



# 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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## *“Milk For the Meat Eaters” Daily Email Devotional Invitation*

Dear Hunger For Truth readers, (\*\*3rd Invitation\*\*)  
Milk for the Meat Eaters will be starting on January 1, 2014. MFTM is a daily email devotional that will be sent to your Inbox on a daily basis. Subscriptions are now being taken. If you wish to subscribe to Milk for the Meat Eaters, please email Bro. Andrew Lacroix at: [milkforthemeateaters@gmail.com](mailto:milkforthemeateaters@gmail.com)

## *Magnetized By God's Word*

August 7, 2013 (Fundamental Baptist Information Service, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, 866-295-4143, [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org)) --

The following is from John Phillips' commentary on Psalm 119:

"My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times" (Psa. 119:20).

The word longing means "fervent desire." The person who has discovered the worth of God's Word yearns fervently to read it. It is attractive to one's soul.

A needle free to move will turn toward a nearby magnet. The nature of the magnet has affinity with the nature of the needle. As a result, put a needle on the table near a magnet and it will rush instantly to the magnet the moment it is set free to move. When we are saved, the Lord does something to our soul. He does something to our nature. He puts His own nature in us, and that new nature responds to the drawing power of the Word of God.

There is something else, too. Let a needle keep company with a magnet for any length of time, and it will take on the same nature. A magnet gets its strength from many tiny magnetic dipoles, all laid down in an orderly way, lying together in the same direction. In an ordinary needle or piece of steel, the magnetic dipoles lie in a thousand directions. There is no order, just chaos. When a needle comes under the influence of a magnet for any length of time, a miracle takes place. The disoriented dipoles are rearranged, order is brought out of chaos, and the needle takes on the nature of the magnet. It becomes magnetized. It has a measure of the power we associate with the magnet. It has a drawing power of its own derived from the magnet.

That is what God's Word will do for us. It brings our chaotic, disorderly lives into line. We take on the characteristics of the Word of God, and the mysterious power residing in this Book is imparted to our own lives. Then we have the power to attract other people.

Nor is that all. Float a magnetized needle on water, or balance it on a pivot where it is free to move, and it will align itself so that it points toward the north, to that place where the earth's own magnetic lines of force come together. God's dwelling place, in Scripture, is said to be "in the sides of the north" (Isaiah 14:13). That is the point to which the magnetized needle points, toward God's home. That is where the redeemed heart points, the heart that has bared its longings to the Word of God. It points toward home.

The psalmist had discovered longings in his soul which only God's Word could satisfy. As the needle turns toward the magnet and the magnetized needle toward the north, so his soul yearned toward God's Word and toward Heaven (John Phillips' commentary on Psalm 119).

## *The Glorious Baggage of the Love of God*

*November 21, 2013 (Fundamental Baptist Information Service, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, 866-295-4143, fbns@wayoflife.org) --*

*The following is by Pastor Buddy Smith, Grace Baptist Church, Malanda, Queensland  
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One of the most neglected texts that speaks of the love of God is Rev. 3:19, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous, therefore, and repent." Our Lord's letter to the Laodicean church contains strong reproofs. He exposes their lukewarmness, their wretched condition, their miserable state, their poverty and blindness, their nakedness and its shame. And then He tells them why He rebukes them so strongly; IT IS BECAUSE HE LOVES THEM AND REQUIRES REPENTANCE, ZEALOUS REPENTANCE, FROM THEM!

There is a new softness pervading churches that once called themselves Fundamental Baptist churches. It is a hybridized and artificial fruit pastors are grafting on to our old roots. It is characterized by a new atmosphere in our churches, an atmosphere that wafts down the aisles from the pulpit occasionally. Maybe you have sniffed this new "parfum" and didn't realise what was being preached.

It comes across something like this, "We mustn't be so confrontational in our sharing of the gospel. We must not tell people that they are sinners and on the way to hell. We just need to love them and let God do the work in their hearts, and just be longsuffering with them. After all, what is sin to you may not be sin to them. We must not tell them that certain music is bad or that long hair on men and short skirts on women are sinful. It is not our job to spy on their FaceBook entries or their computer websites and TV programs."

This is the new image of Independent Baptists, not only in Australia, but all over the world. And we got it from Evanjeljyfish!

How does this match up with the words of Jesus in Rev. 3:19 (as above)?

He says He chastens and rebukes those He loves and requires fervent repentance from them! Do you see the disconnect here? Our dear Lord and Saviour preaches one thing and we practice another? There is a word for that. Actually, there are a number of words in the Bible for that. Rebellion, disobedience, lawlessness, sin, iniquity, and others. Jude describes it as "turning the grace of God into lasciviousness." He says it is a mark of apostasy.

Consider for a moment the proofs of Rev. 3:19. Did the Lord Jesus Christ ever rebuke and chasten those He loved?

- 1) He rebuked Simon Peter on more than one occasion. Because He loved him.
- 2) He reprovved the unbelief and self seeking of all His disciples. Because He loved them.
- 3) He stripped bare the hypocrisy of the Pharisees on several occasions. Because He loved them.
- 4) He confronted the Samaritan woman's adulteries. Because He loved her.
- 5) He cleansed the temple twice and drove the crooks out the door. Because He loved them.
- 6) He preached on Hell more than Heaven. Because He loved sinners.
- 7) He identified religious movements and named the wicked. Because He loved those ensnared by them.
- 8) He taught His apostles to do the same and commanded them to teach their converts to do so as well. Because He loves the souls of men.

There are many more, but you see the facts. The Love of God has its glorious baggage. It comes equipped with rebuke, chastening, and solemn warnings of judgment. It has at one and the same time, a tender heart and thunder on its brow. God's love is confrontational.

It's not tough love. It is God's love.

## *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 11/13-12/13*

**Passage:** Job 16:2

**Emotion(s):** Misery and harshness

**Cause:** Job's friend's false comfort

**Effect:** Job is discouraged and calls them miserable comforters

**What does the passage say?:** Job was a devoted and faithful servant of God. He was suffering for the glory of God. However, he was not without fault or sin. Yet, the trials that he faced were not because of chastening. Many a servant of God will serve in obscurity or amidst conflicts and trials for the glory of God. Many will face lonely times, dark times, trials and tribulations of many kinds and forms, but these are likely God's refining to mold us into vessels for the Master's use so that we might come forth as gold!

**What does the passage say to you and I?:** As a servant of God, you will be visited by those that come to "help" you in your tough times with harsh words. These are words of pride, accusation, spiritual superiority and ignorance. What are needed are words of encouragement, help and edifying! As the old saying goes, "if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all!" The Bible says in Proverbs 15:1, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." It is so easy to tear somebody down in this day and age rather than building them up. It is easy to tell people what to do, but we cannot often relate to the situation because it is not our problem or we have never faced it. We can have a wrong perception of others. It is hard for the rich to put themselves in the place of the poor. It is difficult for the healthy to put themselves in the place of the afflicted.

**What should you and I do about it?:** It would be good for each of us to consider what we would want to hear, if we were in harsh circumstances as Job was in our passage. Possibly, that God is in control and that He loves you. Maybe, that God is faithful and has a perfect plan and purpose for YOU and YOUR life! We might say that we love them, are praying for them, and will help. Yet, all too often, like Job's "friends" we are prone to give out opinion about what someone has done or what they should do. We often forget that these are the servants of God and God is the help and strength they need! We need to strive to encourage and NOT discourage someone in their walk with God!

**How do you and I stay accountable?:** Seek to edify, encourage and be a blessing to others today! Strive to put Jesus and the word first, others second and self last! Like our precious Lord and Savior is to us, strive to be a true FRIEND to others!

## Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

### Biblical Salvation: “Just the facts please”

(By: Bible Baptist Church – [www.bbc-cromwell.org](http://www.bbc-cromwell.org))

- Sin entered the world (*Romans 5:12*)
- There are none righteous (*Romans 3:10*)
- No one does good (*Romans 3:12; Psalm 14:3; Ecclesiastes 7:20*)
- All have sinned – come short of glory (*Romans 3:23*)
- The wages (or payment) of sin is death (*Romans 6:23; John 3:36; Ezekiel 18:1*)
- The end result for death (*Revelation 20:14*)
- You have ONE death – ONE chance (*Hebrews 9:27*)
- Salvation through Jesus alone (*1 John 5:11; Colossians 1:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:1*)
- Baptism does NOT save (*Romans 10:13*)
- Mary cannot save you (*Luke 1:47*)
- Worshiping saints cannot save you (*John 14:6*)
- Believe He is the Savior (*John 8:24*)
- You cannot be saved by your works (*Romans 2:9; Galatians 2:16*)
- You must be saved by Christ's work (*1 Peter 2:24; Romans 6:23; Romans 9:28; Romans 5:1; 2 Timothy 3:15; 1 John 5:11-14*)
- Grace gained by faith (*Ephesians 2:8-9*)
- How and where to get faith (*Romans 10:17*)
- Belief in God is NOT enough (*James 2:19*)
- You must believe the gospel to be saved (*1 Corinthians 15:4*)
- You must repent of your sins (*Mark 1:15*)
- You have two responsibilities unto salvation (*Romans 10:9*)
- God wants to save YOU (*1 Timothy 2:4*)

**GOD WANTS TO SAVE YOU!**

:) Children For Christ :)

### CONCERNING BROOKS

**Memory Verse: Matthew 4:19 – “And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”**

Dear reader, have you pondered the lessons of the water brooks of the Bible? Match the Bible stories about brooks to the passage, then read the passages, take a blank sheet of paper and write a paragraph or two about what you learned.

1. Numbers 13:23
  - A. The brook of Eschol whispers of the fruit that was brought to convince the Israelites of the land that lay ahead of them in the path of God's will. For 40 years they did not enter the promised land because of unbelief.
2. 1 Samuel 17:40
  - B. David at the brook from which he selected the smooth stone which brought down Goliath and gave him a drink also.

3. 1 Kings 17:3-7

C. Our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, passing over the brook Cedron (*The dark stream*). This was the way He must walk to Calvary to take the place of the sinner. (See \*)

4. John 18:1

D. Tells us of Elijah's brook, Cherith. How its bubbling waters tell of the all-sufficiency of our God for every circumstance.

\*Dear reader, Jesus, YOUR Savior crossed Cedron (*The dark stream*) for us and died upon that cruel cross of Calvary, that we have no dark river to stand between us and heaven. (Revelation 22:17)

*-Adapted from a gospel tract*

**“Find your purpose and fling your life out into it; and the loftier your purpose is, the more sure you will be to make the world richer with enrichment of yourself.” -Phillips Brooks**

**“Eternal things may not be seen by the natural eye, but to the one who has claimed the promise of eternal life and entered into fellowship with the Savior there is always a consciousness of the upward pull, which of itself is assurance enough for him.” – T. DeWitt Talmadge**



**Bro. Andrew and Bro. Craig (top; left to right) with Pastor Dan Herr and family (bottom) at Chester Baptist Church in Chester, MA (11/17/13)**

**Praises**

- Praise God for 3 great days of fellowship Brother Craig and Brother Andrew had with Pastor Dan Herr (*Chester Baptist Church*) and his family in Chester, MA! We praise God for the great privilege we had in heralding forth God's precious holy word in the evening service on 11/17!

**Prayer Requests**

- 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
- Needs of Chester Baptist Church of Chester, MA
- Missionary Tim Hawes (To Papua New Guinea) (Church Planting, Bible Translation, Agricultural Development)
- Brother Bill Moore of Heritage Baptist Church (Health needs)
- 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 Brother Andrew Lacroix's family
- 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***

