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I Am Your Flag

I was born on June 14, 1777. I am more than just a cloth shaped into design. I am the refuge of the world's oppressed people. I am the silent sentinel of freedom.

I am the inspiration for which American Patriots gave their lives and fortunes. I have led your sons [and daughters] into battle from Valley Forge to the bloody ridges of Korea (and to a host of other countries, most recently Afghanistan and Iraq).

I walk in silence with each of your honored dead, to their final resting place beneath the silent white crosses, row upon row. I have flown through peace and war, strife and prosperity, and amidst it all I have been respected.

My red stripes symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation. My white stripes signify the burning tears by Americans who lost their sons. My blue field is indicative of God's heaven under which I fly. My stars clustered together, unify fifty states as one, for God and country. "Old Glory" is my nickname, and proudly I wave on high.

Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and your fortunes. Never let the enemies tear me down from my lofty post, lest I never return.

Keep alight the flames of patriotism, strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy. Worship eternal God and keep His commandments, and I shall remain the bulwark of peace and freedom for all mankind.

Thomas E. Wicks, Sr.

ONE NATION UNDER GOD

Lessons from the longest prayer in the Bible

Note. God's Word abounds with commands, examples, promises, and encouragements to pray. There are 650 recorded prayers in the Bible, not counting those in the Psalms. 450 have recorded answers. Session two of the Prayer Seminar Workbook is entitled "Bible Examples of Prayer." Featured in this study is **the prayer of Jabez**, an example of petition praying (praying for self), and is found in **1 Chronicles 4:9-10**, a section of Scripture one would never turn to for "inspirational" reading since the first nine chapters is genealogy. Over 500 names are listed with little commentary until Jabez is introduced. It is as though God, through the Holy Spirit's leading, said to the author of this book, "One moment, I want to tell you about Jabez." It was not enough simply to list his name because he was different. He was a person of prayer and called on God. In this case, he asked four things for himself (did not include worship, thanksgiving, confession, or intercession) self-centered praying! Most of us might tend to criticize him for focusing only on himself. But God approved and gave him what he requested!

Kneel down and worship. The Hebrew words usually translated worship mean "to bow down" or "to prostrate oneself out of respect." The underlying thought is that of showing reverence; of a growing awareness of who God is, and the expression of our awe and our praise. Worship is praising God for who He by nature is. That is, in worship we show our respect and our appreciation by focusing our attention on one of His revealed attributes, and by thanking and praising Him for being this kind of Person.

One helpful study is Solomon's prayer of dedication of the temple recorded in **2 Chronicles 6:12-42**. It is the longest

SOLOMON PRAYED! GOD'S RESPONSE! 2 Chronicles 7:11-16

God appeared to Solomon at night with promises and warnings. In the event that God sent drought, locusts, or pestilence on the people, they should humble themselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways. Then He would forgive their sin and restore them.

Verse 14 is **the golden text for revival in the entire Bible**. "When" the conditions are met, "then" the promises are sure of fulfillment. **2 Chronicles 7:14**, the best known verse in all Chronicles, expresses as does no other in Scripture God's requirement for national blessing, whether in Solomon's land, in Ezra's, or in our own.

Though originally addressed to the chosen nation of Israel, it has rightly been applied to those nations with a biblical heritage, including America. It is the sure road to restoration and revival for all times. Those who believe must forsake their sins, turn from the life that is centered in self, and yield to God's Word and will. Then, and only then, will heaven send revival.

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

prayer recorded in the Bible and is full of both praise and petition. Ascending a special platform in the temple court, Solomon spread out his hands and prayed. He had much for which to be thankful. Emboldened by grace, he had much for which to ask. Two of the five elements of prayer are involved: **ASKING**: seeking for self (**petition**) and seeking for others (**intercession**).

First of all (6:14-17) Solomon prayed about the **throne of Israel**. God had kept His word thus far concerning His promises to David. The king asked that His faithfulness might continue. The four sentences that follow (6:18-21) contain the sum and substance of the entire prayer. All that follows is an expansion of the simple thought expressed by the verbs "**hear**" and "**forgive**" (v 21).

Solomon requests the Lord to hear and judge oaths taken before His altar (6:22-23). Then he asks forgiveness for sin that might cause Israel to be defeated by her enemies (vv 24-25). He requests rain after drought caused by sin (vv 26-27). He requests deliverance from famine or pestilence in order that the people might learn the fear of the Lord (vv 28-31). He requests that foreigners may see God's work when they come to call on His great Name (vv 32-33). He requests victory in battle (vv 34-35). Finally, He requests deliverance from captivity once the people repent and confess their wickedness (vv 36-39).

Solomon closed by requesting three things (6:40-42). He asked that his prayer might be accepted. He asked for grace and joy for the priests, those who served God in the temple. He prayed for favor for

himself based on God's great love for his father David.

Lest we think that this prayer consists of **ASKING** only, let us go through it once more. There is a great deal about the attributes of God here that we can incorporate in our worship as we pray. Solomon mentioned God's uniqueness (v 14), loving kindness (v 14), transcendence (v 18), immensity (infinity) (v 18), omnipresence (v18), justice (v 23), forgiveness (vv 25,27, etc), omniscience (v 30), grace (v 33), and mercy (vv 38-39).

Be sure that you set aside some quality time in your praying to worship and adore God. **Matthew Henry** put this aspect of praying into proper perspective when he noted that our praying does not change God. He will never be any greater than He already is. Mortal man cannot add to God's perfections. Our worship will not change God; our worship changes us!

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Pure and clean

[Prayer warriors must be pure and clean externally as well as internally.]

Oh, for a heart to praise my God,

A heart from sin set free;

A heart that's trusting in the blood

So freely shed for me.

A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean,
Which neither death nor life
can part

From Him that dwells within.

Charles Wesley

"Watch therefore"

For some months our pastor, **Dr. J. Tyler Scarlett**, has been preaching through Matthew. He is an "expository" preacher and often says that time does not allow getting everything out of a given text (or a word or phrase!). But he valiantly attempts to do so. During the past few Sundays, he is, through the help of the Holy Spirit, opening up texts from Matthew 24-25 giving emphasis to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth. Believers who sit under his messages at the Forest Baptist Church, Forest, Virginia profit greatly from his preaching as they open their hearts and minds.

Many groups have gathered on hilltops expecting Jesus to return according to the group's established schedule only to be disappointed because Jesus did not appear. During my tenure as president of Northeastern Bible College (NJ), I became acquainted with **Harold Camping** through WFME, his family radio station in South Orange, New Jersey. In fact that station was instrumental in launching the prayer seminar ministry. In 1980, the station manager invited me to be responsible for an hour program each morning Monday through Saturday through the month of August. The emphasis for each program was prayer and included an invitation to attend a "prayer conference" at nearby Madison Baptist Church, my very first prayer seminar outside my own pastorate in Virginia. Through those programs, invitations begin to come from area pastors asking for a prayer conference for their people. The prayer seminar ministry was born.

As I traveled from church to

church, I soon found that Harold Camping's views were a topic of conversation. His teachings aired on the station five nights a week and drew many listeners among the twenty-two million who could pick up WFME. "Thank you for calling 'Open Forum'," Camping said countless times in his trademark baritone, "and shall we take our next call, please?" One of Northeastern's professors, Gordon Olson, had the opportunity each week to engage in a similar call-in program.

Actually, during these years, Mr. Camping was well regarded for his encyclopedic knowledge of Scriptures. But in the late 1980s, he began teaching that churches had strayed from the Bible embracing a false doctrine. He discouraged his listeners from joining a church, saying modern churches were heretical and the "church age" had ended as the end of the world was near. As his teachings strayed from the Bible, he lost much previous support and regard. He died at the age of 92 on December 13, 2013.

Many of our readers will recall his failed prediction that Jesus would return on a certain date. He predicted judgment would fall on May 21, 2011, and the world would end in October 2011. When Jesus said "that day and hour no one knows" (**Matthew 24:36**), He made it clear that we are not to set dates for His return. Jesus also made it clear that He could return at any moment. **Read Matthew 24:36-51.**

The world won't be gazing up to see Him. Instead, even believers will be busily involved in performing their daily tasks, unaware upon arising that this is the day. **Yes, when Jesus told us to "be ready" and to "watch," He made it clear that we're to expect**

Him every day.

What difference does it make if we expect Jesus every day? The person who expects Jesus takes delight in doing God's will all the time. When we expect Jesus at any moment, we never grow weary in doing well. How good it is to know that Jesus' return is just around the corner. **Be ready! Be watching! Be working! Be praying!**

Prepare yourself by following King Zechariah's example when he brought Jeremiah out of the prison, placed him into a private room, closed the door, and asked, "Is there any word from the Lord?" (Jeremiah 37:17). In Nehemiah's day, people gathered at the Water Gate and "read distinctly from the book, the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them understand the reading" (Nehemiah 8:8). Our pastor has a word from the Lord and will help you understand it as he gives the sense of the Word.

You can hear Dr. Scarlett at
www.forestbaptistchurch.org.

Word from Venezuela.

The situation in the country has not improved, but we are doing fine and thankful for everyone's prayers and notes of encouragement. God is always involved in the details of preparing people to look upward for help and no longer inward with mere human strength! We continue to have protests and marches against and for the government. There are continual cuarimbas (barricades) in the streets so you can't use the car to travel. God is breaking the hearts of the Venezuelans, who for years were used to having all they wanted and, now, they have to seek the Lord for their daily sustenance! Please continue to keep us in prayer!

Love,
 Adam, Dianna, Daniel, and David
 Nathanson Heartbeats

Monday, May 5, 2014
 ONE INTERESTING DAY

On Sunday evening, May 4, I read an e-mail related to an upcoming prayer seminar in North Carolina. When I opened my e-mail at 6 a.m. Monday morning. No new ones. "Strange," I thought. Then the phone calls began and lasted until last night. AOL's mail had been compromised a few weeks ago with 3% affected. Mine turned out to be one of them. The scam e-mail that went to everyone on my contact list had me in Portugal needing \$1,600 to enable a cousin to have a transplant to save her life.

Calls came from California, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Michigan, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Illinois, Florida, and Germany. Several said that they had funds ready to send. One pastor said, "I knew it was not you writing, since you always close with 'Yours in Calvary love' and a Scripture." One of my colleagues from those early Liberty days said, "I knew it was not you because it was not your writing technique, careful with grammar and words." One Kentucky brother said, he had \$700 ready to send. I wept with the love expressed and how the Lord turned to good what was intended for bad! **What an uplift to talk with old friends and to read e-mails of affirmation once AOL was able to clear matters up and to rebuild my contact list that had completely disappeared. Sue and I sensed love and concern for us far beyond what we ever imagined! We are blessed!** Among the e-mails was one from **Enock Mulomba, M.D.** in Botswana.

Prayer Is . . .

Prayer is, I think, the language of heaven. A sage of old spoke of prayer as thinking God's thoughts after Him. But in Spirit-born prayer, I believe we pray God's burden into and through our hearts. With God we share in prayer. Prayer is no magic transformation of words into heavenly language just because we close our eyes. Words are not prayer because we utter them on our knees, not because we say them from the pulpit, not yet because they are breathed within the confines of a church.

Concerning our praying today a phrase from Shakespeare often comes into my mind: "What do you read, my lord?," Polonius asked Hamlet. To this the melancholy man replied, "Words! Words! Words!"

Likewise in prayer what do we often say? Words! Words! Words! We can use words without praying, and we can pray without using words. We can also pray when words are used. But there is a language beyond words groanings that cannot be articulated, that defy language, that are above language, that are the yearnings of the heart of God committed to those who seek to know His will and to care for a lost world and feeble Church.

To be much for God, we must be much with God.

Leonard Ravenhill
Revival Praying

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NOTES from my BIBLE Ephesians 6:10-18

Note 2216. Christians are engaged in a spiritual war all around us.

Note 2217. Christians are to **put on every piece of the armor** God has provided to protect us.

Note 2218. We are outfitted, not for defense, but offense.

Note 2219. We are to assault Satan's strongholds and pull down every barrier he erects.

Note 2220. Note Paul does not say, "Now fight!" He says, "Now pray!" We are to take the world by praying, loving, and witnessing.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

April 22--May 21, 2014

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| Regular | 56 | \$4,820.00 |
| Kenya | <u>18</u> | <u>1,900.00</u> |
| Total | 66 | \$6,720.00 |



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!
Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9

PRAYER CALENDAR**JUNE 2014***"I will give myself to prayer..."*

Psalm 109:4b

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)
 Mae Adams (NC)
 Marie Adams (VA)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

MONDAY, JUNE 2

Psalm 1-6 (Fiji 896,758)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Milcie Arnold (VA)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Bill & Karen Baker (OK)
 Consuela Baker (NC)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
 Marilyn Barry (VA)
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

Psalm 7-12 (Finland 5.3M)

Jean Beasley (TN)
 Tommy Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Johnny/Juanita Bernard (FL)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Psalm 13-18 (France 66M)

Everett/Deborah Boston (MD)
 Bob Bouchard (KY)
 William/Debbie Bowden (MD)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Jim & Judy Britt (GA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Psalm 19-24 (Fr Polynesia 277,293)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Arretta Bruce (TN)
 Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)
 Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 George & Carol Buck (NJ)

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Psalm 25-30 (Gabon 1.6M)

Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Mary Campbell (ID)
 Laura Cannon (FL)
 Joeretha Capers (FL)
 Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)
 Bob & Evelyn Casey (FL)
 David & Martha Cecil (VA)

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Psalm 31-36 (Gambia 1.9M)

Gus/Janice Christofield (VA)
 Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
 Vernia Coleman (MD)
 Mary Columbus (VA)
 Kathie Connolly (VA)
 Larry & Sue Cooper (DE)
 Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
 Dan Cravey (VA)
 Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Ida J. Davis (GA)
 John Davis (VA)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)

MONDAY, JUNE 9

Psalm 37-44 (Gaza Strip 1.8M)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Don & Mary Enoch (FL)
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
 Fellowship Baptist Ch (FL)
 William & Virginia Green
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

Psalm 45-49 (Georgia 4.6M)

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
 Estelle Gabbard (KY)
 John & Kim Gaines (DE)
 Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)
 Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Frank Geiger (HI)
 Sara George (GA)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Psalm 50-54 (Germany 81.1M)

Gloucester Co. Community Ch (NJ)
 Bruce Sofia, Pastor
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
 Sam/Michele Graisbury (NJ)
 Velma Graven (KY)
 Dale & Mary Gray (IL)
 Odether Gray (GA)

MONDAY, MAY 12

Psalm 55-59 (Ghana 25.2M)

Linda Gregory (UT)
 Charles Hale (VA)
 Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
 George & Joy Harper (VA)
 Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)
 Jim Hengoed (CT)
 Gina Henry (VA)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

Psalm 60-66 (Gibraltar 29,111)

Jacqueline Henry (VA)
 Jack Henry (TN)
 James & Kathryn Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Russ/Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Psalm 67-72 (Greece 10.8M)

Ed Hurlow (IN)
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
 Betty Jackson (OH)
 Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)
 Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 William/Marsha Jester (DE)

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Millicent John (NY)
 Bob & Rhonda Johnson (FL)
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)
 Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)
 James Jones (FL)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Mohan Katta (IL)

MONDAY, JUNE 16

Psalm 73-77 (Kenya 44M)

Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
 Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
 Darren Hisel, Pastor
 Larry & Janet King (NC)
 Robert/Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Robert & Rose Klous (VA)
 Sherry Klutz (WA)

Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH)
Mark & Lois Knolls (DE)
Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

Psalm 78-83 (Kenya 44M)

Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
Korean Branch:

Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
Charles/Cynthia Larson (MI)
Bob Lawrence (MD)
Del & Mary Leach (VA)
Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Psalm 84-89 (Kenya 44M)

Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)
Liberty University (VA)
Jerry Falwell Jr., President
Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI)
Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
Rachel Mann (NC)
Manship Chapel (DE)

Bruce & Vickie Tribbett
Wilma Marcum (KY)

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

Psalm 90-97 (Kenya 44M)

Reg & Gloria Martin (OH)
Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
Deborah Mathias (NY)
Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN)
Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
Memorial Christian Ch (VA)
Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors
Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Psalm 95-108 (Kenya 44M)

Betsy Miedema (MI)
Gwen Miller (VA)
Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
Roger Minney (VA)
Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY)
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
French & Laura Moore (VA)
Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ)

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Psalm 104-106 (Kenya 44M)

Elaine Moser (MN)
Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
Ann Palumbo (PA)

Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA)
Roger & Kay Pede (VA)
Sandy Pederson (MN)
Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
Mildred Pittman (NC)

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Ben Poplin (VA)
Ayers Porter (TN)
Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
Jeannette Ralph (VA)
Marjorie Randall (TX)
John Reed (NH)
Dave Ricker (ME)
Alice Riddick (NC)

Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA)
Cynthia Roach (VA)
Bo & Betty Robinson (MS)
Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)

MONDAY, JUNE 23

Psalm 107-110 (Kenya 44M)

Fred/Jeanette Rolater (TN)
Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
Sandra Rumore (VA)
John Saint (PA)
Don/Marie Satterwhite (FL)
Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

Psalm 111-118 (Kenya 44M)

Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH)
Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch
(VA) Gene Jones, Pastor
Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
Walter & Pearl Shields (VA)
Charlie & Liz Sill (VA)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

Psalm 119 (Kenya 44M)

Faye Skaggs (KY)
Mary Skiles (KS)
Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
Tim & Pam Steger (ID)

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

Psalm 120-127 (Kenya 44M)

Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)
Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
William Suttles (NC)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
Tabernacle Baptist Ch (DC)
William Stroman, Pastor

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Psalm 128-134 (Kenya 44M)

Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX)
Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA)
Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
Stephanie Taylor (GA)
Rose Tengstrand (VA)
Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN)
Montez Thompson (WI)
William & Katie Toney (NC)
Virginia Trask (VA)

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Psalm 135-139 (Kenya 44M)

Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY)
Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
Joe & Benita Troutman (KY)
Malcom Troutman (KY)
Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY)
Willie/Diane Troutman (KY)

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Psalm 140-145 (Kenya 44M)

Tommy/Frances Turpin (VA)
Sara Underwood (TN)
Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN)
Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
George/Jeanette Vernachik (NJ)
Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
Keith/Doris Snyder Verrall (FL)
Walter/Mary Ann Voss (DE)
Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
Michael/Sandra Ward (IN)
Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA)

MONDAY, JUNE 30

Psalm 146-150 (Kenya 44M)

Kay Warmerdam (TX)
Don/Joyce Warpoole (TN)
Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
Frank & Nell Weer (KY)
Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
Kay Wice (TN)
Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA)
Jeff & Terri Williamson
Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
Julie L. Wilson (PA)
Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
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You do not have to bear your burden alone. We are eager to pray with you and then supply needed prayer support daily. Keep us updated.

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Isabel Robotham (NY)

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Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)

Virginia Whitner (FL)

Eva Winebarger (VA)

**Pray for safety and that
the Word of the Lord will
have free course.**

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Starting well, Finishing well

For most of my adult life, I have started my day with my eyes on the Lord and have said "What would you have me to do, dear Lord?" Although there have been many days that I have fallen short, my heart has been to do His will. During the past few years, I have contemplated the task of finishing well and have written about this issue.

King Joash (**2 Chronicles 24**) was seven years old when he became king of Judah. He reigned forty years. Joash did what was right as long as Jehoiada the priest was alive. In order to restore the temple, Joash ordered the Levites to expedite the collection of funds from all Israel. When the Levites failed to respond quickly, he became upset with **Jehoiada**. Finally a special chest was set before the temple, and the people were commanded to come and deposit their "temple tax." This was then taken and distributed to the workmen who restored the house of God to its original condition and reinforced it.

When Jehoiada died and his godly influence was no longer there, Joash turned to idolaters for advice, to the ruin of his kingdom. God sent prophets to warn him, but rather than repent, the leader of Judah rebelled.

Because Joash forsook the Lord in the latter part of his life, all that he had done earlier was for nothing. He had repaired the temple and had refurnished it, only to hand over its treasures to Hazeal the Syrian (**2 Kings 12:17-18**). It is good to start well, but is far more important to finish well.

The Apostle John knowing the tendency people have to "fade in the stretch," warns: "Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward" (**2 John 8**).

AFRICA

As the Kenya prayer seminars scheduled for June 19-July 7 draw nearer, please continue to focus the power of God (Oh, the privilege to prepare hearts through intercessory prayer) upon this needy part of the world. Before I talk about Africa, however, I must talk about America—your land and my land. The hour is late and the need is great.

Two books in the Bible pull at my heart when I think about what has happened in America during my lifetime. The ground for deterioration was laid by a 1973 landmark decision by the United States Supreme Court in a case known as *Roe V. Wade* that opened the abortion door. Many believe that the decision was without a valid constitutional foundation. It certainly is against Biblical teaching on the value of life. There have been 56,827,449 abortions in the U. S. as of May 20, 2014.

The moral decadence was gradual until the 1998 Lewinsky affair in the Clinton administration; then it accelerated and continues to do so. Under the guise of equality and diversity, there has been an attack on Christianity and its moral/ethical principles that is incredible. How bad is our condition?

During our "I'm Reading the Bible Through" program, most of us read **Ezra and Nehemiah** in April, two of my favorite books. **Nehemiah 1-2** tells an intriguing story. Nehemiah was quite comfortable in the palace in Susa where he held a very important position of influence, the cupbearer to the king himself. When he "heard" a report of the distress of his people

back in Judah, his heart was broken. For many days, he spent hours **weeping, grieving, praying, and fasting**. He began to feel intensely that he himself must do something and he did!

A little boy was sitting with his father in his father's study. The grandfather clock had a malfunction and struck thirteen times. The boy, as most of us would have done, counted the hours and pondered on what he has just heard. Then he said to his dad, "Dad! Did you hear that? It's never been this late before!" Certainly, on every hand the walls of America are broken down. We do not simply "hear" the news of the breakdown in our society, we "see" it for ourselves. What can we do? First, we can become concerned enough to humble ourselves, cry out to God, and beg for mercy upon a land that appears to be in open rebellion against God.

Nehemiah's prayer (**Nehemiah 1:6-7**) says it all. First, **confession**: ". . . I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel . . . and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned. We have acted very corruptly against You, and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses." Then he asked that God would show mercy and answer the prayer. It is time that those of us who know and honor God and His Word to stand up, first, on our knees and then in our environs where God placed us. It is not too late for America. **Are we concerned enough to couple**

weeping, grieving, praying, and fasting for America?

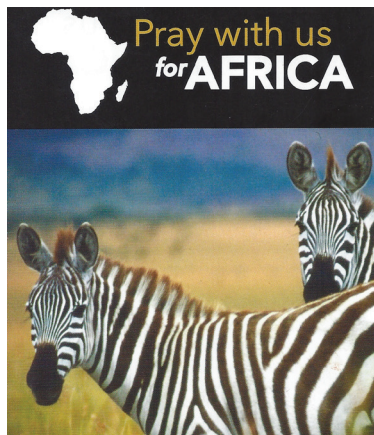
NOW A WORD ABOUT AFRICA!

Africa, the second largest continent in the world, is home to more than a billion people. Although it's a land rich in natural resources, it's also a land with great physical and spiritual needs. Since 1986, JGHM has conducted a large number of prayer seminars with branches in Nigeria, East-Central Africa, and southern Africa. There have been seminars in **Southern Africa**: Botswana (1.9M), Lesotho (1.9M), Mozambique (24.1M), Namibia (2.2M), South Africa (46.6M), Swaziland (1.4M); **East-Central Africa**: Kenya (44M), Tanzania (48.3M), Uganda (34.8M), Rwanda (12M), Burundi (10.9M); Democratic Republic of Congo (75.5M); **West Africa**: Nigeria. **Martin Shikuku** dreams of reaching South Sudan (11.1M), Sudan (34.8M), and Somalia (10.3M).

Martin has been "working like a Trojan" preparing for fourteen prayer seminars during June 19-July 7. He is pastor, Glory Baptist Church, Eldoret, which has a preschool with over 100. He has a Bible institute for those called into ministry. He is a leader in the Kenya Baptist Convention. The proposed budget is \$12,000. Over 2,000 are expected in attendance. Pray daily for this mission.



**PRAY! JOS, NIGERIA
CHRISTIANS UNDER ATTACK**



Word from China

Hi Momma [Sue], Thank you for all the news! Yes, you reminded me that tonight my students are to have a testimony ready to share so that it can be ready when they go soul winning. My students aren't very good at doing their homework. Hardly no one does it. But I must prepare my testimony to be an example to them. I must do the reading homework, too. We are reading evangelism stories. Always very interesting.

But at the same time, I am trying to make reservations for planes for Becky and Marcia as the Chinese consulate is requiring these to be made before the visa can be given. They are being very strict this year. I thought they were strict last year but this year, they are even more strict.

I wonder how big Dr. Henry's reward will be in heaven. He is teaching on the subjects dearest to the heart of God - prayer and evangelism. Maybe someday, I can speak Chinese and do the same thing in China. We have more and more liberty here in China.

I love you and thank you for your prayers and encouragement to always be in the Word!

Love,
Cliff

May 19, 2014

Live thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever.

PSALM 118:29

Rules for Daily Living

Begin the Day with God

Kneel down to Him in prayer;
Lift up thy heart to His abode,
And seek His love to share.

Open the Book of God

And read a portion there;
That it may hallow all thy thoughts,
And sweeten all thy care.

Go through the Day with God

What'er thy work may be;
Where'er thou art—at home, abroad
And He still is near to thee.

Converse in Mind with God

Thy spirit Heavenward raise;
Acknowledge every good bestowed,
And offer grateful praise.

Conclude the Day with God

Thy sins to Him confess;
Trust in the Lord's atoning blood,
And plead His righteousness.

Lie down at Night with God

Who gives His servants sleep,
And when thou tread'st the vale of death
He will thee guide and keep.

Wise words

Sixteen years ago, I talked about desperate needs in other parts of the world. Now I tell Christians, wherever they are, that they must "refall" in love with Jesus. Christianity in the West today says we must have a bigger church and bigger car and a better suit. Once Christians fall out of love with that and fall in love with Jesus, I won't need to talk missions: they will become missionaries because they love Him.

Helen Roseveare