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Keepsakes from Friendship

Dedicated to our Friends

During a recent morning devotional time, Sue spontaneously included in her prayer “and thank You for our many FRIENDS around the world.” Since 1956, my junior year at Berea College (KY), I have been an active member of **Phi Kappa Phi**, America’s most prestigious all –discipline academic honor society. Founded in 1897, it’s motto is “Let the love of learning rule humanity.” It’s counterpoint, **Phi Beta Kappa**, founded in 1776, is limited to liberal arts and sciences. I look forward to each issue of its publication, the **Phi Kappa Phi Forum**. A recent issue was devoted to **FRIENDSHIP**. The Bible is full of statements related to **FRIENDSHIP**. Check your concordance. Be sure to put the names of friends on your prayer list. Set aside a specific time on your weekly prayer list to pray for friends. Cultivate your friendships.

Two of my most cherished “keepsakes” are statements of friendship sent to me by two of my best friends, **Carter Mylam Baynes** (12/12/1915-6/4/2014), Charlotte, North Carolina. and **Katherine Fox Goff Morgan** (8/9/1930-7/15/2015), Newport News, Virginia. I “ponder” the words of friendship each shared and think about the host of friends God has given Sue and me and will share one from Carter sent during September Letter-Writing month, 2003:



CARTER: “True friendship has many ingredients. True friendship isn’t seen with the eyes, it’s felt with the heart when there is trust, understanding, secrets, loyalty, and sharing ... Friendship is a feeling rarely found in life, but when it is found it has a profound impact on one’s well-being, strength and character. A true friendship

does not need elaborate gifts or spectacular events in order to be valuable or valued. To ensure long-lasting quality and satisfaction, a friendship only needs certain key ingredients: underlying loyalty, unmatched understanding, unsurpassed trust, deep and soulful secrets, and endless sharing. These ingredients, mixed with personality and a sense of humor, can make friendship last a lifetime [and beyond]. **This is just to thank you, Jim, my friend, for all the Letter Writing Month 2003.**



KATHERINE: “I want to tell you something I should have said a long time ago. I want to say thank you for being a wonderful friend to know. You’ve stood by me so many times and understood my tears. When I was sad inside, you calmed my fears. Thank you, my friend. You’re everything a friend should be. I hope I can return just a little of what you’ve given me. Love Katherine Christmas 1991.”

RICH IN FRIENDS! THAT IS A TRUTH THAT BRINGS MUCH SOLACE AND JOY TO OUR HEARTS DURING THE SUNSET YEARS OF OUR LIVES. THIS INCLUDES FRIENDS IN THE USA AND FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD. I’M GLAD THAT THERE IS COMING A GREAT REUNION DAY AND UNENDING FELLOWSHIP with our friends who are fellow believers in the Family of God.

PERSPECTIVE

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING AND HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE



Let’s praise the Lord here and now. What is the basic purpose of man? Ponder **Isaiah 43:7**: “Everyone who is called by my My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.” **He wants the world to see some of His majesty and goodness through you, and He wants to crown you with some of His splendor. Thanksgiving is**

the glory we give to God for what He has done for us, His hand of blessing. **PRAISE** is the **ADORATION** for who He is—His character, His attributes, His essence. We seek His face, even before we seek His hand in Thanksgiving. Remember the chief occupation in Heaven is to praise the Lord. To be comfortable in Heaven, we can get in practice praising the Lord here on earth!

Praise His holy name. **The name “Jehovah” is His redemptive name and means “The self-existent One who reveals Himself.”** He is the Almighty, Omnipotent (all-powerful), Omniscience (all-knowing), and Omnipresent (Seated on His Throne in Heaven but ever present on earth). He is the Creator and Sustainer of everything everywhere. Worship Him. Let adoration permeate your prayers and your thoughts. Remember, Jesus shared in the **Upper Room Discourse (John 13-17)** that He came to reveal the Father. Should we do less?

One avenue for praise is to learn and meditate upon the names of Jehovah that reveal His character, attributes, essence. As **ELOHIM**, He reveals His eternal strength and creative power. As **El SHADDAI**, He is Almighty and able to nourish. Then He is **ADONAI**, the One who has ownership and Lordship. Above all for us, He is **JEHOVAH**, self-existent and self-sufficient. Compound Hebrew words reveal aspects of His redemption. Focus on Him as directed in the Model Prayer. One-half of that prayer focuses on the Father. **JEHOVAH-JIREH** (The Lord Provides) **1 John 4:9; Psalm 116:5, 8, 16, 17; JEHOVAH-ROPHE** (The Lord Heals) **Isaiah 53:4-5; 1 Peter 2:24; JEHOVAH-NISSI** (The Lord our Banner) **1 Chronicles 29:11-13; JEHOVAH-ROHI** (The Lord My Shepherd) **Psalm 23:3-5; Psalm 29:11; JEHOVAH-SHALOM** (The Lord Our Peace) **Romans 8:31-35; Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 29:11; JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU** (The Lord our Righteousness) **Psalm 119:137; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Psalm 48:10; Daniel 9:14; Hosea 14:9; Romans 10:4; JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH** (The Lord is Present) **Isaiah 66:1-2; Hebrews 13:5-6; Psalm 139:7-8; JEHOVAH-M’KADDESH** (The Lord Who Sanctifies) **Isaiah 6:3; 57:15; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 4:8; 15:4.**

Perhaps your interest is peaked and you would like to dig deeper: For each of the revealed Names, write out the Scriptures, but talk to Him, not about Him. The following is an example: **JEHOVAH-JIREH** (The Lord Provides) **1 John 4:9; Psalm 116:5, 8, 16, 17).** “God, in this Your love was manifested to me; that You sent Your only begotten Son into the world that I may live through Him. Gracious are You, Lord, and righteous; yea, You are merciful. You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. O Lord, truly I am Your servant. I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon Your name.”

Will this exercise take time and effort? Yes, but the benefits will lead you to sing, “I think of my blessed Redeemer. I think of Him all the day long. I sing for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song.” Let’s praise the Lord in our prayer time.

Yours in Calvary love

J. Gordon Henry

Notes from My Bible



Note 6084. Smile awhile and give your frown a rest.

Note 6085. Worry is like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do but gets you nowhere.

Note 6086. The biggest room in the world is the room for improvement.

Note 6087. There are no exit signs in hell and the signage over the door of hell, once a person is inside, could very well be: “**Abandon hope, all who enter here.**”

Note 6088. You and I will never meet a person God does not love.

A LITTLE HELP NEEDED

“Laborers Together with God” (1 Corinthians 3:6-9)



Adam Nathanson is a networker. One of his efforts since being named as the president of **The Prayer Seminar** [Founded as **J. Gordon Henry Ministries** in 1984] is to use this gift to introduce the prayer seminar to others. It is imperative that as many as possible know the availability of the prayer seminar and understand its value.

The ground was laid in 1978-79 when the prayer seminar workbook came into being. The first prayer seminar, as such, was in September 1980. Thanks to **Family Radio WFME (FM) in South Orange, New Jersey**, thousands in the Greater New York City area learned of the availability of the prayer seminar. We used the **Reflector** to publicize its availability. Many contacts came through my positions as president of **Northeastern Bible College, Essex Fells, New Jersey** and then as the Executive Director for the **Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)**. **Dr. John Hash** (1921-2012), Founder, **Bible Pathway Ministries, Murfreesboro, Tennessee**, promoted the seminar and encouraged us to establish **JGHM** for an official entity to oversee the prayer seminar ministry. Thanks to **Attorney Paul Jennings** this became a reality in May 1984 when we became a Tennessee non-profit corporation, **JGHM**, operating under a Board of Directors. From 1984 through 2011, the schedule was full with an average of 52 prayer seminars a year. Prayer Seminars were conducted in forty-seven states, the District of Columbia, and sixty nations traveling over two million miles.

Although my field was primarily as an educator, my passion became the prayer seminar. I awakened many mornings teaching the prayer seminar in my dreams. As my wife, Sue, assessed what was happening, she said, “One day someone will inform me that my husband is dead. I will say, ‘Where’s his body?’ I will go there and say, ‘You have a prayer seminar scheduled! You better get up and start packing the workbook boxes!’ If he doesn’t get up and go then I will know he was called up to his new home in Heaven.” “On the road again” was my mantra as seminars were scheduled across the nation and later around the world. I sense Adam is developing the same passion about the prayer seminar.

A LITTLE HELP IS NEEDED. What can you do to help? **Pray. Then tell others about the availability of the six-hour prayer seminar.** Every church can have a prayer seminar. Contact Adam for background information and details about scheduling in your area. **Pray for open doors. Ropeholder Doorkeepers** are needed. The Gospel is free but someone has to pay the freight bill!

To assist those whom you connect to understand the prayer seminar ministry and the seminar itself (purpose and mechanics), remind them to go to www.jgordonhenryministries.org. To catch the spirit of a seminar, click on **The Reflector** link and read a few **Reflectors**. All **Reflectors** since January 2006 are there and available for downloading. This website is also a part of the archives for **JGHM**. Then go to www.thepayerseminar.com for contemporary information about **The Prayer Seminar** in real time. Anyone who takes the time and makes the effort will be blessed.

Seek the Lord’s will for you in this matter and don’t be surprised if He tells you to **DO IT!** Provide a little help! With your help, this very important ministry to state conventions, churches and individuals will continue establishing **Lighthouses of Prayer Around the World**. In eternity, you will be glad you did.

“The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge (Ruth 2:12)

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

**THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYER
AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.**

THE LINES ARE DRAWN



**It’s Time To Take A Stand.
It’s Time For Christians/Believers To
Awaken From Their Sleep And Engage
In The Battle. Are We “Fiddling
While Rome Is Burning?”**

One of the interesting pages in the **PRAYER SEMINAR WORKBOOK** is page nine in the **Session One** section. The overall thrust of this session (the **first ten pages**) is to survey a question, **“What Is Prayer?”** There is a multi-faceted answer. Other questions are posed for a serious disciple to ponder. An example is “Does God want His children to pray?” “Does God want me to pray?” “Does God want you to pray?” The Scriptures, which reveal God’s point of view, are used to answer the questions.

Prayer touches three worlds, Heaven (page seven), Earth (page eight), and Hell (page nine). When you touch Heaven you focus on God and that is worship; when you touch Earth, your focus is on people and circumstances, and that is work; when you touch Hell, your focus is on Satan and that is warfare. A key thought related to **SPIRITUAL WARFARE** is given on page nine. **“I will never win the war if I do not know where the battle is fought.”**

A key Scriptural passage on spiritual warfare is cited, **Ephesians 6:10-18**. The foundation is laid in verse ten: “Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.” Our strength is not enough; we must have His strength. God has provided armor to protect us from the wiles of Satan, but He does not put the armor on for us (**verse ten**). It is our responsibility to put the armor on. How can we put it on if we do not know what it is? Again, we are reminded that we need to immerse ourselves with the Word of God (Hear the Word, Read the Word, Study the Word, Memorize the Word, Meditate on the Word, Apply the Word.)

Where is the battle fought? **PRAYER**. The first activity mentioned after our armor is in place is prayer (**verse eighteen**). **C. T. Studd** said, “I want to build a workshop within a yard of [the gates of] hell.” This pioneer missionary was not looking for a soft easy place where he would never have to risk his life. Fact. We need recruits who are ready to fight on their knees a hot fierce war against the very gates of hell. **IT IS TIME FOR CHURCHES TO WAKE UP OR THE WAR IS LOST! PRAYER IS THE WORK THAT MUST COME BEFORE ALL OTHER WORK!**

We encourage pastors and leaders to schedule a prayer seminar for their areas. The impact is highly documented by many churches and pastors around the world. In the July Reflector mention was made of a one-day prayer seminar and its impact on Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky. **Dr. Hershael York**, now Dean of The School of Theology, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, was the senior pastor at AABC. A copy of the January 9, 1994 AABC Sunday bulletin, which could one day be a model for your church, is enclosed to show one possible schedule for spending “A Day in God’s Courts.” Contact Adam Nathanson for details.

The Prayer Seminar Board

Meeting # 148

The Prayer Seminar Board of Directors convened via Zoom for its quarterly board meeting on July 11, 2023. There was a review of 2023 with special attention given to the second quarter, April-June. For the year, Adam has conducted twenty-two prayer seminars. Sixty-five pastors and 155 leaders attended. He has preached five sermons. During 2023, he has conducted forty-three networking sessions, a key to the future. Miles traveled have been 22,500 (Air: 16,636; Ground: 5,864). A series of prayer seminars were conducted in Spain, a new country). In addition, Adam participated in an international gathering in Switzerland of leaders from around the world who are minister to members of legislative bodies. The Prayer Seminar Workbook is in the hands of those in attendance from the different nations. Certainly, the fields are white for harvest. **WE NEED ROPEHOLDERS AND DOORKEEPERS WHO PROVIDE PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.** Following the **Founder’s Report** by Dr. Henry, the board members committed to praying for open doors for Adam and his team working in many nations to establish **Lighthouses of Prayer**.

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