

REFLECTOR

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**OD SENT...HIS SON...THAT THE WORLD
THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED.**

JOHN 3:17

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*From our House to Your House
The Henrys*

A Right Christmas

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

Christmas means many things to many people according to their backgrounds, ages, and interests: profits, presents, trees, toys, lights, wrapping presents, decorating homes, paying bills, working extra hours. **What does Christmas mean to you? Are you ready to have a right Christmas?**

For a born-again believer, Christmas means everything! It means that there is a Father Who loves Him, a brother Savior Who shed His blood on the Cross to pay for his sins and make a way to be reconciled to the Father, and a Holy Spirit who is our Helper in every aspect of life. God regarded our lost condition and did something about it by giving the best Gift ever! Our Savior was born. That is the meaning of Christmas. Note how sharp is Dr. Luke's diagnosis! **"Unto You"**—that is personal; **"This Day"**—that is present; **"A Savior"**—that is precious!

Actually, **three symbols** show the real meaning of Christmas: a **cradle** (1 Timothy 3:16), a **cross** (John 18:37), and a **crown** (Isaiah 9:6). Incarnation—Jesus, God of very God in human flesh—was laid in a manger for His cradle (John 1:1, Galatians 4:4-5, 2 Corinthians 5:18-19). He came to die on our behalf on the cross (John 12:32). One day He will return and will be crowned King of kings with every knee bowing and every tongue confessing that He is Lord (Philippians 2:9-11).

Ingredients of a right Christmas

It is important for a Christian to have a **RIGHT CHRISTMAS!** Here are some ingredients to include in your celebration.

Ministry Update

JGHM was incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the State of Tennessee in May 1984 and is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service. All bills are current as I write. We have never sent out a "crisis letter" and have had funds available to pay every bill in a timely fashion.

When Sue and I received a "special call" to establish a prayer seminar ministry, we knew that we could never do it alone. God gave us **Doorkeepers**. God raised up partners to allow us to go. Thank you, **Ropeholder Doorkeepers**.

JGHM plans to remain active through 2020. Not only do we want to undergird the prayer seminars in other nations, we would like to keep the **REFLECTOR** going (\$1,000 a month for the current format). One major goal is to prepare a new DVD to be used for either group or individual study. We have an excellent website that needs to be updated. We will be busy on the home front. Adam is doing prayer seminars.

In addition, Sue is having a challenge with memory to the level that we need to be "joined at the hip." With God's Mercy and Grace, we expect 2020 to be one of our best years. **2020 will be a special year of celebration** as we look back at forty years with thanksgiving.

1. Making Room for Jesus. The inn keeper is a symbol of those who have no room for Jesus. Be sure your heart is not so full of other things that there is no room for Him this Christmas. Jesus is the reason for the season!

2. Worship and the Grace of Giving. Adoration is simply looking at Jesus and loving Him. Take time for special worship as did the shepherds and wise men. **Since it is His birthday, shouldn't your most expensive gift be given to honor Jesus?** The wise men "...fell down, and worshiped Him ... and ...presented unto Him gifts" (Luke 2:11). Can we do any less? On November 9, 2019, in a confidential letter to our **Ropeholder Doorkeepers**, I shared my dreams for 2020, which likely will be the very last year in the active ministry of **JGHM**. One of my dreams is to be able to continue to publish the **Reflector** for a final year (the 66th year). There is no subscription cost for the **Reflector** and the cost is around \$1,000 for each monthly issue. In the few days since the letter was posted, we have received several thousand dollars. Our partners find joy in giving a gift for the work of the Lord Jesus Christ through the printed ministry of **JGHM**.

3. Telling Others. The shepherds "made known abroad" what they had seen and heard (Luke 2:17-20). The need is great and the hour is late. How many on your street or in your neighborhood are waiting for someone to tell them about Jesus? We are not called to be lawyers, but witnesses. What an opportune time we have at Christmas to tell others its real meaning

Peace on earth

Were the angels wrong when they talked about peace on earth and goodwill to men (Luke 2:14) since we have so much hurt today? No, the peace God offers is for those who will trust His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as Savior and Lord. **The best present you could give to Him would be yourself this Christmas Day. If you have not, do so now. If you have, reaffirm your dependence upon Him!**

The star and the wise men

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

See the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, even in His state of humiliation! He is born of lowly parents, laid in a manger and wrapped in swaddling bands; but lo! The principalities and powers in the heavenly places are in commotion.

One angel descends to proclaim the advent of the newborn King, and suddenly there is with him a multitude of the heavenly host singing glory unto God. Nor was the commotion confined to the spirits above; for in the heavens which overhang this earth there is a stir. A star is deputed on behalf of all the stars, as if he were the envoy and plenipotentiary of all worlds to represent them before their King. This star is put in commission to wait upon the Lord, to be His herald to men afar off, His usher to conduct them to His presence and His bodyguard to sentinel His cradle.

Earth too is stirred. Shepherds have come to pay homage; with all

love and joy they bow before the mysterious child. After them from afar come the choice and flower of their generation, the most studious minds of the age. Making a long and difficult journey, they too at last arrive, the representatives of the Gentiles. The kings of Seba and Sheba offer gifts gold, frankincense and myrrh. Wise men, the leaders of their peoples, bow down before Him and pay homage to the Son of God. Wherever Christ is, He is honorable.

In the day of small things, when the cause of God is denied entertainment and is hidden away with things which are despised, it is still most glorious. Christ, though a child, is still King of kings; though among the oxen, He is still distinguished by His star.

If wise men of old came to Jesus and worshiped, should not we come also? My intense desire is that we all may pay homage to Him of whom we sing, Unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given. Let us worship anew with yet lowlier reverence and intenser love. And God grant oh, that He would grant it! that some who are far off from Him spiritually, as the Magi were afar off locally, may come today and ask, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we . . . are come to worship Him May feet that have been accustomed to broad roads, but unaccustomed to the narrow path, this day pursue the narrow path until they see Jesus and bow before Him with all their hearts, finding salvation in Him.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry



Immediate Concerns. I featured the work of Shem Kamla in Nigeria in the November **Reflector**. I hope that you read the story and have Nigeria on your daily prayer list. Since 1988, Shem has been an integral part of the prayer seminar ministry service in northeast Nigeria, the predominately Muslim section of Nigeria. If you travel through Gombe State and go down a certain road, you will see the prayer seminar logo prominently displayed on a roadside sign. You will be at Shem's headquarters.

The leader of the Nigerian prayer seminar ministry, Othniel Wakili, and Shem have traveled to Taraba State, a NE mountainous area, November 18-29. The terrain is so that travel is treacherous. Beyond that, this is in northern Nigeria states that are controlled by Muslims and have Sharia law. There are many Muslim terrorists active in this area. During the past few months, hundreds of Christians have been killed or wounded. Thousands have been displaced, churches, schools, health clinics have been destroyed in predominantly Christian villages.. Danger! Danger! Danger! Muslim Fulani herdsmen destroy, abduct and kill Christians. The slaughter continues! A full report from Nigeria will be given in January 2020 **Reflector**.

I shall know Him

When my life-work is ended,
 And I cross the swelling tide,
 When the bright and glorious morning
 I shall see;
 I shall know my Redeemer
 When I reach the other side,
 And His smile will be the first to welcome me.

I shall know Him, I shall know Him,
 And redeemed by His side, I shall stand.
 I shall know Him, I shall know Him,
 By the print of the nails in His hand.

Fanny Crosby was probably the most prolific hymnist in history. Though blinded by an incompetent doctor at six weeks of age, she wrote over 8,000 hymns. After her blindness, she said: "It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things around me."

In her lifetime, **Fanny Crosby** was one of the best known women in the United States. To this day, the majority of American hymnals contain her work.

Some of my favorites are the following: *All the Way My Savior Leads Me, Blessed Assurance, Blessed Redeemer, Christ the Lord is Risen Today, He Hideth My Soul, I am Thine O Lord, Jesus is Passing This Way, Living for Jesus, Meet Me There, Near the Cross, No Tears in Heaven, Redeemed How I Love to Proclaim It, Safe in the Arms of Jesus, Saved by Grace, Saved by the Blood, Showers of Blessing, Tell Me the Story of Jesus, Through Your Sins be as Scarlet, To God be the Glory. To the Work, Trusting Jesus, and Will Jesus Find Us Watching?* These are songs whose words have strengthened my commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and increased my love for the One who died for my sins.

As a pastor, it was my custom to choose hymns to harmonize with my message. Often, one of Fanny Crosby's hymns was included. The words prepared the hearts/minds of those attending the services. The Holy Spirit worked freely. Many came to Christ as Savior confessing before men; many reaffirmed their commitments **publicly**. When decisions are publicly expressed, the one who made the decision is strengthened and so are the ones witnessing the decisions. We eagerly awaited the invitation period as the climax of our gathering time, an unhurried time of decision-making.

Mrs. Cathryn Hensley (1908-1987), a dear friend and member of **Pleasant View Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia**, often shared with me, "Pastor, I can hardly wait until Sunday!"

One that I have pondered over more than any other is *I Shall Know Him* by the print of the nails in His hand. At this 2019 Christmas season, let's reflect on what brought about those nail-prints. He gave His best for you and me! Day by day, let's determine to give Him our best! Greater love has no man than this, than he lay down his life.

Dying men have said, "I am sorry that I have been an atheist, an infidel, an agnostic, or a sinner," but no man ever said with his last breath, "I am sorry I have lived a Christian life."

-Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

"PARTNERS TOGETHER WITH GOD"

1 Corinthians 3:6-9

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changes lives.



NOTES from my BIBLE

**NO WONDER HIS NAME
IS CALLED WONDERFUL!**

Note 5036. No one was ever born like Jesus--born of the virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit.

Note 5037. No one ever lived like Jesus--holy, undefiled, and separate from sinners.

Note 5038. No one ever spoke like Jesus--so said a Roman soldier.

Note 5039. No one ever died like Jesus--"to take away the sins of the world."

Note 5040. No one ever arose again from the grave like Jesus; He arose the third day, as He said.

HALLELUJAH!
WHAT A SAVIOR!

ROPEHOLDER/DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

October 18-November 22, 2019

Regular	73	\$7,743.00
Ropeholder	15	2,580.00
Total	88	10,323.00

SOWING...THEN COMES HARVEST!



PRAYER CALENDAR**December 2019***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

1 Thessalonians (Philippines 104M)
 Marcia Barna (PA)
 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 Hollandsworth

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

2 Thessalonians (Puerto Rico 2.3M)
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 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)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

1 Timothy 1-3 Romania 142.3M)
 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))

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

1 Timothy 4-6 (Russia 142.3M)
 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)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

2 Timothy (Rwanda 119M)
 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)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Titus (Scotland 5.3M)
 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)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Philemon (Singapore 5.9M)
 Sam/Michele Graisbery (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)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Hebrews 1-2 (Zambia 20M)

Jim Hengood (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)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Hebrews 3-4 (Swaziland 1.4M)
 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)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Hebrews 5-7 (Switzerland 8.2M)
 Pakistan 204.9M)
 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)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Hebrews 8-10 (Tanzania 54M)
 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)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Hebrews 11-13 (Trinidad 1.2M)
 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 Hisel, Pastor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

James (Uganda 39.6M)

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)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

1 Peter (Ukraine 44M)

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

2 Peter (United Kingdom 64.8M)

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)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

1 John (USA 326.6M)

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)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

2 John (Uruguay 3.4M)

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

3 John (Venezuela 31.3M)

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)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Jude (Zambia 16M)

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)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Revelation 1-3 (Afghanistan 34.1M)

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Revelation 4-5 (Albania 3M)

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Revelation 6-8 (Angola 29.3M)

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)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Revelatin 8-13 (Argentina 44.3M)

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)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Revelation 14-16 (Australia 23.2M)

Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
 George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Mary Ann Voss (DE)
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 Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Joyce Warpoole (TN)
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 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Rev 17-19 (Bahamas 329,988)

Julie L. Wilson (PA)
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Revelation 20-22 (Bahrain 1.4M)

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"HE LEADETH ME"



HE BRINGS US THROUGH

The Lord has never promised to deliver us immediately from every trial, but He has promised to bring us through. He brings us through the waters and the fire (Isaiah 43:2), and He even takes us through the flood (Psalms 66:6). He brings us safely through the depths (Psalms 106:9), and even through the deserts (Isaiah 48:21). Job 29:3 promised that God will bring us through the darkness and Deuteronomy 2:7 states that He will bring us through the wilderness. When we came to the end of life, Christ takes us through the valley of the shadow of death (Psalms 23:4). What a wonderful Savior is He! He brings us through!

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS!

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INFORMATION,
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Pray Daily

A Critical Christmas Issue

We read the Bible to gain insight into Truth to guide our lives. There is an interesting encounter between Jesus and the Pharisees who were challenging Him recorded in **John 8:13-30**. Before reading this article, I encourage you to take time to pick up your Bible, turn to this passage, and read it a couple of times. Once you have your mind in gear, continue reading the article. (Does this sound like a psychology professor or what!) The challenge was on a technical point of Old Testament Law. The Law required two witnesses to establish a fact in court (**Deuteronomy 17:6**). The Pharisees' point was that they did not have to believe anything Jesus said about Himself, because there was no one else to corroborate His claims.

They were wrong! Standing beside and in Jesus Christ was God the Father Himself. As One sent by the Father (emphasized four times in this chapter: **John 8:16, 18, 26, 29**), Jesus spoke with the Father's voice, and the Father spoke through Him.

Several things follow from this truth. A person who was truly in touch with God would have recognized Jesus (**v 19**). Failure to recognize Jesus for Who He is meant that Israel's spiritual leaders did not know the God they claimed to represent, and that they surely would die in their sins.

We can understand why the Pharisees were so upset. No one likes to hear that his religion is meaningless, and that unless he turns to Jesus, he is doomed. No one likes to hear it. But it's true! And it is a valid approach to evangelism. The Bible says that many who hear these

blunt claims of Jesus put their faith in Him, even as He spoke (**v 30**).

The most important issue anyone faces during this Christmas season can be simply stated. Do we belong to God or not? Are we members of God's family, or not? Will we spend eternity with God, or not? These questions demand a clear-cut yes or no. A person is either a member of God's family through personal faith in Jesus Christ, God's Son, or he or she is right there in the devil's camp, with the folks who rejected and murdered our Lord.

I know it's not nice to say such things. It's not politically correct. It doesn't sound open-minded enough. It makes people angry when they hear us say it. I suspect many Christians fear it will turn people off if they're told we don't think of them as children of God.

But it is not true to suggest that those who do not know Jesus can have a relationship with God. And it's not right to let people think that they are all right when in fact they are lost.

A few years ago, my alma mater, **Berea College in Kentucky**, presented me with an Outstanding Educator's Award. Sue and I were invited to campus where I spoke in a symposium for leaders in higher education in Kentucky. Sue received an award, as well, since no person is successful without his wife's support, a statement I heartily affirm. **Berea College** was founded in 1855 as a Christian institution and is well-known worldwide. Many of their leaders sincerely believe in the Fatherhood of God, which simply means that everyone is God's child. The emcee at the Honor Banquet boldly said that some did not believe this due to ignorance. When I made my remarks as the honoree, I carefully

chose words to let the guests know that Sue and I were two of the "ignorant" ones who believe that no one is a child of God who has not trusted His Son as Savior and Lord. A number attendees actually thanked us for the stand we took. How about you? In which camp are you? **This is the critical Christmas issue!**

The Five-Year Plan. The **JGHM Board of Directors** approved a five-year plan that began on October 1, 2015 and terminates on September 30, 2020. There were specific goals established to serve as we transition to new leadership for the prayer seminar ministry. Among the outcomes of implementing the plan, a new paradigm was formed and is commonly called the **Ropeholder Doorkeepers Plan**. Instead of Sue and me going to other nations or conducting prayer seminars in the United States, we would support other teachers who can provide prayer seminars. One question that was answered is whether the Doorkeepers would go along with this approach. The response verified that they will! Praise the Lord!

Our modus operandi has always been to trust God and tell the **Doorkeepers** about the door that the Lord had opened. We have continued to follow that approach and the funds have been forthcoming.

Up to this point in 2019, our support for the International Ministries totals \$50,462.97. As you know we have sent few appeal letters during these months. When we did, the response was excellent. An example was needed funds to enable Martin to replace his van. We have used

the gifts to the ministry frugally and have been able to use funds from the general fund this year; **Brazil** (\$2,500.00); **Cuba** (\$4,509.20); **East Africa** (\$24,880.00); **Guinea** (\$1,000.00); **Nigeria** (\$2,000.00); **Pakistan** (\$7,200.00); **South Africa** (\$4,037.77); and **South America** (\$2,912.45).

As I am preparing this copy, **Adam Nathanson and Digmar Garcia** have just completed a series of prayer seminars in **Santiago, Cuba**, the ninth city in that nation to host prayer seminars. **Martin Shikuku** is now back home in **Eldoret, Kenya**, after recently completing a series of prayer seminars in Uganda. And the song goes on! In a few days, I will begin preparing the 2019 Annual Report for the JGHM Board of Directors. I **could not be better pleased with the results of the best year ever for international prayer seminars**-and I have not led one of them. The New Paradigm is working beautifully!



Santiago, Cuba

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**MAY 2020 BE THE
BEST YEAR EVER
IN YOUR
CHRISTIAN LIFE!**

The following article appeared in the **Reflector** [now completing its 65th year] the first week in January 1957. I was twenty-one years old (in my fourth year as a pastor) and a senior at Berea College. Sue and I were planning our April 18th wedding. My enthusiasm for life and for the Lord Jesus Christ was at a peak. I was in love with Sue. I was in love with the Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior. I knew that I was in the will of God and that He was directing my footsteps. God blessed those days. Many were saved. A large number of Berea College students attended. Out of these years five of the young people became pastors.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Very plainly to my mind comes forth a statement made by a guest speaker in the Berea College chapel. The mission house on the hill cannot compete with the Communists in the valley. How true this observation is for Liberty Avenue and other churches. While the devil and his forces are down in the valley working, never wasting a moment, so many times we are too content to think — "Well, the church is there" and continue business as usual. It is not enough for the church just be there on the hill when the battle is in the valley!

God has given us a new year. 1956 is now history. 1957 is upon us. Golden opportunities and showers of blessings are ours if we are willing to pay the price of becoming soldiers of the Cross. We will have to get down into the thick of the valley battle, get prayed and fired up, before we can effectively tell the story of the Cross.

GOD HAS A JOB FOR EACH OF US!
Each person is all important to Him.
I'll personally guarantee that anyone
who will **walk hand in hand with Jesus**

every moment will never get his heart cold and indifferent.

To each member of the Liberty Avenue flock, let me beseech you to examine yourself and then lay aside every weight the Holy Spirit points out. If there is anything in your heart that should not be there or if you have wronged someone, let's get it fixed up so we can be used as vessels of God. Go to that person, pray with him, and seek forgiveness. Then come back to the altar and present your gift and God will honor your every efforts.

In this coming year, let us rise to fight against sin and stand firm for that which is right with godly convictions and a Christ-like spirit. Then God will use our church.

My prayers are that each of you will have the most prosperous growing period ever in your Christian life and that you can become a soul-winner in 1957. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**"OUR FATHER"
PRAYER IS BASED ON
SONSHIP,
NOT FRIENDSHIP!**

Why a Prayer Seminar?

Out of every 100 Christians who gather for worship, it is likely that at least ninety-five are carnal Christians. A carnal Christian is a Christian where self is in control, not the Holy Spirit. As a result, many churches are in a maintenance ministry. Instead of being in an offensive stance, we are defensive! Many are at the same point in their Christian progress that they were a year ago! Why is this and what can be done about it?

There are two reasons. One reason that most Christians are carnal is that few know how to be clean before the Lord. As a result, there is no prayer power since God does not hear prayers from His children who have unconfessed and unforsaken sin (Psalm 66:18; Isaiah 59:1-2). Since God works only in concert with the praying of His people, the wheels of Zion bog down as folks play church. The other reason is that few Christians, including church leaders, have any idea about what "Spirit-filled" means. Most believers think that if only they had more of the Holy Spirit, they would be successful in their Christian lives. They apparently think that "filled" means "quantity, that is "more of." They do not understand that they received all the Holy Spirit that they are ever going to get the moment that they trusted Jesus as their Savior. God does not give the Holy Spirit on the installment plan.

During a prayer seminar, we deal with how to get clean before the Lord and how to come to the point that a believer is controlled by the Holy Spirit. We are convinced that Christians want to be Spirit-filled; they want their lives to count for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Why not schedule a prayer seminar in your church during 2020? Contact JGHM for scheduling information. We will coordinate with **Adam Nathanson** and his team to schedule a seminar. It is helpful to have three possible dates as a starting point. We will get back to you immediately. It will be our joy to be with you and your people.

Testimonies

✓ *This seminar has been a special blessing in my life. I have been taught how to pray in a more meaningful way. My life will never be the same.*

I have learned to be humble and to serve in my Galilee (Jamaica), to be disciplined and meet the Lord daily during my appointment with Him. I have learned the value of having a place to pray that is as free from interruptions as possible (my closet). I have learned to be disciplined in prayer.

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

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 the 63rd Year of Marriage (April 18, 2020)

IT'S BEEN A GREAT JOURNEY!

A NEW YEAR HEART PREPARATION

"I thought about my ways, and turned my feet to Your testimonies"
(Psalm 119:59).

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

From the early months of 1958 until December 18, 1962 (when we moved to **Ohio** to work with the newly formed **Immanuel Baptist Church**, in **Washington Courthouse**), I served as pastor for the **Rosedale Baptist Church**, **Richmond, Kentucky**. In reviewing **Reflectors** from that era, there were frequent reminders of the importance of the written Word of God as the guide for our lives and work. The following excerpt is from an article: ...so is the Bible in your daily life? Are you reading (1 Timothy 4:13), searching (Acts 17:11), finding (Psalm 119:162), meditating (Jeremiah 15:16), and practicing (James 1:22) what you read. Say to God: "Thus on Thy Holy Word, we'd live, and feed, and grow, Go on to know the Lord, and practice what we know." By the way, the Rosedale pastorate was one of the most fruitful in my twenty-seven years as a pastor.

Hopefully, you have already discovered the value of a daily time letting God speak to you out of the Word. If the Holy Spirit has spoken to your heart, that you are not in the Word of God for your food, through God's grace, there is a land of beginning again. God has told us what we need to know to begin anew. Further, He does not require anything that we cannot do because He provides help. The Holy Spirit is God's provision for us to have the supernatural strength for the journey. The Bible is His guidebook. When we go to the Bible, the Holy Spirit will bring biblical sayings alive that will be applicable to any situation.

Attitude, the key. Although I had used **2 Chronicles 7:14** as a preaching and teaching text for years, a truth penetrated my consciousness during a teaching session in a prayer seminar. Being **humble** is the primary requisite for God to work in our lives. The sense of being humble is an attitude of dependence on God, not self. As long as we are 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.

Why I did not 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 who are "poor in spirit" are obviously not magnifying their own strengths. Pride would not be willing to acknowledge spiritual poverty.

In **Isaiah 66:2b**, God says that He will look to the person who is humble and who trembles at His Word. Actually, "contrite," which means brokenness, is used to describe the humility required. The foundation is being humble, and then giving heed 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 example 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 feet (**John 13:1-17**). 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 the 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.

Self-examination. We have the capacity to step outside ourselves and see ourselves. Today is an ideal time to do that very thing. Let's look at ourselves, our attitude 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 one who is depending on self? True humility means that we acknowledge the Lord as the Source for everything we need.

Humility then sets us free from the thieves that rob us of our joy—circumstances, people, things, and worry. At the point we become truly dependent 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 a spirit of dependence upon God, we are to order our lives around prayer, seeking His face and asking His hand to move. Prayer is the work that must come before all other work. The Word of God and Prayer go together.

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 watchman stays in touch with headquarters and his Commander. The Bible is our manual, but without being humble, there will be no willingness to study the manual and follow its guidelines. There will be no victory. Without humility, there can never be a life-change. **Humble! Am I?**

Why the prayer seminar ministry?

- ◆ To encourage believers to know Jesus more clearly, to love Him more dearly, and to follow Him more nearly (from a **Prayer by Richard of Chichester**);
- ◆ To awaken interest in His Word;
- ◆ To clarify how to walk in the Spirit;
- ◆ To ground the believer in Biblical teaching on prayer;
- ◆ To challenge believers to witness;
- ◆ To raise the banner of faithful stewardship in everything;
- ◆ To bring God glory, to magnify the Lord Jesus Christ, and to follow the Holy Spirit's leading.

Since 1980, I have been going up and down the land sharing insights and illumination the Lord has given to me in the crucible of experience in the area of the Christian life. Although we term the ministry as a prayer seminar, someone often comments that it is far more than a prayer seminar. In fact, some have encouraged me to change the name since the idea of teaching six hours on prayer turns people off. There is no doubt that this may be true. At this point, the Lord has not led me to change the title of the seminar. At the same time, a person will never become a prayer warrior who is not in the Word, who does not walk in the Spirit, who does not witness, and who does not conduct himself as a faithful steward of all that God has given him. Pray that in each future prayer seminar our guiding objectives will be met. Pray for the Lord will continue to open doors to equip praying churches.

Now **ADAM NATHANSON and his team** are eager to share the prayer seminar as often and as widely as possible. Although others will continue to teach the prayer seminars, the authority and responsibility to maintain the prayer seminar ministry will rest upon Adam and his Board of Directors. Further, my books and other media will continue to be available. A few weeks ago, someone wrote asking if the prayer seminars are still available. For many years, 13,000 were able to keep updated through the **Reflector**. That number has been reduced to fewer than one thousand. Therefore, we need your help in telling churches, leaders, and pastors about the **availability** of the prayer seminars. Yes, pray for the Lord to open doors but **TELL A FRIEND!**