Good Morning, January 1, 2014

“(16) And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, (17) Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me” (Ezekiel 3:16, 17). I came across another 3:16 and 17 today that I previously missed in my study of the 3:16’s and 17’s of the Bible. What a great truth for us to start the New Year with! We do have the answers to all men’s questions concerning eternal life and eternal death. The Word of God has recorded for us the conversation God had with Ezekiel when He pleaded with him to warn the people. If there is one thing God needs us to do is warn the lost and dying world of the consequence of dying without Christ. We must be about our Father’s business this year and expect to see some souls won in 2014! Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, January 2, 2013

“And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the Lord burnt among them” (Numbers 11:3). This consuming fire went into a select group of the people of Israel and devoured them. To see just who God had enough of, you must look at the first two verses of the chapter: “(1) And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord: and the Lord heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp. (2) And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the Lord, the fire was quenched” (Numbers 11:2, 3). Did you ever run across someone who is a constant complainer? It just seems like they have nothing good to say about anything or anybody. It is a fundament truth that complainers are people who have a hard time allowing God to do His work His way! We are to take everything that comes our way and see it as an opportunity to glorify the Name of Jesus. This can be very difficult at times, but you will be amazed at the comfort that will come your way.

With this said, please keep Steve Shultz and his two teenage sons, Daniel and Matthew, in your prayers today. Together they will stand beside the casket of the loving mother and wife and say their final goodbyes here on earth. Please ask the LORD to give them the strength to face life without this dear saint of God. Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, January 3, 2014

“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity” (2 Timothy 2:19). When God makes a foundational statement, you can be confident that it will never change; He says that it will stand “sure.” Our Lord and Saviour wants His children to depart from the iniquity in their lives that glorifies the devil and live a life in this wicked world that glorifies His Name. The best way to accomplish this task is to hide His Word in your heart: “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee” (Psalm 119:11). Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, January 8, 2014

“(24) Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. (25) Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. (26) For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. (27) Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death” (Proverbs 7:24-27). Proverbs is a book designed by the LORD to be read every day of our lives. The constant reminders to veer from sin have kept many of good men from being slain! This passage is referring to an adulterous woman, but can be related to any sin in general. When sin of any sort is left unattended it has a downward spiral effect. Before you know it, you will be all the way down to the chambers of death! “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy” (Proverbs 28:13). Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, January 10, 2014

“As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation” (Proverbs 10:25). One foundational truth that will never change is the benefits of living a righteous life. Due to verses that contain promises from God, and instructs on what pleases Him, I have chose to live my life as righteous as possible. I have been ridiculed for not having a television, driving the speed limit, even in downtown Atlanta, and for many other stands I have taken. I have been accused of being self-righteous among other things, but God knows my heart and that is enough for me. God gives many promises to those that are righteous. The one found just prior to my text verse is a driving influence for me: “The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: but the desire of the righteous shall be granted” (Proverbs 10:24). God has given me many desires; children that will love and serve Him, a wonderful marriage, and a ministry that is very fruitful. I know when I do my part He will do His. Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, January 12, 2014

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). This great passage in our King James Bible has given many people comfort as they rest in their salvation. A close relationship with Christ is not only “the way” to heaven, but it also holds the keys to a joyful and successful life. A large amount of teenagers will walk away from the foundational truth they were raised with to follow “the way” that they have allowed the great deceiver to guide them in. Their conscience has been seared causing them to believe they are ok with God. “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Proverbs 14:12, Proverbs 16:25). Two times God warns us through the wisest man not to follow “the way” you have conceived to be right, but follow “the way” He has documented in His Word! Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, January 14, 2014

“(26) Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; (27) A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: (28) And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God…” (Deuteronomy 11:26-28). There really is no gray area in what our Righteous God expects from His children. He has warehouses full of blessings stored up in Heaven for those who choose His way. I have read all about the curses of God in the Bible. Anything from a world-wide flood, the earth opening up to swallow a bunch of rebels, all the way to a rich man screaming out in torment in the lake of fire. I am not the smartest man in the world, but this one thing I do know; it is far better to stay on the good side of God than to dance with the devil on the streets of compromise! Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, January 17, 2014

“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest” (Joshua 1:9). What a tremendous promise we have that God will be with His children wherever they go. He is there for our protection, guidance, and to be glorified in our actions that men may know who He is. Sad to say, many will take God into places that He despises. They will cause God to see, hear, taste and feel things that are an abomination to His very being. It would be a good practice to keep in mind that the very God of Heaven, our Creator and Saviour is alive and well dwelling inside of the believer. You may want to ask Him if He is pleased with where you are taking Him before you go! Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, January 19, 2014

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen” (1 Peter 4:11). We are given the opportunity in this life to do one of two things: glorify God or glorify self. The great God in Heaven is with each believer every second of their lives. He allows circumstances to arise in our lives for the simple purpose of showing others His love through our adversity. Karla Faye Tucker was the first woman executed in the state of Texas in since 1863. This saint of God has been forgiven of her sins and was granted the choice to accept her punishment or be upset with God for not reversing her death sentence. She would say that she was on “Life Row,” for it was on death row she found life through Christ. Despite many attempts to stay the execution, Karla was executed on February 3, 1998 while singing, “Yes Jesus Loves Me.” She left many taped interviews that radiated the love of God. God is glorified when we Let Him be God! Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, January 20, 2014

“And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof” (Joshua 23:14). Joshua was a man of God that knew and trusted God until he took his last breath. He never doubted the LORD would keep His promises and did his best to make sure the people of Israel knew this as well. He led with great power and the confidence he had in the same God we serve today has encouraged many believers to keep on keeping on. The people of Israel had now entered into a season of rest and were basking in the promise land God assured them of.

Today, January 20, 2014 Marilyn D. Rice went home to be with the LORD; Heaven grew a bit sweeter today! Most of you have never met this dear saint of God, but to a dear friend of the Van Horn family, Whitney Dunsford, she was a loving mother and a true servant of God. She displayed the Saviour’s love in many ways. Marilyn taught Whitney how to be fearless, to stand up for what she thought was right, to be tough when she needed to be, to grow up fast, and to be responsible. Marilyn reflected Christ in many ways to Whitney, but one way far exceeded the everyday traits of Christian character. Mr. and Mrs. Rice adopted Whitney when she was a baby. Marilyn loved Whitney as if she was her very own child. This gave a little unwanted child a place in a loving home that taught her the most important truth of all, the fact that Jesus loved her too. Please pray for Whitney, the Rice family and the Dunsford family as they grieve the loss of Mrs. Marilyn. Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, January 23, 2014

“The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up” (1 Samuel 2:7).  It is always a good reminder to know that God makes man in many different walks of life.  Some He allows to remain poor in monetary things, while others are given the opportunity to enjoy riches.  Each person, whether wealthy or poor, are to use their resources to glorify God.  I am reminded of the widow who cast in all of her living to the service of God.  In ratio, most of the poor Christians give more than the ones God has trusted with great wealth.  With the last days upon us, the need to spread the Gospel around the world in urgent!  Use the resources God has trusted you with to do great things for Him.  This will be the only bank account that will draw heavenly interest!

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Brother Van Horn

Good Morning Little, January 28, 2014

“And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision” (1 Samuel 3:1). The LORD has recorded for us His mind, feelings, and expectations in His precious Word. I was witnessing to a lady once who claimed to be a Christian. I asked her if she spent much time reading her Bible. She was quick to reply, “I never read it; I do not want it to tell me what to do!” If you make the Word of God your prize possession and spend time in it daily, God will send you the exact Scripture you need for the day. Make His Word precious in your life like it was in Samuel’s day. Have a great day!  
  
Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, January 29, 2014

“And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent” (1 Samuel 15:29). The judgment of God for King Saul’s disobedience had just been passed. Saul was pleading for his life when the Samuel, the man of God, made this statement in our text verse. Notice that God is referred as the “Strength of Israel.” Many times Christians fail to remember that the LORD is their strength. Do not wait to rely on His strength until the time of great need. Make Him your strength for everyday living, then, give Him the glory for your strength to stand for Him in this wicked world we live in. Always remember that God will judge the disobedience of a Christian just like He judged King Saul. Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Moring, January 31, 2014

“And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The Lord of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee” (2 Samuel 7:26). King David had just entered into a time of rest from war. God had made promises to Him and David leaned on His promises. We now see that David loved and trusted the LORD so much that his prayer was to have the same blessings bestowed upon his family. This is a wonderful chapter of promised blessings. As the leader of our homes, it would serve us well to have the same love and trust for our God, the same God David served, and magnify His name before our children. It would also serve the family members to fall into the same place of love and service as their leaders. Ask God to bless your home, trust He will and remember that you are His servant, and always remember your place! David said to the LORD in his prayer, “(20) And what can David say more unto thee? for thou, Lord God, knowest thy servant. (21) For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them” (2 Samuel 7:20, 21). Let God rule in your life and it will overflow in the lives of others. Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn