



Hunger For Truth

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MINISTRIES

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,

(Starting January 1, 2014**)**

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

Is Anything Too Hard? (Author Unknown)

It does not take much before we realize that there are many things that we cannot do. Our physical strength fails, our intellect becomes cloudy, and our emotions can get out of control. It is at this time

that we realize that we easily have the tendency to faint, fail, and fall. Isaiah 40 reminds us of this, "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall."

When we find ourselves in this condition, there is only one way we can look-up! Our gracious God has declared something to His saints that should cause us to take heart.

When Abraham and Sarah were struggling to believe the promise of God, He asked them a question. "Is there anything too hard for the LORD?"

When Jeremiah was contemplating the awful judgment of God, God asked Him the same question. "Is there anything too hard for me?"

When Mary was told that she as a virgin would give birth to the Son of God, He gave her a profound statement. "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

When the Disciples were wondering over the ability for a man to be saved, Christ reminded them of something. "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

Oh that God's people would keep these thoughts in their minds and hearts. There is nothing too hard for our Almighty, Omnipotent Savior!

It is our job to realize that we cannot do these things, for truly with men it is impossible; but not with God. This calls for every believer to place their dependence upon Him for all things.

The Old Testament calls for this in Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."

The idea of waiting is to place full hope and confidence in God as the source of all things. Those who truly put their faith in God can expect to claim this promise!

The New Testament calls for this in Matthew 17:20, "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you."

The powerful thought is that with faith in God and in full dependence upon Him, the things that were once impossible now become possible!

Remember it is not of us, but ALL of HIM!

Only a Fool Trips On What's Behind Him

"Only a fool trips on what's behind him." How many of us are habitually tripped up by our past. Whether victories or defeats, by constantly going back to them is futile. Our past is history, we cannot re-write it. Those who attempt to undo the unpleasanties only make them worse; and each time we return to previous achievements, they lose some of their original luster.

To live one's present life in the past is to feed upon stale, moldy bread.

Memories, good or bad, are not the material a person builds his or her life upon. Many have mortgaged the present by the past. Don't allow the past to cripple you in the present. Occupy yourself with what is,

not what was. Don't waste your time or energy in the past.

As Martyn Lloyd-Jones says, "We must never for a second worry about anything that cannot be affected or changed by us."

"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."

-Source Unknown

"Thou Art Mad" & A Saviour is Born (By: Andrew Lacroix)

Morning: "Thou Art Mad"

"And they said unto her, thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, it is his angel." (Acts 12:15)

Oh, we of little faith to not recognize the answers to our prayers! The church had been praying for Peter's release from 16 soldiers following his imprisonment, mere minutes after Herod killed one of the apostles. The church proceeded to start praying to God for him (12:5). The angel of the Lord came unto him, got him up, and got him out, and Peter only recognized it when he was freed (v.11).

When he came to the house where people were praying, it was a little girl named Rhoda who inquired about the visitor at strange hours. She was taken aback when Peter's voice was made known, but she told the others. Their unbelieving reply was "thou art mad."

Are we also "mad" or "crazy" when others tell of their prayers answered by the only One who can and does answer prayer and we don't believe it? Where then is our faith to respond with "Praise the Lord"? When we tell of God's great work to the lost, they could reply "thou art mad" in their own verbiage, but we are not "mad", we're exceedingly glad!

Next time we get an answer to prayer in our lives, or a Christian testifies of God's answer to them, the reply should not be "thou art mad", but rather, "Praise God! I'm glad!"

Evening: "A Saviour is Born"

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

The shepherds were tending to their simple, yet necessary duties when the angel of the Lord came to announce the birth of their Saviour. They finished their duties quickly and made their way to Bethlehem to see the Saviour of all mankind, come in the flesh.

As we approach December 25, while we too do our simple yet necessary duties, let us take a pause, even if it has to be brief, to remember the birth of the One who came to die for us. Sure, gifts for others are nice, but where are our gifts for Jesus? Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift! The Lord Jesus come in flesh to bleed and die a mere 33 years later and rise again to complete salvation's plan.

Christmas has turned into a complete mockery in many homes today. Parents spend an average of \$200-300 on their child each year for just this day. While it is important to give our kids something special to show them we love them, why not show them the real reason for this special day? God's gift to us is "eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23b).

Make December 25 special in your heart and life to just thank God for His gift to the world, which He didn't have to give, but because He loved each of us (John 3:16), He did and as a result of what culminated mere years later, we can be with Him one day for all eternity.

Whatever It Takes (Hymn Lyrics) (Author Unknown)

“The words to this song are very powerful. I trust and pray it will be a blessing to you and help you and I do whatever it takes to be in the center of His will.” – Brother Craig

There's a voice calling me, from an old rugged tree
And He whispers draw closer to me
Leave this world far behind,
There are new heights to climb
And a new place in Me you will find

And whatever it takes, to draw closer to You Lord
That's what I'd be willing to do
And whatever it takes, to be more like you
That's what I'd be willing to do
(Repeat)
That's what I'd be willing to do

Questions seem to haunt us night and day
Like how could God allow my heart to be torn this way
Does He listen when I call?
Oh, is He even there at all?

Yet I know when my eyes fail to see
He is able
And even though it seems impossible to me
He is able
But if He chooses not to move
In the way we prayed he would
We're confident He's working
all together for our good
I will stand behind His Word
For He is able. He is able

And as the night gives way
to dawning and evaporates away
I stand to face another day
And I will stand behind His Word
He is able, I know. He is able. He's able

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 devotional by Pastor T. Crockett

Passage: Titus 2:13

Emotion(s): Hope

Cause: The glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ

Effect: Hope; that blessed hope

What does the passage say?: Dear Hunger For Truth reader, are you looking for the return of the Lord? Is your day-to-day activity filled with wonder and expectation that Christ could return for you? I am afraid that many Christians today have gotten caught up in the cares of this life and spend very little, if any, time at all thinking and rejoicing over the fact that Jesus Christ will be returning for His people as promised (John 14:1-4)!

What does the passage say to you and I?: The word of God says that it is profitable (II Tim. 3:16). Titus 2:12-13 serves as a reminder and a challenge for Christians to redirect their focus from the cares of this world and direct it toward the heavens. Please note: We are to be looking (Phil. 3:20-21). By looking it shows our obedience as well as our expectation of Christ's fulfillment of His promise to receive us unto Himself! We lay hold of so many of God's promises! Why should the Son's glorious return for us be any different? We are told why; it is a BLESSED HOPE! Many confuse the second Advent with the Rapture and this should not be so. In Revelation 1:7 (this verse is sometimes confused with the rapture) it says that nations shall wail because of Him. Dear reader, when Christ returns for us it will be a time of rejoicing, a celebration of fellowship as Christ fulfills His promise to us! We are told what to expect. It is a glorious appearing because Christ Himself will be returning to personally receive us unto Himself! It will be glorious also because in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, we shall ALL be changed and fitted with glorified bodies made for heaven! Amen! What a blessing to know that the curse and its effects will be forever removed! We will have no more sickness, no more sorrow, no more suffering, no more pain, no more fear and on and on I could go! O' what a Saviour!

What should you and I do about it?: Take God at His word today and rather than getting caught up in the cares of this life – LOOK UP!

How do you and I stay accountable?: Keep your face in the book and your eyes on the prize. Be sure you know you have the blessed hope. If not, why not trust Christ today (Rom. 10:9-10)? The true believer needs to know the book, the blood and the blessed hope!

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

A Magnifying Salvation

Text: Titus 2:11-14 – “11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

Magnifying Salvation

- 1) It is a majestic magnification – Vs. 11
 - A. The Grace of God brings salvation
 - B. The Grace of God appears to ALL men!
- 2) It is a maximum intensification – Vs. 12
 - A. Repentance
 - B. Teaching us self-control (denying ungodliness and worldly lusts)
 - C. Teaching us spiritual-control (Righteous and sober living according to the Bible)
 - D. Godliness
- 3) It is a marvelous illumination – Vs. 13-14
 - A. Don't forget the Cross of Calvary!
 - B. An abundance of Christ
 - C. Christ's imminent return for His own
 - D. Be on fire for God

Dear reader, do you have this MAGNIFYING SALVATION? If not, why not repent of your sin and put your complete faith, trust and dependence on Jesus Christ today (II Corinthians 6:2; John 3:16; Romans 3:10,23; Romans 5:8, Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-10; Romans 10:13)!

:) Children For Christ :)

THE UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

Memory Verse: II Cor. 9:15 – “Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift”

1. The unspeakable gift in our passage refers to: A. Salvation B. Christ C. Both A & B
2. Jesus offers you and I and all mankind a wonderful gift, the gift of salvation! If you are saved, please write down your salvation testimony on a piece of paper and share it with others.
3. Please find 5 other verses in the Bible using the word “GIFT” and write down what the verse is teaching:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____

4. This Christmas and all year round, are you sharing the wonderful Gift of salvation with others?
 Yes No
5. True or False: The greatest gift is something given for it is better to give than receive for Jesus Christ gave His all on the cross of Calvary! True False
6. True or False: A giving heart asks nothing in return! True False
7. When receiving a gift all you have to do is _____ it. A. Accept / Receive B. Reject C. Ignore

“Life = repenting and trusting Christ as your personal Lord and Savior; Death = rejecting Christ and facing eternity in Hell fire!”

“The OT in the NT is contained. The NT in the OT is explained (*Jesus is The Messiah*)”



Isaiah 9:6

Wishing each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Praises

- Praise God that Jesus is the reason for the season!

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
Prov. 3:5-6***

***Andrew Lacroix
1 Thes. 5:18***

