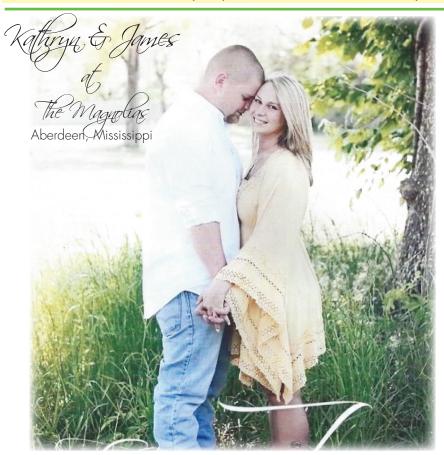
REFLECTOR

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Marriage God's Way

On September 25, 1982, I was driving from our home on the campus of Northeastern Bible College in Essex Fells, New Jersey to speak at a missionary conference at First Baptist Church, Mahopac Falls, New York. While crossing the Hudson River on the Tappen Zee Bridge, I saw a bumper sticker that struck my attention. In my spirit, I realized immediately that it was incomplete to the point of being wrong! The bumper sticker said, "The Bible says it! I believe it! That settles it!"

Had there been opportunity I would have explained that the bumper sticker should have said, "The Bible says it! That settles it!" How very humanistic we have become. Whether "I believe it!" or not has nothing to

do with the eternal truths set forth in God's Word. When God says "something," that settles it and not even the President nor the government of the United States can change what He says.

Why are we debating the merit of traditional marriage to a society? Why are we spending time on whether marriage between two persons of the same sex is acceptable as long as the two people love each other? Many are quick to say that this a matter of civil rights guaranteed by the Constitution. How insidious are such claims! Satan, the father of lies, is seeking to undermine the social foundation of the United States.

Both God the Father (Genesis 2:24) and God the Son (Mark 10:6-9) have explained what marriage is a man and a woman coming together and becoming one flesh. The issue is settled!

One of the favorite pictures in my office is on the table back of my computer. It is two people very much in love and devoted to each other, my grandson James Alan Henry and his fiancée Kathryn Scott Phillips (who became his wife on September 8, 2012 in a beautiful, Christ-honoring ceremony at The Magnolias, Aberdeen, Mississippi). The cover picture was made at The Magnolias as they were planning the wedding. Both explained that they had kept themselves pure for each other and they wanted to express that in the wedding ceremony itself. Both are devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ and can hardly wait to attend services in their church in Columbus. Mississippi. Sue and I, along with other family members living in the Lynchburg, Virginia, area were blessed by a recent visit from this couple who illustrate the wisdom of following God's plan a man and a woman for marriage.

Worship in prayer

Heaven is a place of worship. Every glimpse of our eternal home that we are given in the Scriptures attests to this fact. There are at least ten worship scenes in **Revelation** that include fourteen Songs of Heaven. One day each believer will join the great celestial choir. A logical conclusion is that you and I should begin to practice on earth what we will be doing in Heaven. I agree with A. W. Tozer's observation: "I can safely say on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for Heaven." Obviously, we believers should include praise and adoration in our daily prayers. We should approach worship knowing that prayer brings us into the "holiest" by the blood of Jesus (Hebrews 10:19).

Songs of Heaven. In Revelation 4, John saw a door opened into Heaven. A voice said, "Come on in, John." Upon entering, he viewed an occupied throne (God the Father was on the throne). We know that the Lord Jesus Christ is seated at His right hand in the place of highest honor and authority (Romans 8:34). In Revelation 5, a Song of Heaven is directed to both the One "who sits on the throne [God the Father] and to the Lamb [God the Son] (v 13).

Through the majestic scene vividly described by John (under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit since all Scripture is God-breathed) in his initial glimpse into Heaven, God and His glory are revealed; the seated King has the appearance of a jasper stone (probably a diamond) and a ruby-red sardius (Revelation 4:3). These precious stones, in their dazzling brightness, speak of God's glory and purity on the one hand, and His justice and redemptive plan, on the other. The result was worship led by the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures. Let's read about two Songs of Heaven:

"Around the Throne were twenty-

four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads . . . And in the midst of the Throne, and around the Throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back . . . And the four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is, and is to come! Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twentyfour elders fall down before Him who sits on the Throne and worship Him Who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the Throne, saying: 'You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And for Your pleasure they exist and were created"." (Revelation 4:4.6.8-11).

Note that Revelation 4, along with Hebrews 4:16 and 10:19, establishes the fact that prayer brings us into the Throne Room of Heaven. Knowing this, how can we fail to join in the worship with reverence, awe, and enthusiasm? Could it be that we have become so overly familiar with this great passage that the impact is nil in our lives? God forbid that such could continue!

Often we have referred to adoration as looking at God and loving Him for who He is with focus on His character, His attributes, and His essence. Such is emphasized here. When we pause to reflect on God's attributes as described in **Revelation 4**, then we, like the elders and the four living creatures, will fall down in worship and adoration of our great God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb Who was slain!

Who He is: The first Song of Heaven causes us to contemplate the essence of the divine nature. His being is the foundation of His deeds. So before telling us what He does, the four living creatures tell us who He is. As we see

who He is, our trust level will surely rise to motivate us to want to spend more and more time in His presence loving Him for who He is! That is worship! The more that we understand about who He is, the more meaningful our prayer time will be.

A Triune God: Perhaps a good place to begin in our study to see what is revealed about God in Revelation 4 is to start with the doctrine of the Trinity. Remember that He is a triune God. There is one God, but this one God is found in three persons. The Trinity is clearly seen with God the Father seated on the Throne (v 2), the Lamb present in the midst of the Throne (5:6), and John's being "in the Spirit on the Lord's Day" (1:10) signifying the presence of the Holy Spirit through it all. Someone, by the way, suggested the Trinity is seen in the repetition, "Holy, holy, holy" (v 8) with one holy for the Father, and one for the Son, and one for the Holy Spirit. In the Scriptures, the three Persons of the Godhead are shown to act in harmonious unity in all the mighty works that are carried on throughout the universe. It is noteworthy that Isaiah's description is quite consistent with this when he saw the Lord Jesus Christ on a Throne surrounded by seraphim singing "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: The whole earth is full of His glory" (Isaiah 6:3).

God is "holy"--a word that means unique, set apart, separated, different. Nothing either in Heaven or on earth can be compared to Him. He is utterly undefiled by any iniquity within His nature. He is without sin, weakness, or fault, for He is pure. He is of purer eyes than to approve evil (Habakkuk 1:13) and cannot countenance even the thought of sin (Hebrews 7:26). His purity sets Him apart. Holiness, in a profound sense, is the quality most basic to the essential nature of God. In the integrity of His character, it is impossible for Him to condone sin.

Based on this passage, Reginald Heber wrote "Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and

mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!" All three Persons are worthy and are involved in our salvation. We have been chosen by God the Father, purchased by God the Son, and sealed by God the Spirit. It is comely to worship the triune God! In fact, it is appropriate to yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit for His special touch to allow us to worship meaningfully.

God is "sovereign" — which means He has final say. Note that John saw an "occupied Throne." This reminds us that God has not abdicated regardless of what happens on earth; He is on His Throne and is in control. In the forty-six times "Throne" is used in **Revelation**, twelve are in **Revelation 4**. Why is this important and what implication does it have for worship? We worship a sovereign God. Not only does He have final say (which is a basic meaning of the word, sovereign) and does what He pleases (Psalm 115:3), everything is under His control. And what He does is always right. Nothing ever catches Him by surprise. The living creatures call Him "Lord God Almighty" (v 8) which reflects His unlimited power. In His sovereignty, He is the Creator of all things (v 11). He has made the heavens and the earth by His mighty power and outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for Him (Jeremiah 32:17).

God is omnipotent. All the resources of the universe are at His immediate command. Nations before Him "are like a drop in a bucket. And are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales . . . He reduces rulers to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth meaningless" (Isaiah 40:15, 23). Life and death are in His hand. With just a word, God can strike every creature to the ground. "It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded, and it is I who heal; And there is no one who can deliver from My hand" (Deuteronomy 32:39). In our worship, we should bring both praise and adoration responding to the fact that He is our sovereign God. He is omnipotent.

God is "eternal" which means that

He had no beginning and will have no end. His name, as revealed to Moses, is "I am" (Exodus 3:14) which means that He has always existed and always will exist. He stands above time, free from all temporal distinctions. In His being there is no succession, no past or future all is present in Him. God lives in an everlasting now! Time, itself, is of His making. The works of man "will become old as a garment," but God is "the same" (Hebrews 1:11,12). With Him there is "no variation, or turning" (James 1:17). He is the "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 1:8). Since God is eternal, He will always be the one safe home for His children in every generation as Moses declared so powerfully in Psalm 91.

God is "gracious" —a quality of kindness. In Heaven, an emeraldgreen rainbow encircled the Throne of God, a sign that was given to reflect His faithfulness and grace. You will remember the Genesis 9 account that the Lord promised that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood. The rainbow was the symbol of hope in the midst of judgment, and remains the assurance of grace to those who keep His Word. God is faithful Who has promised. His promises are dependable and sure for us today as always. While His greatness arouses holy fear within us, His graciousness encourages us not to be afraid of Him but to draw near.

God is "faithful" which results in His sustaining what He has created. All things were made by Him and through Him all things hold together. Because of Him the sun will rise in the morning and will set in the evening—never early or never late since the earth will make one complete rotation every twenty-four hours. The earth stays in its fixed orbit hung on nothing (Job 26:7) moving around the sun, tilted on its axis, making a complete circuit every 365 days. Because of Him, the stars are in the heavens and the planets have a place! In recognition of the Lord's faithfulness

in His role as Creator, the twenty-four elders fell down before Him in worship exclaiming, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power" (v 11). God, our Creator and Sustainer, is worthy of our worship and praise. Upon His faithfulness rests our whole hope of future blessedness.

Our worship—falling down before Him. We need to capture afresh and anew this heavenly perspective. When we do, there will be a new sense of humility in our lives, even as was true of Isaiah, when he saw the Lord on His throne, high and lifted up (Isaiah 6:1-8). If seraphim were so overwhelmed at the sight that they covered their eyes and feet (a way of expressing reverential awe and deep humility), then it is not surprising that Isaiah, a mortal man, felt undone in the presence of such glory. The Songs of **Heaven** are expressions of His creatures' submission. As the majestic song of the four living creatures swells through the courts of Heaven, the twenty-four elders "fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and worship Him Who lives forever and ever" (Revelation 4:10). Then in a gesture of grateful homage, they take from their brows the golden crowns and cast them before the feet of God. How appropriate!

According to the Theological Dictionary of the New Testament VI (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1969, p. 163), the word for **worship** originally conveyed the idea of placing oneself in a lowly position, to kiss the feet of deity, and hence to bow down or to prostrate oneself. When there is an intentional act of falling down in the New Testament, it is usually joined to worship. It is a way of intensifying the sense of obeisance to God. We should always render Him the glory and honor that He so rightly deserves and fall down before Him responding to His majesty! Worship is the essence of devotion.

Remember a portion of your prayer time should be used to seek His face and worship! There is no doubt that He wants us to seek His hand since the word used for "pray" (2 Chronicles 7:14 and James 4:2b) means "ask" in the sense of His hand moving! Thus, we spend time praying for others and ourselves. However, we should not fail to include worship in our time with Him.

I'm completely convinced that each believer will be transformed when He sees God more clearly. Through the Word, our minds learn the knowledge that is needed to fill our prayers with God. Through prayer when we come before Him in long and loving meditation He becomes a reality. When He becomes a reality, we can be sure that His purpose in creating us is being fulfilled. In the Westminster Confession of Faith, it is pointed out that "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever." Amen and Amen!

Yours in Calvary love, J. Gordon Henz

A GUIDE FOR DAILY LIFE

- BEGIN THE DAY WITH GOD;
- OPEN THE BOOK OF GOD:
- GO THROUGH THE DAY WITH GOD;
- CONVERSE IN MIND WITH GOD;
- CONCLUDE THE DAY WITH GOD;
- LIE DOWN AT NIGHT WITH GOD.

A Christian is in God's hands; there is safety and security in His hands. When you are thinkful, You will be thankful!

> "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good" 1 Chronicles 16:34a

"Closing down" vs "Transitioning"

One of the main items on my CLARIFICATIONS LIST could be termed "Closing down" vs "Transitioning." There are myraid variables involved in knowing the difference in coming to the end of a road or a fork in the road that requires wisdom as to what road to take. I understand that God, who has promised to order the lives of His children who walk in obedience, could Himself bring about circumstances that would dictate closing any ministry. I really believe that He will provide wisdom as to what we can do to touch lives even when it becomes impossible to travel. Although I know that the board members and our **Doorkeepers** are praying for open doors and for His provision, I would like you to pray for the wisdom to see and the grace to follow His perfect will. Whatever brings Him glory is what I desire above all at this time in our work. Thanks for being a part of JGHM and the prayer seminars.

> Board of Directors President's Perspective Report 119, Meeting 122 April 12, 2014

JGH VERSE FOR THE YEAR:

"Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning. For in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk. For I lift up my soul to You." Psalm 143:8

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ONE VOICE, UNITED IN PRAYER

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 1, 2014

"So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" Romans 15:6

NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 2211. Men are accountable to OBEY, not to sit in judgment on the Word of God.

Note 2212. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself is Truth.

Note 2213. Pray that the Lord will help you and me to grasp the meaning of the Word and to obey the truth He reveals to us.

Note 2214. "When you have accomplished your daily task go to sleep in peace. God is awake."--Victor Hugo.

Note 2215. Our love for God is expressed in willing obedience to all His commandments.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2 March 13-April 21, 2014

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

PRAYER CALENDAR

MAY 2014

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Ezra 1-3 (Comoros 752,288)

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)

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)

FRIDAY, MAY 2

Ezra 4-6 (Congo D.R. 75.5M)

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)

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Ezra 7-8 (Congo Republic 4.5M)

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)

SUNDAY, MAY 4

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)

MONDAY, MAY 5

Ezra 9-10 (Cook Isl 10,447)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Arretta Bruce (TN)

Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE)

Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

George & Carol Buck (NJ)

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Nehemiah 1-2 (Costa Rica 4.7M)

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)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Nehemiah 3-4 (Ivory Coast 22.4M)

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)

THURSDAY, MAY 8

Nehemiah 5-7 (Croatia 4.5M)

Ida J. Davis (GA)

John Davis (VA)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)

Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)

Mary J. Dugans (LA)

Ivy Early (NC)

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Nehemiah 8-10 (Cuba 11.1M)

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)

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Neh 11-13 (Curacao 146,836)

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom

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)

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Gloucester Co. Community Ch (NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)

Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK) Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ)

Velma Graven (KY) Dale & Mary Gray (IL)

James & Kathryn Henry (MS)

Jack Henry (TN)

Odether Gray (GA)

MONDAY, MAY 12

Linda Gregory (UT)

Charles Hale (VA)

Jim Hengoed (CT)

TUESDAY, MAY 13

Jacqueline Henry (VA)

Gina Henry (VA)

Esther 1-2 (Cyprus 1.1M)

George & Joy Harper (VA)

Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN)

J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

Esther 3-4 (Czech Rep 10.2M)

Mark Henry (TN) Melody Henry (VA)

Roger & Sara Henry (OH)

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Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

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Russ/Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)

Anita Horton (VA) Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)

Coy Hunsucker (NC)

Joyce Hunt (TN)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Esther 5-7 (Burkina Faso 17.8M)

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)

Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

Betty Jackson (OH)

Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA) Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)

Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)

Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

William/Marsha Jester (DE)

THURSDAY, MAY 15

Esther 8-10 (Denmark 5.6M)

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)

FRIDAY, MAY 16 Job 1-2 (Djibouti 792,198)

Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA) Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA) Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY) Bruce Kirby, Pastor

Larry & Janet King (NC)

Robert & Andrea Klepper Robert & Rose Klous (VA) Sherry Klutz (WA) Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH) Mark & Lois Knolls (DE) Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY) SATURDAY, MAY 17 Job 3-4 (Dominica 73,286) 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) SUNDAY, MAY 18 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) MONDAY, MAY 19 Job 5-7 (Dominican Rep 10.2M) 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) TUESDAY, MAY 20 Job 8-10 (Ecuador 15.4M) 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) WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Job 11-14 (Egypt 85.3M)

Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)

Elaine Moser (MN)

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) THURSDAY, MAY 22 Job 15-17 (El Salvador 6.1M) 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) FRIDAY, MAY 23 Job 18-19 (Eq Guinea 704,001) Fred/Jeannette Rolater (TN) Bob & Marlene Rose (MI) Sandra Rumore (VA) John Saint (PA) Don/Marie Satterwhite (FL) Gary & Sandy Schnittier (PA) Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA) SATURDAY, MAY 24 Job 20-21 (Chad 11.2M) 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) SUNDAY, MAY 25 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)

MONDAY, MAY 26

Job 22-24 (Eritrea 6.2M)

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 TUESDAY, MAY 27 Job 25-28 (Estonia 1.3M) 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 (CO) William & Katie Toney (NC) Virginia Trask (VA) WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 Job 29-31 (Ethiopia 93.9M) 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) THURSDAY, MAY 29 Job 32-34 (European Union 503.6M) Tommy/Frances Turpin (VA) Sara Underwood (TN) Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN) Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI/FL) George/Jeanette Vernarchik (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) FRIDAY, MAY 30 Job 35-39 (Falkland Is 3,140) 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) SATURDAY, MAY 31 Job 40-42 (Faroe Is 49,709) Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA) Jeff & Terri Williamson Ken & Carol Willis (VA) Julie L. Wilson (PA) Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA) Amos & Celia Wipf (GA) Greg & Lori Worley (GA) David & Lili Wykle (VA)

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Lowry Miller [Marjorie] (VA)
Katherine Morgan (VA)
Isabel Robotham (NY)
Sam Simpson [Lola] (NY)
Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)
Virginia Whitner (FL)
Eva Winebarger (VA)

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Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)
Jonathan/Holly Leslie (S. Sudan)
Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)
Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)
Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
Paula Tipton (Thailand)
Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil/China)
Silas Yashim (Nigeria)

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

Dag Hammarskjold 7/29/1905-9/18/1961

Dag Hammarskjold has long been one of my heroes. As the second Secretary-General of the United Nations, he was a bold Christian witness to the entire world. He served from April 1953 until his death in a plane crash near Ndola, Zambia on September 18, 1961 en route to cease-fire negotiations in the Congo. President John Kennedy called him "the greatest statesman in the world."

He became Secretary-General as I was graduating from White Pine (TN) High School, getting ready for my freshman year at Berea College. My aspirations were to complete college, return to East Tennessee as a teacher, and eventually run for Congress. His Christian example was my assurance that Christians needed to serve in the public arena.

While I was in South Africa, Sue shared Dag Hammarskjold's prayer: "Give me a pure heart-that I may see You; an humble heart-that I might hear You; a heart of love-that I might serve You; and a heart of faith that I might abide in You."



DR. HENRY AT THE
DAG HAMMARSKJOLD CRASH SITE
MEMORIAL
NEAR NDOLA, ZAMBIA 8/28/1996

An opportunity for a SPECIAL APPOINTMENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Several years ago, a college president in San Antonio, Texas who had just completed a prayer seminar in his institution said: "God has given you a very special seminar. Our lives will never be the same. You have covered every aspect of the Christian life in a very thorough and helpful way. But you will never get too many invitations as long as you call it a prayer seminar. Folks will simply never believe they can study prayer for six hours thinking that would be too boring. You've got to package the seminar under another name to make it more appealing and exciting if you expect churches to go for it."

Certainly the assessment of this godly brother, whom I highly respect, was thought provoking. The only problem is that the Lord has never impressed me to use any other name but "prayer seminar." Actually, his views were wrong because from 1984 to 2011, we averaged fifty-two seminars a year. Seminars have been taught in small churches, in large churches, in prisons, in colleges and universities, in large auditoriums, in small meeting halls, and even in private homes.

During the six-hour prayer seminar, myriad aspects of the Christian walk are explored, including how to know you are a Christian, how to get into the Word of God (with practical suggestions), how to understand what sin for a Christian is, how to identify sin in our lives, how to deal with sin, and how to become Spirit-controlled (Spirit-filled).

Unless the believer has assurance of his/her salvation, commits to the Word of God for his spiritual food, and walks in the Spirit, he/she cannot have a meaningful prayer life. That is bottom-line truth! Once these truths (requisites) are established, meaningful attention can be given to

teaching "how to" have a daily prayer time and what to do during that time. The biggest need for a world that has reached a point of confusion with many loud voices espousing open rebellion of God's Word, even at the highest levels of leadership, is simply prayer warriors.

At the close of April 2014, there have been 1,610 prayer seminars in forty-six states, the District of Columbia, and fifty-eight other nations. I have traveled over 2.7 million miles to conduct the seminars.

As the years have moved along, the content of the prayer seminar has been refined to the point that there are no superfluous, wasted words which allows every minute to be used. The amazing thing is that the Lord has continued to provide new insights and ideas as to how to communicate the truths in a more helpful way.

The response from each seminar has been encouraging. Recently a person wrote, "I have been given tools to have a prayer life. I thought I had a prayer life, but now realize how I have fallen short. Now I know how to petition and intercede for others. God bless your ministry." Another wrote: "How blessed my life has been since attending my first prayer seminar and becoming a **Doorkeeper** in the ministry. I've gained a greater burden for praying. The monthly **Reflector** always brings encouragement with the right word in due season. May God continue to cause His face to smile upon you."

Beginning in May 2014, what could YOU do to help? It is simple! You can help us schedule the seminars. Do you know a pastor or a church you believe would profit from a prayer seminar? Pray for the Spirit's leadership; then go share the availability of the prayer seminar. Packets of materials are available that provide basic information about scheduling a prayer seminar. Testimonies and letters of reference are included from leaders from many denominations.

Become a JGHM Volunteer

Would you volunteer to be a special representative in your area? We will provide guidance on how to serve as our ambassador and how to answer questions about the prayer seminar ministry. Packets of materials, which include a scheduling form, are available to share with pastors and others.

For over thirty years, prayer seminars have been greatly blessed of the Lord to strengthen believers. You can be a vital part of future seminars. If you will accept the special appointment and work with us in scheduling prayer seminars, in eternity we can sit down and rejoice together over victories won when believers learned now to pray, to be victorious in their Christian lives, and to walk in the Spirit. I believe that we will be surprised to learn of results in our work that we never even dreamed could be possible since God always does more than we ask or think.

Pray about the opportunity. Let us know if the Lord calls you to become a part of the prayer seminar team. You can call (434) 239-8837, e-mail at jghm84@aol.com, or write. I am eager to have you as the Lord leads. We need your participation.

In Loving Memory Doorkeeper Dudley Robotham

May 28, 1936--March 14, 2014

Middletown, New York

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (Psalm 116:15)

Pray for Isabel, a woman of quiet, confident faith with whom we have been praying for many months.

TWO INTERNATIONAL DELAYS

MARTIN SHIKUKU is not only busy with his pastorate (Glory Baptist Church) in Eldoret, Kenya he is quite active in the Kenya Baptist Convention and in leading JGHM-East/Central Africa Branch. During first quarter, he devoted time to conduct prayer seminars, coupled with evangelism, at Naivasha (one seminar) and Mombasa (two seminars and evangelistic services). Total trained 367; pastors 84; churches 72; saved 18.

When Martin returned from Mombasa (on the Indian Ocean), he had contracted thyphoid fever and a parasite infection with much pain. Although he has now recovered, we have delayed the prayer seminars one month. We are now scheduled for June 19-July 7 with seminars in Kenya and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Seminars were scheduled for Venezuela in July in Caracas and Puerto Ordoz (a conference for 75 pastors). The country is three months into protests and marches. The big trees that aligned the Nathansons' street in Caracas were cut down falling in the streets. Since ADAM NATHANSON is scheduled to be in the United States in July, we had planned to use other interpreters. However, we both feel that it will be better to await his return so that he, as usual, can accompany me.

Pray for beautiful Venezuela to resolve the problems and return to the normalcy that has characterized the land over the years. Clearly Satan is working to cause great confusion.

Bible Study for JGHM Board of Directors

THE COWS OF BETH SHEMESH: "Then the cows headed straight for the road to Beth Shemesh, and went along the highway lowing as they went, and did not turn aside to the right hand or the left." I Samuel 6:12

In seven short months, the Philistines gained a proper fear of the Ark of the Covenant. Their god, Dagon, did not fare well in confrontation with the God of Israel-- ending up losing head and hands. Not only their idol, the people of Ashdod themselves began to feel the displeasure of the Lord, suffering confusion, swellings or tumors and death. In desperation the Philistines decided to move the ark to Gath, another of their great cities. Here again the men were struck with tumors. When the ark was sent to Ekron, the people were extremely frightened, their fears being justified by a deadly destruction that killed many. The men who did not die were struck with tumors. The people begged that the ark be sent back to Israel.

Priests and diviners were consulted about the proper way to return the ark to Israel to avoid further judgment. They advised returning the ark with a guilt or trespass offering of five gold tumors and five golden rats. To make sure that the things that happened to them were judgments of Jehovah, and not mere chance, the Philistine priests arranged the details of the return trip in a way that would evidence divine intervention. The two milk cows that were used to pull the cart had young calves and it would violate all natural instincts if they left their calves behind. The cows had never been yoked, yet they pulled well in a yoke together, turning aside neither to the right hand nor the left. Without being guided, the cows head straight toward Beth Shemesh, in the territory of Judah. The men of Beth Shemesh were reaping when the ark drew near. What a sight—two unattended cows bringing the ark of God back to Israel! Great rejoicing broke out.

There is a spiritual lesson in the story of the cows of Beth Shemesh. When God calls His children and yokes them with a specific message, we are to go forth carrying the message to wherever and to whomever the Lord guides, turning neither to the right nor to the left until our task is finished.

Explanation. On Saturday, April 12, JGHM's Board of Directors conducted its 122nd board meeting. Each meeting has begun with spiritual orientation based on a special Bible study in the President's Perspective, the booklet of background materials prepared for the meeting. This simple gesture of faith and honor for the Word of God has kept us on target for these thirty years. During my eleven years as Executive Director for the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) and the five following years as a consultant for colleges seeking accredited recognition, there has been spiritual preparation with a written Bible study. God has honored both JGHM and TRACS.

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May 17, Saturday 9:00 a.m.--4:30 p.m. Area-wide Prayer Seminar May 18, Sunday 10 a.m. Evangelism Clinic 11 a.m. Worship - Dr. Henry