

On the Wings of Prayer

“Because thou hast been my help, therefore in
the Shadow of thy wings will I rejoice:”
Psalm 63:7

Unfaded Glory

“*The heavens declare the glory of God,*” Psalm 19:1 Have you ever stood in awe on a moonless night, looking to the heavens while the stars seemed to jump out at you? A pair of binoculars increases our view, and with the most powerful telescope; we cannot find the end of God’s creation. The magnitude and majesty of creation is a constant testimony to His eternal glory and unlimited power. Both night and day declare, “God is great and his Glory is endless.”

And yet, a strange thing happens when the artificial light of civilization drowns out the glory of the stars. While they remain unchanged in their place, they are obscured from our sight and their glory no longer inspires us. A streetlight nearby will render us blind to the visual declaration of all the stars of heaven. Though it is nothing when compared to the mighty stars, it is much closer and can have a bigger impact on our life.

As the glory of this world reduces our perception of the stars, it also has great power to reduce our thoughts of God and His Word. The lights of our cities have dazzled multitudes. Skyscrapers fill the horizon, electronic wonders fill our thoughts, and our ways are illuminated by countless artificial lights.

How long has it been since you noticed the stars or pondered their declaration? Just as it is necessary to get away from the city lights in order to behold the stars, it is necessary for us take our eyes off of “*the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them*” if we will fill our thoughts with God’s Word and the eternal promises in Jesus Christ. We can live for the glory of one, but not both. The Bible declares, “*No man can serve two masters.*” In Jesus Christ, we have a more sure declaration of the glory of God. Jesus is the “*True Light*” and His light is for “*every man that cometh into the world.*” We live in a world of temporary glory, but in Jesus Christ we have access to eternal glory. Of all of God’s creation, only mankind will continue in eternity. Listen to God’s advice found in Isaiah 51:6, “*Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.*”

The promises of Christ’s Glory in Scripture are fabulous beyond imagination, and there is so much more yet to be revealed. Now that is something to live your life for! While we only see it now by faith, God’s Glory is the brightest thing that will ever exist; and it will never fade. The Apostle Peter who described himself as “*a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed*” tells us to “*Feed the flock of God.*” Then he gives us this promise, “*and when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.*” Daniel 12:3 also encourages us to dedicate our lives to the furtherance of the Gospel with these words, “*And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.*” What glory reflects in your eyes?
-John Peeples, IBFI Mission Director

- **Larry and Regina McKinney (N.A. Indians)** report a good turn out for VBS with an average of fifty-seven children present daily. The McKinney's report the church work in Portland, that they began eight years ago, is turned over to Pastor Lindsay. Bro. McKinney was able to preach the gospel at a "rodeo funeral" service. There were 450 in attendance. The McKinney's would like to start a bus ministry at the work on the Warm Springs Reservation. Please pray that God would provide a van for this need.
- **Rona and Kathy Valerio (Dominican Republic)** rejoice over God's protection during the recent hurricanes that hit the Dominican. They had lots of rain, but not the flooding in their area. The Valerio's will need to buy a dependable vehicle in the near future.
- **Harold and Lena Priday (Honduras)** report three recently saved, two from the mission work and one at a funeral. Please pray that these grow in their walk with the Lord.
- **Leslie and Alba Priday (Honduras)** report Bro. and Mrs. Phil Sawilowsky of Olive Tree Ministries Int'l were the special speaker and singer at three works of the Priday's. They were a blessing as they ministered to the churches.
- **Daniel and Michelle Jones (Rio Grande Valley/Mexico)** report the Bethesda Fundamental Baptist Institute celebrated their 37th anniversary. There have been 94 graduates so far. They had a great attendance with 400 present.
- **Mark and Tricia Haynes (Navajo Nation)** report a good turnout of around 200 people at the Cowboy Revivals with several trusting Christ. The Ganado Baptist Bible College is in its sixth year. There are 15 students this year. The Lord blessed the Navajoland Baptist Revival with 5 men surrendering to the pastorate. There were over 275 attending the meeting.
- **Darrain and Mari Coker (Mexico)** report they will be purchasing property for a permanent location for the church. Please pray for wisdom as the Coker's go through the process of locating property and construction.
- **True and Diana Hawkins (Brazil)** report they have 17 students at the institute this semester. Bro. True will be traveling to begin a new institute 800 miles away from Manaus. They have been faithful to teach and the work is multiplying through these men.
- **Bill and Sharon Smith (Brazil)** have traveled many miles on this furlough. They will return to Brazil on November 22, 2017. Please pray for a safe trip.