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Rehoboth Baptist Church Newsletter ~ May 2015



From The Pastor Ron & Mickie Bridge

Dear Church Family & Friends,

Three thousand years ago, Solomon wrote: "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." My wife and I believe that such a season is now before us, and that the time has come for me to retire from full time pastoral ministry. Therefore, I tender my resignation as pastor/elder of Rehoboth Baptist Church, effective Sunday, June 28, 2015.

The Psalmist said: "The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places," it is a sentiment to which both Mickie and I are in heartfelt agreement. The Lord lead us to a fair pasture when He called us to Rehoboth in November, 1993. It is our profound hope that our labors have sweetened that pasture and that God's flock has been strengthened as a result. We especially hope that God has been glorified through the proclamation of His word, and that the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has been lifted up before each member, friend and visitor of the church. It has been one of the great blessings of our lives to have traveled a short way along the pilgrim path with you, sharing in your joys, and helping, we trust, to lighten your sorrows as we were able.

We are not yet sure what the Lord has planned for us. However, we do know that retirement from full time ministry does not mean that we will cease to serve. Indeed, we expect the Lord will give us something to do in another corner of His kingdom. But, wherever He leads, you will have a special place in our hearts and in our prayers. We trust there will be opportunities for fellowship in the future, but most of all we look to that day when we will stand together before the throne, there to rejoice forever in the presence of our God and Savior.

I want to thank the elders and deacons for their faithful service to the church, and especially for their patience, wisdom and advice, as together we have

sought to discern and follow God's will for Rehoboth Baptist Church. Mickie and I thank God for each one of you and for your faithful care, love, and support throughout our years in Rehoboth. We have an abiding confidence that our great God will lead you to call the man of His choice to be the next pastor of this, our beloved church. We have a great and sovereign Lord "who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think." Therefore, we lovingly commit each of you into His care, knowing that He cares for you.

With deep love and lasting affection,

Pastor Ron (and Mickie) Bridge

Philippians 1:3-11

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Family Fun Fair

Saturday, August 15th 11:00 – 3:00

He Walked on Water!

The Gospels record more than 40 stories of Jesus performing
MIRACLES!

He fed thousands
He healed hundreds
He cast out demons
He walked on water
He raised the dead
He rose from the dead!

How will you help, so that the gospel will be shared and pray that we will see the miracle of new birth.

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MISSION NEWS!

This month we will be praying for Duane and Miriam Mansveld, missionaries with Missions Door.

The Mansvelds have been ministering on the streets of Montreal with the French Fellowship Baptist Churches since 1997. First with their local church, and then as street missionaries for the French Fellowship.

There are between 5,000 to 15,000 street kids in Montreal. The moral, ethical, and spiritual needs of these youth are immense, not to mention the emotional, physical, and social needs. Violence, prostitution, homosexuality, suicide, and drug addiction are symptoms of a life that desperately need a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Mansvelds reach out to these kids using Jesus' ministry as an example, to create trust relationships with the street youth and helping them respond to the problems they face everyday.

Duane and Miriam also work closely with the local churches in Montreal and envision creating small groups within the local churches that would welcome and disciple street youth. They also have a vision of a street church, that would be a light for the marginal community.

About Duane--

Duane was born and raised in Pembroke, Ontario, and has known the streets since age 15. At the age of 16, Duane accepted Christ as Lord and Savior. He prayed for his friends on the street, and through this, the Holy Spirit blessed him with the burden and call to reach out to the youth in the street.

In 1993, Duane began 3 years of street ministry training in Montreal, and it was here that he met Miriam.

About Miriam--

Miriam is the youngest of 5 children. Her parents came to Quebec as missionaries from Europe in the 1950's.

Miriam accepted the Lord at the age of 6. She was introduced to the streets by friends who lived there.

During that time, God showed Miriam His heart for the street youth, their needs, and their incredible potential. It was then that the Lord gave Miriam the call to minister to the street youth full time.

Duane and Miriam were married in June of 1996. They have been blessed with their son, Jeremie.

A few Highlights from the Mansveld Newsletter, Spring 2015-- Word On The Street

This fall and winter Duane and Miriam were on the road visiting churches and participating in the National Convention for the Fellowship in Canada. They helped organize and gave a workshop in the Street Level Quebec conference in Montreal. God has

continued to open doors with the city of Montreal, the police, and health and social services. They have just recently finished helping out the city in their efforts to count the homeless. Not to mention the business of everyday life within the street community.

Prayer Requests--

Please pray for Big Pete, a homeless veteran who was on the streets for over 15 years. Big Pete eventually found housing and stayed in his apartment for over 2 years, until he turned his back on everything and returned to the street. Big Pete does have faith in Jesus, but still has many struggles that he needs to deal with and that he is running from.

Please pray for James, a male prostitute who has been on the street for over 20 years. James approached Duane for help to find him stable housing, and Duane helped him develop a plan to begin to reach his goals. James did not realize the freedom he has in finding a way to get his life together. They talked about his life and background, and that he had an experience with some Christians a few years ago, but lost contact because he was afraid of following a religion. Duane told James that following Christ is not a religion, but a belief, a conviction, and a way of life. James said, "Really, I can do it like that?" He did not realize the freedom he can find in Christ. Please pray that the Holy Spirit convinces James' heart of the love, freedom, and life he can find in our Lord Jesus.

We thank the Lord for the privilege of supporting Duane and Miriam in their ministry with the street community in Montreal, and their faithfulness in sharing the Gospel. Please uphold them in your prayers.

In May we will also be praying for Steve and Cindy Kitchen. Steve has been pastor of Nauset Baptist Church, in North Eastham, on Cape Cod since 1999, and is committed to preaching the whole counsel of God's Word.

Steve and his wife Cindy have 5 children, ages 7 and under. They are prayerfully seeking to equip them with a biblical world view and a clear understanding of the Bible.

Please pray for church leaders to serve alongside Steve and Cindy.

Please pray that the hearts of the people on Cape Cod would be softened by the hearing of the Gospel, and that many would come to Christ.

Pray that Nauset Baptist Church would grow, not only in number, but in the Grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

Please continue to pray for Steve, Cindy, and their children, that the Lord would strengthen, and encourage them as they faithfully serve in a challenging area.



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From The Pastor's Desk: A few important thoughts.

I have been thinking, and praying, about the closing weeks of my ministry at RBC and what super motivating speech I might give at the close of my charge. Even after 21 years, after nearly a thousand sermons, and as many Sunday and Wednesday evening messages, surely, there must be more to say. My thoughts have turned to the few times recorded in the Scriptures when ministries came to an end. What did these men say to their flocks, what did they consider vital to impress on those they were leaving?

Moses' departure from Israel (Deuteronomy 33:26-29).

After restating the law with its blessings and curses, Moses gave a word of prophecy and blessing to each of the tribes. He ended his speech with a ringing praise to God and the promise that God would always be with them: *There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides the heavens to help you, and on the clouds in His majesty. The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms...Blessed are you, Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord? He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword.*

Paul, on taking leave from the Ephesian church (Acts 20:27,32).

Paul had called for the elders of the church to meet him at Miletus. He reminded them that he had preached the word faithfully: *For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole counsel of God.* Then, after warning the elders to beware of false teachers and those who would seek to destroy the church, he closed with these words of encouragement: *So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

These two men, arguably the greatest in each of the Testaments, say essentially the same thing to the people they were leaving: Look away from me and look to God and trust in God. Whatever good things Moses and Paul accomplished among the people, they did it only by the grace of God. They were

simply His instruments for a short period of time and then they passed from the scene. But God remains. God is always with His people. God will always supply their need. After Moses, God gave Joshua. After Paul, God gave Timothy, Titus and other faithful men. So it was, and so it will always be with God and His people. So it will be at RBC.

Look to God. Trust God.

For the kingdom.

Pastor Ron

A Woman's Concern Baby Bottle Campaign

Our church will be participating in a Baby Bottle Campaign for AWC Pregnancy Crisis Center. This week individuals and families will have the opportunity to respond to the issue of Life.

We will be handing out Baby Bottles for you to take home, fill with cash, checks, and change and bring them back to the church.

You may pick up a Baby Bottle today! They are in the foyer in a basket. Please fill your bottle with a financial donation during the month of May, and **return it on Sunday, May 31st.**



O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

...

For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother's womb.

I will praise You, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made;

Marvelous are Your works,
And that my soul knows very well.

My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the lowest
parts of the earth.

Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.

And in Your book they all were written,

The days fashioned for me,

When as yet there were none of them.

Psalm 139:1,13-16 (nkjv)



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The Prayer Meeting by Derek W.H. Thomas

Charles H Spurgeon's Only a Prayer Meeting was written to address the growing tendency in the late nineteenth century to regard corporate church prayer meetings as something elitist and optional. Spurgeon would have none of it. Every church should meet for prayer. Without prayer, churches die.

"The advantages of a well conducted prayer-meeting," wrote John Angel James, "are great and numerous." In a day when the midweek meeting is known for its suppers and small group Bible studies, we ought perhaps to reflect a little on the necessity for the prayer meeting in the life of the New Testament church.

The New Testament church was conceived at a prayer meeting. What were believers doing before the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost? Having been expressly told to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4, 8), the disciples (men and women, not only the Twelve) met together in an upper room and "with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer" (1:14).

Two things are worth highlighting. Notice that they prayed 'with one accord' (Greek *homothumadon*; cf. Acts 14:25). There was a tangible unity and agreement about their praying. They also "devoted" themselves to prayer. The Greek word (*proskartereo*) suggests business and persistence. Paul echoes the idea by using the same Greek word in two of his letters, exhorting the Romans to "be constant in prayer" (Rom. 12:12), and the Colossians "to continue steadfastly in prayer" (Col.4:2).

The New Testament church continued as it had begun. Thus, immediately after Pentecost, believers "devoted themselves to ...the prayers" (Acts 2:42). Later, after Peter and John's escape from prison, they joined their fellow disciples who immediately "lifted their voices together to God" (Acts 4:24), and before Peter and John resumed their preaching work, they again engaged in a season of prayer (Acts 4:31). Later still, when Peter was imprisoned again, the church responded with yet another prayer meeting (Acts 12:5, 12). And there are many more examples throughout Acts (13:1; 6:4-6; 16:25; etc.). Prayer formed the lifeblood of the New Testament church. Prayer sustained the church from day to day and special occasions were bathed in prayer. It is difficult to think about the church of the New Testament without testifying to its prayerfulness.

We are bound to ask ourselves these questions: Are we reflecting the early church's practice or are we not? Of all the things that our churches are known by, is "given to prayer" one of them? Your church and mine need to meet for prayer.

Taken from Ligonier Ministries Table Talk Devotional 4/15

Let God Have You

by Max Lucado

How long has it been since you let God have you? I mean really have you? How long since you gave him a portion of undiluted, uninterrupted time listening for his voice?

Apparently, Jesus did. He made a deliberate effort to spend time with God. Spend much time reading about the listening life of Jesus and a distinct pattern emerges. He spent regular time with God, praying and listening. Mark 1:35 says, "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed." Luke tells us, "Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."

Let me ask the obvious. If Jesus, the Son of God, the sinless Savior of humankind, thought it worthwhile to clear his calendar to pray, wouldn't we be wise to do the same?

From *Just Like Jesus* by Max Lucado

Brothers, We Are Not Professionals

John Piper

We pastors are being killed by the professionalizing of the pastoral ministry. The mentality of the professional is not the mentality of the prophet. It is not the mentality of the slave of Christ.

Professionalism has nothing to do with the essence and heart of the Christian ministry. The more professional we long to be, the more spiritual death we will leave in our wake. For there is no professional childlikeness (Matt. 18:3); there is no professional tenderheartedness (Eph. 4:32); there is no professional panting after God (Ps. 42:1).

But our first business is to pant after God in prayer. Our business is to weep over our sin (James 4:9). Is there professional weeping?

Our business is to strain forward to the holiness of Christ and the prize of the upward call of God (Phil. 3:14); to pummel our bodies and subdue them lest we be cast away (1 Cor. 9:27); to deny ourselves and take up the blood-spattered cross daily (Luke 9:23). How do you carry a cross professionally? We have been crucified with Christ; yet now we live by faith in the one who loved us and gave Himself for us (Gal. 2:20). What is professional faith?

We are to be filled not with wine but with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18). We are God-besotted lovers of Christ. How can you be drunk with Jesus professionally? Then, wonder of wonders, we were given the gospel



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treasure to carry in clay pots to show that the transcendent power belongs to God (2 Cor. 4:7). Is there a way to be a professional clay pot?

We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not destroyed, always carrying in the body the death of Jesus (professionally?) so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested (professionally?) in our bodies (2 Cor. 4:9-11).

I think God has exhibited us preachers as last of all in the world. We are fools for Christ's sake, but professionals are wise.

We are weak, but professionals are strong. Professionals are held in honor; we are in disrepute. We do not try to secure a professional lifestyle, but we are ready to hunger and thirst and be illclad and homeless. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things (1 Cor. 4:9-13).

Or have we?

Brothers, we are not professionals! We are outcasts. We are aliens and exiles in the world (1 Pet. 2:11). Our citizenship is in heaven, and we wait with eager expectation for the Lord (Phil. 3:20). You cannot professionalize the love for His appearing without killing it. And it is being killed.

The aims of our ministry are eternal and spiritual. They are not shared by any of the professions. It is precisely by the failure to see this that we are dying.

The life-giving preacher is a man of God, whose heart is ever athirst for God, whose soul is ever following hard after God, whose eye is single to God, and in whom by the power of God's Spirit the flesh and the world have been crucified and his ministry is like the generous flood of a life-giving river.¹

We are most emphatically not part of a social team sharing goals with other professionals. Our goals are an offense; they are foolishness (1 Cor. 1:23). The professionalization of the ministry is a constant threat to the offense of the gospel. It is a threat to the profoundly spiritual nature of our work. I have seen it often: the love of professionalism (parity among the world's professionals) kills a man's belief that he is sent by God to save people from hell and to make them Christ-exalting, spiritual aliens in the world.

The world sets the agenda of the professional man; God sets the agenda of the spiritual man. The strong wine of Jesus Christ explodes the wineskins of professionalism. There is an infinite difference between the pastor whose heart is set on being a

professional and the pastor whose heart is set on being the aroma of Christ, the fragrance of death to some and eternal life to others (2 Cor. 2:15-16).

God, deliver us from the professionalizers! Deliver us from the "low, managing, contriving, maneuvering temper of mind among us."² God, give us tears for our sins.

Forgive us for being so shallow in prayer, so thin in our grasp of holy verities, so content amid perishing neighbors, so empty of passion and earnestness in all our conversation. Restore to us the childlike joy of our salvation.

Frighten us with the awesome holiness and power of Him who can cast both soul and body into hell (Matt. 10:28).

Cause us to hold to the cross with fear and trembling as our hope-filled and offensive tree of life. Grant us nothing, absolutely nothing, the way the world views it. May Christ be all in all (Col. 3:11).

Banish professionalism from our midst, Oh God, and in its place put passionate prayer, poverty of spirit, hunger for God, rigorous study of holy things, white-hot devotion to Jesus Christ, utter indifference to all material gain, and unremitting labor to rescue the perishing, perfect the saints, and glorify our sovereign Lord.

Humble us, O God, under Your mighty hand, and let us rise, not as professionals, but as witnesses and partakers of the sufferings of Christ. In His awesome name. Amen.

1. John Piper and Wayne Grudem, *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood: A Response to Evangelical Feminism* (Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway Books, 1991), 16.

2. Richard Cecil quoted in E. M. Bounds, *Power through Prayer* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Book House, 1972), 59.

A PRAYER OF SUSANNA WESLEY

You, O Lord, have called us to watch and pray.
Therefore, whatever may be the sin
against which we pray,
make us careful to watch against it,
and so have reason to expect
that our prayers will be answered.
In order to perform this duty aright,
grant us grace
to preserve a sober, equal temper,
and sincerity to pray for your assistance.
Amen.

She was the mother of John and Charles Wesley



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Steve's Devotional – Love is Unnatural

By: Steve Brown

God makes a big deal out of love. In fact, our relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ are marked by love. Love is so central to the biblical message you would think that, even if we got everything else wrong, we would at least get love right. If God talks so much about love... Why do we love so little? Why don't you love? Why don't I love?

Love is Unnatural

I don't love because love is unnatural. "In return for my love they are my accusers" (Psalm 109:4). "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold" (Matthew 24:12). "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:7-8).

Did you know that love is mentioned in the Bible some 1,000 times? God used repetition for a reason: love is unnatural. God's repetition says something about him and about us: God is willing to repeat himself so that we will understand...and we have a hard time getting it.

A while ago, I joined my wife and a friend for dinner at Disney World. The restaurant was filled with Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Chip and Dale, and several others. Those characters love children...and not only that, they love old, bald guys. Every time one of the characters walked past our table, they kissed the top of my head or rubbed it for luck. In fact, Minnie kissed the top of my head some seven times. Add to that Chip and Dale. *One more time*, I thought, *and I'm going to cream them!*

While all this excitement was going on, I noticed a young man standing close to the characters and I called him over. It turned out that he was the characters' guard. I asked him why such sweet characters needed a guard. He said, "Oh, they need one because there are people who attack them. Once a man threw Mickey Mouse over his head into the bushes!"

In a world where Mickey Mouse needs a guard... love is unnatural. Hate is natural. Why would someone attack a Disney character? More personally, why would *I* think about attacking a Disney character?

Far more important, why do I find myself threatened by my brothers and sisters in Christ? Why is it so hard to love those who are different from me? Why does hostility come more easily to me than love?

Love is Uncontrollable

I don't love because love is uncontrollable. Have you noticed all the times in Christ's ministry when people did inappropriate things and he admonished

the critics, not the people themselves?

Remember the time when the children swarmed all over the Messiah. The disciples tried to stop them and Jesus said, "Let them come..."

Remember Peter's comment at the Last Supper when he felt that Christ's actions, in washing the disciples' feet, were inappropriate. "You shall never wash my feet!" Peter said. To which Jesus replied, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me" (John 13:8).

Remember the prostitute who showed up at the church supper and Simon's comment about Christ's inappropriate actions toward her. Jesus said, "Simon, I have something to say to you..." (Matthew 26).

Remember Mary sitting at Jesus' feet while Martha prepared dinner. Martha criticized and Jesus responded, "Martha, Mary has chosen the better part" (Luke 10).

Remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The religious leaders made a comment to Jesus to the effect that he ought to quiet down the crowd. Jesus said, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out" (Luke 19:40).

In almost all of these incidents, I believe we see the primary sin of our lives—the need to be right, the need to be good and, above all, the need to control others' perceptions of our rightness and goodness. Why is love so unnatural? [Control](#) is so natural.

The principle is this: there is a direct and inverse correlation between love and control. The corollary to that principle is this: abandonment is to love as water is to thirst. In other words, in order to love, we need to abandon control.

Love is Unconditional

I don't love because love is unconditional. "Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end" (John 13:1). "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:10-11). "Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little" (Luke 7:47).

As Christians, we spend a lot of time talking about [Christ's unconditional love](#). God's love is not dependent upon our goodness and our obedience. What we don't spend much time on is the fact that our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ should be on the same order.

That is the point Jesus made in his parable about the unforgiving servant in Matthew 18. A king had a servant who owed the king 10,000 talents and he



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couldn't pay it. Out of his compassion, the king forgave the debt. As it turns out, the servant had a man who owed him 100 denarii. He went to the servant to whom he owed the debt and pled for mercy. The servant refused and threw his fellow servant into jail. Then the king heard about it and was quite angry. He simply couldn't believe it. Matthew 18:32-33 picks up the end of the story, "Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'"

I noticed in the church that a drunk cannot accept or give love except from another drunk. A divorced person cannot accept or give love except from another divorced person. A person who struggles with anger or lust cannot accept or give love except from another person who struggles with anger or lust. Do you know why? They are the only ones who understand that unconditional nature of love.

God allows sin that we would learn to love one another. If there were no sin, then the Pharisees would be right.

You have to receive love unconditionally...before you can love unconditionally.

Love is Unmistakable

I don't love because love is unmistakable. "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

Kierkegaard said that the Gospel cannot be heard...it must be overheard. That is profound and true.

Every time I refuse to reach out to my brother and sister in Christ, every time I refuse to forgive, every time I create walls that separate me from others, every time I refuse to love...the knowledge of the Gospel is lost. If that is true, then we should spend as much time loving one another as we do in being right.

Time to Draw Away

Read 1 Corinthians 13 & 1 John 4:7-21

How are you at love? How is God at love? Don't get discouraged. The principle is this: you can't love until you've been loved and then only to the degree to which you've been loved. So allow Jesus to love you deeply, unconditionally and without measure... and then you'll have his love to give to others. When that happens, it changes everything.

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
Matthew 8:26-27 (nkjv)

John Wesley on Prayer

The neglect of prayer is a grand hindrance to holiness.

Bear up the hands that hang down, by faith and prayer; support the tottering knees. Have you any days of fasting and prayer? Storm the throne of grace and persevere therein, and mercy will come down.

Whether we think of, or speak to, God, whether we act or suffer for him, all is prayer, when we have no other object than his love, and the desire of pleasing him.

Lord, I am no longer my own, but Yours. Put me to what You will, rank me with whom You will. Let be employed by You or laid aside for You, exalted for You or brought low by You. Let me have all things, let me have nothing, I freely and heartily yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are mine and I am Yours. So be it. Amen.

Proceed with much prayer, and your way will be made plain.

God does nothing but in answer to prayer.

God's command to "pray without ceasing" is founded on the necessity we have of His grace to preserve the life of God in the soul, which can no more subsist one moment without it, than the body can without air.

In souls filled with love, the desire to please God is continual prayer.

On every occasion of uneasiness, we should retire to prayer, that we may give place to the grace and light of God and then form our resolutions, without being in any pain about what success they may have. In the greatest temptations, a single look to Christ, and the barely pronouncing his name, suffices to overcome the wicked one, so it be done with confidence and calmness of spirit.

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Whether we think of; or speak to, God, whether we act or suffer for him, all is prayer, when we have no other object than his love, and the desire of pleasing him.

All that a Christian does, even in eating and sleeping, is prayer, when it is done in simplicity, according to the order of God, without either adding to or diminishing from it by his own choice.

Prayer continues in the desire of the heart, though the understanding be employed on outward things.



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Bible Quiz: Who said this?

1. "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor..."

2. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."

3. "I have sinned against the Lord."

4. "I baptize you with water for repentance."

5. "Now, O Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

6. "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

7. "I appeal to Caesar."

8. "I have sinned for I have betrayed innocent blood."

9. "Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

10. "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did."

11. "Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart."

12. "What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?"

13. "Give me my wife ... "

14. "She has been more righteous than I"

15. "Ask! What shall I give you?"

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise Him in the heights!

Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His hosts!

Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all you stars of light!

Praise Him, you heavens of heavens,
And you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
For He commanded and they were created.

He also established them forever and ever;
He made a decree which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
You great sea creatures and all the depths;

Fire and hail, snow and clouds;
Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;

Mountains and all hills;
Fruitful trees and all cedars;

Beasts and all cattle;
Creeping things and flying fowl;

Kings of the earth and all peoples;
Princes and all judges of the earth;

Both young men and maidens;
Old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
For His name alone is exalted;
His glory is above the earth and heaven.

And He has exalted the horn of His people,
The praise of all His saints—
Of the children of Israel,
A people near to Him.

Praise the Lord!

Psalm 148 (nkjv)

1. Luke 19:8, 2. Acts 10:14, 3. II Samuel 12:13, 4. Matthew 3:11, 5. Jonah 4:3, 6. Joshua 24:15, 7. Acts 25:11, 8. Matthew 27:4, 9. Luke 2:48, 10. John 4:29, 11. Nehemiah 2:2, 12. Nehemiah 2:19, 13. Genesis 29:21, 14. Genesis 38:26, 15. II Chronicles 1:7

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