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BULLETIN

"This is from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes" Psalm 118:23 NLB

- The prayer seminar is now available on YouTube.
- The Prayer Seminar Workbook can be downloaded.
- Your access: www.theprayerseminar.com.
- The first website: www.jgordonhenryministries.org continues as an archive and a resource.

God is My Keeper

HAVE YOU EVER noted how often in the Bible God promises to **"keep"** His own? Here are a few of them. "And behold, I am with you and will **keep** you in all places you may go" (**Genesis 28:15**); "He will **keep** your foot from being taken [caught in a trap]" (**Proverbs 3:25-26**). "Lest any hurt you, He will **keep** you day and night (Isaiah 27:3). He will **keep** you as a shepherd does his flock" (**Ezekiel 34:1**). He will **keep** you from the evil that is in the world (**Psalm 127:7**). He will **keep** you from falling (**Jude 34**). He will **keep** you from the hour of temptation (**Revelation 3:10**). See, I am sending an angel before you to **keep** you on the way and to be your guide into the place I have made ready for you (**Exodus 23:20**). "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to **keep** what I have committed to Him until that day" (**2 Timothy 1:12b**).

CAREFULLY CONSIDER! TRANSFORM YOUR THOUGHTS!

Through God's providence upon our relocation from Murfreesboro, Tennessee to Lynchburg, Virginia, in April 2002, He gave us two outstanding Sunday school teachers. From July 2002 through September 2016, we sat under the teaching of Dr. Gaylen Leverett, a professor at Liberty University, at Forest Baptist Church for fourteen years. Actually his class, which sometimes numbered over eighty, was "a church within the church" that emitted a warm, sweet fellowship that embraced his learners. Due to our need to have a closer church home, Ed and Jean Bradshaw, longstanding Doorkeepers, urged us to consider nearby Beulah Baptist Church, about five minutes away from our home. We became members the first Sunday in October 2016. Ed took us to their Sunday class that was taught by Bill Hogan who is now ninety-three years old. In academia, his style of teaching would be labeled "lecturing." He carefully prepares, writing out his remarks (often citing Hershael Hobbs, one of my favorites) and delivering them to his class. Ed had explained Bill's teaching style to Sue and me so we go with Bible in hand prepared to listen, review Scripture mentally, and draw strength for our spiritual journey.

Early in a recent lesson from **Romans 12:9-21**, Bill asked that we focus on the word "Transform" linking it with how anyone could fulfill the expected behavior of a Christian listed in Paul's exhortation. As usual, he laid out Paul's litany of commands to those early Roman believers. I encourage you to take time to read what

is expected of you as a Christian.

Our brother was right on target in pairing "... **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**.." (v 2) with his scriptures for the lesson (vv 9-21). In the **Prayer Seminar Workbook**, we deal with **1 Thessalonians 5:23** detailing how God has made us, viz, a trichotomy (spirit, soul, body). The "soul" is termed "person" in a study of psychology and includes mind, emotion, and will. The mind, emotions, will and body are not born again. **It is helpful to focus on the mind**; whatever is in our minds, determines our behavior. **The transformation Paul is talking about has to do with our thoughts.**

The secret for successful Christian living is "hiding" the Word of God in our mind. The Holy Spirit came to live in you the moment you trusted Jesus as your Savior, when your name was written in the Book of Life with the indelible blood of Jesus and when the Holy Spirit baptized (placed you) into the body of Christ. At that time the transaction was sealed by the Holy Spirit as you stepped through the gate to travel on **the road to Heaven.**

Remember, our mind, emotions, will ("soul," "person") and body are not born again. It was a spiritual birth in your human spirit that afforded you new life. It was at that very moment that a struggle began in your mind. Satan's desire from that time is to pollute your mind and for most Christians he has succeeded without much resistance.

Paul deals with his personal struggle in **Romans 7**. As you read and ponder his account, keep reading. "Thank God, there is victory in the Lord Jesus Christ." In **Romans 12:2**, he goes into detail on how to realize that victory.

TRANSFORM. The Greek word, *metamorphoo*, means "to change form," as does the English derivative *metamorphosis*. In the New Testament, this word is used to describe the **inward renewal of our mind** through which our inner spirit is changed into the likeness of Christ. Paul told the Roman believers: **"Be transformed by the renewing of your minds."** As our Christian life progresses we should gradually notice that our **thought life** is being changed from **Christlessness to Christlikeness**. Transformation does not happen overnight, but our transportation is continuous. We are conformed to Christ's image gradually as we spend time in the Word and in intimate fellowship with Him (**2 Corinthians 3:18**).

It is reported that an African lady had a book in her hand. Someone asked her what she was reading. Her response was, "The Bible. but I am not reading it. It is reading me." I remember the Sunday afternoon in September 1984 when I was preparing copy for a **Reflector**. I was reviewing notes from Dr. Earl Radmacher who delivered the Staley Lectures during my tenure at Northeastern Bible College. As **I focused on his comments about the importance of the thought life**, along with some comments shared by Dr. Craig Lampe about the importance of having your family in a Bible-believing, Bible-practicing church, I was deeply convicted and tears began to fall and a conversation with my Heavenly Father began that was transforming in my life and ministry. I turned to a copy of the 79-page **Prayer Seminar Workbook** to the section that deals with the mind and earnestly confessed my own failure and asked that I might implement in my personal life what I was teaching.

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September is my month. The month of my physical birth (September 30, 1935), my spiritual birth (September 24, 1948), the month that I began my work as a pastor (September 1953), the month that I conducted the first prayer seminar outside my own pastorates (Madison Baptist Church, Madison NJ September 5-8, 1980), the month that I was inaugurated president of Northeastern Bible College (September 27, 1980), the month that the prayer seminar moved into its own facilities in Murfreesboro, Tennessee in 1984. Thank you, **Bill Hogan**, for being the catalyst to bring back to my memory the importance of my thought life, a truth that is as valid today as when the Holy Spirit dealt with me on this matter thirty-eight years ago in our home at the corner of **Floyd Drive/ Arrow Court** in **Murfreesboro, Tennessee** as I was writing an article for the November 1984 **Reflector**. It is with freshness and excitement that I begin each day with God examining my thought life and making needed adjustments for a new day of life. Join me in the journey.

Yours in Calvary love,

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Romans 12:2. Conformed means "to form" or "mold." **World** is the normal word for "age" or "era." Instead of being molded by the values of this world, the believer should be **transformed**, that is changed **by the renewing of the mind**. Spiritual transformation starts in the mind and heart. A mind dedicated to the world and its concerns will produce a life tossed back and forth by the currents of culture. But a mind dedicated to God's truth will produce a life that can stand the test of time. We can resist the temptations of our culture by meditating on God's truth and letting the Holy Spirit guide and shape our thoughts and behaviors.

Notes from My Bible

Note 6036. The lifestyle that pleases God: a lifestyle of dependence upon what God has done in the past and what He will do in the future.

Note 6037. B-I-B-L-E: **B**asic **I**nstruction **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth.

Note 6038. I stand on the Word of God: the **B-I-B-L-E**.

Note 6039. The dwelling place God desires is the heart of a person who is humble (contrite=broken) and who trembles at His Word (**Isaiah 66:2b**).

Note 6040. Prayer is the secret of power; SO much prayer, much power; some prayer, some power; no prayer, no power.

ROPEHOLDER/DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

August 1-22, 2022

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ADAM TEACHING IN VENEZUELA



DIGMAR TEACHING IN CUBA

Touching Lives Worldwide-2022

Focus on Kenya (Saturday. August 6). Martin Shikuku. A prayer seminar was conducted in each of the forty-seven counties (states). Goal: 4.700. Participants: 4.652. You gave! You prayed! God gave the increase! Thank you, **Ropeholders** and **Doorkeepers**.

Focus on Dominican Republic (July 18-24) Adam Nathanson. **Four seminars/Venezuela (July 25-August).** taught seminars. See enclosed **Nathanson Heartbeats**. A representative seminar in Venezuela: (**Thursday, August 11**). Los Tegues. 164 people, 20 churches. 15 pastors. 45 leaders. **"THE WORK GOES ON! GOD MOVING IN OUR MIDST!"**

Focus on Cuba (Saturday, August 11). Digmar Garcia. 63 people. 3 pastors. 7 missionaries. 1 saved. The fields are white. Establishing Lighthouses of Prayer.

Focus on USA (August 13). Dr. Henry, Sue and Mona conducted a prayer seminar (9 a.m. until 4:10 p.m.) Calvary United Methodist Church, Brookneal Hwy, Gladys, Virginia.

Be Alert for Adam's Note About Future Connection

In the October **Reflector**, information will be provided about how **Reflector** readers can keep connected with **The Prayer Seminar** [founded as the **J. Gordon Henry Ministries** in 1984]. Although we understand that "interests" change, we know that many will want to **stay connected** and continue **INVESTING IN ETERNITY** through establishing **Lighthouse of Prayer** around the world.

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