



Hunger For Truth

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“Let us Hunger For Truth”

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Deliver Us Only (By: Bro. Lacroix)

Morning

“And the children of Israel said unto the Lord, We have sinned; do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day.” (Judges 10:15)

Israel had wavering faith for much of their existence, and God had to chastise them. In the previous verses, God had told them He would no longer deliver them, and told them to cry unto the gods of silver and gold, which they were serving. Yet He would still deliver them, as this was but a test of where their hearts truly were at this time.

This seems like our lives a lot. We also can have the wavering faith that at times it seems like nothing to trust God and then when the trials come we turn to other things. We fail to read our Bibles. We stop getting on our knees. We don't get out of bed on Sunday mornings. Yet God still can and will deliver us if we just say “we

have sinned.”

God certainly could have dealt with them; in fact, the children were willing to accept whatever punishment He was going to give them. They only asked for deliverance. He raised up Jephthah to judge them. Today, no matter our trial, He will deliver us only if we admit our sin and be willing to accept the consequences, if there are any. Lord, today deliver us only if we come and admit our guilt.

He Chose Their Seed (By: Bro. Lacroix)

Evening

“Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and He chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.” (Deuteronomy 10:15)

The Lord decided before the foundation of the world that these people Moses was talking to would be His people. They were removed from their fathers, who sinned greatly and died in the wilderness. He delighted in the previous generations, and He would continue to watch over, protect, and love His own children above all others.

This continues today to all that are His children. The Lord knows all who will accept His offer of salvation, yet it was still of our free will to accept that plan. He chose our seed, that was, our forefathers of faith, who have paved the way for future generations. We have been chosen by God to be the ones who hold the “torch” of Christianity, and it is up to us to keep it going so that others may know Him. Our seed should know too that He chose them above all.

He could have chosen others, but instead He chose you and I, Christian. Therefore, let us return such love back to Him by giving our lives, serving and living for Him, and to show others that He loves them and wants them to know Him.

Which Animal Are You Like?

The following is a sermon outline by Bro. Craig based on a sermon preached by Pastor Steve Hathaway who is Pastor of Heritage Baptist Church in Norwood, MA on Wed. 10/2/13

TEXT: Leviticus 11:1-8

This passage is based on clean and unclean animals of the earth that were allowed to be consumed during this dispensation. God is speaking to Moses and Aaron and telling them to share this with the children of Israel. God gives NT believers today an incredible and symbolic illustration from this passage of how we, as believers, can be meditating on God's word but not living separated lives, living separated lives but not meditating on God's word, or doing what is right and that is living separated lives and meditating on His word.

- I. Clean (Pure) Animals to Eat – Vs. 3
 - A. Whatsoever parteth the hoof
 - B. Is clovenfooted (With a split, separated, or divided foot or hoof)
 - C. Cheweth the cud
- II. Unclean (Impure) Animals NOT to eat – Vs. 4-8
 - A. Of them that chew the cud but does not divide the hoof
 - B. Of them that divide the hoof but does not chew the cud
- III. The Camel – Vs. 4

- A. Cheweth the cud
 - B. Divideth not the hoof
- IV. The Coney – Vs. 5 (Small, rabbit-like nocturnal animal that lives in rock holes; perhaps a hyrax; rock badger)
- A. Cheweth the cud
 - B. Divideth not the hoof
- V. The Hare (Rabbit) – Vs. 6
- A. Cheweth the cud (*perceives to be or resembles chewing cud*) (not an error)
 - B. Divideth not the hoof
- VI. The Swine – Vs. 7 (*i.e. Likened to a legalist*)
- A. Divideth the hoof (clovenfooted)
 - B. Cheweth not the cud
- VII. The Cow
- A. Divideth the hoof (clovenfooted) (A cow hoof is cloven, or divided, into two approximately equal parts, usually called claws – *Source: Wikipedia*)
 - B. Cheweth the cud (Cud is a portion of food that returns from a [ruminant](#)'s stomach to the mouth to be chewed for the second time. More accurately, it is a [bolus](#) of semi-degraded food [regurgitated](#) from the [reticulorumen](#) of a [ruminant](#). Cud is produced during the physical digestive process of [rumination](#). The idiomatic expression *chewing one's cud* means ***meditating or pondering***; similar expressions such as "he chewed that over for a bit", or "chew on that!" likely have the same derivation – *Source: Wikipedia*)
- VIII. A Separated Life (separated from sin and worldly lifestyles)
- A. Clovenfooted – Psalm 1:1-2; Prov. 1:15 (Illustrative)
 - B. Like a cow, it meditates (spends time on) on its food and is focused on it. (See VII.)

To sum this all up, Halley's Bible Handbook states: *'There was a distinction before the flood between clean and unclean animals (Gen. 7:2). Moses enacted this distinction into law. It was based partly, on their wholesomeness as food; and, partly, on religious considerations, designed to serve as one of the marks of separation of Israel from other nations. Jesus abrogated the distinction (Mark 7:19), "making all meats clean."*' Do you and I spend time daily meditating on the word and striving to live a separated life from sin and this world? God gives believers a clear illustration from this passage that we should be doing both, for doing just one or the other will not be honoring to the LORD! O' beloved, which animal are you like?

"Account" (Part 15) (By: Craig Glickman) (*Conclusion*)

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.

Galatians 3:6 – Accounted in this passage means "credited". To best understand this passage, please look back to verse 5:

"The answer to the question in Gal. 3:5 is here taken for granted, It was by the hearing of faith: following this up, he says, "Even as Abraham believed," (Gen. 15:4-6; Rom. 4:3). God supplies unto you the Spirit as the result of faith, not works, just as Abraham obtained justification by faith, not by works (Gal. 3:6, 8, 16; Gal. 4:22, 26, 28). Where justification is, there the Spirit is,

so that if the former comes by faith, the latter must also. [Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary](#)

Heb. 11:19 (Accounting) – 'Accounting' in this passage can also mean 'considered' or 'reasoned'. Abraham did receive Isaac back from the dead in a figurative sense. Please consider the following cross references: Matthew 12:36; Rom. 4:21; Hebrews 1:1, 9:9, 11:16-18.

Faith answered the objections which reason brought against God's command to Abraham to offer Isaac, by suggesting that what God had promised He both could and would perform, however impossible the performance might seem (Rom. 4:20, 21).

able to raise him—rather, in general, "able to raise from the dead." Compare Rom. 4:17, "God who quickeneth the dead." The quickening of Sarah's dead womb suggested the thought of God's power to raise even the dead, though no instance of it had as yet occurred.

he received him—"received him back" [Alford].

in a figure—Greek, "in a parable." Alford explains, "Received him back, risen from that death which he had undergone in, under, the figure of the ram." I prefer with Bishop Pearson, Estius, and Gregory of Nyssa, understanding the figure to be the representation which the whole scene gave to Abraham of Christ in His death (typified by Isaac's offering in intention, and the ram's actual substitution answering to Christ's vicarious death), and in His resurrection (typified by Abraham's receiving him back alive from the jaws of death, compare 2 Cor. 1:9, 10); just as on the day of atonement the slain goat and the scapegoat together formed one joint rite representing Christ's death and resurrection. It was then that Abraham saw Christ's day (John 8:56): accounting God was able to raise even from the dead: from which state of the dead he received him back as a type of the resurrection in Christ. [Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary](#)

Daniel 6:2 (Accounts) – 'accounts' in this passage may likely mean 'be accountable unto them'.

And over these three presidents,.... To whom the hundred and twenty princes were accountable for their conduct, and to whom the people might apply for redress of grievances, if oppressed; perhaps the whole empire was divided into three greater parts, and each part had forty provinces in it, and over it a president or deputy of the king; to whom the princes of each province gave in the account of what they received for the king, and what use they made of it: (of whom Daniel was the first:) or "one" (u), who was now an old man, having been about seventy years in Babylon, and had had a large experience of the affairs of civil government, being advanced in the times of Nebuchadnezzar to high posts; and very probably Darius had heard of the wisdom of Daniel before he came to the kingdom, as well as the king of Tyre, [Ezekiel 28:3](#) and might be informed of his prediction of Belshazzar's death, and the change of the empire: and of Belshazzar's promise to make him the third ruler in the kingdom; and he might also himself observe in him an uncommon sagacity and fitness for business of this sort. Josephus (w) says, that Darius took Daniel with him into Media, and made him one of the three presidents; and indeed no mention is made in this history of the nobles of Babylon, but only of the Medes and Persians: that the princes might give account unto them, and the king should have no damage: or loss in his revenues, through the fraud and bad management of the princes of the provinces; since they might be discovered and checked by the presidents, who were to audit their accounts: or, "have no trouble" (x); in looking over and passing the accounts of the princes.

(u) Sept.; "unus", V. L. Syr. Ar. Pagninus, Montanus, Piscator, Cocceius, Michaelis. (w) Antiqu. l. 10. c. 11. sect. 4. (x) , Sept.; "ne rex molestia afficeretur", Pagninus; "ut rex illo levaretur gravamine", Munster. [Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible](#)

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?**

--Adapted from Baptist Bread "Broken Dreams and Hidden Treasures" by Pastor Sam Green of Everett, WA (6/13)

Passage: Luke 24:13-32

Emotion(s): Trust

Cause: The disciples on the road to Emmaus lacked trust and faith and were blind spiritually

Effect: They soon came to know the one who came and walked and ate with them was indeed Jesus, The Messiah!

What does the passage say?: First, look at verse 21 of our passage. Has your life panned out just the way you planned it? Two of Jesus disciples were walking on a road to Emmaus one morning (Cleopas and a companion) when Jesus appears to them and asks why they were sad (vs. 17). The two were stunned and didn't know what was going on. These two wanted to know what all of Christ's disciples wanted to know, "Why had their expectations of their Messiah not been met?" These men believed that Jesus was going to restore Israel to her former glory. They believed there was going to be reform. Jesus battled this notion his entire ministry. These two had all the facts as to what was going on around them, but they weren't able to see what was going on! We too, can see the facts very clearly, but often we don't know what God is doing. These men lacked the ability to see what should have been plainly visible. Have you ever missed what God has for you? Jesus had to peel away their distorted mindset. Secondly, Don't you hate it when life gets in the way? For these two on the road to Emmaus, life had gotten in the way. Jesus had to swipe away yet another faulty mindset; thus, their plans determined their expectations. Remember, they thought Jesus was going to restore Israel. Let us pause for a moment and ask these questions: To what expectations am I clinging? What future have I determined for myself? What perspective will I choose when my plans fall apart? So many of us live life based on how we feel. Do you know that you won't find the phrase "I feel" in Scripture? Too many of us today are arrested by our own expectations. We need to adjust our expectations and make sure they are Bible based and have a Bible reason! I encourage you to release your expectations of how YOU or I think life should go. Hand them over to God. He knows best by far!

What does the passage say to you and I?: Have you ever missed something you were looking for, and it was in plain sight or right there under your nose? I've done that many times. Cleopas and his friend just couldn't see what was right there in front of them (Luke 24:19). Their mindset was lacking spiritual scope. Please take note of this: "...*Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet...*"; They had viewed His ministry for years and all they took away was that He was a prophet! No!! He was God in the flesh!! They had completely missed what was right in front of them. Verse 20 goes on to say, "*And*

how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death,...” The rulers didn't deliver Christ to Pilate, God planned it. They had no idea what was really going on. When life seems no longer fantastic, when expectations crumble and dreams fade, it's easy to slide into despair. Circumstances weigh us down and dictate our futures. God seems far off. In the case of the two disciples, who had misplaced their spiritual scope, it couldn't have been any further from the truth. God was there, about to change their distorted mindset. It's easy in the world to lose direction. It's common for our mindset to become distorted. In the times we need God the most—He is there, waiting for us to see Him. Don't allow circumstances to control your spiritual outlook.

What should you and I do about it?: We need to see Jesus and turn our eyes upon Him in full faith, trust and dependence. In Luke 24:31a, we read: *“And their eyes were opened, and they knew him...”*. Have you ever been hopeless? These two disciples may have felt that way. The last thing that needed to be changed was their opinion of the resurrection. Upon this one thing does our hope rest—the resurrection of our Saviour! They had heard the reports, they had information, and they refused to believe them within their hearts. If they believed that Christ was risen, they would have been walking toward Jerusalem, not away. They would have seen the empty tomb with their own eyes. Instead they imagined a hopeless situation. Soon, Jesus sits down with them to eat and something happens. Dr. Luke does not tell us why the breaking of the bread made them realize they were in Christ's presence. Perhaps it was the nail scars or there was something familiar from the feeding of the 5,000. It may have been the way He broke the bread that transported them back to *“...This is my body which was given for you: this do in remembrance of me.”* All we know for certain is the scales fell off and these two disciples saw clearly for the 1st time. They saw Jesus! They were enlightened by truth!

How do you and I stay accountable?: With your daily struggles determine to view this life through God's eyes, through eyes of faith in Christ! Trust in Him for He is in control! Results are His! He makes no mistakes! We need to depend fully on Him for all our needs! I challenge you to surrender your expectations of how things should go. Finally, acknowledge the resurrection and stake your future upon it and Him!

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

What The Bible Says About Sin

1. God's Word says: **“All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”** (Romans 3:23).
2. Another Bible statement is: **“Christ died for our sins”** (1 Corinthians 15:3). Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, died on a Roman cross in order that our sins might be forgiven.
3. Here's God's invitation: **“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow”** (Isaiah 1:18). God wants you to come to Him. Believing in Jesus Christ will change your life! Why not trust Christ today?

--Adapted from: Faith Prayer & Tract League

:) Children For Christ :)

FIND THE THEME

Memory Verse: Proverbs 16:3 – “Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be

established.”

Please take your Bible and find and read each passage to find the theme of these passages:

1. Proverbs 16:3
2. Romans 12:2
3. Philippians 4:8
4. Isaiah 55:8
5. Hebrews 4:12
6. Proverbs 24:9
7. 2 Corinthians 10:5-6
8. Proverbs 17:22

Please be sure to meditate (read over and over) ALL the above passages.

What is the theme of these verses? A. Our thought life B. Creation C. Courage

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Worry or Trust</u></p> <p><i>There was a sad Christian who lived in a stew. This person had so many troubles. Tho the person knew what to do; cast all his/her cares upon Jesus and find sweet relief, the person chose to worry and suffer much grief.</i></p> <p>If you have chosen to “cast all your cares on Him,” then you know the peace that only Christ can give. If you are not trusting Him then you need to know that your sin problem can only be solved through faith in Jesus Christ, God’s Son. Don’t put off this important decision until it is too late.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">--Mary C.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Two “Ifs”</u></p> <p>IF we say that we have fellowship with him (God), and walk in darkness (of sin), we lie, and do not the truth: But IF we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin (1 John 1:6-7).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">“Temptations are like birds. You can't keep them from flying over your head, but you can keep them from nesting in your hair.”</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">“Opportunity is often missed because we are broadcasting when we should be tuning in.”</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">“Sometimes we worship the God of our experience, instead of experiencing the God of our worship.”</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">“Nothing is beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies beyond the will of God.” --Boyd</p>	<p>Praises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for his abundant blessings towards His children • Praise God for over 2,500 Bibles (marked NT) distributed in Walpole this spring and summer! <p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety for Bro. Craig and Bro. Andrew traveling to PA 10/16-21 to visit family and friends • Pray for Pastor Gary Freeman (<i>Race Street Baptist Church in Catsauqua, 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)

COMING JANUARY 2014:

'Milk for the Meat Eaters' a daily e-devotional by Brother Andrew Lacroix

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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**

