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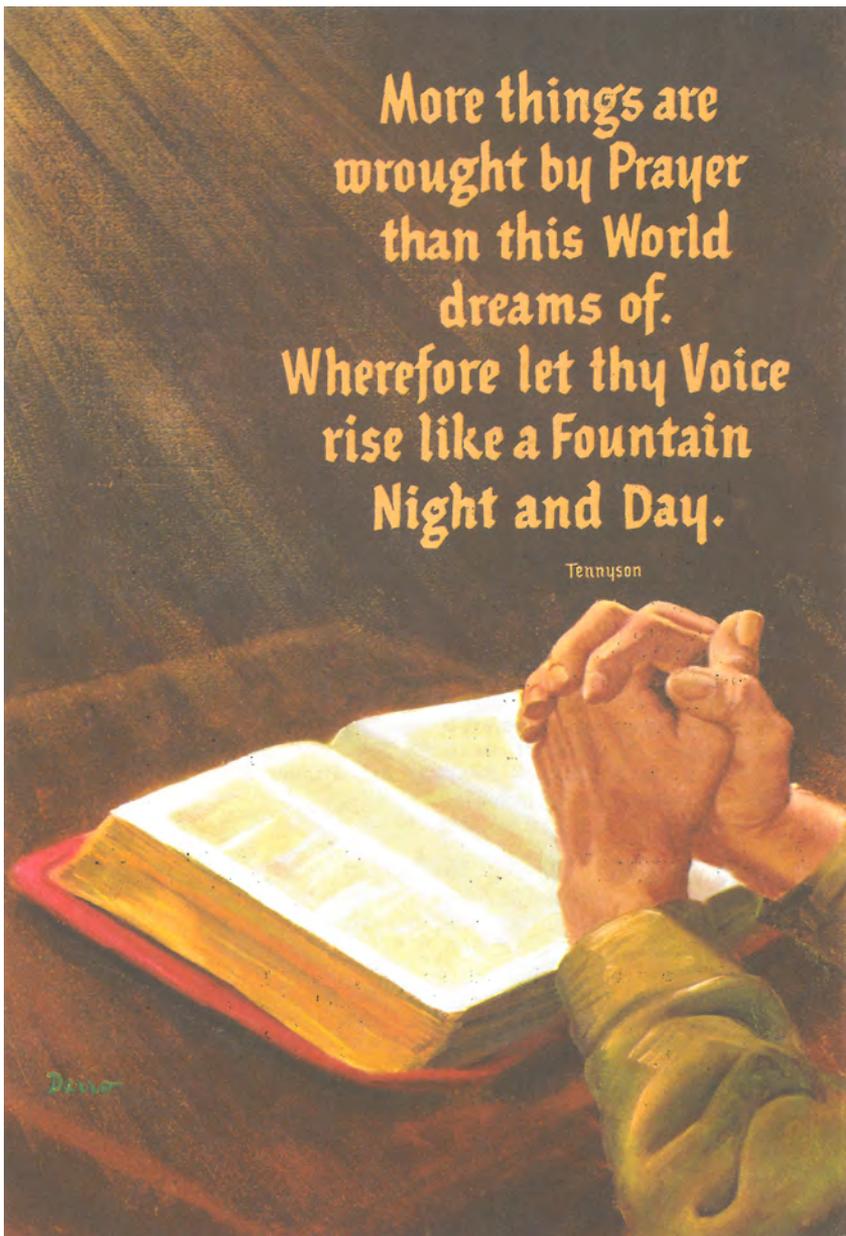
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Holding Forth the Word of Life

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More things are
wrought by Prayer
than this World
dreams of.
Wherefore let thy Voice
rise like a Fountain
Night and Day.

Tennyson



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PERSPECTIVES TO ENTER 2019 PROFITABLY AND WISELY. [NOTE; READERS, YOU ARE APPRECIATED!]

"I thought about my ways, and turned my feet to Your testimonies."

Psalms 119:59

Although any day is a good day for genuine self-examination, now is an appropriate time as we approach and enter into a new year, with prospects for a fresh beginning. It is clear that the life change the psalmist experienced began with thinking about his ways in light of God's Word, the mirror into which he looked. God's Word is absolute and a fixed standard whereby we can measure ourselves accurately.

There is a land of beginning again. In His written Word, God has told us what we need to know to enable us to begin anew. Further, He does not require anything that we cannot do because He provides help for each task. The Holy Spirit is God's provision for us to have supernatural strength for our earthly journey. The Bible is His guidebook. When we go to the Bible, the Holy Spirit will bring biblical sayings that we have hidden in our hearts alive that will be applicable to any situation that comes our way.

ATTITUDE, THE KEY. Although I had used **2 Chronicles 7:14** as a preaching and teaching text for many years, a truth penetrated my consciousness during a teaching session in one of the 1,737 prayer seminars I have presented. **BEING HUMBLE IS THE PRIMARY REQUISITE TO ENABLE (FREE) GOD TO WORK IN OUR LIVES.** The sense of **being humble** is simply **an attitude of dependence on God, not self.** As long as we are

Christ and His People

He descended that we might ascend (**John 6:38, 14:3**). He became poor that we might become rich (**2 Corinthians 8:9, James 2:5**).

He was born that we might be born again (**John 1:14, 3:2,7**). He became a servant that we might become sons (**Philippians 2:7, Galatians 4:6-7**).

He had no home that we might have a home in Heaven (**Matthew 8:20, John 14:2**). He was hungry that we might be fed (**Matthew 4:2, John 6:50**).

He was thirsty that we might drink from the wells of salvation (**John 19:28, Isaiah 12:3**). He was weary that we might have rest (**John 4:6, Matthew 11:29**).

He was stripped that we might be clothed (**Matthew 27:28**). He was forsaken that we might not be forsaken (**Matthew 27:46, Hebrews 13:5**).

He was sad that we might be glad (**Isaiah 53:3, Philippians 4:4**). He was bound that we might go free (**Matthew 27:2, John 8:32-36**).

He was made sin that we might be made righteous (**2 Corinthians 5:21**). He died that we might live (**John 19:33, John 5:24-25**). He will come down that we might be caught up (**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**).

You have heard the Gospel, the Good News of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ for our sins (**1 Corinthians 15:1-3**), but have you trusted Him as your personal Savior? The Scripture says that we are saved through faith, not works (**Ephesians 2:8-9**), but what

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depending on our own strength and resources, we are saying that we don't really need God. Without the attitude of humility, God is kept at a distance. The Word of God will be of no effect regardless of how much and how often we read.

Why it took me so many years of living and ministry to grasp this basic insight before, I do not know. After all, the very first of the **Beatitudes (Matthew 6:13)** deals with a spirit of dependence upon God since those poor in spirit are obviously not magnifying their own strengths. Pride would not be willing to acknowledge spiritual poverty. Incidentally, a good way to do a self-examination using the 'BE-attitudes is to apply the AM I? or DO I? test (as appropriate with each one). By doing so, you will see yourself as God likely sees you! This, by the way, is a crucial step if you want to draw nearer to Him.

In **Isaiah 66:2b**, God Himself says that He will look to the person who is humble and who trembles at His Word. Do you want God to look your way? Actually, contrite, which literally means brokenness, is used to describe the level of the humility required. The foundation is being humble, and then giving heed (obedience) to His Word. God has established the proper order for us to follow since a person is not likely to tremble at His Word who has an exalted opinion of himself and whose life is characterized by pride.

OUR MODEL The greatest model of humility is the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself. Although He was both Master and Lord, He became a servant to His disciples in the Upper Room, just hours before His death, and washed their

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does this mean? The word "faith" simply means "trust." Saving faith encompasses more than knowledge, it includes acting on the knowledge. No person can claim any of the above things, until he has received the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. If you have not done so, bow your heart before Him and do it now. "Now is the accepted time; today is the day of salvation" (**2 Corinthians 6:2**). When you trust Him, let us know and we will send a copy of the booklet *Hey! I'm Saved!* to help you get started right.

feet (**John 13:1-17**). (Note: every believer should MASTER **John 13, 14, 15, 16, 17**, a passage that I call **THE UPPER ROOM DISCOURSE** as a beginning point in establishing and developing a prayer life.) Further, what is known as the **Kenosis** passage (**Philippians 2:6-11**) attests to His humility. The Greek word, **kenosis**, means to empty. Literally, Jesus poured self out in order to do the will of the Father. He humbled Himself and became obedient to death on the cross. The exalted Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, went to the cross as a servant, not to do His own will, but the will of the Father. He is our model for humility.

SELF-EXAMINATION, As I introduced my human development students to the journey the course would bring to them personally and to their future pursuits, I reminded them that God has given us the capacity to step outside ourselves and see ourselves. Once this happens, we will be in a position to make adjustments if any

are needed to become what we are capable of becoming **WITH GOD'S HELP**. As we come to the door of a new year, today is an ideal time for each of us to follow that same approach. Let's look at ourselves, our attitudes and actions, and see ourselves as God and others see us.

When you look at yourself, do you see a person who is humble, living in complete dependence on God, or do you see one who is depending on self? True humility means that we acknowledge the Lord as the Source for everything we need. Don't forget that there are instructions in the written Word of God to remind us the steps that we need to take. Remember Proverbs 3:5-6? Trust [lean on] in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Humility then sets us free from the thieves that rob us of the joy of our salvation—circumstances, people, things, and worry. At the point we become truly dependence upon Him, nothing or no one can become a threat to us.

THE FOUNDATION OF PRAYER.

The attitude of humility is the foundation of prayer. In dependence upon God, we are to order our lives around prayer, seeking His face, and asking His hand to move. God's formula for revival and renewal begins with If My people **humble** themselves ...

We need prayer warriors who will be watchmen on the walls guarding our homes, our schools, our churches, our cities, and our nation. Through prayer, a watchmen stays in touch with headquarters and his Commander. We need believers who

will become **LIGHTHOUSES OF PRAYER** with beams pushing against the spiritual darkness that engulfs our environment. The **BIBLE IS OUR MANUAL**. God has spoken. But without a genuine spirit of humility, there will be no willingness to study the manual and follow set guidelines. There will be no victory. Without humility, there can never be a life change. **HUMILITY!** Remember apply the measuring rod as you read. Am I? or Do I? Once you see yourself as God sees you determine to allow the Holy Spirit to conform you to the image of God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Go ...Put Your Hand
And I said to the man,
who stood at the gate of the
year:

*"Give me a light that I may
tread safely into the unknown."*

And he replied:

*"Go out into the darkness,
And put your hand into
the hand of God.*

*That shall be to you better than
light, and safer than the known
way."*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
LET THE BIBLE BE YOUR
GUIDE. PUT CHRIST
FIRST AND HE WILL
SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS.
Matthew 6:33

Prayer and the Word

During this issue of the **Reflector**, my emphasis is on the importance of the Word of God in the life and spiritual growth for a believer. However, **it is important to couple prayer with the Word of God.** Do you believe that statement? Do you believe it enough to evaluate your actual lifestyle in its light? What is your attitude toward God's Word? What is your attitude toward prayer? One way to assess attitude is through examining your actions. Are you in the Word of God? Do you have a prayer life? Do you need to make changes that can be reflected in your daily living during 2019?

On Wednesday morning, February 21, 2018, Billy Graham died at his home in Montreat, North Carolina, at the age of ninety-nine. The world took notice. Not only believers, but many others, held him in high respect. He let his walk talk and his talk walk. Does his viewpoint count? In my files is a letter dated May 2004 in which he shared about an upcoming event. He said, "I have had a burden on my heart for Kansas City. I do not know why, but I have prayed many times that if it was the will of God, in due time we would be able to come to Kansas City for an evangelistic Crusade. It is almost impossible for me to believe that the time is so near."

Billy Graham continued: "People often ask me **what is the greatest need? It is PRAYER.** If **spiritual refreshment** comes to 'the heart of America,' it will not be as a result of organization, publicity, preaching, or singing. **It will come as a result**

of prayer on the part of Christians all over the country. In **Isaiah 38:5** God said, 'I have heard thy prayers, I have seen thy tears.' But for God to answer—we must first call upon Him in prayer."

If Billy Graham was correct (and he was) and there will be a Judgment Seat of Christ for believers (and there will be) what are we going to say when we face our disobedience related to prayer when we stand at the Judgment Seat to give account? For many years, we have included in the prayer seminars three sentences to write at the top of page one in the Prayer Seminar Workbook. **God is able! God is willing! God is waiting** for us to "call upon Him." **Asking ... Seeking—Knocking** are three levels of intensity in praying. Isn't it time that we who so easily trust man and his word would began to trust God and His Word? Prayer is the work that must come before all other work. I will never be a person of prayer apart from the Word of God.

One of the most amazing things in all the Scriptures is how much time Jesus Himself spent in prayer. He had only three years of public ministry, yet, He was never too hurried to spend hours in prayer. He prayed before every difficult task and at every crisis in His ministry. He prayed regularly. In Luke the sixth chapter it is recorded that He spent one entire night in prayer. The Scripture says, "Pray without ceasing" (**1 Thessalonians 5:17**), This should be the motto of every true believer. Never stop praying, no matter how dark and hopeless your case may seem, Jesus taught us that we should keep on praying, and never give up (**Luke 18:1**).

Tribute to the Bible

This Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its history is true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Christ is its subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is given to you in life, will be open in the Judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy precepts. It tells of grace and mercy for the believer and justice and wrath for those who will not believe.

John Wesley's Rule of Life

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

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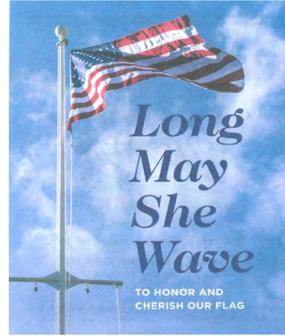
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NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 4081. Better than the counting of the years is making your years count.

Note 4082. If you are not as close to God today as before, don't be mistaken as to who has moved.

Note 4083. If you are not as close to God as you used to be, don't waste time in regret. He is waiting. Go!

Note 4084. With God, there is a land of beginning again.

Note 4085. Write in your Bible: "This Book will keep you from sin; sin will keep you from this Book."

DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

November 16-December 14, 2018

Regular	62	\$7,057.00
International	<u>1</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total	63	\$7,157.00



Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

WELCOME, NEW DOORKEEPERS!
Bob & Heidi Matney (VA)

PRAYER CALENDAR**JANUARY 2019**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1**GENESIS 1-2 (USA 328M)**

Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)
 Mae Adams (NC)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)
 David/Eunjoo Andersen (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2**GENESIS 3-5 (USA 328M)**

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Eldon/Gayle Armstrong (SC)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
 Marcia Barna (PA)
 Tim Bash GCCC (NJ)
 Emily Baskin (TN)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3**GENESIS 6-9 (USA 328M)**

Jean Beasley (TN)
 Linda Beattie (PA)
 Tommy Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Beulah Baptist Church (VA)
 Dennis Hollandsworth, Pastor
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Loretta Bolen (VA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4**GENESIS 10-11 (USA 328M)**

William/Debbie Bowden (MD)
 Kathleen Boyce (PA)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Lurline Braud (VA)
 Michal Breed (WI)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Judy Britt (GA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5**GENESIS 12-14 (USA 328M)**

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 George & Janet Buck (NJ)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Eileen Camarena (NJ)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)
 Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
 Robert & Anita Carroll (VA)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7**GENESIS 15-17 ((USA 328M)**

Vernia Coleman (MD)
 Mary Columbus (VA)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
 Philip/Jennifer Cooke (VA)
 Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
 Foster/Ravenna Covington (VA)
 Barry & Melanie Cox (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
 Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8**GENESIS 18-20 (USA 328M)**

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
 Barbara Custalow (VA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Robert/Janice DeLong (VA)
 Carolyn Dodd (VA)
 Joanne Dudley (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**GENESIS 21-24 (USA 328M)**

Michael & Diane Eagle (VA)
 Katherine Eaton (ME)
 Bessie Eggleston (MD)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 John & Susan Finnessy (MD)
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)
 Nancy Fowser (NJ)
 Freedom Through Faith (MD)
 Bob Tribodeau, Pastor
 Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10**GENESIS 25-26 (USA 328M)**

James Fugate (CA)
 Travis/Emilee Fulcher (VA)
 John & Kim Gaines (DE)
 Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Ron & Kay Gavette (VA)
 Sara George (GA)
 Gloucester Co. Community Ch
 (NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11**GENESIS 27-31 (USA 328M)**

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
 Steve & Sue Gordon (VA)
 Sam/Michele Graisbury (NJ)

Dale & Mary Gray (IL)
 Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Mike Hall (IN)

Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Sadie Harris (VA)
 Hazel Hartless (VA)
 Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)
 Jim Hengoed (CT)
 William/Sara Hefner (PA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12**GENESIS 32-36 (USA 328M)**

Gina Henry (VA)
 Jack Henry (TN)
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
 Ed & Donna Hindson (VA)
 Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Jeff Hodge (VA)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Bill Hogan (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (TN)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

MONDAY, JANUARY 14**GENESIS 37-40 (USA 328M)**

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)
 Millicent John (NY)
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)
 James/Victoria Johnson (MD)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**GENESIS 41-44 (USA 328M)**

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)
 James Jones (FL)
 Paul Jones (KY)
 Theodore/Sherry Jones (MD)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Judy Jordan (VA)
 Mohan Katta (IL)
 Suzie Kauffmann (NC)
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Harriet Kennedy (VA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church
 (KY) Darren Hisel, Pastor
 Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16**GENESIS 45-47 (USA 328M)**

Larry & Janet King (NC)
 Ken & Bonnie Kirby (PA)
 Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Mark & Lois Knolls (DE)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (ID)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
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 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)
 Aaron & Wanda Lewis (MD)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**GENESIS 48-50 (USA 328M)**

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 Jerry Falwell Jr., President
 Delores Liely (MD)
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
 Manship Chapel (DE)
 Bruce & Vickie Tribbett

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**EXODUS 1-2 (USA 328M)**

Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Nick & Pat Markham (VA)
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Beau Ware Masonry (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Bob & Heidi Matney (VA)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
 Nancy McPherson (ME)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Ch (VA)
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (TN)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19**EXODUS 3-6 (USA 328M)**

Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Roger & Nancy Minney (VA)
 Keith & Joan Mistretta (ME)
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)
 Drever/Roberta Morton (VA)
 Elaine Moser (MN)
 NE Baptist College (VT)
 Mark Ballard, President
 Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Zack & Jackie Olcott (VA)
 Ann Palumbo (PA)
 Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA)
 Pecks Baptist Church (VA)
 Bryan Sheehan, Pastor
 Jack & Carollyn Peerman (VA)
 Sandy Pederson (MN)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Barbara Powell (NY)
 Elbert/Barbara Powell (VA)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)

MONDAY, JANUARY 21**EXODUS 7-10 (USA 328M)**

Marjorie Randall (TX)
 Dave Ricker (ME)
 Joyce Riley (KY)
 Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 John & Sandra Roberts (NC)
 Dorlos & Betty Robinson (MS)
 Isabel Robotham (NY)
 James & Shelly Rode (FL)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
 Fred & Wanda Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22**EXODUS 11-12 (USA 328M)**

John Saint (PA)
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (FL)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
 Phil & Wendy Schrank (IL)
 Steve Schrank (IL)
 Sam & Jill Scott (VA)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23**EXODUS 13-15 USA 328M)**

Shenandoah Valley Bapt Ch (VA)
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Lola Simpson (NY)
 Mary Skiles (KS)
 Bobby & Cindy Smith (TN)
 Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
 St.Paul Baptist Church (IN)
 C. L. Adams, Pastor
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Randy & Cheryl Stauter (MN)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24**EXODUS 16-18 (USA 328M)**

Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
 Ron Taylor (VA)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**EXODUS 19-20 (USA 328M)**

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 Jimmy & Mary Thomas (VA)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
 Larry Thompson (VA)
 Montez Thompson (WI)
 Cathy Tilton (VA)
 Paula Tipton (TN)
 Peggy Tomayko (PA)
 William & Katie Toney (NC)
 Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26**EXODUS 21-24 (USA 328M)**

Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Frances Turpin (VA)
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)

MONDAY, JANUARY 28**EXODUS 25-27 (USA 328M)**

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 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)
 Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Holland & Mary Warren (VA)
 Rodger Watts (WI)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29**EXODUS 28-31 (USA 328M)**

Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30**EXODUS 32-34 (USA 328M)**

Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Eva Winebarger (VA)
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31**EXODUS 35-20 (USA 328M)**

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PRAY FOR SAFETY AND THAT
THE WORD OF THE LORD
WILL HAVE FREE COURSE.

OUR WISH FOR OUR READERS IN 2019

2 Peter 3:18

KEEP ON GROWING:

"But [keep on growing] in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"
"GRACE BE WITH YOU. Amen"
There is no richer word than "grace" for it carries in it all of God's love as seen in the gift of His Son for us.

PLEASE MEMORIZE (FIX IN YOUR MIND/HIDE IN YOUR HEART) THESE NAMES:

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T Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)
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God's Formula for a Happy New Year

Message by Dr. W. Jim Britt (1948-2018) published in January 2006 in *Good News* a monthly publication of W. Jim Britt Ministries.

In April 2006, I had the privilege to teach a course on prayer to 106 pastors in Dr. Britt's **East Africa Bible Institute** in Kenya. One of my students was **Martin Shikuku**, who now serves as the director for **JGHM: EAST/CENTRAL AFRICA BRANCH**. Out of this opportunity, there have now been prayer seminars in Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Due to health challenges, Dr. Britt came to a point when he was no longer able to carry on his ministry that had touched thousands of lives in fifty nations. At that time, his ministry became a **Doorkeeper** for JGHM. Not only am I sharing his message for the content that it carries, but **IN MEMORY OF DR. JIM BRITT** who has now been promoted to a land where time is no more. Be reminded that our days on earth are numbered and we, too, will make that passage.

At **WJBM**, we want to wish each of you a happy and blessed New Year! More than that, we would like to show you God's formula which, if followed, will guarantee a blessed New Year. It is found in **Ephesians 5:14-21**. In these verses, Paul lists seven necessary ingredients for a Happy New Year.

I. STAY AWAKE (v 14). The Greek word used here for **awake** is *egeiro* and means **to arouse from sleep**. It is in the present tense, which denotes continuous action, and the imperative mood, which means it is a command. Hence, **we are commanded to stay awake so that we do not miss out on any opportunity God is placing before us day by day.** It is said that the average person sleeps twenty-four years during his/her lifetime. However, the tragedy is that many sleep more than that. Even when they are awake, they are asleep! As a result, every day opportunities pass them by without their ever knowing it. They miss God's best because they are dozing. "*Awake thou that sleepest!*"

II. BE CAREFUL (v 15). The word **circumspectly** is the Greek word *akribos* and means **to look in all directions**, or to **watch every step**. As we walk through this New Year, we must be alert of the fact that our adversary, the devil, is as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (**1 Peter 5:8**). In recent years, we have seen many of God's children fall, simply because Satan caught them off guard, Jesus instructed us to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves (**Matthew 10:16**). The idea is that we are to be very careful as we live our lives, always looking for Satan's tactics to bring us down.

III. SPEND YOUR TIME WISELY (v 16). The word **redeem** is the Greek word *exagorazo*, and it means **to purchase** or **to spend**. The apostle James reminds us that our lives are as a vapor. We are here today and gone tomorrow. He also admonishes us not to boast about tomorrow, for we know not what tomorrow holds (**James 4:13-14**). All we have is today and we must redeem rather than waste the time God has given us.

There are three profound facts about the time God has given each of us. First, everybody has the same amount of time. Sometimes we are tempted to say if I had the time they have, I would get more done. The truth is we

all have the same amount of time, twenty-four hours a day. The difference is that some have learned to redeem the time, and make the most out of it. Second, time cannot be saved. We have all heard people say, I'm saving time. The reality is that time cannot be saved, only spent, and we need to be sure to spend it wisely. Third, time is irreversible. You cannot go back, and change the way you spent it, so very careful to get it right the first time.

IV. KNOW GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE (v 17). Dr. **George W. Truett**, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas during the early 1900's once said *the greatest knowledge in life is to know the will of God; the greatest accomplishment in life is to do it.* God has a master plan for your life. It is far better than anything you could ever put together. Determine today, that you will earnestly seek to know God's will and walk in it during this New Year.

V. BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT (v 18). Sometimes we make the statement I'm only human, seeking to justify our failure to do God's will. But as a Christian this is simply not the case. We are human plus the Divine. **We have within us the Holy Spirit, who is not only the presence of God, but also the power of God.** That is why Paul said I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (**Philippians 4:13**). **We must learn to rely upon His power, not ours.** Remember, it is "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord" (**Zechariah 4:8**).

VI. BE THANKFUL (v 20). The Apostle Paul admonishes us to **always give thanks in all things**. Now, one does not have to live very long to know that this is not always easy. But, we can thank God for all things if we remember His promise to us in **Romans 8:28**, "we know that in all things, God is at work for the good of those who love Him." Learn to be thankful, and praise God regardless of the circumstances.

Matthew Henry, the great Bible scholar who wrote the famous **Matthew Henry Commentary on the Bible**, was robbed one day. Instead of moaning and complaining, he sat down and wrote the following psalm of thanksgiving: *"Let me be thankful -first, because I was never robbed before; second, because although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third, because although they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed."*

VII. BE CONSIDERATE (v 21). Today's cry is "give me my rights." But the Bible consistently instructs us to **yield our own rights and be considerate of others**. The Christian way is the way of submission and yielding to others. **John Boothe**, founder of the **Salvation Army**, once sent a Christmas telegram to all those working with him. To conserve funds, it consisted of only one word: Others! **C. D. Meigs**, the noted hymn writer, once wrote, **"Others, Lord, yes others, let this my motto be. Help me to live for others, that I may live like Thee."**

CONCLUSION: This can be a great year for each of us if we will only follow **GOD'S FORMULA FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR IN EPHESIANS 5:14-21**. I pray that you will seek to do this and that 2007 will be your best year ever!

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"Strive together in your prayers to God for [us] that [we] may come to you with joy by the will of God and may be refreshed together with you..." Romans 15:30, 32

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Please pray specifically that God will prepare the hearts of all participants and for traveling grace. Pray, also, that seeds of renewal and revival will be planted and the nations set aflame with spiritual awakening! **SHOULD YOUR CHURCH SCHEDULE A SEMINAR IN 2019 or 2020? CALL FOR SCHEDULING INFORMATION.** Dr. Henry and Sue are making themselves available for one prayer seminar each month in these two years. We suggest that a weekend be schedule with an all-day seminar on Saturday followed by Dr. Henry conducting a prayer seminar for one hour on Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour and preaching in the morning service.

The Lord willing, Adam Nathanson will be able to work with you on a schedule as his time allows. Our goal is to establish many **Lighthouses of Prayer** across the nation. Prayer is the tool God has given us to push against spiritual darkness.

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JGH; VERSE FOR THE YEAR

Since the 1970's I have found it useful for my spiritual growth to choose a **Verse for the Year**. In a recent conversation with Bryan Sheehan, pastor of the Pecks Baptist Church and a long-time friend, he brought up **Colossians 4:17b** as a verse that the Holy Spirit was using in his life. Sue and I had recently talked about **Archippus** as we studied that book in our morning devotionals. Some believe he was the son of **Philemon**, a leader in the church at Colossoe that met in his house and who reeceived a letter from Paul related to Onesimus, the slave. Perhaps he was the pastor of the church.

In closing the letter, Paul added a note for Archippus, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the LORD." This will be my verse for 2019.

To all of us, we would do well to assume our name is Archippus amd then hear what the Spirit of God is saying to us: "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord that you may fulfill it." Each of us has been given some service by the Lord and we will some day be required to give an account of what we have done with it.

For one who is coming to the end of a very active ministry, there is a strong desire in my heart to finish well. There are other translations of the message to **Archippus** that might be meaningful: **A BRIEF MESSAGE TO ARCHIPPUS:** "God ordained you for your work; see that you don't fail Him." "Attend to the duty entrusted to you in the Lord's service, and discharge it to the full." "God called you into His service, O do not fail Him!"

THANK YOU DOORKEEPERS FOR THE PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT YOU HAVE PROVIDED TO ENABLE US TO PROVIDE A RECORD NUMBER OF PRAYER SEMINARS IN OTHER NATIONS: CHILI, CUBA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, KENYA, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, TANZANIA, AND VENEZUELA.

What to Do When Trouble Comes

"But not long after, there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon." Acts 27:14

Introduction. As we move into 2019 keep in mind that the Scriptures declare that none of us knows what will be on the tomorrow and that we do not know what a day will bring forth.

One of the principles of readiness is to store God's word in your mind ("hear the Word of God;" "read the Word of God;" "study the Word of God;" "memorize the Word of God;" and "meditate on the Word of God" with the intention of "applying the Word of God." If you have been one of the students in a prayer seminar, this will be very familiar to you! **When challenges appear, you can be sure that the Holy Spirit will bring the Word alive to answer the challenge.** The Word of God will become RHEMA, "a saying from the Word of God that becomes alive" when we need it.

How do believers prepare themselves for trouble? As a pastor-teacher, I have encouraged my people and my students to study **Acts 27** to know what to do when trouble comes. Trouble comes to all people. The fact that we are saved and members of the family of God does not mean that trouble will never come our way. Yes, it is wonderful when THE SOUTH WIND BLOWS SOFTLY (v 13) warm, gentle and welcome. But there are other winds, too, some of which are "contrary winds" (v 4). Such is the "tempestuous wind" mentioned in v 14.

The background. When Paul was arrested in the temple in Jerusalem, he appealed to Caesar which was his right as a Roman citizen. For two years, Paul was held in custody in Caesarea, a large city on the shores of the Mediterranean Seain Israel. After learning the charges against him brought by the Jewish religious leaders, King Agrippa stated to the Roman Governor Festus: "*This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar*" (**Acts 26:32**).

Soon after, arrangements were made to transport Paul, the prisoner, to Rome, he was handed over to a Roman centurion, Julius, to guard him and get him to Rome. He was kind to Paul and allowed him to visit friends in Sidon so they might provide for his needs before they set out on their journey by sea (**27:3**). The year was 59 A.D. The month was October, a very marginal time to travel. Actually, sailing was doubtful even in September due to overcast weather that prevented them from following the stars in their navigation. By November it was impossible to travel.

When Paul realized the plans to leave the safe harbor at Fair Havens, he warned the captain and shipowner that it was a questionable decision. However, the both men did not want to winter there. The decision was made to set out on the trip.

At first the winds and the weather were favorable—a south wind blew softly and sailing was fine. Then a contrary wind called Euroclydon, swept

down from Crete's great mountain range (more than 7,000 feet high) with enough force to drive ships into the open sea toward North Africa.

Luke's accuracy in describing the details of the voyage is one of the best descriptions of ancient seafaring history records. The storm came in gigantic proportion and continued fourteen days and nights during which they saw neither sun nor stars. The violent battering from the storm culminated in their losing control of their vessel as they were driven along. The ship was caught up into the storm.

Measures were taken to strengthen the ship including passing ropes under the ship to hold it together. Finally, Luke said, "*we gave up all hope of being saved*" (v 20). **TROUBLE HAD COME.**

Contrary winds will come. There is no way to know when or whence trouble may come. It may come in the church or in the home, or in your own life as an individual before the day is over. It may come in the form of death to someone dearly loved, or it may come when health is lost. It may be through an unexpected telephone call/a visit, or that dreams do not come true.

Job said "Yet trouble came" (**Job 3:26**); "Man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward" (**5:7**); "Man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not" (**4:1-2**). Paul said "We are **TROUBLED** on every side, yet not distressed" (**2 Corinthians 4:8**).

The Scriptures plainly teach that every child of God will be called upon

to suffer for the cause of Christ. "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake" (**Philippians 1:29**). Paul expressed a deep longing to "know Him in the fellowship of His suffering" (**Philippians 3:10**).

REMEMBER—TROUBLE WILL COME AND YOU CAN BE PREPARED FOR IT.

Now, what shall we do when trouble comes? Shall we be defeated by it, or shall we overcome it by the power and grace of Christ and make it a stepping stone to loftier spiritual heights? God's word in this portion teaches five practical things to do when trouble comes.

1. Spend time alone with God. Acts 27:21 "But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them ..."

Notice this expression. Where had Paul been? Little doubt as to where Paul was during this terrific storm. He was down in the hole of the ship alone with God, in prayer for divine deliverance. This was certainly the practice of great men and women of God in Bible times.

Oh, that we would wait, alone with God, at the throne of Grace, in the time of trouble until God's answer comes! One of the greatest promises to be found on the pages of God's word is **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 word is clear. "Be still and know that I am God" (**Psalms 46:10**). Again, we are told "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you" (**James 4:8**).

WHEN TROUBLE COMES, we must wait upon the Lord, or we shall faint and fall. We shall fail. When the storm arose and the tempestuous winds blew—WHEN TROUBLE CAME—Paul got alone and sought the face of God and came out with an answer from Heaven. Where can I go, but to the Lord? It is then we come with no mask or hidden motive.

There are many Christians today who have surrendered to problems that could be conquered by getting alone with God. Someone has said believers should praise God for anything that brings us to our knees—to keep us depending on the Lord.

2. Reckon upon God's presence. Verse 23 "For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve."

How often in His word, the Lord tells us that He will always be with us! How much it must have meant to Paul during this great storm, when the angel of the Lord appeared to Him in the night, and told him not to be afraid. When TROUBLE COMES, if the child of God will only remember that the Lord will be with him and that he can reckon on His presence, he will be sustained.

"And He said, My presence shall go with thee; and I will give thee rest" (Exodus 33:14). "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:4). "For He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).

Just as the "fourth man" walked into the fiery furnace with the three Hebrew children, so will Jesus walk with us when trouble comes. A God

who would be with Jeremiah in a miry pit, Daniel in a lion's den, and Paul upon the angry bosom of a storm-tossed sea will be with His children today when trouble comes.

3. Believe the promises. Verse 25. "I believe God that it shall be even as it was told unto me."

Paul had learned to believe the promises of God when all outward circumstances seemed to indicate that their fulfillment was impossible. Paul's confidence and assurance came from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Paul knew Jesus and lived in close fellowship with the Lord.

Paul's source of personal power is available to every Christian. If we know Jesus, and live close to Him, we, too, will have that calm assurance that translates into personal power.

Most of the great promises of the word of God were given to saints in times of great distress, or in depths of sorrow or in the fires of hot persecution. There are over 7,000 promises laid out by God in His Word. These are promises to be claimed and many of them will be valid when trouble comes and we are overwhelmed. Since most believers, today, are not in the Word of God, they have no idea of the fullness of God's promises that are theirs to claim.

4. Count our blessings. Verse 35. Paul "gave thanks to God in the presence of them all."

He found something to give praise for even in the hour of trouble. The early believers cultivated the attitude of gratitude. After beaten and imprisoned—they rejoiced that "they were counted worthy to suffer for His name" (Acts 5:41). There

was no melancholy or depression. They did not display a persecution complex. They just rejoiced and counted their blessings and were thankful and persecution seemed as nothing.

Thanksgiving does not change God. He will never be any greater than he already is. Thanksgiving doesn't change God, it changes us.

5. We must get rid of excess baggage. Verse 38 "They lightened the load and cast the cargo into the sea getting rid of excess baggage."

It is not correct to say that all trouble comes as a corrective measure from God, but it would be right to say that in a time of testing we should search our hearts. We will often find much excess baggage which needs to be removed from our lives. Satan has gained ground because we have given him a place to stand. We live as carnal Christians—with self in control, not the Holy Spirit—and are tossed to and fro by the tempestuous sea upon which we journey.

David prayed in **Psalm 139:33-34** "Search me O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

The thoughtful Christian needs to determine by deep spiritual heart-searching and self-examination whether trouble is corrective. God loves us too much to let us continue a course that takes us farther & farther away from what He wants us to be.

The word of God teaches that we are to **EXAMINE OURSELVES**. **1 Corinthians 11:30** is plain: "For

this cause many are weak and sickly among you and many sleep." Many have become carnal Christians and their appetites for God have slacked. We have given Satan a place to stand. Sometimes the loss of health is God's discipline and His explanation as to why the storm came. Some are taken prematurely to Heaven because they will not yield to the will of God for their lives.

Trouble gets our attention and brings us back. We often depend on our own skills and abilities when life seems easy—when the south wind blows softly—but we turn to God when we feel unable to help ourselves. Circumstances come along which help us rely on God, not self. Depending on God is a realization of our own powerlessness without Him and our need for His constant touch in our lives.

God is our source of power, and we receive His help by keeping in touch with Him. With this attitude of dependence, problems will drive us to God rather than away from Him. Let's learn to rely on God daily. Unload all excess baggage which is against the will of God.

Conclusion. Believers have the resources to face trouble with grace. When all hope is gone (**v 20**), have faith in God (**vv 22-25**). Don't give up the ship (**vv 30-31**), and take care of yourself (**vv 33-36**).

May God help us to do it! We never have to be defeated when we follow God's provision and hear Him say: "This is the way, walk in it, whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left" (**Isaiah 30:21b**).

SUNSHINE IS ALWAYS JUST BEHIND THE CLOUDS.