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A SPECIAL YEAR FOR THE HENRYS 2020

Marks the 40th Year for the Prayer Seminar Ministry

Marks the 67th Year of Dr. Henry's Ministry

Marks the 66th Year for the Reflector

Marks their 63rd Wedding Anniversary (April 18)

Marks Sue's 82nd Birthday (February 9)

Marks Dr. Henry's 85th Birthday (September 30)

**IT'S BEEN A GREAT JOURNEY!
TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

How's Your Walk with the Lord Going?

In reviewing one of the Seed Bed Folders that I have generated over the years, I found a note written to myself many years ago. The Holy Spirit brought the few words alive and placed this thought into one of my mental folders that I carry around, the one labeled "Finishing Well." The note was take time for some fine tuning. This has become a prayer focus as the door for a new year looms closer. Not only do I expect to profit from this exercise, I believe that it will challenge our many readers to do the same. God grant that this may be true.

Take time to fine tune - The Holy Spirit's Impression for 2020

In the early 1980s, I was invited to contribute articles on the Christian life for a monthly publication under the banner heading, "A Study with J. Gordon Henry." One of the first articles was entitled **Take Time to Pray**. The article follows and then some fine tuning comments.

Most Christians put prayer high on their list of failures and deficiencies. What about your personal altar? Is it broken down and deserted? Take measure of your prayer life. What has happened to the practice of prayer in your life?

No believer's spiritual life will ever rise above the level of his prayer life. You are what you are on your knees—nothing more. Regular daily contact with your Source of spiritual life, Jesus Christ Himself, is absolutely necessary.

Average Christians fail in their prayer lives because they do not set apart a definite time and place to meet the Lord

BEGIN THE DAY WITH GOD

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up" **Psalms 5:3.**

David was indeed a man "after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14). He made the above promise to God.

For the Christian, it is important how he begins the day. A later poet expressed the same spiritual truth this way:

"So I think I know the secret
Learned from many a troubled way.

You must seek God in the morning
If you want Him through the day."

-Ralph Cushman.

Jesus set the example for us concerning quiet time. He took time to connect with the Father regularly. Twenty-one times there is reference to Jesus praying. "Then Jesus went with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray" (**Matthew 26:36**). One would think that Jesus, being the very Son of God, would not have needed to pray. But the record says, "In the morning, rising up a great while before day. He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed (**Mark 1:35**).

What then, is the secret? Seek God in the morning if you want Him through the day.

daily. Would you expect to be healthy if you ate a meal only once a week? Of course not! The same is true of your spiritual life.

Here's a workable plan on how to begin and maintain a morning meeting with the Lord. Sink your roots deeply into a **DAILY DEVOTIONAL LIFE**. Without a **QUIET TIME** you will not grow spiritually as you should.

Here are some suggestions for starting your daily time with the Lord:

ESTABLISH IN YOUR MIND THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER. You do what you consider important. You have spent a lifetime developing patterns of behavior that have become habits in your life. In order to establish a prayer time, you will need to develop new habits. As you are in the process of doing this, you will be pulled between old habits and new ones; that's normal, so expect it. Make up your mind that each day you will find a time to be alone with Christ. Set a specific time to meet the Lord in prayer.

DESIGNATE A TIME AND A PLACE. Begin each day with God. If you normally get up at 6 a.m., plan to get up at 5:45 a.m. to have minutes for God. **THIS IS A MATTER OF DISCIPLINE.** If we follow the example of Jesus, it will be a morning hour. You may need to get to bed earlier so you can meet your appointment with God.

Jesus gave His disciples the model prayer, expressing a manner of praying for us to follow. That prayer does not lend itself to any other time than the early morning. You would not ask God for your daily bread, for example, after your day was over. Neither would you need deliverance from temptation when you are about to go to sleep.

A major reason why it should be the first part of your day is that we should bring God in on the beginnings; we should not wait until we have messed up our day and then bring the pieces for God to put back together.

The place of prayer should be private. Jesus suggested a place that is quiet, secluded, and shut. Designate a place that will be your altar of prayer. Use that place exclusively for your time with God.

Remember, you must in your mind and heart make prayer important enough to schedule a time for prayer in your daily life just as you schedule eating and sleeping. You can do it! Ask God to help you: "Lord, I look forward to meeting You the first thing in the morning for a few minutes. When I awaken, I have an appointment with you"

HOW TO USE THE TIME DAILY. Have a pen and pencil handy. As you read the Word and put the proper information into your mind, you program your day to let Christ be Lord of your life.

Let God speak to you directly through His Word. Read a brief portion and think about what you are reading. Open your heart to God, offering Him the right to teach, to discipline, to direct you as you study.

You will be surprised at what He is ready to do for you.

FINE TUNING

Actually, I believe there are enough thoughts in the article to accomplish its purpose for the readers both then and now. Generally, my style of writing has been to speak from my heart, from the crucible of personal experience, and to anchor thoughts that I share

with Scripture. When I penned the words for "A Study with J. Gordon Henry," there were number-of-words parameters.

Interestingly enough the genesis of the article was from the **Prayer Seminar Workbook (p24)** that came out of a series of studies on prayer prepared for the 24/7 Prayer Chapel Ministry in Virginia. So there has not been a prayer seminar that did not include these practical suggestions for personal praying.

If you and I were in private conversation, I hope you would ask me "How's Your Walk with the Lord Going" and I could ask you "How's Your Walk with the Lord Going?"

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

In 2020, If God

If God brings you to it,
He will bring you through it.
Happy moments, praise God;
Difficult moments, seek God;
Quiet moments, worship God;
Painful moments, trust God;
Every moment, thank God.

Land of Beginning Again

For a Christian or an unsaved person, there is a land of beginning again! Today, you can journey there. If you will talk to God about it right now, you will find He is ready to transport you to that land!

As a Christian, if you are not as close to God today as you would like to be, don't waste time in regret. Draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to you (**James 4:7**).

From God's side, there is no land of partial forgiveness. He is ready!



What Christ Is to Us

The Shield from ev'ry dart;
The Balm for every smart;
The Sharer of each load;
The Companion on the road.

The Door into the fold;
The Anchor that will hold;
The Shepherd of the sheep;
The Guardian of my sleep.

The Friend with whom I talk;
The Way by which I walk;
The Light to show the way;
The Strength for ev'ry day.

The Source of my delight;
The Song to cheer the night;
The Thought that fills my mind;
The Best of All to find—**JESUS!**

**TURN YOUR EYES UPON
JESUS. TRY THE MAN OF
GALILEE;**

**LOVE THAT'S LIKE PURE
GOLD, A FRIEND WHO
NEVER GROWS OLD,
TRY JESUS, MAN OF
GALILEE. NOW IS THE
TIME, THE HOUR! HE IS
THERE WAITING!**

**IT'S TIME TO SING
PRAISES TO THE LORD!**



A Precious Discovery

In leafing through a book that belonged to my mother-in-law, Mrs. Rollie A. Troutman, who went home to be with the Lord on Thanksgiving Day, 1992, I found a page from a February 1955 desk calendar tucked away. May its message bring you the peace and comfort which it has brought me. You may want to tuck it away in one of your books—to enable a member of your family to

experience a precious discovery to share with others after you, too, have gone to Heaven.

THOU O LORD KNOWEST MY NAME. "And He called His own sheep by name, and leadeth them"(John 10:3).

MY THOUGHTS. "Thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off"(Psalm 139:2).

MY WAYS. "But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

MY PATH. "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day"(Proverbs 4:18)

MY NEEDS. "Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him"(Matthew 6:8).

Consider this ...

[Christ] is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think
(Ephesians 3:20),

Prayer is a child going to his Father who has delight in his coming (Proverbs 15:8) When you pray, there is no need to apologize or to feel that you are taking too much time or that you are too much bother. Actually, we are instructed to come **BOLDLY** to the Throne of Grace when we need mercy or grace in time of trouble (Hebrews 4:16), Provision for the past: MERCY. God does not give us what we deserve. Provision for the present: GRACE. God gives us what we don't deserve. It's yours for the asking. If you have yet to bow before Almighty God, your Creator and Sustainer, to receive needed mercy and grace, do it today. Why? Because tomorrow may be TOO LATE! You can be sure that He is waiting, ready to receive your petitions.

When Staying Home is the Ultimate Luxury

by Carollyn Peerman
Lynchburg, Virginia

The stress of your overscheduled day has got you down. Stay home. Too much is just too much. You feel like crawling into a corner and never coming out. How can you think clearly when a million and one ideas are scrambling through your mind?

Take a look at the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. His day began with hours spent in prayer. He clearly established His priorities. He was in perfect peace as He walked through His day accomplishing the work that His Father had called Him to do.

What an example for you to follow! Begin your day with prayer and meditation in His precious Word. Your strength will be found in quietness and in confidence as you plan your steps. Reject the tyranny of the urgent. Reach for the important. Seize it.

Cherish these words of the Lord Jesus Christ: "I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do" (John 17:4).

**WITH THIS ISSUE, THE
REFLECTOR BEGINS ITS
SIXTY-SIXTH YEAR.**

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JGH VERSE FOR THE YEAR

"Looking unto Jesus the Author
and Finisher of our faith"

Hebrews 12:2a*

*Inscription on the Henrys'
Memorial Stone

NOTES from my BIBLE

GOD'S WORD IS SETTLED IN HEAVEN!

Note 5041. God knows and is in full control of the future.

Note 5042. What God says He will do, He can do!

Note 5043. What God tells us to do, He is able to do through us.

Note 5044. "Spirit-filled" equals divine enablement.

Note 5045. GUARD THE INNER MAN: Contentment is something that depends a little on position, but a lot on disposition.

TRUST AND OBEY THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO BE HAPPY IN JESUS!

ROPEHOLDER/DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

November 23-December 17, 2019

Regular	63	\$17,735.00
Ropeholder	33	8,380.00
Total	88	\$26,115.00



PRAYER CALENDAR**JANUARY 2020***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1**Genesis 1-2 (Azerbaijan 10M)**

Mae Adams (NC)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)
 David & Eunjoo Andersen (VA)
 Marvin/Donna Anderson (VA)
 Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2**Genesis 3-5 (Bangladesh 157.8M)**

Linda Beattie (PA)
 Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ)
 Emily Baskin (TN)
 Jean Beasley (TN)
 Tommy Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Beulah Baptist Church (VA)

Dr. Dennis & Doreen Hollandsworth

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**Genesis 6-9 (Barbados 292,336)**

Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Jimmy & Christina Borsh (VA)
 Loretta Bolen (VA)
 William/Debbie Bowden (NC)
 Kathleen Boyce (PA)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Lurlene Braud (VA)
 Michael Breed (WI)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**Genesis 10-11 (Belarus 9.5M)**

Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Judy Britt (GA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)
 Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Anne Campbell (VA)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
 Cliff/Laura Cannon (FL))

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)
 Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)
 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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 6**Genesis 12-14 (Belgium 11.5M)**

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
 Barbara Custalow (VA)
 Tina Darden (MD)
 Bobby & Deborah Davis (VA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Robert & Janice DeLong (VA)
 Carolyn Dodd (VA)
 Jo Ann Dudley (VA)
 Micheal & Diane Eagle (VA)
 Kathryn Eaton (ME)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**Genesis 15-17 (Belize 360,346)**

Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
 Duane Eriean (WI)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 John & Susan Finnessy (MD)
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)
 Nancy Fowser (NJ)
 Claire/MaryAnn Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**Genesis 18-20 (Benin 11M)**

Emilee & Emma Fulcher (VA)
 John & Kim Gaines (DE)
 Ron & Kay Gavette (VA)
 Gloucester Co. Community Ch
 (NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
 Steve & Sue Gordon (VA)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**Genesis 21-24 (Bermuda 70,864)**

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)
 William & Sara Hefner (PA)
 Mary Pat Hendrick (VA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10**Genesis 25-26 (Bhutan 758,298)**

Jim Hengoed (CT)
 Gina Henry (VA)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
 Jack Henry (TN)
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**Genesis 27-31 (Bolivia 11.1M)**

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
 Frank & Pat Hitchings (VA)
 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)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Joyce Hunt (TN)
 Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
 Gene Jeffries (AR)
 Mark & Debbie Jenifer (MD)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)
 Millicent John (NY)

MONDAY, JANUARY 13**Genesis 32-36 (Bosnia 3.8M)**

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
 Ben & Gwen Jones (MD)
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)
 Aaron & Iris Johnson (MD)
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN)
 Vicky Johnson (MD)
 James Jones (FL)
 Paul Jones (KY)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**Genesis 37-40 (Botswana 2.2M)**

Theo/Sherry Jones (MD)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Mohan Katta (IL)
 Suzie Kauffmann (NC)
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church
 (KY) Darren Hise, Pastor

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**Genesis 41-44 (Brazil 207.4M)**

Harriet Kennedy (VA)
 Louis & Jane Kiger (VA)

Larry & Janet King (NC)
 Ken & Bonnie Kirby (PA)
 Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (ID)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Genesis 25-26 (BR VirginIs 35,015)
 Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
 Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Aaron & Wanda Lewis (MD)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Genesis 48-50 (Brunei 443,593)

Liberty University (VA)
 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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Exodus 1-2 (Bulgaria 7.1M)

Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Nick & Pat Markham (VA)
 Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Beau Ware Masonry (V)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
 Nancy McPherson (ME)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
 Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Roger & Nancy Minney (VA))
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Exodus 3-6 (Burkina Faso 201M))

Doris Moos (NJ)
 Elaine Moser (MN)
 Drever/Roberta Morton (VA)
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Betty Nichols (WA)
 NE Baptist College (VT)
 Mark Ballard, President
 Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI)
 Peter Dorn, Pastor

TUESDAY JANUARY 21

Exodus 7-10 (Burma 55.1M)

Zach & Jackie Olcott (VA)
 Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA)
 Pecks Baptist Church (VA)
 Bryan Sheehan, Pastor
 Sandy Pederson (MN)
 Jack & Carolyn Peerman (VA)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Exodus 11-12 (Burundi 11.5M)

Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
 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)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Exodus 13-15 (CaboVerde560,999)

James & Shelly Rode (FL)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
 Wanda Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
 John Saint (PA)
 Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Exodus 16-18 (Cambodia 16.2M)

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
 ShenandoahValleyBapt Ch (VA)
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Lola Simpson (NY)
 Mary Skiles (KS)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Exodus 19-20 (Cameroon 16.2M)

Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
 Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

William Suttles (NC)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
 RonTaylor (VA)

Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Jimmy & Mary Thomas (VA)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
 Montez Thompson (WI)
 Cathy Tilton (VA)

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Exodus 21-24 (Canada 35.6M)

Paula Tipton (TN)
 William & Katie Toney (NC)
 Virginia Trask (VA)
 Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Diane Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)
 Frances Turpin (VA)

TUESDAY JANUARY 28

Exodus 25-27 (Cayman Is 58,441)

Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Mary Ann Voss (DE)
 Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)

Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Exodus 28-31 (Cen Afr Rep 5.6M)

Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Holland & Mary Warren (VA)
 Rodger Watts (WI)
 Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)
 Jeff Williamson (FL)
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Exodus 32-34 (Chad 12M)

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

Exodus 35-40 (Cocos Is 596)

Layden Wood (VA)
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)
 Yeshua Ministries (TN)
 Dr. Frank Bell, Pres.
 Fred & Susan Zeller (VA)

DAILY INTERCESSION:

J. GORDON & SUE HENRY
ADAM & DIANNA NATHANSON

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men." Psalm 107:8

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You never have to bear your burden alone. We are eager to pray with you and then supply needed prayer support daily. Keep us updated.

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**ARE YOU
GROWING
IN THE
LORD?**

Spiritual immaturity characterized the Hebrew Christians. The writer of Hebrews pointed out that they had been saved long enough to be teachers, but they needed someone instead to be teaching them their "A-B-Cs." **QUESTION:** Are you stronger in your Christian faith than you were one year ago today? If not, why not?

Frankly, many Christians are neglecting the two basic areas that will help them to grow: daily reading the Word of God to hear the voice of God and praying in response to His message and your needs.

Today would be a good day to spend some extra time doing both. **PRAYER IS THE GYMNASIUM OF THE SOUL.** Using the Word and prayer, spend some time in spiritual exercise today. It will make a difference!

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TELL A FRIEND!

Pray Daily

A Sunday in the Blue Ridge Mountains

Sunday, August 31, 1986. I

remember it as though it were yesterday. I had traveled from our home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee to Central Virginia to conduct a prayer seminar in **Dr. Tom Foster's** home church in the **Blue Ridge Mountains in Nelson County—the Rockfish Valley Baptist Church, Nellysford.** He and his wife, **Mary Dale,** had become precious friends during my days at Liberty Baptist College (now Liberty University). He held a professorship in business at a university in Oklahoma and had expressed interest in coming to Liberty to begin our business program. Although he did not come, we kept in close touch. The Fosters spent the summer in his childhood home in Nelson County, Virginia.

The excitement was enhanced by having our daughter **Melody,** a nurse in Lynchburg, to spend the day with me as I shared the seminar. I never dreamed that the time spent there would impact my life so dramatically. Dr. Foster's sister, **Catherine Thomas,** decided to become a **Doorkeeper** that day. For years upon years, she was a faithful partner. Now all three—Dr. Foster, Mary Dale, and Catherine—are residents of the Celestial City called Heaven.

That was the day that **Josephine Fitzgerald** came into my life. She, too, became a **Doorkeeper.** Without question, the impact that she had on the prayer seminar ministry and my life was unequalled by any other. We became one from day one! She was seventy-seven at the time.

IN MEMORY
DOORKEEPER
JOSEPHINE
FITZGERALD
January 13, 1909
January 15, 2009



To begin with, Josephine informed me that God wanted her to write a book. When I said, Well, then you must write a book. She said, I can't write a book. But she did. In fact, she wrote five books. Her first book, published in 1990, was entitled **When Thou Walkest Through the Waters.** Her other four books are **Precious Memories** (1994), **I Found the Answer . . . I Prayed** (1996), **We Grow in the Valleys** (1998), and **Christ Our Burden Bearer** (2001). Initially, she wrote in longhand, but someone gave her a typewriter and she learned to type. Many of our long-term **Doorkeepers** have her books since she insisted in giving a copy to each **Doorkeeper family.**

For twenty-three years, every few weeks, I had a letter from Josephine, written in her home in the Blue Ridge and later from Alabama where she lived with a daughter and granddaughter during the last years of her life. . She always had a Scripture to share—not just the reference, but she wrote out the verse completely. I cherished and was strengthened by her friendship. I knew that she not only prayed for me every morning, but many times during the day. She was our oldest **Doorkeeper.**

Josephine told her family that she was going to live to be a hundred and then she was going to

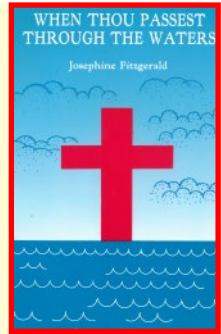
go be with the Lord. To celebrate her 100th birthday, family and friends gathered at her home in Alabama. Two days later, Josephine laid down on her bed to sleep and woke up in Heaven. I'm not surprised that this is what happened. Certainly, we miss Josephine on earth. For many years, she had longed for God to take her. On one occasion, she was seriously ill in the University of Virginia Medical Center, actually thought to be at the point of death. However, God raised her up because He wanted her to write another book. The first letter after she returned home began with the words "I'm so disappointed. I thought I was going to Heaven, but here I am back in my earthly home." Well done, good and faithful servant ... enter into the joys of the Lord.

Josephine wanted to share with others what she was learning about prayer. She was especially interested in the international phase of our ministry. Her example in determining what financial support she should give for each trip became known as the **Josephine Principle**.

One year I promised leaders in Borneo (East Malaysia) that I would return and that we would be responsible for 300 pastors. When Josephine took out her checkbook she began to write in the amount and began at \$10. When she asked the Lord if this is what He wanted, she said that he told her to add another zero. Ten dollars became one hundred dollars. Again, Lord is this enough? The answer was add another zero. Her check came for \$1,000 with her account of what happened.

One year Josephine shared that

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FIRST BOOK
When Thou Passeth
Through the
Waters**



she was to host a prayer seminar in her home in the Blue Ridge Mountains if I would come. It was a memorable time with many people gathering. This reminds me to explain that the Lord had me to make a commitment to never require a certain number for a prayer seminar or answer anyone's question about the amount of support I expected. I explained that we are a faith ministry depending on the Lord to touch hearts related to how much support He wanted them to provide. **Adam Nathanson** and I have discussed this approach and the meaning of a faith ministry.

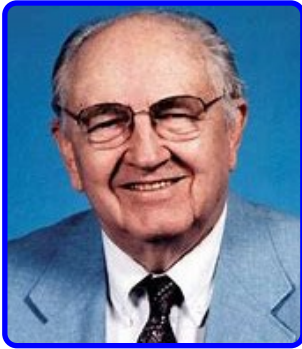
LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say; Destroy them.

Deuteronomy 33:27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear; The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 27:1



The Defender's Study Bible (Now The Henry Morris Study Bible)

Are you ready for a new study Bible? If so, I recommend the **Defender's Study Bible**, which features OVER 6,400 explanatory footnotes written by **Dr. Henry Morris (1918-2006)**, one of our **Doorkeepers**. Prior to publication, I had the wonderful privilege of serving as a reader for the notes. My life was greatly enriched by the insights of this man of God.

As I have shared over the years, I have used a new study Bible each year since 1977. Several years, it has been **The Defender's Study Bible** (now called the Henry Morris Study Bible). During 2019, this has been my study Bible. Although I greatly profited from serving as a consultant for the notes, each year I have used the Bible as my primary study Bible. I am literally amazed at the insights of my dear friend presented in

words/expressions that are clearly understood.

The **Defender's Study Bible** is the only study Bible stressing the defense of the Biblical Christian faith from the perspective of literal creationism and absolute biblical inerrant authority. Dr. Tim LeHage calls it The most valuable Bible resource between two covers. Dr. Herman Austel, Dean, Northwest Baptist Seminary (WA), points out that it contains a wealth of information in historical and scientific matters as well as in prophetic interpretation and spiritual application.

There are eighteen appendices, as well as an index, concordance, center-column references, and maps.

Nineteen days before his death, Dr. Morris inscribed three copies of the **New Defender's Study Bible**, one for Sue, one for me, and one for me to give to Dr. Jerry Falwell, our mutual friend and colleague. Since he had been hospitalized for some days, it is incredible that he could accomplish this cherished feat.

Sue's inscription read: "For Sue Henry With highest regards in Christ. Henry Morris 2-6-06. Isaiah 40:8-11."

In a recent conversation with a Liberty University student, I asked him if he was acquainted with **Dr. Henry Morris**, who was called the father of modern creationism. Much to my chagrin, he confessed that he



had never heard of Dr. Morris. Both of us invested much time and energy in developing the **Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools** (he as Chairman of the Board of Directors and as a benefactor that kept **TRACS** afloat financially during the developing years leading to recognition from the United States Department of Education as an accrediting agency for Christians colleges/universities/seminaries/graduate schools that believe in the historicity of the first eleven chapters of Genesis including creation, rather than evolution and I as the first full-time Executive Director). How many benefiting from a higher education experience in an institution accredited by **TRACS—administrator, faculty or staff member, or student** know anything about Henry Morris, one of the stars during his life on earth?

Dr. Morris was a prolific author. Although Sue and I have given our libraries to the **Northeastern Baptist College, Bennington, Vermont**, I kept back many of Dr. Morris' books. Each time a new book was released, he sent Sue and me an inscribed copy (with an appropriate Scripture.

Pray the Scriptures: Paul's Prison Prayers a Model

Through prayer, a believer can touch three worlds: Heaven, Earth, and Hell. When he touches Heaven, his focus is on God the Father (High and Lifted Up) seated on His Throne of Grace. That is **worship** time. The second world prayer touches is earth, looking toward people and circumstances. This is the time when we **work** in prayer. The third world is Hell with the focus on Satan. This is the time when we engage in **spiritual warfare**. We will never win the war if we do not know where the battle is being fought. Victories are won through prayer. Satan is defeated through warfare praying.

It is true that God has provided armor to protect us when we go to battle and the instruction manual for preparation for battle is in the warfare section in **Ephesians 6:10-18**. Although God has provided the armor, He does not put the armor on for us. By faith put on the whole armor—each piece is vital. The battle is fought in prayer. The first activity mentioned, after the armor is on, is prayer (v 18),

Each of us, while on earth, needs to be interested in touching earth—people and circumstances. Greater works than Jesus did during His earthly sojourn are possible (**John 14:12-14**). It is at that point a prayer list is crucial. Over the forty years that my main ministry has been teaching believers the purpose and power of prayer (in their individual lives and in their churches) I insist that my students write in the

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2019 A Banner Year: International Ministry



During 2019, Adam Nathanson has had an extended ministry (prayer seminars, clinics, preaching) in Brazil, Canada, Chile, Cuba, United States and Venezuela--145 churches. He was advised not to return to their home in **Caracas, Venezuela** due to the political unrest sweeping the nation. He has used Baltimore, Maryland as his base. He will begin the 2020 work with prayer seminars in **Panama City, Panama, in January.**

Having traveled throughout Venezuela mobilizing prayer warriors, my heart breaks for this nation. **Adam has resumed responsibility for the prayer seminar ministry both in the United States and other nations.**

We rejoice with **Digmar Garcia** for his 2019 work **Colombia, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic.** It has been thrilling to read his report for 2019 and discern his humble, serving spirit. There were 36 prayer seminars with 2,139 in attendance. This included 48 pastors and 36 missionaries. There were 84 professions of faith. attending (99 pastors, 64 missionaries). There were 32 professions of faith. Miles traveled were 8,000 miles. Days on

the road totaled 46.

Many of you know that my first overseas ministry was Cuba in January 1960 when I was twenty-four years old. Fifty years later, I returned to First Baptist Church, Placetas, where seventy came to Christ in 1960. Amazingly nine of the seventy were in the 2010 services. Adam and I were thrilled beyond words. At that time, Digmar Garcia was pastor of First Baptist Church. We never dreamed that he would move to a church in Santa Clara and become the director for JGHM: Cuba and Venezuela Branch. God is good.

Martin Shikuku who is director of JGHM: East/Africa Branch, and his team led 29 prayer seminars with 2,597 participants (1,485 Churches; 1,115 pastors; 728 professions of faith; 2,052 miles traveled. A detailed plan to organize prayer warriors in every state in Kenya is being carried out with unusually great success. His van was replaced this year thanks to the special giving of Ropeholder Doorkeepers. Funds were recently provided for 1,000

Swahali and 1,000 Luganda prayer seminar workbooks. His 2020 plan is to focus on Uganda.

A series of prayer seminars have now been completed in major cities in Pakistan. JGHM has been responsible for providing Urdu prayer seminar workbooks and covering basic expenses related to the seminars. **Ropeholder Doorkeepers** have provided the necessary prayer and financial support. We must understand that for these Christians to build churches, they risk their lives. 100% of these Christians face persecution for their faith. Only 1.6% in Pakistan are Christians, the majority follow Islam. If a Muslim has a problem with a Christian, the Christian is accused of blasphemy against their religion. Such accusation often carries a death sentence. When the invitation came to provide prayer seminars in Pakistan, Silas Yashim (Nigeria) wrote that this is a God thing. Islam is a violent religion. Christians are looked upon as second class citizens. One loses his position when he becomes a Christian and is assigned to menial jobs.

Year after year, prayer seminars have been provided across **Nigeria**. **Othniel Wakili leads the work, assisted by Nickson Matthias.** The latest report submitted was January through October 2019: Number of prayer seminars 23; Participants 8,731; Pastors 2,401; Churches 85; Miles traveled 7,300. Othniel and Shem traveled to the dangerous NE mountains, where Muslims dominate. Arrangements were made for them to return to conduct prayer seminars. **Ropeholder Doorkeepers** provided the funds for these seminars. We need prayer warriors for this most heavily populated African nation.



We continue to be amazed at reports from other nations where the prayer seminar materials are being taught. The above report are the nations that we have targeted to represent the other ones. One goal during 2020, which will likely be the last year for JGHM's leadership, is to mobilize USA churches to adopt these groups. We are depending on our partners to provide a prayer covering for the ongoing work.

EVERYTHING BY PRAYER. ARE YOU A LIGHTHOUSE OF PRAYER? WHAT ABOUT YOUR CHURCH?

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intercession section of the Prayer Seminar Workbook in large letters: **NO PRAYER LIST, NO PRAYER LIFE!** Each day be sure you pray for your family members by name listening and allowing the Holy Spirit to direct your prayer. If you are not praying for your family, you can be sure that no one else is! Remember **PRAYER IS THE WORK THAT MUST COME BEFORE ALL OTHER WORK!** Sadly there is seldom much time and effort given by the average Christian to prayer work. In fact, most of us do not do enough work in prayer in a year to make a butterfly tired!

Remarkable insights into intercessory prayer come from Paul's self-described "striving in prayer" mode (**Romans 15:30, Colossians 2:1,2 and 4:12**), an expression that means to **the point of exhaustion**. This kind of praying is based on the fact that prayer is work demanding time, energy, and effort. A compilation of Paul's prayer list from the epistles is astonishing in its length and geographic scope.

Take time to study Paul's **prison prayers** recorded in **Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:14-21; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-12**. You and I may pray these prayers for ourselves knowing that when we do we are praying the will of God since he asks for the very things needed in our lives. We can use them in intercessory prayers for others. The two prayers in Ephesians complement each other.

The first (**Ephesians 1:15-23**) is for **enlightenment**—knowing what God has done for us and the second (**3:14-21**) is for **enablement**—experiencing His blessings.

If your appetite for intercessory praying has been whetted as you read this article, remember that these thoughts are fleshed out in my book, **Intercession: Prayer as Work**. Remember that the format for the book lends itself to use as a text in Sunday school classes or small groups, as well as for individual study.

The above study of touching three worlds in prayer is taken from the **Prayer Seminar Workbook** (pp 7-9) available upon request from the **JGHM office (1127 Lakeview Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia 24502; Call/text (434) 239-8837; E-mail: jghm84@aol.com)**. We do not sell our study materials, but a response envelope will be included for those wishing to make a contribution. Everyone serious about prayer will find help in the **Prayer Seminar Workbook**.

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