



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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It is our 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 us. We greatly appreciate your comments and we praise God for each and every one of you.

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Wise or Foolish? (By: Brother Lacroix)

Devotional

Morning: “Wise or foolish?”

“A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.” (Prov. 10:1)

Solomon had high hopes for his son Rehoboam, and with him in mind he penned many of the proverbs found in Scripture. Here the wise king contrasts a son who heeds his parents, obeys them, and in turn it makes his father happy. A father whose child or children submit to his authority every time and in obedience with murmur has every right to be happy. A father doesn't want his child to scowl or sass. That is not showing the love the father needs to be shown and is rightly due. Also, Solomon desired of his son that he would make wise choices. Solomon wasn't the greatest father figure, sadly,

and Rehoboam would turn out to be the foolish son described in this verse and several others. A son who can trust his father to help him make wise, godly choices should indeed make him happy, and in turn the father can thank God and be proud of his son.

On the other hand, a foolish son grieves his mother and his father. The foolish son hears the advice and spurns it. He becomes and eventually stays rebellious and does things his own way. The world calls it “sowing his wild oats”; but God calls it rebellion and sin. A wayward child can only be prayed for, that through the line to Heaven the child realizes what he has lost and repents and returns to the loving parents he has.

Today, young man or woman, you have the option to be wise and pray to God to help you to be obedient. You have the option to make wise decisions with counsel from your parent/guardian or even your pastor. However, you can choose to be foolish, and grieve those you love. Which one will you be today? Tomorrow?

“That They Might Be Saved” (By: Brother Lacroix)

Devotional

Evening: “That They Might Be Saved”

“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved” (Romans 10:1)

Paul had a heavy burden on his heart as he continued his letter to the believers in Rome. He wanted everyone in that area to be saved. He wanted them to know the Gospel and believe the Gospel, and turn from their religion to serve the true and living God (I Thes. 1:9).

Shouldn’t our burden for our local area be the same? Even though Paul was writing to the church at Rome, his prayer was pointed to the lost and dying that he had witnessed to before, perhaps many times. Even though I am writing from a local area perspective, it ought to be my prayer that those in your area might be saved. Perhaps you live with unsaved people. What an opportunity you have! Perhaps you are a missionary, pastor, or evangelist. Praise God for people like you who are fulfilling this Pauline like prayer! The challenge, then, must be to every one of us.

No one can be saved apart from the Holy Spirit convicting them of their sin. Thus, our prayer must be for the Holy Spirit to do this work and for God to use and allow us to share the Gospel with the lost and dying no matter where we are. Paul may have been talking to Rome, but his heart was for the lost of Israel. We are in different areas of the world today, but our burden and prayer can be for our area and for every where in the world, “that they (lost people) might be saved”.

Biblical Love

This is an outline by Bro. Craig based on a sermon preached 9/22/13 AM by Pastor Steve Hathaway at Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA.

TEXT: John 15:13

- I. Love is: *(Love Defined)*
 - A. Love is giving yourself for someone else
 - B. Love is not a feeling but a commitment
 - C. Love is a willing commitment to be maintained that your going to be a servant to that person.

- II. “Love” in the world (*Love Defamed*)
 - A. It is really lust, which can NEVER be satisfied (i.e. Getting what YOU want or desire)
 - B. It is magical or mystical (i.e. Hollywood movies, Television, Books, Magazines)
 - C. If “love” came to you magically or mystically it can leave the same way!
- III. “Falling in Love” is a wrong concept (*Love Defamed*)
 - A. It is a decision that YOU didn't have control over
 - B. If you were brought into it against your will, you can be brought out if it against your will!
- IV. “Love at first sight” is a wrong concept (*Love Defamed*)
 - A. What if that person is not a believer?
 - B. What if they are not willing to commit?
 - C. Unfulfilled?
 - D. A type of lust
- V. Narcissism (*Love Defamed*)
 - A. Living for self
 - B. Lusting
 - C. All about YOU and what YOU want
 - D. Incapable of true biblical love
- VI. Love is a choice (*Love Decided*)
 - A. To live for that person and not yourself (Selfishness hurts ALL relationships)
 - B. The joy of new love
 - C. Hope realized is not hope lost (Marriage after courtship)
- VII. A proper perspective needs to be maintained (*Love Determined*) (*Love Maintained*)
 - A. Consider a house – Though it may be falling apart, you still have it and it is a roof over your head. You desire to maintain it to keep things working or running.
 - B. Don't lose the love and joy of the hope realized
 - C. Don't lose your perspective about love
 - 1. “We've lost the magic”
 - 2. “We've lost the chemistry”
 - 3. Going back to the house perspective, When #1 and #2 occur, it is because focus is on the damage in the home (i.e. The trials in your relationship)
 - 4. There is “comfort” in believing your problem is also others problems!
 - 5. Be thankful and determined to love the ONE whom God has given you
 - 6. Remember, love is a willing commitment to be maintained that your going to be a servant to that person.

You can have true Biblical love as Jesus has for us that lasts forever (Romans 5:8)! You can have love for your spouse as Christ loves the church (Ephesians 5:25)! However, none of the above is possible without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ! Have you repented of your sin, turned toward God and put your complete faith, dependence and trust in Christ alone? If not, a marriage or relationship can not fill the void that only Jesus Christ can fill! Why not trust Him today?

“Account” (Part 14) (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 22:24 – Accounted here means “considered to be”. Gil's Exposition of the Entire Bible says: *...The disciples understanding of the temporal kingdom of the Messiah, and fancying, by his words, that it was near at hand, began to strive among themselves who should be the greatest in it; or it might be brought on by their inquiry among themselves, who should betray him, which might lead them on each one to throw off the imputation from himself, and to commend himself as a steady follower of Jesus, and to express his hopes of being his chief favourite, and principal minister in his kingdom: for the strife was, which of them should be accounted the greatest; by Christ; or that should be so in his kingdom. Perhaps the contention might be chiefly between Peter, James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, and who were the favourite disciples of Christ; and Peter might urge his seniority, and what Christ had said to him, [Matthew 16:18](#) and the rather, since it is certain Satan was now busy about him; wherefore Christ calls him by name, and singles him out among the rest, [Luke 22:31](#).*

Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary says:

Luke 22:21-38 – How unbecoming is the worldly ambition of being the greatest, to the character of a follower of Jesus, who took upon him the form of a servant, and humbled himself to the death of the cross! In the way to eternal happiness, we must expect to be assaulted and sifted by Satan. If he cannot destroy, he will try to disgrace or distress us. Nothing more certainly forebodes a fall, in a professed follower of Christ, than self-confidence, with disregard to warnings, and contempt of danger. Unless we watch and pray always, we may be drawn in the course of the day into those sins which we were in the morning most resolved against. If believers were left to themselves, they would fall; but they are kept by the power of God, and the prayer of Christ. Our Lord gave notice of a very great change of circumstances now approaching. The disciples must not expect that their friends would be kind to them as they had been. Therefore, he that has a purse, let him take it, for he may need it. They must now expect that their enemies would be more fierce than they had been, and they would need weapons. At the time the apostles understood Christ to mean real weapons, but he spake only of the weapons of the spiritual warfare. The sword of the Spirit is the sword with which the disciples of Christ must furnish themselves.

Romans 8:36 – Accounted here means “counted”. Gil's Exposition of the Entire Bible says :

As it is written, for thy sake we are killed,... This passage is a citation out of [Psalm 44:22](#); and the meaning is, that for the sake of God, and his pure worship, Old Testament saints were frequently put to death, or exposed to the persecutions of men, which often issued in death; as New Testament saints have been, for the sake of Christ and his Gospel, even all the day long; that is, they were liable to death all the day long; or every day, one or other of them was put to death: we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter; they were reckoned as fit for nothing else, and were continually exposed unto it; were used as sheep are, as if they were made for no other use and service, but to be slaughtered; hence they are called, "the flock of slaughter", [Zechariah 11:7](#); and as this expresses the brutality of their persecutors, so their harmlessness, meekness, humility, and patience in sufferings, being under them like lambs or sheep. This testimony is produced, to show that suffering death has been the common lot of the saints in all ages: and is designed to animate the people of God under the Gospel dispensation, to suffer with cheerfulness; the allusion may be to the lambs and sheep daily slain for sacrifice; either to the lambs of the sacrifice slain morning and evening; or to others that were slain in any part of the day from morning to night, for other sacrifices, in the court of the tabernacle and temple.

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?**

--Portions copied from The Devotional Calendar

Passage: Ezekiel 36:26

Emotion(s): A tender heart versus a stony heart

Cause: Regeneration; a new heart and a new spirit within you

Effect: The stony heart put away

What does the passage say?: *To hew a block of marble from the quarry and carve it into a noble statue; to break up the wilderness, and turn it into lovely flowers; to melt the lump of iron stone and forge it into watch springs – all these are mighty changes. Yet they all come short of the change which every child of Adam requires, for they are merely the same thing in a new form, the same substance in a new shape.*

What does the passage say to you and I?: *Man needs a change as great as a resurrection from the dead. He must become a new creature. Old things must pass away, and all things must become new. He must be born again, born from above, born of God.*

What should you and I do about it?: Search your heart. Is it a stony heart or a new and tender heart? Check your spirit. Is it an angry, bitter, negative, discouraged and depressed spirit? Or is it a meek and quiet spirit at peace with God and His word!

How do you and I stay accountable?: If you are not saved, why not trust Jesus now? If you are saved, strive to study, obey and do His word and be faithful to your local church.

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

Thoughts on Faith

By: J.G.B. (From a publication printed in 1866)

“The just shall live by FAITH.” (Romans 1:17)

1. Faith gives full, present peace with God, though we are sinners.
2. Faith gives access to a state of grace or favor
3. Faith sets us in the sure and certain hope of glory.
4. Faith renders a reason why we should glory in tribulation.
5. Faith introduces us to perfect love in God.
6. Faith gives us an interest in Christ's present life, as in His accomplished death.
7. Faith reveals God Himself as a spring of joy to us.

No wonder Scripture makes so much of FAITH. Its ways of working, its virtues, its properties, the ends it reaches, and the things it secures reveals that it's not human but of God.

:) Children For Christ :)

ASSOCIATION TEST

Memory Verse: Proverbs 22:1 – “A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.”

Try matching the person with the correct description. (By: Leda P.)

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| 1. Job | a. Scepter |
| 2. Haman | b. Fishing nets |
| 3. Judas | c. Patience |
| 4. Moses | d. Camel's hair clothes |
| 5. Samson | e. Rod |
| 6. Herod | f. 30 pieces of silver |
| 7. Solomon | g. Harp |
| 8. John the Baptist | h. Temple |
| 9. David | i. Gallows |
| 10. Peter | j. Hair |

<p>“Whatever desire the Father permits to live in the heart of one of His saints, He will grant the fulfillment thereof.” <i>--Dr. S Chadwick</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Inconsistency</u></p> <p>The angels from their home on high look down to earth with pitying eye, That where we are passing guests, We build such strong and solid nests; Yet where we hope to live for aye, We scarce take heed one stone to lay. --<i>Unknown</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sunshine and Rain</u></p> <p>Ceaseless sunshine makes the desert, Constant heat the burning sand; Winter's snows make healthy climate, Summer rains the fertile land; And do not our light afflictions, Like the rain and like the snow, Keep our souls from being deserts where no heavenly fruit could grow? <i>--Unknown</i></p>	<p>Praises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for a safe trip to CO for Bro. Craig last month! • Praise God for His blessings upon Bro. Andrew and Bro. Craig who recently preached (9/29/13) at New Hope Baptist Church of Lynn, MA for Pastor Paul Davis! The Lord worked in many hearts during the services and blessed with great fellowship with Pastor Davis, his family and the body at New Hope Baptist Church! <p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for Pastor Gary Freeman (<i>Race Street Baptist Church in Catasauqua, PA</i>) who is battling colon cancer. • Needs of New Hope Baptist Church of Lynn, MA • Victims of the flooding in Colorado • Those affected by the recent shootings in DC • Pray for the condition of this nation following the abomination that has occurred with the DOMA decision. • Needs of the body of Heritage Baptist Church • Pray for salvation and needs of those affected by the tragedy in Boston, MA on April 15th. • Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)
<p style="text-align: center;">COMING JANUARY 2014: 'Milk for the Meat Eaters' a daily e-devotional by Brother Andrew Lacroix</p>	

“Baptism is a public display of an inward profession.”

- Lacroix family and friend Rick (Salvation)
- Rusty and family, Jose, Gary, Rudney (Salvation)
- Outreach of Heritage Baptist Church

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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,

Craig Glickman Andrew Lacroix
Prov. 3:5-6 1 Thes. 5:18

