



Hunger For Truth

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Proverbs 7:2 – Matthew 5:6 – John 8:32 – II Timothy 3:16-17 – Hebrews 4:2
“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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Psalm 86 (By: Craig Glickman)

This wonderful Psalm (*as are all the Psalms*) is rich in wisdom, knowledge and blessing and has so much to teach the believer. You could title this study “A Prayer for Deliverance.”

This Psalm was written by David during a very tough period in his life. He was dealing with many manifold trials, troubles and temptations at this time period. To start, please look at verse 1 and 2. The end of verse 1 says, “...for I am poor and needy.” Prayer that arises out of humility, affliction and great need is prayer that God will hear and usually will answer. He has a special care for His people who are broken and needy. In Matthew 6:25-34 our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us that we should not worry and that He will provide all our needs.

Verse 3 of our passage says, “be merciful unto me, o' Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.” We also see accounts of David crying unto the Lord in Psalm 56:1 and 57:1. David cried unto the Lord in prayer

for daily comfort and provision of his needs. Psalm 56:1 says, “Be merciful unto me o' God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me...” and Psalm 57:1 says, “Be merciful unto me o' God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.” This passage reminds me of the great old hymn “Till the Storm Passes by” and the Lord will keep us thru the storm. It also reminds me of the hymn “I need Jesus” and you and I do need Jesus everyday for without Him we can do nothing! We can not even walk without Him holding our hand. We need to be as dependent upon the Lord as David was and give all we are and have to the Lord.

In verse 4, the Psalmist is lifting up all his soul and being to God alone! Psalm 25:1 says, “Unto thee o' Lord do I lift up my soul.” Psalm 143:8 says, “Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.” Nobody and nothing else could or can satisfy except the living word (Jesus Christ) and the written word (The Bible). We must willingly and humbly surrender our whole spirit, soul and body to the Lord.

Verse 5 says, “For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.” Wow! What a passage. Psalm 145:8-9 says, “The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.” In Psalm 130:7 we read, “Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.” Our Lord is indeed ready to forgive, plenteous in mercy, ready to redeem, good, slow to anger, of great mercy, and is able more than able to deliver you. God will show mercy and compassion to all who sincerely repent of their sin and trust Christ.

In verse 6, the Psalmist is asking God to hear his prayer and in verse 7, he knows that God will hear and answer him in accordance to His perfect will. God will place His desire upon our hearts (Ps. 37:4) as we fully trust in and depend upon Him and His desires should far exceed our desires. Do you and I desire God and His will for our lives more than anything or anyone else?

In verse 8, the Psalmist is saying how there is only ONE God. Many passages teach that. Just a few are Exodus 15:11 says, “Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?” Psalm 89:6 says, “For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the Lord?” Also, there is none that can perform works like God! Deuteronomy 3:24 says, “O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might?” Wow! Who indeed is like unto Jehovah? Nobody and nothing, amen!

Verse 9 says, “All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.” This passage says that all nations shall come and worship before thee! We read of this again in Rev. 15:4 and Isa. 66:23. I won't post them for sake of space but I encourage you to look them up in your Bible. I believe these along with several other passages in the Bible speak of how everybody will someday bow down before God and worship and glorify Him.

Verse 10 says, “For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.” It tells us in Psalm 72:18, “Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.” God is great and does wonderous things and He is the only one who can do those things. In the last part of verse 10, the Psalmist says, “...thou are God alone.” Deuteronomy 6:4-5 says, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.” Jesus Himself repeats this passage in Mark 12:29 and calls it the 1st of all the commandments!

Verse 11 says, “Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.”

Here, the Psalmist wants to know God's will, walk in His truth and fear God. Psalm 25:4 says, "Show me thy ways o' Lord; teach me thy paths." You see, in the midst of his affliction and trouble, the Psalmist humbly asks God to teach him His ways and His truth, that he might fear God from the heart. When we are experiencing trials and difficulties, we must cry out to God for wisdom to walk in His ways and for a heart that truly fears and delights in His truth.

Verses 12-13 says, "I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell." Here we see that we should praise God with all our heart and glorify His name forever. It should be our hearts desire daily to praise God and glorify His matchless name. In verse 13, we see God's mercy is great towards us and that He has delivered our souls from hell, which in this case, the Psalmist means 'grave'. But when we trusted Christ as our personal Lord and Savior from sin He delivered our souls from a spiritual grave and from an eternal burning hell! O' what a Savior!

Verse 14 says, "O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them." Here, the Psalmist sees how those that are after him are not seeking after God. The world won't like us because we live separated lives. Believers should not seek after the things of this world, but rather after godly things. The word of God replaces the world.

Verse 15 says, "But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth." Again, the Psalmist is praising God for His attributes. These passages also show many of God's wonderful attributes:

Exodus 34:6 - "And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,"

Joel 2:13 - "And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil."

Nehemiah 9:17 - "And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not." *(In this passage we see God's grace and mercy shown towards some that were not even serving Him! His grace is indeed greater than all our sin!)*

In Psalm 103:8, we read, "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy." What a God we serve! It is His desire that we live by faith and faithfully serve Him. Why would we not want to serve Him and give Him our all?

In closing, verses 16-17 say, "O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid. Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me." Here the Psalmist asks God for mercy and he desires to see a token for good so those that hate him might see it and be ashamed because God had helped and comforted him.

God had provided deliverance for the Psalmist. God can and will deliver you from your troubles and give you peace, joy and comfort daily when we surrender our all to Him and trust Him alone. He promises in His word to supply all our needs. O' dear reader, why not pray and trust Him to deliver you as He did the Psalmist? He is able more than able to deliver thee.

“People are Like Books” (Anonymous)

People are like books... they are [loved](#) and cherished by their author and creator and too often are passed by and overlooked because of what the critics said.

People are like books... waiting to be [loved](#) and appreciated for their [true](#) content and uniqueness inside them, and not to be compared to the best sellers.

Judge a [book](#) by it's cover, you might just miss a [great](#) story. Judge a [person](#) by the outside, you might just miss being [part](#) of a [great](#) story.

“Alone” (Part #15) (By: Craig Glickman)

This is the continuation of a long, yet informative study on every appearance of the word “alone” in the Bible. This word appears 106 times in the King James Version. For sake of space, I will show only the reference but I encourage you to take your Bible and read the passages.

John 8:9 – This is the passage of the women caught in adultery. After speaking in the temple (vs. 2) Scribes and Pharisees brought Jesus as women taken in adultery and commanded to Him that she should be stoned and wanted to know what Jesus thought (vs. 3-5). Jesus then writes on the ground (vs. 6). He then tells them to cast a stone at her if they are without sin and stoops back down to the ground (vs. 7-8). They were convicted by this in our passage from the eldest to the youngest and all left leaving the women alone with Jesus. They saw her sin but no their own sin before a thrice holy God. This is a great passage of our Savior's grace and forgiveness and reflects His redemptive purpose for the human race (vs. 10-11, John 3:16). He was not condoning or overlooking her sin. I believe she was convicted of her sin of adultery and was willing to repent and try to restore the relationship with her husband, for Jesus, being God, knew her heart that she would do this.

John 8:16 – In this passage, Jesus says, “...I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.” This is the passage that shows Jesus as the Light of the World (vs. 12-20). The Pharisee's were doubting He was Christ (vs. 13). He then tells them He is not alone and that He and the Father that sent Him judge together (vs. 14-16). What does this make Jesus? It makes Him God! Amen!

John 8:29 – This is the passage where Jesus warns of unbelief (vs.21-30). Jesus teaches that He will do nothing of Himself, but as the Father hath taught Him, He speaks these things (vs. 21-27, 28). He goes on to say that the Father is with Him and hath not left Him alone (vs. 29). Jesus in His manhood desired to please the Father in all He said and did. Is this mine and your desire? We all need to strive to do the Father's will and do always that which pleases Him! We can do this for we are not alone, we have the Spirit indwelling us.

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?**

Passage: Proverbs 23:17

Emotion(s): Envy

Cause: lost sinners and saved people seeming to have more than you have and getting away with sin

Effect: envying what others have that you don't have

What does the passage say?: This is teaching several things I will address in points:

1. The lost and saved can have more than you have
2. The lost and saved seem to get away with sin, but they're sin will find them out. – Num. 32:23
3. The lost and saved can and do envy others who have more than they do.
4. The lost and saved can and do envy those 'getting away' with sin. – Num. 32:23
5. The fear of the Lord brings true happiness, peace and contentment (Prov. 28:14)

What does the passage say to you and I?: It can be very hard to not envy those who have material things, positive circumstances of life, talents, knowledge, skills, jobs, relationships, etc. that you and I do not have. In fact, it is very easy to fall into sin and envy these people. I know it is hard for me! I often envy some of the previously mentioned that I don't have and long for and wonder why. God makes no mistakes (He will keep His word) and He has your life and mine perfectly planned out and you and I need to fully trust and depend on Him! How do we do this? By walking in the fear of the Lord and living by faith. We must be content in whatever state we are in and be thankful, realizing everything we are and have is by the grace of God! We deserve nothing but the lowest hell! We need to be careful of being ungrateful!

There are also those who are seemingly get away with sin when indeed nobody ever gets away with sin (Num. 32:23)! The lost sin habitually and don't even know it, or they just don't care, for they are lost and the foolishness of sin is all they know! If you are chastened by the Lord for some sin, repent, forsake it and be thankful. Don't envy those who are seeming to 'get away' with sin.

What should you and I do about it?: Walk in the fear of the Lord all the day long

How do you and I stay accountable?: Seek guidance and godly counsel from family, pastor, friends

A Tract Act (Author Unknown)

Placing the tract in a restroom on an interstate highway was an act of faith and obedience. The retiree had faith in the power of the gospel in written form. He also had faith God would honor his efforts.

A business man from a city two hours away found that tract. It stayed, unread, in his wallet for two years! While transferring the contents of his wallet into a new one, he re-discovered the tract. Now, though, his life, business and marriage were all broken.

With his broken life now ready for help he read the tract. Within a month he, his wife, and two adult sons had all come to Christ! How did these folk get saved? It came because of a "Tract Act".

Editors Note: This testimony is incredible! I am a firm believer in this. I encourage each and every one of you to faithfully distribute these 'silent evangelists' (gospel tracts) just as this retiree did that led a whole family in despair to victory in Jesus!

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6) (By: Craig Glickman)

Keys of Sin and Salvation from Sin

Sin Keys:

1. There is none righteous, no not one (Romans 3:10)
2. All have sinned (Romans 3:23)
3. All have come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)
4. The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23)
5. Your iniquities have separated between you and your God (Isaiah 59:2)

Salvation Keys:

1. The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23)
2. By grace are ye saved through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9)
3. It is not of ourselves, or of works (lest we should boast). It is the gift of God! (Ephesians 2:8-9)
4. We are justified by faith without the deeds of the law (Romans 3:28)
5. God commendeth His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)
6. Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13)
7. God so loved the world (John 3:16)
8. He gave His only Son (John 3:16)
9. Whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16)

Have you accepted the FREE GIFT of SALVATION?

:) Children For Christ :)

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:105 “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

THE BOOK AFTER

Take your Bible or from memory and write the name of the Bible book that comes after the books listed below:

1. Genesis _____
2. Leviticus _____
3. Daniel _____
4. Ruth _____
5. Job _____
6. Matthew _____
7. Acts _____
8. Hebrews _____
9. Jude _____
10. Philemon _____

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| <p>“See this world not for how bad it is, but how powerful the gospel is.”</p> | <p>“No problem has eternal life”</p> |
| <p>“Focus on God who has your life circumstances under His control!”</p> <p>“God can be early. He is never late, but always on time.”</p> | <p><u>Praises</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safe trip for Brother Andrew to PA over Thanksgiving to visit family and friends and the opportunity to share Christ with his friends and loved ones. <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman) • Lacroix family (Salvation) • Rusty and family (Salvation) • Job situation for Craig Glickman (current shift, day shift, new job) |

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

