

Prayer Canada's

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Courier

The Table is Set

by Arne Bryan

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What does this really mean?

For sometime I have been asking the Lord for the message He wants to convey in this edition of the Prayer Courier. Well most of the material is now gathered. How does this identify with what is conveyed herein? Is the Lord saying, Are you "Ready" to come to His table? Has the spreadsheet of your life been totally exposed for inspection? Are you a true believer?

Surely those He invites to come to this table will be tested and trained soldiers with a working knowledge of what is going on. Fully equipped for any emergency that might have to be dealt with at anytime.

Is this present worldwide emergency – a testing pot to see who can handle what and who is prepared for the testing times ahead? Even the church is in great disarray and must be dealt with. It is evident most of the big corporations are so filled with dishonesty, lies and deception they are falling apart. Who will survive? Only those operations built on honesty, justice and concern for the people. Many have been tested over the years. Many have accepted and attempted to adhere to His principles so clearly explained in His Word. His mentoring of His disciples has been preserved for our enlightenment.

Have we fully understood and adhered to Ephesians 6:10-17. ***"Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."***

Without this mantle of protection we are unprepared. Our heart, mind, spirit and body must be totally clothed, immersed and impacted with His plans and not our own. Ephesians 6:18 ***"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere."***

Then as we go forward in answer to His call, this unquestionable command to pray binds us together. Ready to sit at His table to deal with the affairs of this world. Are you one of these chosen ones invited to His table?

We press on - my letter to the government in Yellowknife brought this good news. Yes, we will welcome your Prayer Group into the legislature to pray. Thank you John, for your response to put this plan into action. Are you who live in Yellowknife willing to join and help John?

Has your city a Prayer Team praying in your city hall? God is calling you NOW before it is too late and the door of opportunity has closed. ***"Now is the accepted time - now is the day of salvation."***

Hot off the Press!!

Picton, Ontario

On Sunday morning, a prophetic word came to me, "Step out of my comfort zone and start being obedient to the voice of the Holy Spirit."

I knew in my spirit that it was time for me to start prayer sessions in our local council chambers in Picton. Monday was a holiday but first thing Tuesday I went straight to the mayor's office and asked permission to have prayer sessions. The secretary said she would ask the mayor.

On Thursday she phoned back and said I was granted permission to meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, council meets on those dates.

I contacted ministers and asked them to make announcement in their church and also the Healing Rooms. Today, May 26th there were 3 of us, from different churches, who met and prayed for those in authority.

Summer is busy but we are going ahead and pray God will bring in those who have a burden to see revival in our country. I covet your prayers. **Kathryn Foster**

Missions – Maritime Trip

Great was the experience of driving up and down the rolling hills of the Maritime but more was the expectance of the move of God among the believers we met and stayed with over night.

From Moncton to St. Stephen, Fredericton, Truro, Wilmot, Middletown, Bridgetown, Wolfville, New Glasgow (PEI), Halifax, and beyond Miramish and Toronto as well, the Church of Christ is getting ready for the battle. The fresh anointing is being released to those who have prepared themselves to respond to God's call and command to pray and seek His face.

As Janet and Margaret sat and shared with believers about the need to pray for the government leaders and all those that serve in public offices according to **(1Timothy 2:1-4.....supplications, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made to all men, for kings and all who are in authority that we may lead a quiet and a peaceable life in all godliness and reverence....)**, the believers welcomed the message with gratitude and excitement because God was at work among them and motivating them to pray.

One example was the resent gathering in Moncton **(encounter 2009)** which was attended by 600 people. The testimonies from the participants were very encouraging and uplifting. One lady shared how for the first time in her life experienced the presence of God while praying in a small group at one the meetings and since then her prayer life has tremendously changed ... **"when I am praying I feel as though God is close to me"**

We had an opportunity to participate in 24 hr prayer in Halifax where believers from different local churches take turns and pray for 24 hrs once a month. This too was a sign that God is gathering His people to engage in a spiritual war fare and destroy the works of the enemy in our families, cities, communities and Nation. Amen!

We can go on and on telling the stories if we had time space but unfortunately we don't. All one can say is that we experienced God's presence among His people and that the hour has come when the true worshipers are going to worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth for the Father is seeking such kind of worship (Jn4v23).

The Maritime believers' cry was very clear. Some were asking, "When is the revival going to happen? And others were saying, "We believe the revival is about to break out in our town...."

May the good Lord grant us the cry of our hearts and release the power of His Holy Spirit upon us so that we can do the greater works He promised all those who believe in His Name. **Margaret & Janet**



Announcement

Our secretary Darlene Freeman, who many of you have got to know **will be leaving us** May 30/09. Darlene will be moving to Winnipeg where she intends to help set up a Prayer Post. If you are interested in helping her and the prayer team there, contact Prayer Canada's office. We have appreciated the work she has done for us and I know many of you who call her by phone will miss her cheery voice.

"Thank you everyone for your faithful financial sponsorship of me as secretary at Prayer Canada. Every little bit helps! As I am leaving Prayer Canada it would be wonderful if you would consider continuing your sponsorship of Prayer Canada's new secretary Mae Pirc. Thank you and God bless each of you!" **Darlene**

The Lord has blessed us in providing another secretary to immediately take Darlene's place, Mae Pirc.

Mae spent many volunteer hours between shifts at work to help us here in the office some years ago. Mae then went to computer school, with which knowledge she used to keep the computers here in the office operating. We welcome Mae back.



Where will you spend ETERNITY??

I had on new clothes, new sneakers on my feet. I was there for class on time, went to the back and took my seat. Yeah, I'm moving up, I'm already grown. Soon I'll be graduating, and out on my own.. I talked to some of my friends, we were all having fun. Said some things I shouldn't have said. Did stuff I shouldn't have done. I knew I was different.. I felt God touch my heart, I knew I should set a standard, but then I'd be set apart. Walking to the bus, I was not looking for strength. I heard the car tires screeching, **But now it's too late.** I'm standing in this room, and I can see the heavenly gate.. Oh no! I never prayed. I thought I had time to get it straight! An angel walked to me, he had a book in his hand. I knew it was the Book of Life, when would this dream end? I told him my name, and he began to look. Then he looked at me sadly and said, **Your name is not in this book.** Angel, this is a dream, no, I can't be dead! He closed the book and turned away, he whispered - You cannot proceed ahead. No...no this can't be real, Angel, you can't turn me away. Let me talk to God, maybe he'll let me stay. He led me to the gate, Jesus came to me. He did not let me in but said, Beloved what is your need? Jesus, I cried, please, don't cast me away from you. Tears ran down his face as he said, **You knew what you needed to do.** Lord, please I'm young, I never thought I would die.. I thought I'd have plenty of time, death caught me by surprise. **Lord, I went to church,** please Jesus, I believe. He said you would not accept me, My love you would not receive. Lord, there were too many hypocrites. They weren't being true. He took a step back and asked, **What does that have to do with you?** Lord, my family claimed to be saved, they weren't real. You know. He said, I died for you, now I have to go. I fell to my knees crying to Him, Lord, I planned to be real tomorrow. I couldn't make Him understand, I had never felt such sorrow. Then it hit me hard, I said, Lord, where will I go? He looked into my eyes and said, **My child you already know.** Please Jesus, I begged, the place is so hot. It seemed to trouble and grieve him, **He whispered, DEPART FROM ME, I KNOW YOU NOT.** Lord, you're supposed to be love, How can you send me to damnation? He replied, with your mouth you said you loved me, but each day you rejected my salvation. With that in an instant, day turned into night. I never knew such torture could be, **now too late,** I know the Bible is right. If I can tell you anything, hell has no age. It is a place of torture, separated from God and full of rage. You know, I thought it was funny, a joke, **but this one thing is true. So please, ask Him into your heart. Please show this to everyone you care about.□**

Somali Pirates Now / Barbary Pirates Then

Taken from "ON WATCH IN WASHINGTON"
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Somalia statistics: Population 9,558,666; Muslim 98.49%; Christian 1.26%; Literacy male 49.7%, female 25.8%; Life Expectancy male 47, female 51; Infant Mortality 111; GDP \$600.

As dusk began to fall Sunday, the Somali pirates holding Captain Richard Phillips were growing edgy as the USS Bainbridge towed their lifeboat farther out to sea, to "calmer waters." One pirate radioed the Navy destroyer and asked how far they had been taken away from the sanctuary of Somalia's coast. "Very far," came the reply from the Bainbridge. "Thank you," the pirate negotiator responded, his politeness masking menace. "If we cannot reach the Somali coast, we will kill the infidel." An AK-47 was pointed at Captain Phillip's back. Soon after, three shots rang out from the Bainbridge felling the three teenage pirates in the lifeboat. Bound tightly, Phillips could not move to celebrate the end of his ordeal until Navy seals climbed aboard the small boat and set him free.

Just hours after President Obama promised to halt the rise of piracy off the Horn of Africa on Monday, Somali gunmen responded by hijacking two more vessels and opening fire on a third. In little more than 24 hours four additional vessels and cargo were taken captive and crews numbering 60 or more are being held for ransom.

Late Tuesday Somali pirates attacked an American freighter with rockets to "destroy" the ship in revenge for an operation that freed a U.S. captain last weekend, one of their commanders said today. The freighter escaped the attack, but more vessels are falling into the hands of these marauding mostly teenage Somali Muslim bandits and armed gangs.

Piracy off the Somali coast has been a threat to international shipping since the beginning of Somalia's civil war in the early 1990's. Since 2005 acts of piracy have increased. Ninety percent of the World Food Program's shipments arrive by sea, and ships now require a military escort. There have been 18 or more successful hijacks so far this year.

On October 7, 2008 the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 1838 calling on nations with vessels in the area to apply military force to suppress the acts of piracy. Patrolling the vast ocean areas off the Somali coast of Africa and Gulf of Aden, a jurisdiction four times the size of Texas, is difficult. In late 2008 Somali pirates also began hijacking ships well outside the Gulf of Aden, including ships headed for ports in Kenya.

Somali pirates continue their attacks against international ships in and around the Gulf of Aden, despite the deterrent of stepped-up international naval escorts and patrols - and the increased failure rate of their attacks. Under agreements with Somalia, the UN, and each other, ships belonging to fifteen countries now patrol the area. Somali pirates - who have won themselves nearly \$200 million in ransom since early 2008 - are being captured more frequently now, and handed over to authorities in Kenya, Yemen and Somalia for trial. (YWAM, Wikipedia and Boston Globe)

"Like those we call 'terrorists' today, the Barbary Coast pirates saw themselves engaged in 'jihad.'" (Joseph Farah)



By Joseph Farah

Most Americans probably think the Islamic terrorists declared war on the United States Sept. 11, 2001. Actually, it started a long time before-right from the birth of the nation.

In 1784, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin were commissioned by the first Congress to assemble in Paris to see about marketing U.S. products in Europe. Jefferson quickly surmised that the biggest challenge facing U.S. merchant ships were those referred to

euphemistically as "Barbary pirates."

They weren't "pirates" at all, in the traditional sense, Jefferson noticed. They didn't drink and chase women and they really weren't out to strike it rich. Instead, their motivation was strictly religious. They bought and sold slaves, to be sure. They looted ships. But they used their booty to buy guns, ships, cannon and ammunition. Like those we call "terrorists" today, they saw themselves engaged in "jihad" and called themselves "mujahiddin." [They were also termed "Moslem Corsairs."]

Why did these 18th-century terrorists represent such a grave threat to U.S. merchant ships? With independence from Great Britain, the former colonists lost the protection of the greatest navy in the world. The U.S. had no navy-not a single warship.

Jefferson inquired of his European hosts how they dealt with the problem. He was stunned to find out that France and England both paid tribute to the fiends-who would, in turn, use the money to expand their own armada, buy more weaponry, hijack more commercial ships, enslave more innocent civilians and demand a greater ransom.

This didn't make sense to Jefferson. He recognized the purchase of peace from the Muslims only worked temporarily. They would always find an excuse to break an agreement, blame the Europeans and demand higher tribute.

After three months researching the history of militant Islam, he came up with a very different policy to deal with the terrorists. But he didn't get to implement it until years later.

As the first secretary of state, Jefferson urged the building of a navy to rescue American hostages held in North Africa and to deter future attacks on U.S. ships. In 1792, he commissioned John Paul Jones to go to Algiers under the guise of diplomatic negotiations, but with the real intent of sizing up a future target of a naval attack.

Jefferson was ready to retire a year later when what could only be described as "America's first Sept. 11" happened. America was struck with its first mega-terror attack by jihadists. **In the fall of 1793, the Algerians seized 11 U.S. merchant ships and enslaved more than 100 Americans.**

When word of the attack reached New York, the stock market crashed. Voyages were canceled in every major port. Seamen were thrown out of work. Ship suppliers went out of business. What Sept. 11 did to the U.S. economy in 2001, the mass ship-jacking of 1793 did to the fledgling U.S. economy in that year.

Accordingly, it took the U.S. Congress only four months to decide to build a fleet of warships. But even then, Congress didn't choose war, as Jefferson prescribed. Instead, while building what would become the U.S. Navy, Congress sent diplomats to reason with the Algerians. The U.S. ended up paying close to \$1 million and giving the pasha of Algiers a new warship, "The Crescent," to win release of 85 surviving American hostages. It wasn't until 1801, under the presidency of Jefferson, that the U.S. engaged in what became a four-year war against Tripoli. And it wasn't until 1830, when France occupied Algiers, and later Tunisia and Morocco, that the Muslim terrorism on the high seas finally ended.

France didn't leave North Africa until 1962-and it quickly became a major base of terrorism once again. What's the moral of the story? Appeasement never works. Jefferson saw it.

Sept. 11, 2001 was hardly the beginning. The war in which we fight today is the longest conflict in human history. It's time to learn from history, not repeat its mistakes.

Joseph Farah serves as Editor and CEO of World Net Daily. **The above column was posted at www.WorldNetDaily.com on April 27, 2004 and appeared in IFA's June, 2004 Prayer Letter.**

Pray..Pray..Pray!!

Pray for the protection and deliverance of all ships and crews presently being hijacked and held hostage.

Intercede for Somalia, currently classified as a "failed state." Pray for a penetration and rapid propagation of the gospel. Pray for the salvation and transformation in Christ of strategic Somali tribal elders and key Somali pirate leaders and their gangs and followers. Pray for good government and Kingdom enterprises in Somalia. □

Castlegar, British Columbia

It is with great pleasure I write this note. The Prayer Canada's 1st National Conference was a great success and if you were unable to attend this year, I highly recommend you schedule your plans to attend next year March 16-19, 2010. It was fantastic, all speakers were sensational from our Director and Founder Arne Bryan, Regional Director, Ron Short, Kevin Orioux, Evan Nicholson, John Grady and Guest Speaker, Cecil Glover. They all gave us exceptional tools to bring home and put into our daily prayers. It is a must to take notes and type them up. As I typed I realized there were many things I didn't remember, and it refreshed my memory. That being said the entertainment was phenomenal and worship services with Gladys on keyboard, Harry on the guitar and Abram on the mouth organ was awesome.

We were entertained by Glen, Pianist, whom I felt belonged in Carnegie Hall. Josie whose voice was so relaxing and she sang like a bird. All our singers including Gladys and Harry were fantastic. And well — What can I say? THE FOOD – I felt like I was on a cruise ship. You will never get this kind of entertainment, food and accommodation anywhere for the price we paid, not to mention the great fellowship and friends that you acquire from attending a Prayer Canada Conference. It is a must for you to attend next years conference – hope to see you there. Wouldn't it be nice if all 2,000 members showed up from across our nation of Canada. I am sure God would definitely hear and answer our prayers.

Marion Trueman

Editor: Better late than never!

Just a short note to let you know I came home and have prayed for each house and street in Blueberry. I proclaimed and declared that Jesus Christ is Lord over the city of Castlegar. As for our prayer meetings, we are having them at 6 pm every second Monday and we also attend the city hall weekly prayer meeting.

Marion

Demorestville, Ontario

For some time now, every day in our morning devotions, Mom & I have been praying according to 1 Tim.2:2 for those in authority over us. Every chance I get; I wave a Canadian Flag banner during the worship service. I believe God wants me to start prayer meetings in the local council chambers so I'm praying and working towards that.

Your Prayer Partner, Kathryn Foster

Mission British Columbia

I would like to congratulate Prayer Canada on the excellent conference that I attended. The caliber of speakers and the excellent presentations was a true blessing to me. I was also blessed by the Lord by what he revealed to me during the week of the Conference.

I wish to also share with you the dream I had on the last night and interpretation that was given at Breakfast on the last morning. I dreamed that I was looking at a huge tree in the distance, then I focused on the tree and it appeared to be losing its leaves. These leaves then appeared to be people and the tree was a tall tower (like a radio tower) and thousands of people were leaping out of it in despair and there was a large lift (cherry picker) behind it with the same thing happening. The people were falling to their deaths but I focused on one man on the ground. He survived and now was in total despair knowing that there was absolutely no one to help him. I moved forward towards him.

This dream was interesting in that normally when I have this type of dream I am troubled by them. But this time I had no anxiety and was not troubled. I had peace.

When I shared this the next morning at breakfast one of the ladies at our table gave us an interpretation. She stated that this dream was of



the world in the end times when despair took over the people and they lose all hope. she also stated that my moving in to help, was the church going into these lives to assist the hopeless and helpless and the church would be equipped to handle these situations.

I pray that this little note is uplifting and edifying to all who read it.

Sander Ketellapper Prayer Post Leader

Sommerside, PEI

I enjoy your little magazine and the Lord is greatly blessing your work and prayers. My deepest prayers go out to you. *Isabel Cousins*

Boyle, Alberta

Thank you, for encouraging me to write, you are so right when you said I've had so many experiences to draw from. The Lord has been prodding me to leave some of His directions in my life in print, especially for my relatives. So I will set pen to paper as He leads. I'm so glad you and Kathie keep so active and healthy.

I've been amazed how God has provided work for me at Al Pac, doing a very easy job. That has enabled me to send support to good missions. It's so exciting to realize that my funds are bringing precious souls into the kingdom of God. I could never accomplish what those dear native pastors and Bible teachers are doing in such hard places. You are right; God and I are an unbeatable team. How thankful I am for the precious Holy Spirit being my strength for every day. I'm learning to talk to Him and trust Him for guidance in my life. Now I am waiting to see whether my farm will sell or if I should stay put. I know the Lord will work all things for my good. I continue to pray for our governments and the missions around the world. So many needs everywhere. Our Boyle group aren't able to get together but we pray on in our own homes.

They (the parent-teacher of Boyle School) finally got our religious Instruction out of the school. They decided that French had to be taught instead. Such is life I guess.

Prayer Post Leader, Gwen Hall

Stratton, Ontario

I pray for wisdom, guidance, blessing and protection for all of you. Thank you for your work in His vineyard. Enclosed are stamps. With love and prayers,

Johannes Scheibler

Kingston, Ontario

Everyone who gathers here appreciates the Prayer Post Courier. We read it with interest. Since one of our prayer focuses is Israel we found one of your back issues very informative. The articles helped us focus on prayers.

We pray consistently for our government, our country and our soldiers. Since we meet in a particular church and most of us attend there, we continue to pray for revival here in Kingston as well as for those who have requested prayer. The Lord has been so faithful answering some very specific prayers.

As Charles Spurgeon wrote "Confide in God for the little as well as for the great. You will find He does not fail"

Blessings to everyone there.

Eleanor Murray

Quesnel, British Columbia

Just a note to let you know what is happening here in Quesnel. I had mentioned to you briefly about the Prayer Canada meeting which we had 28 attendants including 7 pastors.

Pastor Cliff Siebert, the pastor of Bethel Church is the leader of the Ministerial group here in town so he decided to hold a ministerial meeting in conjunction with our Prayer Canada meeting in City Hall. Murphy's law took over as always in that there was another meeting

in the Council Chambers so we were relegated to another meeting room. (much smaller) It was filled to capacity plus. Never the less we had a good meeting and most of the pastors participated and agreed that it was a worthwhile effort and agreed to attend our meetings whenever they had the time. Since then we have had a t least 2 pastors at each meeting.

As the result of the last municipal election we now have a new mayor Mary Ljoloteam and two new council members. I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet with her to invite her to attend our meeting. We receive a nice card from the council expressing their appreciation for your praying for the city and all those in authority.

Well the holidays are over now so its time to get serious again in our prayers for our leaders. As we look at the situation in the world today (moral, ethical and financial) we know that prayer is the only way we can help to resolve this situation. We know that Jesus is the answer, so we must make our requests known to Him.

The reason I requested more copies of the Courier was so I could hand deliver them to the Pastors that haven't returned to our prayer meetings. When I brought the Couriers to them they were pleased to get them and assured me they supported our efforts and would participate when they could.

We pray that you are all keeping well. We took up a collection last meeting so please find enclosed a cheque for \$50.

Ed & Natalie and the prayer group

Brandon, Manitoba

Brandon held a Prayer Breakfast, May 2/09. "There's no harm in praying for Brandon's mayor, say supporters of the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. This year's MC, Mike Waddell, said the event which was open to all isn't political – it's simply a chance to allow the faithful to fulfill their duty to pray for leaders as directed by the Bible.

"We're praying for a blessing and protection and prosperity on our city, we're praying for wisdom for the leaders.

Following the breakfast, Mayor Burgess said 'he appreciated the encouragement. You couldn't ask for a nicer gesture. People really do care.'

Guest speaker, Serge LeClure, a Saskatchewan MLA, "said it is still the church's responsibly to support political leaders and that should be through prayer. We are called to do so regardless of what political stripe, regardless if we voted for them or not, regardless of whether we agree with them or not." According to the Brandon local newspaper.

Submitted by Peggy Chapman

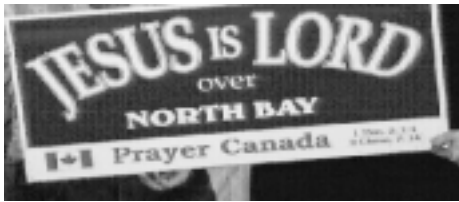
Abak, Nigeria

Calvary greetings to every one of you in Prayer Canada. I thank God for making it possible for me to write to you today.

Please I want you to pray for me and my family, as we are facing a very tough situation here. Also please send to me some interesting Christian materials. May the Lord bless you. *Ntoro & Aniedi*

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*In the Last Courier Spring 2009
 Page 9. We have been corrected that
 this is not a true story according to
 Snopes.ca
 We do try to investigate each article
 but this one slipped by us. Sorry*

John's Corner

Christian Divorce and Remarriage

By John DeVries,
Advisor, Prayer Canada



This is a continuation of John's articles seen in the last few editions of the Prayer Post Courier. We thank John for his input.

Does God Himself divorce people?: Jeremiah 3:7-8, "And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. (8) And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her A BILL OF DIVORCE." Is this our God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? Is this our covenant making God divorcing Israelites, His circumcised covenant people?

Isaiah 49:24-50, "Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? Or which of my creditors is it to which I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away." Did God really mean and do this? Did He really divorce these Israelites?

Traditions of men: May we avoid being guilty of what Our Lord Jesus reprimanded the Pharisees for during His days on earth. Jesus told them Matthew 15:6-8, "Ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. (7) Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, (8) This people draws nigh unto me with their mouth, and honors me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." My apostle friend, Ernesto Balili from Mindanao in the Philippine Islands, said this well: "This means that any tradition no matter how good it seems to be, made by men or a church that alters the truths of the Bible is an enemy of God and His holy Word. Traditions will pass, but God's Word will stand forever. His Word is always fighting opinions and traditions opposed to Him."

May we consider all relevant scriptures touching the topic of divorce and remarriage! If we do not, our views and Catechism's are wrong since God's Word is complete and will stand forever. When these scriptures are avoided and ignored, our incomplete counsel and views are like trying to complete a puzzle with incomplete pieces.

Revelation: When studying Bible truth about divorce and marriage, as in all matters of life and relationships whether towards God or man, we need Holy revelation. The apostle Paul prayed that the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, might come upon the church of Ephesus. Ephesians 1:17, "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him." True revelation knowledge is simply God's Word truths revealed to the church. All truths are written and can be found in God's Word, the Bible. Holy revelation brings understanding within the hearts of men.

Many vastly important truths written in God's Word are simply read over and are not seen as to their meaning and value. The seeing of these truths is revealed to the searching one. When they gain insight by the Spirit of revelation as they ponder and weigh what is read. Then the obscure becomes simple and the revealed obvious, BRINGING LIFE.

This also applies when dealing with Christian divorce and remarriage, as this topic is outlined herein. The truths focused on have always been there, but were simply "read over." These truths set one free (John 8:32), and will break mental chains and false guilt.

In this "latter days" church, many great truths which were once lost are unfolding, becoming clear and visible. These truths were read

over and overlooked for centuries. To demonstrate this, consider the following examples:

Other revealed truths: Many Christians today understand the importance of being "born again" and know this as an experiential event, subsequent to facing sin within and repentance of personal sin. Paul taught the sequence of this taking place in Ephesians 1:13, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Paul clearly taught one must hear the truth to believe and after believing one is sealed with the Holy Spirit. In Romans 10:14-15, Paul states, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Many churches do not teach this clearly taught Bible truth, telling people to put their faith in their infant baptism and that they belong to "the" genuinely right church. The result is an insecure faith, with no sure knowledge or joy of salvation. One must personally repent of sin and place their faith in Jesus, His life, death and the cross, His shed blood for their sins. Then we must accept the Lordship of Christ over our lives, following our placing faith in His atonement at the cross as payment for our personal sins. Many have left denominational background churches, because those churches do not teach this clearly set out Bible truth (John 3:3,5). Here our Lord said that if a person is not born again, they cannot enter the Kingdom of God.

Of course we know some may say they believe and teach this, while many church catechisms teach this topic in a completely wrong manner, lacking revelation. Many attach this to infant baptism, or to some rite of membership. Many attach this to what others do for us, while the truth is that this can only be accomplished directly between God and us personally. Huge numbers of true believers, having personally experienced being "born again," know the genuine presence of the Holy Spirit, having genuine peace within their hearts. They now look forward to heaven and God's throne instead of living in the fear of not knowing if they will even be accepted.

The true believer says Amen and Hallelujah to John 5:24, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears my word, and believes on him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." Should you not relate to this Bible text you probably need to be born again.

The Changing Church

by Valerie Young
(minister with the IAOG in Canada)

The church today is going through a great deal of change and by church; I don't mean denominations, but the body of Christ (believers). It seems that almost every church group is undergoing some kind of transformation. Rick Joyner (of Morning Star Ministries) calls it "The Great Metamorphosis". Metamorphosis is the process that a caterpillar goes through in a cocoon where it becomes a beautiful butterfly. Basically metamorphosis means transformation.

The church is going through a struggle now and this struggle is happening; firstly, to sift the wheat—to remove the chaff from the wheat, so only the wheat remains; and secondly, to strengthen it, so it can be the kind of church that God intended and desires it to be. We are strengthened by the trials and pressures we go through, and just as the caterpillar is strengthened in the cocoon, and must push his way

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out of it, the church is struggling to get out of it's cocoon.

This process is not an easy one—it can be very difficult as any change can be. Times of pressure and change do not feel good at the time, but God is doing something in our midst. It is as though we are going through a sander of sorts, to sand off our rough edges (worldly ways). We must not conform to this world and it's standards (Romans 12:2). It is the same with the church. The church is being sanded (so to speak); to get rid of it's rough edges (those things not pleasing to God). And if it allows this transformation to take place, it will be like the butterfly, and soar high with God. However, if it does not allow this process, it will stay like the caterpillar, stuck inside its cocoon, going nowhere.

We, as the body of Christ must strive to obey the Lord and seek Him and His ways. We must be God pleasers and not merely men pleasers, as the Bible says in Galatians 1:10 "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ." Our churches must also strive to seek God's direction, and be willing to follow His leading. And it is imperative that we do not quench the Holy Spirit (1 Thess. 5:19). It is He that leads and guides us.

We must go forth with the Lord, allowing Him to change us individually and corporately so we, and our churches can soar like the butterfly. □



PSALM 91 for the ECONOMIC MELTDOWN

by Paul van der Hoorn

This morning I felt the Lord telling me to re-write Psalm 91... I hope it may inspire you all to continue to trust in His grace and mercy, for a time such as this.

PSALM 91 - paraphrased by Paul v d H. - 30.11.08:
Subtitle - **THE ECONOMIC MELTDOWN & HOW to OVERCOME**

Those who live in the shelter of the Lord Jesus Christ
Will find rest, even in His shadow
This I declare of the Lord
He alone is my refuge, my shelter and place of safety
He is my God, and I am trusting Him
For He will rescue me from every trap
And protect me from every fatal accident
He will shield me with His arms
His faithful promises are my weapons and protection

Don't be afraid of any threats of the night
Nor fear any dangers during the day
Nor dread the plagues (like HIV) that stalk in darkness
Nor any disaster that might try to strike you during the day

Though many fall at your side
Though thousands are perishing all around you
These evils will not touch you
But you will see with your own eyes
How the wicked are punished

If you make the Lord your refuge
If you make the Most High your shelter
No evil will conquer you
No plague will come near your house
For He orders His angels
To protect you wherever you go
They will support you with their hands
To keep you from even striking your foot on a stone



The Bible

A friend recently shared some statistics with me and I must pass this on with some notes of observation.

The shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 117. The longest chapter is Psalm 119.

There are 594 chapters before Psalm 118, being the center chapter. There are 594 chapters after the center chapter placed between the shortest and longest chapter.

Adding the 594 before Psalm 118, and the 594 chapters after Psalm 118, you have 1118 chapters.

The center verse in the Bible is found in (guess where), chapter 118, being Psalm 118:8

The Old Testament was concluded 400 years before Christ and the New Testament was written some 434-480 years later. There were approx 43 authors of 66 books.

I am sure the atheists and agnostics will say the above facts are a coincidence. Perhaps some might change their opinions knowing these holy facts? The statistics of such awesome findings are about equal to shredding a single page of the Bible, then tossing the produced shreds into the air every minute of one's waking hours for 10,000 lifetimes with the hope of having them land on a hard surface in a readable order.

Others will no doubt say these authors separated by 100's of years collaborated in some mystical scheme. I doubt whether the scholars who omitted certain books as valid in the 1500's when the King James Bible was translated from Hebrew and Greek to English, had any awareness of these impossible facts, humanly speaking.

The people whom Paul referred to in Romans 1:25, who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, and denied God's revelation to them by nature's message by the seemingly silent artist might repent knowing this. God is not silent, but does speak. He does speak via the righteous laws of love and holiness depicting sin and righteous. He also trumpets His love and the message of the shed Savior's blood and the cross. He, according to Psalm 119 states the heavens declare His person and glory just as the earth's flora fauna demonstrate His beyond awesome being.

When mankind cannot find Him by dealing with moral truth and righteousness, being convicted of our sinful state as to being unrighteous before His holiness, they are blinded. Their efforts to search the galaxy's, moon and stars are a vain pursuit of unbelief and not hearing Him.

His redeeming love in giving Christ His only begotten Son to pay a debt we could not pay and to pay a debt He did not owe, is a banner that spans history speaking loud and clear. Do we hear?

Psalm 118:8 is the central Bible message all should know, and most genuine believers learn in time.

"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man."

Most sage and experienced believers find this to be truth. His faithfulness never fails.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. □



You will trample down crooks and criminals under your feet

The Lord says "I will rescue those who love Me
I will protect those who trust in My Name
When they call on Me I will answer
I will be with them in trouble
I will rescue them and even honour them
I will satisfy them with long life
And give them my eternal salvation" Amen

PROPHECY

Dr. Daniel E. Bohler, March 26, 2009

www.propheticwatchman.com/blog

The Spirit of God moved upon me tonight and said the season of great accidents is at hand. Accidents of such a magnitude that will be very frightening, will now begin in many places and progressively get worse. He said nuclear accidents and I saw mushroom clouds, oil storage accidents, big airline accidents, ships at sea accidents, accidents in factories and in the everyday work place. Accidents in government buildings as well as commercial buildings. Military accidents will increase greater than ever.

This will happen all over the world and more insurance companies will go broke. Search and Rescue Medical Groups and Hospitals will be stretched to their limits. Colleges and Schools will not be exempt. It was as if people began to lose control of themselves and were unable to complete simple tasks of safety procedures as usual. I began to see a wave of small to midsize earthquakes across the Globe in many Nations as well as the United States.

Many power outages and an increase in volcanic activity in several places. I saw dams cracking. I began to see tidal waves. It was a terrible feeling, awful to see this and feel the helplessness of many people. I saw hundreds of stores empty of food. Fresh water was hard to find. It was at times like the heavens would change colors right before my eyes and recoil and come back normal for awhile and then back into convulsions. This is hard to explain, as I broke out into a cold sweat, I cried "Help us, O Lord." It seems, at times, the tornadic weather activities were unexplainable and the floods just did not want to stop, as Hurricanes began to emerge one right after another. I could see hundreds of Christians gathering to pray.

Others trying to help in different places with what ever surplus goods they had. Government agencies were unable to cope with the gigantic problems that seemed to progressively accelerate. Then the scene changed, moved into Winter time. Great cold. Shortage of heating and gas. More electrical power failures and people bundled up in their homes trying to keep warm.

I could go on but I don't think I can take it any more to write. It is obvious from what's been happening the last many years that we are stepping into times of great trouble.

Cry out to God.! Don't take God for granted, I beg you! I am a Watchman. I have to do this.

Read Ezekiel 33 and you will see why I must do what God has told me. Please hold back on your accusatory letters, that I'm trying to scare people. **This is real.**

My wife and I have lived through some of this. When God told us to go into the eye of the storm to warn people in Florida, right after we left our hotel, it was wiped off the face of the earth by a hurricane. As we went to another city to warn them the hurricane came straight at us and turned.

God spared our lives, as we watched an entire city wiped out (Punta Gordo, Florida). We lived through the 1993 Midwest floods as we watched the water go up to the second stories of buildings in the Kansas City, MO area. We have lived many days without electricity in the past.

This is not something to laugh about. What I just saw as a Seer is extraordinary fearful. Take this warning seriously.

Pray the 91 Psalm constantly and live in the Presence of God.□

Miracles are Happening in Israel!

By Dena Gewanter, M.D. Kiriat Yam, Isreal

While the media in the West are lambasting Israel for killing women and children, and are saturating their viewers with horrific photos of bloodied corpses, Israel as a nation is undergoing an astonishing spiritual awakening as a result of this conflict. It is a pity that the world is unable to be witness to the miracles that are occurring here daily. After many years of feeling the underdog and fearful of the approbation of the outside world, Israel is undergoing an absolute renaissance on a personal and national level.

First and foremost, Israel as a nation has finally decided to throw aside the fear of being rejected by the nations and embrace its sovereign right to defend it's citizens from terrorist attacks. What is so astonishing, for those who know Jews and particularly Israelis, is that a whopping 92% of Jewish Israelis actually AGREE that the war is necessary and just. Not only is there agreement among the populace, but also the left wing and the right wing of the political spheres agree.

Even more amazing is the concordance among the various religious factions: Ashkenazi, Sephardic, reform and conservative, Zionists and anti-Zionist Jews are all joining together in prayer and supplication to the Almighty for salvation, protection and victory over enemies. There are calls to prayer everywhere, regardless of denomination or ethnic background, everyone is united in looking towards the God of Israel to keep our soldiers safe and help us win against an evil enemy who has sworn never to stop until Israel as a nation is destroyed.

The soldiers themselves seem to have a huge spiritual hunger, and are unified in not only asking for prayer but also praying themselves, wearing tzitzit (prayer tassels) into battle and carrying the book of Psalms with them. The Rabbis are calling the tzitzit "heavenly flak jackets!" Tent synagogues on the battlefield have no less than 10 sessions every morning, and it is reported that soldiers who never attended synagogues are now praying with tefillim.

They have reason to cry out to God, since everyone is aware of the years of preparation of the bloodthirsty Hamas militants, their desire to kill, maim or kidnap Israeli soldiers is greater than their desire to live; they have been financed by Iran and supported by Syria and Hezbollah. Yet, we are defeating them and there are reports daily of amazing miracles of protection and **Divine direction** during the sniper positions clearly spelled out.

The IDF was able to counter each installation due to the information given. A large platoon of soldiers not realizing they were resting in a school that was booby-trapped (discovered by a soldier relieving himself in the night), disarmed the bombs with no one hurt. A single soldier successfully fought off several Hamas terrorists trying to drag him into a tunnel and all were captured. Hundreds of tunnels, hidden in homes under beds and kitchen cabinets, all full of live explosives and ammunition, yet none have exploded with IDF soldiers inside.

While there have been soldiers wounded, there are miracles there as well. A young man who moved here alone from England less than 2 years ago to serve in the army was in an explosion and thrown into the air. After being carried off the field by other soldiers and transported on a tractor to the helicopter and then to hospital, the doctors were utterly stunned when they saw that a piece of shrapnel that went completely through his neck, missed the carotid artery, the jugular vein and the spinal cord by millimeters. After they removed it, he needed only stitches.

Another soldier was shot through the back but the bullet missed

his spinal cord and exited from the front. A young newlywed, in grave condition, inexplicably turned for the better and will recover to go home to his wife.

On the ground level, bombs continue to fall, but here again, miracle after miracle is reported even on the local news. One hears the word “ness” (miracle) over and over by the reporters and the bystanders. An elderly woman caught in an apartment completely demolished by a bomb, walks out with scratches on her ankle. The mayor of Beersheva felt he should cancel school one day, and a rocket completely destroys an empty kindergarten.

The elder housing complex that was hit in Nahariya had the sleeping quarters destroyed, but everyone had just gone to breakfast, so no one injured. A man leaves his car with his young daughter, and the car is blown up moments later after they entered a bomb shelter. If they had taken a few more seconds, he and his daughter would have been burned to a crisp. He was televised day again and again it was a miracle.

Similar stories like these were heard during the second Lebanon war, reported on Israeli radio and television, but no one in the west ever heard; only negative propaganda from the terrorists was reported, whose aim was to malign Israel and make us look like a nation of bloodthirsty killers. One has to grieve over the terrible destruction of the cities in Gaza and the horrific human tragedy going on there, but the responsibility for the suffering and death is directly on the doorstep of the Hamas leadership. These deluded people think that their god, Allah, will give them victory, and have entered into a battle with the true God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that they will never win. We are literally living in times like those of the scripture, when the Lord told Elisha all the plans of the enemy, until they began to wonder if there was a spy in their ranks.

There is hope here, not despair and unity of resolve. Even the parent of Yoni Natanel, Killed by friendly fire, were quoted as saying that their son died “for the sanctification of God’s name”, and forgave and blessed those who accidentally fired at his unit. There is such heroism and courage here, one wishes that the world could see it, but as one of our journalists said, the media have left their brains at the door of Ben Gurion Airport. They are many miles away from the actual battle, wear flak jackets and helmets for the cameras and then take them off to have cappuccino at the local restaurant!

Fortunately, Israelis are accustomed to being misunderstood and maligned by the outside world. At this point, everyone knows we have a job to do, and we are becoming more and more aware that there is a greater Power than us is on our side. We are fulfilling our commission to be a “Light to the Nations”. Israel learned from the failure of the Lebanon war, and prepared well to fight the terrorists who clearly said they wanted to destroy us.

The rest of the nations have not remembered the threats of Hitler, and how the Jewish people were almost wiped out because no one wanted to believe he actually meant what he said. Contrary to those who want to hide their heads in the sands of political correctness, there is a right and a wrong side in this conflict. It is a battle between darkness and light.

Fortunately, we have a God who was never wishy-washy about defending Israel against her enemies, when His People cried out to Him for help. The outside world is missing the miracle of a righteous God who hears the prayers of the humble, and defends what is His.

“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 sin and will heal their land.” 2 Chron 7:14



The worn-out eagles

The eagle represents power in our physical life. These 2 bald eagles fought each other until no strength was left to keep them aloft. This picture was taken by our daughter in Florida as she watched them fight outside her home.

Yes, our physical strength is not equal for us to win the battle. Only God’s eternal power will accomplish His victory plans for us. *(As Arne see it!)*

May 30,2009 Prayer Canada Breakfast

My greatest wish that you all could have been there to rejoice with us. An awakening sound resounding peal of the trumpeters brought us to attention, thank you Vic & Dave for those heavenly sounds which were immediately followed by Ray with the clarion call of the shofar, setting the stage for our theme song, O Canada.

Thanks Margaret & Janet our latest missionary team just back from the maritimes for your report. Reg & Cathy rendered a couple of heart-felt songs. Marcus did his usual reveille in praise and worship which brings us all into a truly spiritual realm. Thank you Darlene for your 3 years of devotion to Prayer Canada.

We were honored to have Faytene Kryskow as our featured speaker, so Arne was anxious to get an update from her on all the actions and reactions of their ministry to politicians. Arne mentioned some of Faytene’s accomplishments but ended up writing a “Sonnet” which he read.

Faytene spoke with her usual passion and compassion. We must act now if Canada and the world are going to be redeemed. She and her team are interviewing M.P.’s one by one and challenging them to bring honest, moral government into effect.

There is much more I’d like to say but watch for more results in another issue, I promise. *Arne*

“My Utmost for His Highest” by Oswald Chambers

May 22, 2009

Now this explains it - “*That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us.*” John 17:21

If you are going through a solitary way, read John 17:21, it will explain exactly why you are where you are – Jesus has prayed that you may be one with the Father as He is. Are you helping God to answer that prayer, or have you some other end for your life? Since you became a disciple you cannot be as independent as you used to be.

The **purpose of God** is not to answer our prayers, but by our prayers we come to discern the mind of God, and this is revealed in John 17:21. There is one prayer God must answer, and that is the prayer of Jesus – “**that they may be one, even as We are One.**” Are we as close to Jesus Christ as that?

God is not concerned about our plans; He does not say – Do you want to go through this bereavement; this upset? He allows these things for His own purpose. The things we are going through are either making us sweeter, better, nobler men and women or they are making us more captious and fault-finding, more insistent upon our own way. The things that happen either make us fiends or the make us saints’ it depends entirely upon the relationship we are in to God. **If we say – “Thy will be done,”** we get the consolation of John 17, the consolation of knowing that our Father is working according to His own wisdom. When we understand what God is after we will not get mean and cynical. Jesus has prayed nothing less for us than absolute oneness with Himself, as He was one with the Father. Some of us are far off it, and yet God will not leave us alone until we are one with Him, because Jesus has prayed that we may be. □

Be Encouraged

**Our God answers the prayers of His people
and is on the move!!**

Submitted by:

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Abbotsford BC

- I recently shared about prayer initiatives focused on the unprecedented outbreak of gang violence in BC. One initiative had Pastor Ray Johnson and I praying over the home of the infamous Bacon Bros (Red Scorpions). Pastor Ray blew the Shofar (ancient Israeli army trumpet) and we called upon the legions of heaven. Yes we know many others are praying too, but **there was a sense these prayer warriors had lined up the Angels for us.**

- Within 72 hours the Scorpions "Sergeant at Arms" (Chief Executioner) was dead. Subsequent fallout has seen the following.

- A key gang member "rolled over", showed a conscience, pleaded guilty and implicated the Bacon's in a mass murder.

- Two of the three Bacon Bros are now in jail pending trial for homicide related offences including the horrific murder of a Christian businessman who was an innocent bystander.

- Key leading members of the warring "UN Gang" are now in custody for plotting to kill the Bacon's

- The Christian Chief of Police in Abbotsford issued a well received public warning to young people to get out of the gang lifestyle, backed by a community support initiative, counselling and a 24 hour help line. *(This is the same Chief who went to many churches recently asking people to pray against principalities and powers).*

- The face of the marijuana industry in **Abbotsford BC** is Tim Felger. He is, an overt, committed zealot for a stoned society. Tim runs for office locally, Provincially, Federally, in every election, on behalf of the Marijuana Party. He seems to have led a charmed life when it comes to arrests and charges. He often gets a public platform with legitimate politicians. He runs a storefront operation named "Da Kine" in downtown Abbotsford. The front window is covered in slanderous allegations about local politicians and Police. Something of a mischievous clown he is the visible face of evil addictions in this city. Recently a Christian businessman *led a group to prayer walk the streets of downtown Abbotsford. They ended up praying on the street outside "Da Kine".* Passing citizen believers seeing what was going on walked up, or stopped their cars and spontaneously **joined the prayer group.** It appears the group had tapped into the outrage and offence at this satanic outpost in the city. I don't know the exact sequence of events but **in the middle of his political campaign Felger was arrested for supplying drugs to minors.** TV Camera's present recorded his vocal outrage whilst decent citizens rejoiced at his arrest.

Detroit - Media reports Crime is *so bad the Police Dept. is now officially asking for prayer.* M.C. Williams of Colorado based Centurion Ministries reports as follows - "In response to the growing tide of violence in their city, the police department in Detroit has apparently admitted that they are at a loss about what to do and that they have failed in their jobs to protect people. So how do they decide to proceed? **They pray.** They ask God to fix things because, apparently, they can't do it.

Nancy A. Youssef writes for the Detroit Free Press: The department held its first **day of prayer**, allotting an hour Monday at each of the department's 13 precincts. ... The change, the mayor and chief said, must come from the community and with God's help. It depends on everyone to call **"on the power of God,"** Kilpatrick said. The mayor,

police chief and about 200 participants were led in prayers by seven religious leaders.

Canada - If you want to hear about the first stirrings in recovery of our mass media go here <http://www.100huntley.com/video.php?id=01Uoa6l8x4> **this could not happen without praying people**, on their knees petitioning God for the future of our Nation. We continue to have a wise Christian Prime Minister because of the prayers of the saints nation wide. We thank God for the foresight and vision of organisations like **Prayer Canada and the International House of Prayer.**

"Remake America"

America, the world's most successful Nation and until recently the envy of the world, was "made" by it's Christian patriot founders. By living and expressing Christian values based specifically on Biblical principles they made a great Nation producing unprecented liberty and prosperity..

President Obama's actual senatorial voting record (when he bothered to vote) shows he is neither Christian or Muslim but is an extreme left, arch humanist (ie. an ideological socialist). His recent actions on the economy, abortion, gay rights, gun control and other issues support this. In recent weeks the Obama administration has begun to marginalise Christian patriots as a potential security threat. Mr. Obama has recently visited European Nations liberated by American blood, American money and munitions and apologized for "American arrogance". His liberty to even speak freely there was bought at great cost by the blood of American patriots raised in a great Nation.

President Obama's pledge to "remake America" is a call to spiritual arms that should drive every Bible believing American to their knees in prayer. He is not calling on the Nation to repent and pray. He is not calling on the moral authority of the Church for direction and restoration. His moral authority comes not from the Ten commandments but rather from the Humanist Manifesto 1 and 2. This is a direct antithesis to the Biblical principles of Government upon which America has thrived..

This is truly a desperate hour for America. Time to pray!

David Greenhalgh


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Coleman, Alberta

I would like to commend you on the foundations" article you wrote in the Spring issue of the courier. As a young man I grew up under Social Credit government in Alberta and remember the blessings and righteous governance we as Albertans received as a result of Mr. Manning's obedience to his Lord and Saviour. "He who rules over meant must be just, ruling in the fear of God. 2 Samuel 23:3.

We had the best God could provide because of God's Grace, God's obedient servants and because people exercised their Democratic responsibility to choose the best of all possible options at the polls.

Since the decline of Christian oriented government we have seen the steady erosion of decent moral values, justice and compassion in government and society as a whole. I know we have brothers and sisters in government and they deserve and covet our prayers. Command "pray for all...firstly those in authority and in responsible positions over us so we can live in peace and godliness". 1 Tim 2:1-5.

Yes, we can and must love and pray for all who govern, however our prayers must be accompanied by action. We lament for our nation and realize that disobedience equals self-destruction. Are we as Canadians destined to ape the heathen nations and reap the fruits of this labour? No way. 

What if?

Jesus said, “*And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come*” Matthew 24:14

Consider with me a moment how tremendously blessed we are to have at our disposal God’s precious Holy Word in a language we can easily read and understand. At any time, day or night, we can pick up our Bible and read God’s love letter to us without any difficulty. He has given us His Word to make us wise, to show us that we are sinners needing a Saviour. His Word shows us how we can be born again of His Spirit, and how to live a life that is pleasing to Him. Praise God, we are on our way to Heaven!

But **what if** we had never heard of Jesus? **What if** we had no Bible? **What if** we lived in a country that had no written language? Did you know that there are over 2000 people groups that do not have a single verse of Scripture, that have never heard the name Jesus, and consequently tens of thousands of people go into a Christless eternity each and every day, because their names have not been written in the Lamb’s Book of Life? (See Revelations 20:15)

Now for the good news. Wycliffe Bible Translators are hard at work trying to close the gap between the Have’s and the Have-Not’s. They have set a goal that by the year 2025 they will be able to start Bible translation in the mother tongue of the remaining 2250 people groups who have not yet heard about Jesus who came from heaven to earth to save them from spending eternity in the lake of fire.

That’s a big order, no matter how you look at it. Thank God for the dedicated Wycliffe workers, but Jesus says to each one of us, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matt. 28:29, 30)

If we cannot go in person, we can all do something to see that the gospel of God’s Kingdom is preached to all nations (language groups), and then Jesus can come. So be it. Amen.

To learn how you can help bring the light of the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, contact Wycliffe Canada, 4315-10 Street NE, Calgary, AB T2E 6K3; or visit their website at: www.globalpartnerlink.ca

submitted by Dina Staszkiwicz

UNITED STATES MAP

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by His little girl, Shelby. She wanted to know what the United States looked like.

Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed the map of the country. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Shelby and said, “Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. This will show you our whole country today.”

After a few minutes, Shelby returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together. The father was surprised and asked How she had finished so quickly. “Oh,” she said, “on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. **When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then our country just came together.**”

We who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it” Ezekiel 9:4 must get out and support the Christian Heritage Party any way we can. Brother Arne stated this in no uncertain terms and I agree whole-heartedly. **Let’s do it; we can be used by God to take this nation back to the Bible**
Pastor Dale Nutalbett

United States of America

April 30, marks the historic 1974 National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer spearheaded by Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon. It was at the close of this observance that IFA board member, Jimmy Owens sensed that the Lord was desiring that the first Friday of each month be kept as a day of united prayer and fasting for America. This has been IFA’s “spiritual heartbeat” for 35 years.



April 30 also marks Abraham Lincoln’s historic 1863 National Day of Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer.

The following Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln is being used for united prayer and fasting by leaders, ministries, and prayer coordinators in states, regions, cities, and churches.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the United States; devoutly recognizing the Supreme authority and just government of Almighty God in all the affairs of men and nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for National prayer and humiliation.

And **WHEREAS**, it is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

AND, INSOMUCH AS we know that, by His Divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People. We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown.

BUT WE HAVE FORGOTTEN GOD.

We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do, by this my proclamation, designate and set apart **Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1863**, as a day of national humiliation, fasting, and prayer. And I do hereby request all the People to abstain, on that day, from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope, authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less the pardon of our national sins, and the restoration of our now divided and suffering Country, to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington, this thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty seventh. **Abraham Lincoln, President,**
William H Seward, Secretary of State

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Prayer Canada's Annual

3 Day Prayer & Fast for the Nations

July 23 to Sunday 26 - noon, 2009

Registration July 23 - 6 PM

Phone - 604-589-1110

Twin Pines Chalet Whistler, B.C.

Cost: \$65:00 per person

Includes: Registration, accommodation, juices, fellowship dinner to break fast

Bring: Sleeping bag, towel, pillow, toiletries, Bible & notebook

Be prepared to share a room - dormitory style

Reservations are necessary as space is limited

"Fasting" is encouraged but not compulsory

- Whistler is a world famous resort where the beauty of the Lord is to be seen everywhere
- Twin Pines Chalet is situated way up the mountain side opposite the ski mountains which you see every day
- A spiritual and physical time of restitution where intimate prayer and fellowship is enjoyed.
- The Chalet is dormitory style - comfortable bunks.
- Please be prepared to share a room.
- Some couples may have to stay in a separate dorm
- Private accommodations are available at a local Bed & Breakfast at a reduce price - 3 blocks from Chalet

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Prayer Canada's 2nd National Conference

Date: March 16- 19, 2010

To be held at:

Stillwood Camp & Conference Centre

Cultus Lake, B.C.

Prayer is reaching out after the unseen; fasting is letting go of all that is seen and temporal. Fasting helps express, deepen, confirm the resolution that we are ready to sacrifice anything, even ourselves to attain what we seek for the kingdom of God.

Andrew Murray

ATTENTION
PRAYER PARTNERS

The Bible tells us to make your needs known. We need every one who receives this letter to *pray and ask the Lord 'How can I help?'*

Our need to pay our secretary is always there, to send out the Courier is costly. To pay rent and office supplies adds up each month. To travel and open new Prayer Posts costs. Yes, the Lord supplies our every need but He also uses people as the vehicle.

Will you be that one?



Arne Bryan - Founder, Director

PURPOSE

Encouraging Canadians to pray for our Nation

GOAL

To establish Prayer Posts in :

- Homes - Churches - City Halls
- Legislative Buildings - Marketplace

COMMAND

Pray for all ... firstly those in authority and in responsible positions over us so we can live in peace and godliness. *1 Tim.2:1-5*

GUARANTEE

If my people shall humble themselves and PRAY, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin and will heal their land. *2 Chron. 7:14*

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