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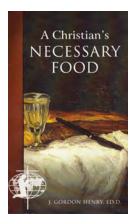
The Need to Read

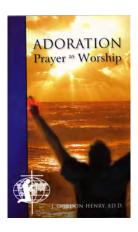
From his cold, damp, dark prison cell (actually, a dungeon as those who have traveled with us to Rome will remember), Paul wrote to Timothy, his young comrade, in what was his last epistle. As he closed his letter (2 Timothy 4:9-18), he explained his situation awaiting imminent execution by Nero ("the time of my departure is at hand" (v 6) and urged Timothy to be diligent to come quickly (v 9). He asked him to bring Mark, his coat, and his books (v 13); he wanted to be warm and he wanted to read.

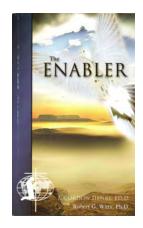
For as long as I can remember, books have held a fascination for me. My sister, Pansy, understood this and saw that I had a book for my birthday and for Christmas—gifts I cherished. She gave me my first Bible.

My mom was a reader. Often, when she did not have a crochet needle and yarn in her hands, she had something to read. She subscribed to the **Knoxville (TN) Journal**, which I devoured as soon as I returned home from school.

As a high school freshman, Miss Akard Spurgeon (27 March 1914--26 February 2001), librarian for White Pine High School (later, librarian, University of Delaware), asked me to be her assistant. Since the library was being moved from another building, there was plenty of work to do. I spent hours each week working in the library. She even entrusted me with keys to the building and to the library so I could work during school breaks and the summers. I read many books. Being in the library was a favorite







activity and I spent hours there. Since my English teacher, Deane Bell Harrison (28 January 1915--18 April 1997) and history teacher, Dorothy Spickard Biddle (19 January 1921--16 June 2011) required reports to be written, I often incorporated things I had learned in my reading. Usually, I had material in my brain that allowed me to write long treatises without resorting to external material. Both teachers encouraged me in this approach. Although I had never traveled physically out of East Tennessee, through my reading I traveled around the world. Learning was fun!

One Christmas break, a new book arrived at the library and was ready to be processed—Jessie Stuart's A Thread that Runs so True. Once I started reading it, I could not put it down. It was then that I understood the joy and the importance of teaching. I was captivated by the idea of becoming a teacher!

For decades, I built "My Library." When I moved to new positions, I felt at home in my new office when my "old friends" were on the shelves. Through the help of Selena Cao, a Liberty University student from China and a graduate of Sias University where I served as an academic consultant, my library was catalogued using the Dewey Decimal System of Classification. Although I had envisioned giving the library to an EWCA Bible College in Kano,

READING IS TO THE MIND WHAT EXERCISE IS TO THE BODY. Sir Richard Steele Nigeria, it now rests in the J. Gordon and Sue Henry Collection Room in the Hogue Library at Norteastern Baptist College, Bennington, Vermont (along with Sue's 500-volume library). Seldom is there a day when I do not miss the library as I study and write.

I firmly believe that my readiness for a rigorous, demanding education at Berea College (KY) was greatly enhanced by reading books in high school that stretched my mental capabilities. Before I matriculated in college, I already knew how to think critically, in terms of abstract ideas, objective truth, and sustained reflection. My feet were on solid ground providing a steady course.



TRACS' LEADERS: Dr. Henry, Dr. Gene Williams (board member), Dr. Morris

My good friend and professional colleague, Dr. Henry M. Morris (6 October 1918--25 February 2005), who has been termed "the father of modern creationism" was a prolific writer. He published his first Christian book in 1946, That You Might Believe. He and Dr. John Whitcomb wrote The Genesis Flood in 1961. This book catalyzed the modern revival of creationism, leading to a proliferation of other creationist books and ministries around the world. Dr. Morris said that after writing this book, that writing became sort of an "occupational hazard" and

he had averaged about a book a year since catching it.

When we traveled together for the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS), between flights he would sit down, get his pad out, and start writing, an image that I will never forget. I have sought to emulate his work-ethic. When he wrote The Defender's Study Bible with extensive footnotes and appendices especially written for the purpose of defending and expounding literal biblical Christianity, he asked me to edit the notes. Many of his books have been classics.

Following the publication of a new book, Dr. Morris always sent Sue and me an autographed copy. In early December 2004, his book entitled For Time and Forever (God's Wonderful **Plan)** arrived with the following inscription: "Best wishes and regards in Christ to Sue and Gordon Henry. Henry M. Morris 12-3-2004 Ephesians 3:20-21." This is one book I keep close-by and often renew my spirits by reading his marvelous insights. Chapter 3 is entitled "The Need to Read" (pages 42-52). Be sure to read carefully his thoughts on "God's Library in Heaven" in this issue of the **Reflector** (pages four and five).

During 1978-79, I wrote the PRAYER SEMINAR WORKBOOK, which soon became the basic teaching tool in the prayer seminar ministry. Over the years, I saw the need to delve more deeply into different areas that I was teaching. For example, I became convinced that every believer should master John 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 said so in the seminar. Finally, the Holy Spirit impressed upon me the

thought: If that is true, you should write a book on the **Upper Room Discourse**. I obeyed and it is my favorite of the books that I have authored.

For the February 2019 issue of the Reflector, I want to introduce my books. Most of the books are laid out in lessons that can be taught in a three-month study in Sunday school or in other groups. My style of writing is basically devotional in nature, designed to draw the reader closer to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the Father. We do not "sell" the books, but we provide a "suggested contribution" that will cover printing costs. The books are written between the 8th grade—10th grade level (according to a test applied by Dr. James Hengoed, a former teacher at Harvard). Since we have kept a close inventory record, we know how many books have been disseminated. It is amazing to know that in many places in the world, folks have one or more of my books in their libraries.

When I was conducting the field research for my doctoral dissertation (Child-Rearing in the Appalachian Mountains), my subjects were from homes selected at random with young children. At that time, I found many homes where the children had never held a book on their hands.

Although the pressure of the times will fight against you, turn off the television, the smart phone, and the computer. Hold a Christian book in your hands. Begin to read. As you concentrate on the thoughts laid out on a page, it will not be long until you see the value of reading. DON'T FORGET TO READ THE BIBLE

I hope you are as challenged by the excerpt from Dr. Morris as I am. The important thing is to be sure that your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, one of the books in Heaven's Library. The very moment that you trust Christ as your Savior, you will have new life. Why? Your spirit comes alive; that which was dead to God because of Adam's sin, is quickened by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. You are placed into the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13) and your name is in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

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God's Library in Heaven Henry M. Morris (1918-2006)

I believe that God must also have a library or at least some system that serves the purpose of a library. There are many, many books there, and the number is constantly increasing. Christ Himself is called "the Word," with the specific purpose of "declaring" God's nature and purpose to man (John 1:1, 15, 18)

The core of God's library is, of course, the Word as declared in

written form by the Living Word to hold men of old through the Holy Spirit. We call this the 66 "books" of the Bible [a word which means "Book"], and God has assured us that this part of His library was established before He created the world. "For ever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven" (Ps 119:89).

The books of the New Testament were then "revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit (Ephesians 3:5), one by one until the last book was inscribed by the last living apostle. When John finished writing down the book entitled "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 1:1), he signaled that the written word from heaven was now complete on earth with a sober warning neither to "add unto these things" nor to "take away from the words of the book of this prophecy" (Revelation 22:18-19).

[In addition to the Old Testament and the New Testament1, there are other books [in heaven] possibly a separate book recording the details of the life of each individual who has ever lived. When believers meet Christ at His judgment seat, there will be rewards assigned (or loss of rewards) "according to that which he hath done, whether it be good or bad," (1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10). "The fire shall try every man's work [according to] what sort it is" (1 Corinthians 3:13). Perhaps the fire will burn up those portions of his "book" that are

"bad," leaving only the "good" on his permanent record.

When unbelievers later go before God's great judgment throne, John said, "I now saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened,, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Revelation 20:12).

These books evidently list all the "works" of each person, but since no one has kept all God's commands, therefore no one will be saved by his works (James 2:10; Romans 3:10, 20, 23). So the will then turn to His "book of life," in which is inscribed all the names of those redeemed by faith in the shed blood of the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:18-21, Revelation 13:87). "And whosever was not found written in the look of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15).

There is yet another very special book in God's library. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name" (Malachi 3:16).

This little insight into the personal library of God was given in connection with the band of Israelites who had returned from exile in Babylon. It is reasonable to think, however, that God is keeping the same kind of book

for every group of believers who fear the Lord, think often on His name, and speak frequently to one another about Him

There could well be a special book written for each of His millions of disciples, describing all that their indwelling Lord accomplished through them as they studied and worked and witnessed in His name. Jesus had promised, when the Holy Spirit would come to "abide with you forever," that "if a man love Me, He will keep My words; and My Father will love him, and We will come to Him, and make our abode with him" (John 14:16,23). The Lord Jesus thus is continuing: to do and teach" through each of us, and all of these activities and their results could indeed be the subject of literally millions of "books that should be written" (John 21:25).

It seems clear that regardless of televisions, the Internet and other modern technologies for conveying information books will always be of primary importance in this component of the Dominion Mandate. So get in the habit of reading especially the Bible, as well as other good books expounding the Word of God, the world of God, and the works of God.

DOORKEEPER/ROPEHOLDERS NEEDED JANUARY-APRIL, 2019 FOR BRAZIL, CHILE, CUBA, KENYA, VENEZUELA. PRAYER SEMINAR WORKBOOKS, TRAVEL (\$6,100), AND A CAR FOR MARTIN (\$8,000). PRAYER SUPPORT FIRST.

The morning watch

The morning watch is essential. You must not face the day until you have faced God, nor look into the face of others before you have looked into His.

You cannot expect to be victorious when the day begins only in your own strength. When you face the day under the influence of time spent with God, it will make a difference throughout the day.

"Be ready in the morning, and come up . . . present yourself to Me there on the top of the mountain. No one is to come with you" (Exodus 34:2-3a). Meet Him alone regularly with His Word open before you. Horatius Bonar captured the essence of the morning watch when he wrote:

Begin the day with God!

He is thy Sun and Day!

His is the radiance of thy dawn;

To Him address thy day.

Sing a new song at morn!

Join the glad woods and hills; Join the fresh winds and seas and plans,

Join the flowers and rills.

Sing thy first song to God!

Not to thy fellow men; Not to the creatures of His hand, But to the glorious One.

Take thy first walk with God! Let Him go forth with thee; By stream, or sea, or mountain path, Seek still His company.

Thy first transaction be
With God Himself alone;
So shall thy business prosper well,
All the day be love.



SHARE THE IMPORTANT MESSAGE IN THE MINISTRY LOGO.

NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 4086. Actions speak louder than words.

Note 4087. "It's never right to do the wrong to do the right" (Dr. Bob Jones SR).

Note 4088. "Let your walk talk and your talk walk" (Royal Blue). Note 4089. Basic: "The ends do not justify the means."

Note 4090. Pray instead of talking about prayer; witness instead of talking about witnessing; giving instead of talking about giving; forgiving instead of talking about forgiving. IT IS TIME!



PRAYER CALENDAR **FEBRUARY 2019**

"I will give myself to prayer..." Psalm 109:4b

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

LEVITICUS 1-3 (Argentina 44.3M) Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)

Mae Adams (NC)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Norma Ailes (NJ)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

David & Eunjoo Andersen (VA)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

LEVITICUS 4-7 (Australia 23.2M) Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC)

Leonor Avila (MD) Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

Marcia Barna (PA)

Tim Bash-GCCC (NJ) Emily Baskin (TN)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Jean Beasley (TN)

Linda Beattie (PA) Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beulah Baptist Church (VA) Dennis Hollandsworth, Pastor

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

LEV 8-10 (Bahamas 329,888)

Beverly Blankenship (TN)

Loretta Bolen (VA)

William/Debbie Bowden (MD)

David & Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)

Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Lurline Braud (VA)

Michal Breed (WI)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Judy Britt (GA)

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

LEVITICUS 11-15 (Botswana 22M)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

George & Janet Buck (NJ)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

LEVITICUS 16-20 (Brazil 207.4M)

Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL

Eileen Camarena (NJ)

Anne Campbell (VA)

Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)

Robin & Teresa Carlson (NJ)

Robert & Anita 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)

Jerry & Joan Crain (SC) Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)

Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

LEVITICUS 21-23 (Burundi 11.5M) Barbara Custalow (VA)

John Davis (VA)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

Robert & Janice DeLong (VA)

Carolyn Dodd (VA)

Jo Anne Dudley (VA) Michael & Diane Eagle (VA)

Katherine Eaton (ME)

Bessie Eggleston (MD)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Jeff & Leeann Englert (KY)

Don & Mary Enoch (FL)

Eric & Mary FareL (VA)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

LEVITICUS 24-27 (Canada 35.6M) Larry & Cara Fields (VA)

John & Susan Finnessy (MD)

James & Ruth Flanagan (GA) Nancy Fowser (NJ)

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)

Freedom Through Faith (MO)

Bob Tribodeau, Pastor Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

James Fugate (CA)

Emilee & Emma Fulcher (VA) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

NUMBERS 1-4 (Chile 17,8M)

John & Kim Gaines (DE)

Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Ron & Kay Gavette (VA)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Sara George (GA)

Gloucester Co. Community Ch (NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)

Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)

Steve & Sue Gordon (VA) Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)

Dale & Mary Gray (IL) Odether Gray (GA)

Linda Gregory (UT)

Mike Hall (IN) Joy Harper (VA)

Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)

Sadie Harris (VA) Hazel Hartless (VA)

William.Sara Hefner (PA) Jim Hengoed (CT)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

NUMBERS 5-8 (China 1.4B) Gina Henry (VA)

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

Jack Henry (TN) James & Kathryn Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Roger & Sara Henry (OH)

Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

NUMBERS 9-12 (Colombia 47,7M) Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

Ed & Donna Hindson (VA)

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)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

NUMBERS13-16 (Congo DR 83.3M)

Joyce Hunt (TN) Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN Jonathan & Julie Jobe (SC)

Millicent John (NY) Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

Gwen Johnson (AZ) James/Victoria Johnsonn (MD)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

NUMBERS 17-20(Costa Rica 4.9M) Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)

Rick & Betsy Johnson (TN James Jones (FL)

Paul Jones (KY)

Theodore/Sherry Jones (MD) W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Judy Jordan (VA) Mohan Katta (IL)

Suzie Kauffmann (NC)

Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA) Harriet Kennedy (VA)

Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY) Darren Hisel, Pastor

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15 NUMBERS 21-25 (Cuba 11.2M) Louis & Jane Kiger (VA) Larry & Janet King (NC) Ken & Bonnie Kirby (PA) Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN) Robert & Lois Knolls (DE) Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY) Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI) SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16 NUM 26-30 (Dom Republic 10.7M) Korean Branch: Dr. Shin Kwang Suk Joel & Jackie Kramer (VA) Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE) Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ) Phil & Edra Landers (OK) Del & Mary Leach (VA) Aaron & Wanda Lewis (MD) Liberty University (VA) Jerry Falwell Jr., President Delores Liely (MD) SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS) Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI) Ray & Bobbie Long (WV) Don & Betty Lowry (SC) Manship Chapel (DE) Bruce & Vickie Tribbett MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18 NUMBERS 31-33 (Ecuador 16.3M) Wilma Marcum (KY) Nick & Pat Markham (VA) Reg & Gloria Martin (OH) Larry & Sue Mason (VA) Beau Ware Masonry (VA) Deborah Mathias (NY) Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN) Bob & Heidi Matney (VA) Dan & Fay McConville (VA) R. O. & June McHaney (VA) NancyMcPherson (ME) Don & Barbara Meduna (CO) Terry/Sandra Metzga r (TN) Betsy Miedema (MI) Roger & Nancy Minney (VA) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 NUMBERS 34-36 (England 66.6M) Bill & Sharon Moody (VA) Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC) Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ) Drever/Roberta Morton (VA) Elaine Moser (MN) Bob & Diane Nichols (VA) Northeastern Baptist College (VT) Mark Ballard, President WEDNESAY, FEBRUARY 20 DEUT 1-4 (Fiji 920,938)

Oconto Gospel Chapel (WI) Charles Stinson (VA) Peter Dorn, Pastor Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX) William Suttles (NC) Zack & Jackie Olcott (VA) Bob & Sandy Swain (VA) Ann Palumbo (PA) Cliff & Mary Pavalonis (VA) Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX) Pecks Baptist Church (VA) Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA) Brian Sheehan, Pastor Ron Taylor (VA) Jack & Carolyn Peerman (VA) Stephanie Taylor (GA) Sandy Pederson (MN) MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI) DEUT 17-20 (India 1.3B) Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA) Jimmy & Mary Thomas (VA) Barbara Powell (NY) Mona Henry Thomas (VA) Elbert & Barbara Powell (VA) W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN) Marshall & Lois Powell (KY) Larry Thompson (VA) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21 Montez Thompson (WI) Cathy Tilton (VA) DEUT 5-7 (France 67.1M) Paula Tipton (TN) Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA) Peggy Tomayko (PA) Marjorie Randall (TX) William & Katie Toney (NC) Dave Ricker (ME) Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY) Joyce Riley (KY) Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA) TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 **DEUT 21-26 (Indonesia 260.6M)** Cynthia Roach (VA) John & Sandra Roberts (NC) Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY) Diane Troutman (KY) Dorlos & Betty Robinson (MS) Isabel Robotham (NY) Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY) James & Shelly Rode (FL) Joe & Benita Troutman (KY) Clark & Marie Rogers (VA) Malcom Troutman (KY) Fred & Wanda Rolater (TN) Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY) Bob & Marlene Rose (MI) Frances Turpin (VA) FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 Sara Underwood (TN) DEUT 8-11 (Germany 80.6M) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 John Saint (PA) DEUT 27-30 (Ireland 5M) Don/Marie Satterwhite (MO) Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN) Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA) George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ) Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ) Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA) Jane Verkaik (MI/FL) Phil & Wendy Schrank (IL) Patsy Ann Voss (DE) Steve Schrank (IL) Michael/Sandra Ward (IN) Sam & Jill Scott (VA) Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA) John & Peggy Seibert (AL) Joyce Warpoole (TN) Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH) Holland & Mary Warren (VA) ShenandoahValleyBaptist Rodger Watts (WI) Ch(VA) Frank & Nell Weer (KY) Nellie F. Shepard (CT) Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY) SATURAY, FEBRUARY 23 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA) DEUT 12-16 (Greece 10.8M) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28 Lola Simpson (NY) DEUT 31-34 (Israel 8.3M) Mary Skiles (KS) Jeff Williamson (FL) Bobby & Cindy Smith (TN) Ken & Carol Willis (VA) Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA) Julie L. Wilson (PA) Walt & Betty Sommers (VA) Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA) Helen Sourlis (MD) Eva Winebarger (VA) Amos & Celia Wipf (GA) St. Paul Baptist Church (IN) Jon & Selena Wood (PA) C. L. Adams, Pastor Layden Wood (VA) Randy & Cheryl Stauter (MN) David & Lili Wykle (VA) Tim & Pam Steger (ID) Yeshua Ministries (TN Carol Snow Stewart (CT) Frank Bell, President) SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 Betty Yates (WI) Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA) Fred & Susan Zeller (WV)

DAILY INTERCESSION

J. Gordon & Sue Henry: JGHM Leaders Adam Nathanson, Vice-President & Senior Teacher

HEALTH

Melody Henry (VA) Bruce Kirby [Wanda] (KY) Edra Landers [Phil] (OK) Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)

INTERNATIONAL

Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
Digmar & Lisbeysi (Cuba_
Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)
Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)
Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
Joseph & Esther Tan (Singapore)
Robert0 & Joana Waisman (Brazil)
Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil/China)
Othnel Wakili (Nigeria)
Silas Yashim (Nigeria)
Representative of all missionaries
and native workers.

"I sought Him whom my soul loveth." (Song of Solomon 3:1)

It is blessed to know of a place where we can lay our tired head and heart, our heavenly Father's arms, and say to Him, "I can do no more. And I have nothing to tell you. May I lie here a while and rest? Everything will soon be well again if I can only rest in your arms a while."

O. Hallesby

MAY FEBRUARY 2019 BE A BLESSED YEAR FOR EACH DOOR-KEEPER FAMILY! PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED REGARDING EVENTS IN YOUR LIFE. REMEMBER WE ARE JUST A PHONE CALL/TEXT AWAY.

IN LOVING MEMORY

"absent from the body, present with the Lord" 2 Corinthians 5:1, 8

Gail Adams
12 Sept 1944--20 Dec 2018
Lynchburg, Virginia
Husband: Bill

Dallas Wade Campbell
6 Sept 1934--6 Jan 2919
Lynchburg, Virginia
Wife: Anne

William Bryant Troutman*
6 Sept 1944--4 Jan 2019
Hartford, Kentucky
Wife: Diane
*Willie is Sue Henry's brother

Sue's sister, Nell Weer, has shared this verse for our consolation:

"But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and He will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God! I will see Him for myself. Yes, I will see Him with my own eyes. I am overwhemed at the thought!"

Job 19:25-27 NLT

"Ye shall . . . find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

It is only when the whole heart is gripped with the passion of prayer that the life-giving fire descends, for none but the earnest man gets access to the ear of God.

E. M. Bounds



DO YOU HAVE THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD (7.8 BILLION) ON YOUR HEART YET? WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE? ARE YOU PRAYING (the greatest need)? ARE YOU GIVING? ARE YOU GOING OR ARE YOU HELPING SOMEONE ELSE GO?

ADAM NATHANSON, JGHM VICE-PRESIDENT IS NOW IN VENEZUELA! Do we need to say more? From there, he will join DIGMAR GARCIA in CUBA. Digmar has recently returned from conducting prayer seminars in the Dominican Republic. ADAM is scheduled for Chile and Brazil (two major locations) in March.

<u>Martin Shikuku</u> is perhaps the busiest of all as he pastors Glory Baptist Church, Eldoret, <u>Kenya</u>, and continues to plant Lighthouses of Prayer across <u>East/Central Africa</u>. Pray for funds to replace his car.



Adam teaching a January prayer seminar in Cambridge, Maryland



Nation after nation, <u>Sue Henry</u> has shared the love of God standing by Dr. Henry's side. Now she is known as "Mama Sue" for many participants in prayer seminars. You prayed! You gave! God gave the increase. We are grateful!

Sermons We See

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day, I'd rather one should walk with me than merely show the way. The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear; Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear; And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds. For to see the good in action is what everybody needs. I can soon learn how to do it if you'll let me see it done. I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run. And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and true; But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do. For I may misunderstand you and the high advice you give, But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

Edgar A. Guest

"HORNS OF A DILEMMA"

For the past sixty-five years, I have looked forward to preparing copy for the **Reflector**. Knowing that <u>we will soon come to preparing the last issue</u> (no later than September 2020), my dilemma is not moral or ethical, but is pragmatic. How do I use the space that is allotted in an issue? Several issues ago, I added four additional pages.

In this issue, the thread that runs through the pages is need to read, being careful to encourage every reader to spend more time in the Bible than any other book. My life did not change until I made a decision in 1976 to approach the Bible as my spiritual food, not just information for a message to preach. To augment the prayer seminar content, I have written books on key subjects. This will likely be the last time that I feature my books.

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IN LOVING MEMORY Dr. Henry Madison Morris 6 October 1918 -- 25 February 2006

When I think of my friend, **Dr. Henry Morris**, the words of the Shunammite woman, speaking of Elisha, are appropriate: I perceive that this is a holy man of God, which passeth by us continually (2 Kings 4:9). After a series of minor strokes, the man known as the father of the Modern Creation Movement, passed from earth to his new Home with the Lord. One of our most faithful **Doorkeepers**, he was peacefully ushered into the presence of his Creator, Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ, on Saturday, February 25, 2006, around 6:30 p.m. Pacific Coast Time.

Most of the eleven years (1984-1995) that I served as the first full-time executive director for the <u>Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools</u> (TRACS), Dr. Morris was the board chairman. His dream was to develop a quality Christian accrediting agency to serve institutions of higher learning committed to the historicity of the first eleven chapters of Genesis, including creation, not evolution. God, in His goodness, allowed the dream to become a reality. Had it not been for Dr. Morris' leadership and encouragement, there would be no TRACS and many Christian institutions would not have an accreditation home led by professional educators committed to the Word of God.

Dr. Morris, a respected scientist, was a prolific writer authoring more than sixty books on biblical creationism, scientific creationism, and commentaries on the Bible. He was the one man most responsible for bringing us back to the biblical position of a six solar-day creation. He led the battle repudiating humanistic evolution. **The Genesis Flood**, more than any other work, revitalized interest in a young earth cosmology among evangelical Christians. He said: God was there when it happened. We were not there. Therefore, we are completely limited to what God has seen fit to tell us, and this information is in His written Word.

To me, the remarkable thing about my friend was his understanding of the Word of God, which is highlighted in the thousands of annotations in **The New Defenders Study Bible**, released shortly before his death. Having the privilege to edit his notes, for both the first and second editions, was one of the most enriching tasks I have ever had. He accepted the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation, as the infallible and literal word of God. Dr. Morris was a gentle, humble, and faithful servant of the Lord, an exemplar who modeled what it means to consistently follow the Word of God in his daily life.

In 1971, **The Bible Has the Answer**, which answers 100 frequently asked biblical questions, was released. One of the questions deals with Heaven. Certainly, all of us want to know all we can about the home to which we are headed. In tribute to Dr. Morris, I want to share his answer. If you will read

this material carefully and prayerfully, you will find yourself with greater understanding of Heaven.

Question: Is Heaven a real place?



Answer: Actually, the Bible speaks of three heavens. One of these is the earth's atmosphere, the open firmament of heaven in which fowls fly above the earth (Genesis 1:20). Another is the vast region of the sun and moon and stars. Of these the psalmist said, When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou has ordained; what is man, that Thou art mindful of him? (Psalm 8:3-4).

But there is, of course, a third heaven (2 Corinthians 12:2), sometimes called the heaven of heavens (2 Chronicles 6:18; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 148:4). This is the heaven of God's presence, the location of the throne of God. It was to this heaven that Jesus Christ ascended after His resurrection. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God (Mark 16:19).

Many and marvelous have been the speculations of men about life after death and heaven. But those who have actually died and thus are in a position to really know about such things are not in any position to come back and report their observations to us! It is appointed unto men once to die and after this the judgment (Hebrews 9:27).

With one exception! Jesus said: No man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the son of man which is in heaven (John 3:13. After His death and resurrection, He said, I ascend unto My Father (John 20:17).

The Lord Jesus is the one man, in all history, who died and then rose again bodily from the dead, alive forevermore (Revelation 1:18). If we wish to have certain knowledge concerning life after death, therefore, we must learn it only from Him and from His Word, the Holy Scriptures.

Furthermore, we must somehow get the idea out of our minds that the Bible reveals truth only in vague, symbolic language which we then try to decipher and apply in terms of our own experience. Such an approach to God's Word in effect makes it impossible for God to communicate with us at all. That is, if God's Word does not mean what it says (allowing, of course, for figures of speech, which are always clearly self-interpretative in the Biblical context itself), then how are we to know what it does mean?

Thus, on the question at hand, we should realize the Bible teaches

that heaven is a real place, not just some intangible, spiritual concept, some kind of fourth-dimensional, anti-matter, looking-glass sort of existence.

Jesus said, In My Father's house are many mansions; ... I go to prepare a place for you for you (John 14:2). [He is preparing a place, not a state of mind nor some vague sphere of spirit activity.] The fact of Christ's bodily resurrection and ascension is of basic importance. The Scriptural records are emphatic in teaching that it was not His Spirit but His body that was raised from the dead. It was a glorified body, but nevertheless a physical body, in the most real sense. And it was this physical body which ascended into heaven and which will some day return from heaven. This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven (Acts 1:11). [Heaven is a real, physical place, existing somewhere in this physical universe.]

Thus, right now, Jesus Christ is in heaven, in His physical body! And so, for that matter, are Enoch (Hebrews 11:5) and Elijah (2 Kings 2:11), both of whom were taken directly into heaven without dying. The third heaven is just as real and physical as the heaven of the clouds and the heaven of the stars.

The Bible always speaks of this heaven as somewhere up from the earth, so that one must ascend when he goes there. Since the earth continually rotates on its axis, up could mean any and all directions away from the earth. The third heaven thus, in some sense, is all around the starry heaven, just as the latter likewise surrounds the atmospheric

heaven. It cannot be reached by telescopic observations, because the second heaven is itself too vast, and possibly also, if relativity theory is valid, curving back upon itself.

Nevertheless, it is there, and Christ is there! He that descended is the same also that ascended far above all heavens, that He might fill all things (Ephesians 4:10).

Dwelling in heaven, with Christ, are an innumerable company of angels and the spirits of just men made perfect (Hebrews 12:22-23). When a believer dies, his spirit departs to be with Christ (Philippians 1:23), probably carried thence by angels (Luke 16:22). [His spirit is translated immediately into the presence of the Lord.] For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens (2 Corinthians 5:1).

However, this is not the believer's final body, but only an intermediate spirit-body, real and distinct, but not physical. The latter awaits the great resurrection day when the Lord himself shall descend from heaven . . . and the dead in Christ shall rise (1 Thessalonians 4:16). At that time, He shall change our body of humiliation that it may be fashioned like unto His body of glory (Philippians 3:21). [Spirits and bodies will be reunited when Christ comes again.]

At the present time, the angels, who are ministering spirits (Hebrews 1:14) apparently can cross easily and quickly from the third heaven to the earth (note Luke 1:19, 26). Their bodies, though capable of materialization in the form of men

as occasion requires, are essentially spirit-bodies and thus not subject to gravitational forces, mass-energy relationships, and other physical restrictions common to objects in the universe of observational science. They excel in strength (Psalm 103:20) and can fly swiftly (Daniel 9:21), not limited even to the velocity of light, although of course neither their strength nor their speed is infinite, since they also are created beings.

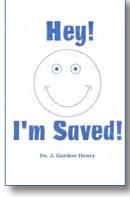
Ultimately, the heavenly Jerusalem (Hebrews 12:22; Galatians 4:26) will descend from heaven to the earth (Revelation 21:10), which will have been made new (Revelation 21:5), to serve as the perfect home for redeemed men through the eternal ages to come. For the present, although we may understand very little as yet concerning the actual nature and structure of heaven, we can be confident that it does really exist. The supremely important issue confronting all men, therefore, is whether they are destined for heaven or hell. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:3-5).

Heaven is a real, physical place, existing somewhere in this physical universe. Somewhere, right now, far out beyond the starry heavens, too far to be observed by man's puny telescopes or space vehicles

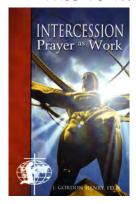
but quite real nonetheless, exists a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God (**Hebrews** 11:10). The place that He is now preparing is described in Revelation 21:2: I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adored for her husband. This passage is not a description of heaven; rather it describes a city coming down out of heaven, to the earth. God's throne is itself in the midst of the city. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it (Revelation 22:3).

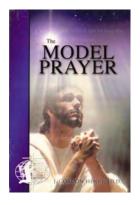
In this city are abiding the departed spirits of all those whose bodies are asleep in Christ in their graves. These are the ones who are now absent from the body and present with the Lord (2 Cor 5:8).

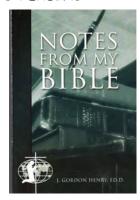


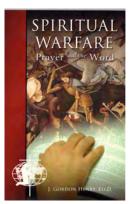


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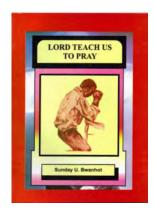












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"In the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee" (Psalm 5:3).

Tomorrow I plan to work, work, from early until late. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.

Martin Luther

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