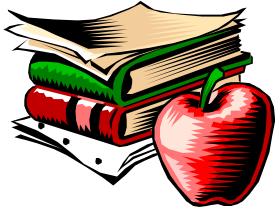


# Hunger For Truth

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

**Proverbs 7:2**

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**John 8:32**

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## Greetings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to another issue of Hunger For Truth.

I Praise God that I recently found a place to live in Walpole, MA in a rooming situation very close to work and church. God is good!

Please pray for the HFT editor to be a light to those I will be living with and that they would come to a saving knowledge of Him.

I am excited to begin serving the Lord at Heritage Baptist Church in Norwood, MA where the Pastor is Steven Hathaway effective 10/20.

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](http://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)**

### **Fools (By: Andrew Lacroix) – Luke 12:16-21 - October 8, 2011**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

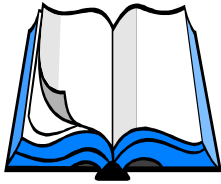
Here is my latest devotional, "Fools". My next devotional will be a multi-part one entitled "The 21st Century Wilderness", based off a message the Lord laid on my heart and preached at Heritage Baptist Church on September 11, 2011.

The Bible has much to say on the account of fools. If we looked at every passage of Scripture that contains the word, “fool”, this study would practically never end. Our text has been used often in teaching that our future is worthless and it also shows one’s need to come to Christ. Although Paul said “we are fools for Christ’s sake...” (1 Cor. 4:10), this will relate to the other term fool.

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## Fools *Continued*



Matthew 5:6

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

John 8:32

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

**“ God can not pour His riches into hands that are already full.”**

*-Martha Snell Nicholson*

From our text and others, I'd like to show you four things that fools mock. First, fools mock **Bible Christianity**. This is far different than the now colloquially used “Christianity” that is oft talked about and is a far cry from the Bible Christianity. The Christianity that is displayed today is an abomination to a thrice-holy, sin-hating God. Fools mock Creation, the Creator, and Christ. Evolutionistic theology, the big bang theory, gap theory, and the man-monkey relationship is nothing more than the “fool who said in his heart, there is no God” (Ps. 14:1; 53:1). They ignore or discredit simple Bible truths as Genesis 1:1; 1:27; and “For, lo, He that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind... the Lord, the God of hosts, is His name” (Amos 4:13). They also don't accept: “For by Him were ALL things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth...” (Col. 1:16). Consider all the varying peaks of the tallest mountains, the Grand Canyon, formations of trees, plants, animals, and even the human body itself! How can one deny our Master Designer? How can one say it appeared out of nowhere? They deny the very God that gave them life and can take them out of their very life in but a vapor! (cf. James 4:14)

Our fool took too much advantage of what God blessed him with. He could not see “the ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully”. He may have planted and watered, but he forgets that “God giveth the increase” (1 Cor. 3:9). He also forgets God is in control of just who gets what. A lot of times we as Christians must be so careful about not judging another Christian because of what more they may or may not have. We are all in the same boat; learn to be content with what God gives you (more on this later). God created and gave the rich man all his fruits and goods, but he gave not God the glory.

God used many men and His Son, Christ, to preach against sin. Solomon (who became a fool) once said “fools make a mock at sin...” (Prov. 14:9). They mock everything about Christianity, from how we as Christians are bad testimonies and live just like them (God forbid) to our “strict rules” and everything in between. They can say what they want, but this stern warning goes out to them and to us: “...that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words, thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned” (Matt. 12:36-37). James also warned his readers to be careful with their tongues (3:1-12). Fools don't care what they speak or when. Use words wisely and only to edify one another. If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say it at all, and ask God to forgive you for the bad thought.

Fools mock Christianity in its totality. They also mock **common sense**. They heed not one of Solomon's God-given wisdom warnings. Examples include, but are not limited to, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Prov. 1:7); “...but fools die for want of wisdom” (10:21); “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that harkeneth unto counsel is wise” (12:15); and “a fool uttereth all his mind, but a wise man keepeth it in till afterward” (29:11). A fool is given over to many mistakes, just does what is good and right to him, lives for the moment, and does not consider others, or God's Words. Consider the fool in our text: He does not ponder if he has enough already or what will happen later; he just goes and builds bigger.

A great story of a fool can be found in the infamous Matthew 7:24-27 passage. A fool can hear all the truths of God's Word and then just not do them (doesn't that sound familiar to a lot of us?) and we build on sand and our lives are ruined. We would be wise to incorporate common sense as part of our walk with the Lord.

Fools mock Christianity and common sense. They also mock **contentment**. As I mentioned twice already, the fool in this parable wanted more room. He didn't have enough (according to himself). Fools never have enough. They are never satisfied with what they have; they always want more and more. Being content as a Christian can be both easy and hard. Sure, we're saved and we're going to Heaven, let's just relax and, wait a minute, what's this about reasonable service (cf. Rom. 12:1)? Never be satisfied in your Christian walk, but by the same token, with whatever provisions God has blessed you with, be content. Our fool was only content when he had enough for a long time, and sure enough, he would not enjoy the fruits of the harvest.

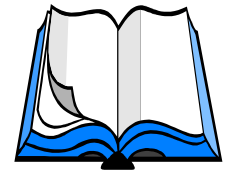
This is a tough statement: Never be satisfied in your Christian walk, but by the same token, with whatever provisions God has blessed you with, be content. Paul challenges Timothy to be content with what little he had (1 Tim. 6:6-10). Be content physically and providentially, but never be content spiritually (Phil.3:14; 1 Tim. 6:11-12). Fools are never content with what they have and what they need they are most of the time not satisfied, because they have itching ears (cf. 2 Tim. 4). *Continued next page*



## Fools (Continued)

Fools mock Christianity, common sense, contentment, and finally, their **certain future**. Our fool in verse twenty learned his fate: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee..." He never got to enjoy what he made for himself. The fool doesn't have this in mind: "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Tim. 6:7) and doesn't consider: "Boast not of thyself tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1). The matter of fact is, a true fool has not accounted to God for his/her future, and unless they repent and come to Christ alone for their salvation, they are bound for an eternity without Christ.

Perhaps today, we will consider the fool and be wise to not mock Christianity, common sense, contentment, and a certain future. If you are not sure you're saved, get is settled now, before your soul is required of you. Be grateful for what the Lord has blessed you with. Common sense would tell us to not mock what fools do, and love the Lord our God with all our hearts.   
– By Andrew 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.”*

## A Study on Psalm 121 – By: Craig Glickman

Psalm 121 is an excellent Psalm that is often quoted when preparing to travel and trusting the Lord for safety (Vs. 8), but in the words to this great Psalm is so much more. I encourage you to open your Bibles and turn to Psalm 121. Lets begin:

**Vs. 1** - This verse says "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." Believer, our help can only come from the "hills of heaven" above. Our help and hope is in Christ alone. The Living Word of God Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6, John 1:1) and we can only be saved by grace through faith in Christ alone by the precious sin cleansing blood of the Lamb. We have the Bible, the Written Word of God which is the only authority we must live by, not man, religion, etc. We also have the blessed HOPE of His coming where the saints of God will be caught up/raptured (1 Thes 4:14-18) to be with the Lord forevermore in heaven.

**Vs. 2** - This verse goes write along with verse 1. Our help and hope can only come from the LORD which made heaven and earth. He is indeed the Great Creator who became our Savior.

**Vs. 3** - This verse teaches that the Lord is our strength and confidence and we must fully trust in, rely on and depend on Him for ALL our needs (1 Sam. 2:9, Prov. 3:23,26). He will keep us from falling. He will guide our steps. Our Great and Mighty God never sleeps knor slumbers. His eyes are always looking too and fro throughout the whole earth. He knows our downsitting and our uprising (Ps. 139). He knows all about us and we can never run or hide from God! Our God is indeed an Awesome God!

**Vs. 4** - This verse tells us that He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber knor sleep (See vs. 3 above). He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Israel is God's chosen nation. This is a whole other message, but God is not done with Israel! Israel is still and always will be the apple of His eye.

**Vs. 5** - The Lord is indeed our keeper. We are His prized possession, bought with the price of the precious blood of Jesus! Our lives are not our own but His! Let us strive to give our all to Him. He will keep and protect us. He is the shade upon our right hand. He stays close to those that are walking with Him with eyes of faith looking up to Him and staying in the Bible. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to us.

**Vs. 6** - This verse says the sun shall not smite thee by day, knor the moon by night (Ps. 91:5, Isa. 49:10, Rev. 7:16). This verse again relates to His protection over us.

**Vs. 7** - The Lord shall preserve us from all evil! He shall preserve our soul! As believers we need to praise our Precious Savior for saving us thru His blood from the power of sin (sin does not habitually control us), the penalty of sin (eternal death in hell), and someday the presence of sin forever (Rapture of the saints), Amen!

**Vs. 8** - Finally, we see that He will preserve our going out and our coming in from this time forth and even for evermore! What a passage! Jesus is our faithful Guide, our Pilot, our Strength, our Rock, our All in All! He is all you and I need to get through each and every minute of our lives. He will protect us at all times as we take all our cares, needs, and concerns to Him. Safety is of the Lord (Prov. 21:31b). God is in control of everything! we need to trust God in every circumstance, for He makes no mistakes. Though at times are heart breaks, their is a purpose in every change He makes. Results are God's. Be faithful and leave it to Him. He is able, more than able to protect, provide safety, deliver, and guide us in our daily walk with Him.



## Quotes of The Month

*(Source Unknown)*

*“Praise God that we can fully rest in the true promises that rest upon our Savior Jesus Christ!” (II Cor. 1:20)*

*“If the Lord answered our prayers according to the cleanness of our hearts, how many of our prayers would be heard.” (II Sam. 22:21)*

*“Supplication is a humble and sincere appeal to somebody who has the power to grant a request.” (I Kings 8:28)*

*“As believers, we need to strive to seek the Lord’s face continually each day of the week.” (1 Chron. 16:11)*

*“Be diligent in your walk with the Lord and studying the Bible. Keep seeking! Keep asking! When an opportunity, apparent victory or blessing arises, seek the Lord in prayer and be sure it is the Father’s will.”*

*“When we truly trust God we will have the faith to lift up our soul unto Him.” (Ps. 143:8)*

## ☺ Children For Christ ☺ - “New Testament Bible Book Memory”

Memory Verse: John 1:1 *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”*

Please take some time to fill in the missing letters to the NT books.

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### Stop and Think:

**“The greatest hindrance to revival is pride amongst the Lord’s people. The cure for our boasting is to boast in the Lord.”**



## Song of the Month – “Follow Me”

I was just introduced recently to this great Ira Stanphill hymn which is not often sung in churches today. What a message though! This hymn should be sung more often:

*Be faithful weary pilgrim, the morning I can see, just lift your cross and follow close to me.*



*I traveled down a lonely road, and no one seemed to care.*

*The burden on my weary back, had bowed me to despair.*

*I oft complained to Jesus, how folks were treating me, and then I heard Him say so tenderly,*

*My feet were also weary, upon the Calvary road; the cross became so heavy, I fell beneath the load.*

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](mailto:svtdtday@yahoo.com)

## Praises

- I Praise God for His Word which is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path
- I praise God for providing a place to live and FT work in Walpole, MA
- 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
- Clara Vasel (Age 5) (Brain surgery on 8/30 and for a full and speedy recovery)
- Gods grace, strength, wisdom and victory regarding an unspoken request for the HFT editor.
- Those in need of employment and ones seeking other jobs.
- Pray for unspoken needs for a friend of the HFT editor
- 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 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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- Safety and wisdom in the move to MA for the HFT editor.
- For the HFT editor to find PT work on the side in MA

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## In The Next Issue

Emotions in the Bible study returns along with a devotional plus a study 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

