; those who have already begun, let them go forward and be kept humbled. Watch therefore, and pray always. Watch against sin; watch in every duty, and make the most of every opportunity to do good. Pray always: those shall be accounted worthy to live a life of praise in the other world, who live a life of prayer in this world. May we begin, employ, and conclude each day attending to Christ's word, obeying his precepts, and following his example, that whenever he comes we may be found watching.”

## *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?**

(By: Pastor Cas Reeves – Edited by: Bro. Craig)

**Passage:** Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (Theme: Family Devotions)

**Emotion(s):** Joy of family devotions

**Cause:** Love for the Lord and your children

**Effect:** A godly Christ honoring family

**What does the passage say?:** Family devotions are crucial in having a family that is godly and spiritually-minded. It can also be said that a family, which reads their Bible and prays together will stay together forever.

**What does the passage say to you and I?:**

- I. The Foundation of Family Devotions (vs. 1)
  - A. The commandment of the Lord
  - B. The Statutes of the Lord
  - C. the Judgments of the Lord
- II. The Purpose of Family Devotions (vss. 2-3)
  - A. To fear the Lord, develop respect

- B. To keep His statutes, instill faithfulness, loyalty
- C. To share promises, give hope (2-3)
- III. The Content of Family Devotions (vss. 4-5)
  - A. One God and one Lord
  - B. To love the Lord your God
- IV. The How of Family Devotions (vss. 6-9)
  - A. The Word must be real with the teacher (6)
  - B. The Word must be taught diligently (7)
    - 1. When you're sitting in your house
    - 2. When you're walking by the way
    - 3. When you're lying down
    - 4. When you're getting up
  - C. The Word must be taught personally (8)
  - D. The Word must be taught at home (9)

**What should you and I do about it?:** Family devotions teach our children what we know about the Lord. It helps us remember what the Lord has done for us. It protects us from the things we should not do. (vss. 12-16)

**How do you and I stay accountable?:** If you are not doing family devotions, why not start today?

## *Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)*

**Jesus Christ: Who is He? (TEXT: John 1:1-14)**

*This passage of the Gospel of John is a sound declaration of the deity of Jesus Christ. That is, He is God incarnate, visiting mankind in the flesh that He might save them.*

- I. He is Eternal (vs. 1-2)
  - A. Declaration of His eternal existence
  - B. Psalm 90:2
- II. He is God (vs. 1-2)
  - A. Declaration of His deity
  - B. Philippians 2:6
- III. He is the Creator (vss. 3)
  - A. Declaration of His power
  - B. Hebrews 11:3; Colossians 1:16-18
- IV. He is Life (vs. 4)
  - A. Declaration of His life-giving force (*zoe*, greek)
  - B. John 14:6; Genesis 2:7
- V. He is Light (vs. 4-9)
  - A. Declaration of His illuminating force (*phos*, greek)
  - B. John 3:19-21; 8:12; 11:9-10; 12:35-36, 46
- VI. He is Flesh (vs. 14)
  - A. Declaration of His humanity
  - B. Philippians 2:7-8

*Jesus Christ gives light to reveal our sin. He is the life, and if you will put your trust in Him, He will save you! Receive Jesus Christ today as your Savior, and you will know the eternal salvation of life!*

# :) Children For Christ :)

## New Testament True or False

**Memory Verse:** John 9:5 – “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

Answer the following True/False questions pertaining to the New Testament (*see answers below*):

1. Hezekiah was John the Baptist's father.  True  False
2. Jesus made healing mud by mixing his saliva with dirt.  True  False
3. Peter was the disciple “whom Jesus loved.”  True  False
4. Paul and Barnabas had a big disagreement and they parted company.  True  False
5. It was nearly dusk when the Lord caused a bright light to blind Paul.  True  False
6. Paul survived a harrowing shipwreck in the Black Sea.  True  False
7. Mark and Barnabas were brothers.  True  False

Answers: 1. False (Luke 1:15); 2. True (John 9:6); 3. False (John 13:23); 4. True (Acts 15:39); 5. False (Acts 22:6); 6. False (no location is recorded in scripture); 7. False (cousins) (Colossians 4:10)

<p><b>“Belief is truth in the mind. Faith is fire in the heart.”</b></p>	<p><b>“Ministry is the life of Christ manifesting itself in my mortal flesh.” (II Cor. 4:12)</b></p>
<p><b>“Clouds of opposition carry the rains of opportunity.” (Exodus Ch. 1 &amp; 2)</b></p>	
<p><b>“God created the world out of nothing. Until a man shows himself as nothing, God can do nothing for him.”</b></p>	<p><b><u>Praises</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Praise God for your local New Testament church!</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Prayer Requests</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pray for Pastor Gary Freeman (<i>Race Street Baptist Church in Catasauqua, PA</i>) who is battling colon cancer.</li> <li>• Pray for the condition of this nation following the abomination that has occurred with the DOMA decision.</li> <li>• Needs of the body of Heritage Baptist Church</li> <li>• Pray for salvation and needs of those affected by the tragedy in Boston, MA on April 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)</li> <li>• Lacroix family and friend Rick (Salvation)</li> <li>• Rusty and family, Jose, Gary, Rudney (Salvation)</li> <li>• Outreach of Heritage Baptist Church</li> </ul>
<p><b>“To be sweet smelling to God, we have to be broken and poured out.”</b></p>	
<p><b>COMING JANUARY 2014: 'Milk for the Meat Eaters' a daily e-devotional by Brother Andrew Lacroix</b></p>	

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*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,**  
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**Prov. 3:5-6          1 Thes. 5:18**

