



Hunger For Truth

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“Let us Hunger For Truth”

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**** HAPPY THANKSGIVING ****
Thank You Lord For Saving My Soul!



Colossians 4:2

"Milk For the Meat Eaters" Daily Email Devotional Invitation

Dear Hunger For Truth readers,

(**2nd Invitation**)

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It is All God's Convicting & A Former Land

(Devotionals By: Andrew Lacroix - Editor of Milk For The Meat Eaters)

Morning: "It is All God's Convicting"

"And as I (Peter) began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning" (Acts 11:15)

Peter is recounting to the church at Jerusalem his meeting with the Gentiles, and here he makes a very important point. He was doing the talking, but he needed the Holy Ghost to do the main part of the work.

That is the way all of us need to see things. This is true in witnessing, in worship, and in our daily time in the Word: It is all God's convicting. The Holy Ghost will do the work in our heart and the hearts of others. Had it not been this way, they would have been impressed with Peter, and not the One who was in Peter.

The Holy Ghost had first come upon Peter and the apostles at Pentecost (Acts 1-2), and from there they were never the same again. They no longer had the Lord Jesus Christ at their side, but rather, within each and every one of them. If you're saved, He dwells within you! Praise God!

The Holy Spirit was working on the hearts of those at Jerusalem to make them open to the idea of Gentiles being genuinely converted and becoming members of the local church established there. This was necessary, because the Gospel is open to "whosoever", not just the Jews. This was the effectual opening that led to the ministries of Barnabas, Paul, and Timothy, among others.

Let's remember this morning that the Holy Spirit, if it is not grieved (cf. Eph. 4:30) will do the convicting and it is up to us to open our mouths and let Him work. What door will you and I open up by just letting Him do the work He is supposed to do?

Evening: "A Former Land"

"And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned." (Hebrews 11:15)

Abraham and Sarah were definitely in a strange place. The Promised Land was totally new to them, and far different than Haran (Syria), their last dwelling place. Yet before that both were in Ur of the Chaldees (present day Iraq or Iran). They had traveled 800-900 miles around the Arabian Desert to get here. So they could have returned unto this land?

It was plausible, the writer tells us. However, God had much better for them in the Promised Land. They were away from their families and the influences of their family. Their families didn't have the walk with God that Abraham and Sarah enjoyed. Abraham's father, Terah, served other gods for a long time. Joshua confirmed this in his farewell speech (cf. 24:2). Those other gods could ruin Abraham's walk, so God wanted them in a separated land, where they were nomads, away from the world's religion.

When God saved us from our sins, He not only changed our hearts, but our directions as well. He no longer wants us to dwell in the iniquities and idolatries of the world, but possibly the "former land" we used to

live in. Abraham had to move 900 miles away to get out of the pagan culture that hindered his walk for years. Could you and I have to move to get out of the dangerous territory we are in so we can enhance our walk with God?

Sure, you could stay where you are and try to be the testimony you can be for God, and if it works out for you, then praise God. However, many are forced to leave families, friends, and others because they no longer want to walk with them for fear of compromising. Abraham did it and was greatly blessed. Why give room for possible compromise? If you know it will not work, up and leave, lest you lose your testimony.

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?**

Based on the devotional "Baptist Bread" Sept./Oct. 2010 by Caleb Thompson

Passage: Hebrews 12:15

Emotion(s): Bitterness

Cause: Pride and bitterness

Effect: Many be defiled

What does the passage say?: Bitterness is a root that only survives in the soil of pride. It is but the symptom of a far deeper problem, and to manage the complications alone is tantamount to treating cancer with morphine--the symptoms and the pain may subside, but the cancer spreads as aggressively as before. Bitterness is the indication that the cancer of pride festers in the soul, its roots anchored in selfish expectations.

What does the passage say to you and I?: Bitterness only resides in the heart that harbors the arrogant assumption that life owes us something. Life has been good to others while only affording us difficulty, and the heart is tempted to be bitterly disappointed. Another's spiritual gift or talents shadow ours, and we are prone to bitterness. Another's labors are met with success and ours with failure, giving the heart bitter envy. Another's possessions are nicer than ours, inclining the heart to bitter jealousy. Another sibling was given more opportunities, a spouse doesn't understand us, a parent disappointed us, our heart's desire for attention and affection is unmet, and bitterness takes root.

What should you and I do about it?: Do not be mistaken. Many are defiled by bitterness. Not just hurt. Not only divided, disregarded and neglected. Not even unaffected. The scripture defines the effects as far worse: Defiled! Many are defiled! A term most commonly used to describe sensual sins is used here to describe bitterness. Its effects reach much farther than the individual's heart. Not only are those defiled to whom bitterness is directed, but many innocent bystanders are defiled too.

How do you and I stay accountable?: Examine your heart & life and search for that bitter root. Seek His face in prayer & repent of any bitterness. Then, tell those whom you've hurt by your bitterness that you are sorry and ask their forgiveness. Seek counsel from your parents and pastor. O' believer, don't let bitterness fester and build up for the root of bitterness will grow deeper and deeper and YOU and OTHERS will be defiled! You must get rid of the weed of bitterness by the root or it will grow back!

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

Ducklings and Chicks, Wheat and Tares

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The following by Pastor Rolland Starr is from *The Cornerstone Challenge*, June 1986:

I remember reading of a man named Dr. R.B. Shattuck who put duck eggs under a brooding hen. Some very amusing things happened, as he related. He said that next to human beings, hens are the most easily hum-bugged creatures and that putting duck eggs under a hen is one of the biggest jokes on that farm. When the ducks are hatched it is a tragedy for the hen and a comedy for the bystanders. The ducklings go where they please, utterly indifferent to the hen's frantic clucking and cackling. They do not understand the hens' frantic utterings, and she does not know whether they are happy or suffering pain. They eat what she forbids and refuse what she offers. They never follow her; she is always following them trying to get them to do her bidding. They head for the nearest mud puddle and she almost has a nervous breakdown. When they become waterlogged and sticky with mud, they rub themselves against her to dry themselves off. It is a one-way relationship -- she is compelled to "mother" the ducks, but they never even approximate being her chicks. It is a sad situation to say the least.

It is quite easy to see in all of this a parallel with many who call themselves children of God. They proclaim that God is their Father, but there is little resemblance and no obedience. God is bound to be their Father, but they need not be His children. There is no interest in the things of God and they have no heart to do the things He requires. As in the former case, something is radically wrong. While many have a smattering of Bible knowledge, they simply are not children of God. They have never experienced new birth. They have not been born of God; just as the ducks were not really born of the hen, these people were never fathered by God Himself. Peter tells us that the true child of God is a "Partaker of the Divine Nature." Is one a child of God when he cares not for the things of our heavenly Father. One may claim to be saved but if he is like the "ducklings," always seeking his own interests, his actions and desires reveal his true nature. Where there is no desire to meet regularly with the people of God, no interest in reading and keeping His Word, no heartfelt communication through prayer and fellowship, it is difficult to believe that God's life indeed resides there. "If any man be in Christ, He is a New Creature: Old Things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). One who knows anything about the suffering and death of Christ, His resurrection for our justification, cannot be indifferent to His voice and concerns. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and they follow me."

The Bible speaks of wheat and tares. The tares looked just like the wheat and it was only upon close examination that their true nature was discovered: there was no grain. The devil is a great deceiver and he has fooled many in our day. Multitudes have heard the Gospel, raised their hand, prayed a prayer and assumed that this was some magic formula for getting saved. Now, you may do these things from the heart and truly become a child of God, but it is equally true that one may go through the motions and remain a child of Satan.

For hundreds of years men have tried to simulate a true cultured pearl. Many good imitations

have been produced and multitudes have been fooled. But experts can now detect the real thing from a counterfeit through the use of X-rays, electro-magnets and other means. They can examine the "heart" of the pearl. After all, salvation is a heart matter (not merely head). Rom. 10 says that he who BELIEVES IN HIS HEART SHALL BE SAVED. God knows every heart.

You cannot fool Him for one moment. "YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN." Are you? Is there any evidence? Or, are you claiming His name while running around totally oblivious to His will? Are you doing your own thing? I plead with you to stop and think about the reality of your Christian life. Jesus said many would come to Him in the Day of Judgment claiming to belong to him, but He will have to say, "DEPART FROM ME YE THAT WORK INIQUITY." God loves you, He sent His Son to die for you, and He will truly save you if you will humbly call upon that name which is above every name. "WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

:) Children For Christ :)

THE BOOK BEFORE

Memory Verse: Joshua 1:8a – “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein:...”

Match the book of the Bible to the book that comes **before** it:

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| 1. Jeremiah | A. Job |
| 2. Ecclesiastes | B. Isaiah |
| 3. Malachi | C. Proverbs |
| 4. Exodus | D. Zechariah |
| 5. Psalms | E. Genesis |
| 6. Titus | F. Mark |
| 7. Jude | G. Philippians |
| 8. Galatians | H. 2 Timothy |
| 9. Luke | I. 3 John |
| 10. Colossians | J. 2 Corinthians |

Jeremiah 1:17-19 “Bold To Proclaim” (By: Bro. Tim Dunkin)

Jeremiah 1:17-19

“Bold to Proclaim”

Theme: In God’s commissioning of Jeremiah to the ministry, He warranted to the prophet the command to boldly proclaim to an unbelieving nation, and guaranteed it with the promise of His unflinching support so long as he was faithful.

Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them. For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

I. The Command to Boldness (v. 17)

A. The preparation for proclamation

1. Gird up thy loins – readying yourself to perform the task at hand.
 - a. Are you prayer up and depending on the Lord? (Psalm 55:17)
 - b. Are you grounded in the Word, rightly dividing it through diligent study? (II Timothy 2:15)
 - c. Have you settled in your own heart that you will be faithful to the end? (Luke 6:47-48)
2. And arise – there has to be follow through, action in proclaiming the Word of God.

B. The mandate for proclamation

1. Preaching is the method God has established for the dissemination and propagation of His truth (Romans 10:14-15)
2. Further, when a man of God proclaims the truths of God’s Word faithfully, he is to the hearers as the oracle of God – to mind him is to mind God (I Peter 4:11).
3. Preachers of the true Word speak as God commands them – thus sayeth the Lord – and act under His authority.

C. The warning of proclamation

1. If we carry the oracles of God to the people, let us do so wholeheartedly; it were better to act with the full assurance of His authority than to weakly sound a feeble trumpet (I Corinthians 14:8).
2. Do not allow the fear of man to silence, distort, or hinder the oracles we bring (Proverbs 29:25).
3. God will not have any mealy-mouthed, compromising preachers purporting to represent Him.
4. Those He will *confound* – dismay, break, shatter, terrify – before their opponents, which is why the more that modern day churchianity compromises and dilutes the truths of God’s Word, the less respect it gets and the less spiritual power it has.
5. It is better not to proclaim at all than to mock God with a weak, milksop imitation of faith.

II. The Assurance of Boldness (v. 18)

- A. Yet, to the preacher who sets his heart on faithfully proclaiming the Word of God, God promises strength in boldness that our flesh could never muster.
- B. God promised to make Jeremiah:
 - 1. A defenced city – a promise of protection to the prophet, not so much of physical sanctity as of spiritual fortification and integrity. God would help Jeremiah stand firm.
 - 2. An iron pillar – a promise of enabling Jeremiah to bear up under the weight and stress of his impending ministry of often ridiculed and ignored prophecy.
 - 3. Brasen walls – a promise that Jeremiah would be a defender of other godly men, would be an encouragement and support for that small remnant.
- C. The faithful preacher of God's words in any and all ages needs boldness to proclaim them in the face of:
 - 1. Political opposition and persecution (II Timothy 3:12)
 - 2. Religious opposition from false religionists
 - 3. Popular opinion that opposes truth.
- D. God will give it – if we stand firm and truth Him.

III. The Victory in Boldness (v. 19)

- A. If there is one thing that the faithful man of God can be sure of, it is that he will face opposition on many different fronts.
- B. Yet, if he is faithful to the end, he will obtain the victory in his ministry, his crown before the Lord, in fulfilling his course (II Timothy 4:8)
- C. God did not promise Jeremiah crowds of converts or the accolades of an array of repentant sinners – just the opposite in fact (Jeremiah 7:27, also this verse – “fight against thee”)
- D. What He did promise, however, was to never leave nor forsake Jeremiah in his dutiful discharge of his calling.
- E. Man cannot take that away from us, no matter what.
- F. God is with us to deliver us, and He will enable us to stand firm on Him as long as we remain faithfully-hearted to do His will (Hebrews 13:5) – there is no need to compromise for earthly laud or gain.

Challenge – As a preacher and proclaimer of God's Word, are you being faithful to sound forth the whole counsel of God, not fearing what man may say or do?

<p>“Focus on God who has your life circumstances under His control!”</p>	<p>“Great trials prepare us for great service!”</p>
<p>From the Book: Touching Heaven By Prayer Prayer is a radio-wave through which the children of men here on earth may have constant, uninterrupted contact with the throne of the Most High God. His radio receiver is always open, day and night, to receive the prayers, the radio calls from those who believe on Him here one earth. But in order to reach the throne of the Almighty God and Creator, man must have his radio transmitter in order, his heart and mind pure and in tune. This radio must be in full and constant subjection to the Lord. Otherwise it is in vain to try to establish contact with God and receive from Him the needed help at the right time.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>-By: N.I. Salof Astakoff</i></p>	<p>Praises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God and be thankful for ALL He Hath done for you! <p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job and living situation needs for Bro. Craig and Andrew • Pray for Pastor Gary Freeman (Race Street Baptist Church in Catasauqua, PA) who is battling colon cancer. • Needs of New Hope Baptist Church of Lynn, MA • Those affected by the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines • 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)

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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

