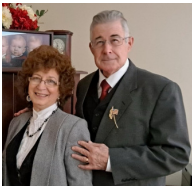


“Back To The Basics”



FROM THE DESK OF:

GERALD B. COLLINGSWORTH, PASTOR



Pastor and Mrs.
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Life with Angels

Introduction: It is January. It is a new year, and we have a journey that we must take. May I say that you do not have to take this journey alone. Yes, I'm speaking of angels.

A few years ago, all that you heard spoken of about life and death was the subject of angels. In the last couple of decades, you hear very little about angels, but they are real and they are here for the child of God.

FIRST: THE PRESENCE OF ANGELS. GENESIS 16:7

The word 'angel' first occurs in the book of Genesis where the angel of the Lord ministered to Hagar after she had been mistreated by Sarah.

The Bible teaches that God created the angels, but the exact time is not mentioned.

Colossians 1:16, “For by him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in the earth, visible and invisible.”

Jesus spoke of guardian angels in **Matthew 18:10**, Jesus said, “*Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in Heaven their angels do always behold the face of my father which is in Heaven.*”

Illustration: In **Hebrews 13:2** we are told, “*...some have entertained angels unawares.*” Which means that they come and go among us without revealing themselves.

SECOND: THE POWER OF ANGELS. ACTS 12:7

Angels are not bound by natural human laws; angels can enter locked prisons; open locked doors – **Acts 5:19**; and ascend in a flame – **Judges 13:19-20**.

Angels can travel great distances very quickly from Heaven to earth, which are light years apart. In **Daniel 10:12-13**, an angel apologized for being 21 days late.

Angels are powerful:

1. **II Kings 19:35**, One angel killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers.
2. **II Samuel 24:15-16**, One angel killed 70,000 Israelites.
3. **Matthew 28:2-4**, An angel rolled away the stone at the tomb of Jesus Christ.
4. **Luke 20:35**, Angels are immortal.
5. **Matthew 22:30**, Angels are sexless and do not marry.

Illustration: I cannot tell you how many stories I have read about missionaries being threatened by death and their enemies fled saying they saw soldiers surrounding the missionaries, yet the missionaries saw nothing.

THIRD: THE PREDOMINANCE OF ANGELS. REVELATION 5:11

“...I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne...and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.”

The Bible makes it plain in **Matthew 22:30**, that angels were created by God and live eternally. It also makes it plain that they do not increase in numbers as they do not reproduce themselves. They have a body which can be identified. You will discover that Michael is an angel, and that Gabriel is an angel.

Continued

Prepare For The Answer



Dr. Jack
Hyles

II Kings 18:23, "Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them."

Several years ago there was a couple in our church who wanted to have a baby. The doctor said it was impossible, but they believed that God would answer their prayers. They came to me and asked me to anoint them with oil. I did. Then they remodeled a room and made a nursery out of it. (Bear in mind, the lady was not pregnant nor did the doctor give them any hope that she ever could be, but they were preparing for the answer to their prayers.) Some friends even got together and gave them a shower. No baby was on the way, but they had a baby shower. They were preparing for the answer. Miraculously God opened the way where they could adopt a baby. They prepared for the answer, and God gave it to them. Then, God gave them seven of their own! This is what the Lord may have meant in **Jeremiah 33:3** when He said, **"Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."**

The Christian life should be a disciplined one. The Lord chose to call us His disciples or His "disciplined ones." The aforementioned schedule of prayer is not the only one, but if one would take about 30 minutes a day, he would have ample time to do all the things that are suggested, and he would be amazed as to how God would hear and answer his prayers. The things that we do spontaneously are not done regularly. The things that we do regularly by schedule do get done. Prayer should be on purpose and should be planned as a part of our daily schedule. May God help us to discipline ourselves to pray!



Heritage Highlanders January 2023 Schedule

Saturday January 7

Soulwinning

Saturday January 14

Putting God First

1 John 5:13

Romans 1:8

Saturday January 21

Snow Ice Cream

Saturday January 28

Attitudes

Proverbs 26:1

Proverbs 17:22



Harriet Beecher
Stowe

Hatty had gone with her father to Ripley, Ohio, a town fifty miles upriver from Cincinnati. They stayed in the home of the Rev. John Rankin, where they had noticed something strange. A lamp was left burning, all night long, in the window facing the river. Hatty asked why.

Reverend Rankin said in a low voice that the lamp was a signal for runaway slaves on the Kentucky side of the river. If they could reach his home, they would get food and shelter. Then someone would take them to the next safe stop north on the Underground Railroad.

Reverend Rankin told stories about the many slaves he had helped since he first lit his lamp in 1825. She remembered one story most of all.

It had happened in March, several years before. A spell of warm weather was cracking the ice that covered the wide Ohio River. An escaped slave woman, her baby in her arms, stood on the Kentucky shore. She could see the warm glow of the Rankins' light. The ice stretched away before her, dappled with dark puddles and cracks. She took a deep breath and darted onto the ice.

After a few yards, her bare feet slipped and she fell. She leaped up again and kept running. Again and again she fell and got up, until she was soaking wet, her teeth chattering with the cold. Finally she reached the Ohio shore. Then she made the long, hard climb to the Rankins' house.

Something else was growing within her as well. It was an idea for a book. A grand idea, sweeping and passionate. Hatty started to write. Somehow she found the time. Instead of just wishing she could be a writer, she became one.

As she wrote, she thought of the stories she had heard back in Ohio. Most of all, she remembered the runaway slave woman crossing the river with her baby just before the ice broke.

Hatty remembered other stories. Her brother Charles had gone south to work in New Orleans. He was soon back in Cincinnati, full of terrible tales of slavery. He told Hatty about a cruel Yankee slave boss on a farm in Louisiana. The slave master told Charles to feel his fist, bragging that it "had got as hard as iron by knocking down niggers."

With stories like these in mind, Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote Uncle Tom's Cabin. The book came out in 1852 and stunned the nation. It went on to become one of the most famous books of all time. It was all made-up, a work of fiction, but it was based on facts.

Hatty put into her book all the fury, tenderness and passion that had filled her life during her 18 years in Cincinnati. But the book did more than thrill her readers. It also made them see just how terrible slavery was. Many people had opposed slavery before the book. But Uncle Tom's Cabin made the horrors of slavery come alive for them. It made them willing to fight to end it.

Soon American was at war with itself. The Civil War began in 1861, less than 10 years after Hatty Stowe's book was published. Now Hatty was the most famous author in America. She even met President Abraham Lincoln. He shook her hand and said, "So this is the little woman who wrote the book that caused the big war."

- Distinct classes of angels:
 - Holy angels: *Matthew 25:31*
 - Fallen angels: *Matthew 25:41 – II Peter 2:4 – Jude 6*
- Duties of angels:
 - Ministering spirits to those who are saved. *Hebrews 1:14*
 - They worship Christ. *Hebrews 1:16*
 - They were present at the giving of the law. *Galatians 3:19*
 - They were present at the birth of Christ. *Luke 2:13*
 - They were present at the Garden of Gethsemane. *Luke 22:43*
 - They were present at the resurrection. *Matthew 28:2*
 - They were present at the ascension at the Mount of Olives. *Acts 1:10-11*
 - They will be with Christ when He returns. *Matthew 24:31*

FOURTH: THE PURPOSE OF ANGELS.

I TIMOTHY 5:21

“I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels...”

The Bible teaches us that the elect angels were for a specific purpose.

- *Psalm 19:11* – A clear assignment.
- *Psalm 103:20* – They obey God’s commands.
- *Hebrews 1:14* – They ministered to the saved.
- *Luke 15:10* – They have a special mission at the time someone is saved.
- *Psalm 34:7* – *“The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.”*

Conclusion: The subject of angels is as endless as eternity. The spirit world is hard to put a finger on, but it is real. This is why you need to make sure that you are saved and serving almighty God. Take the journey this year with the assurance that you travel with angels.

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

“Dear Jesus, I’m asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I’m trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen.” (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



Prayer of Service

“Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?” (Acts 9:6)

The Many Types of the Love of God



Jarrod
Collingsworth
Choir Director

Introduction: God is such a wonderful God. His love is everywhere, and yet it is usually overlooked. God has portrayed His love in so many ways that I feel we should take a look at them this season to really understand the power of His love for us.

First: God is Love – I John 4:16. First and foremost we need to realize that God Himself is love. It also states that if we dwell in love we dwell in God. This would also mean that those who find themselves working hard for God and making God a priority in their life would have the joy of dwelling in the love of God.

Second: The Word of God is Love – John 1:1. If the Word is God and God is love then the Word of God is love. How wonderful is God to leave us a book that is love. A book that we can touch, see, and read. This means that God has given us the ability to delve into his love whenever we want to. We can touch the love of God, feel the love of God, read the love of God, and when in church we can hear the love of God.

Third: Salvation is by Love – John 3:16. Now I want everyone to think with me about this. I understand that the shedding of blood is what washed away our sins, and that what Christ did on the Cross is what we believe in to take us to Heaven. However, we do need to see that first there had to be the love of God to send His only begotten Son. If God had not loved us, He would not have sent His Son. God has made a way for all of us to know the love He has for us.

Conclusion: I could go on and on about more ways to see the love of God, but yet in these three points you can truly see not only the love of God, but also how God loved us so much that He gave us the ability to dwell in His love daily. No person in the world has excuse not to feel loved. No Christian in the world has an excuse to walk around and act like all is falling apart, and that no one loves them. This is a sure sign that this Christian is backslidden because he fails to realize all the things God has left us until His return to remind us that He loves us.

Something to “CROW” about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 32 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 32 years—including the last two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 9th Annual “Old-Time Religion” Conference on June 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2023.



Our Church Ministries

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| 1. Fishermens' Club | 8. Counseling Ministry | 15. Teen Club |
| 2. Phoster Club | 9. Grounds & Maintenance | 16. Junior Church |
| 3. Bus Ministry | 10. Heritage Baptist Academy | 17. Ladies' WMS Ministry |
| 4. Sunday School | 11. Nursery | 18. Ushers |
| 5. Welcome Wagon | 12. Boys Bible Club | 19. Altar Workers |
| 6. Bookstore | 13. Girls Highlander Club | 20. Greeters |
| 7. Music Ministry | 14. Cleaning Ministry | 21. Pulpitree Productions |



"IT'S OKAY. HE DOESN'T BITE. BUT HE DOES DROOL, CLIMB, BARK, SCRATCH, GROWL, SHED, LICK, AND SNIFF."

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A NORTHERN FAIRY TALE AND A SOUTHERN FAIRY TALE? A NORTHERN FAIRY TALE BEGINS, "ONCE UPON A TIME ..." A SOUTHERN FAIRY TALE BEGINS, "Y'ALL AIN'T GONNA BELIEVE THIS..."

WHY DOES A PERSON BELIEVE YOU WHEN YOU SAY THERE ARE 4 BILLION STARS BUT CHECKS WHEN YOU SAY THE PAINT IS WET?



"NO BOUQUET TOSS FOR HER. SHE'S SHOOTING IT FROM A CANNON."

From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth

Consider

Deuteronomy 32:29, "O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!"

Consider your eternal home. Will it be Heaven or Hell? Only those who have put their trust in Christ as their Saviour will have an eternal home in Heaven. Consider the latter end!

Consider you employment. Are you putting the Lord first in your job? Does it draw you away from the Lord, from church? Consider the latter end!

Consider you date life. I find too many young people graduate from high school, start dating and want to quickly tie the knot and marry without the experience of dating other people. You should be patient and willing to put your relationship to the test to make sure it's what God wants and it will pass the test of time. Consider the latter end!

Consider your walk with the Lord. Do you have a prayer life? Do you talk to the Lord throughout the day? Do you spend time abiding in God's Word every day? Consider the latter end!

Consider your counsel. Are you counseling yourself or manipulating to have it your own way, or is your communication completely open and honest so that you get the best spiritual counsel? Consider the latter end!

As we live our lives there's always much we should consider. May we do this wisely so in the latter end we will say, "I am so glad I did," instead of, "I wish I had!"



Evangelism And Education



John R. Rice

It is a foolish idea, fostered by those who hate evangelism, that the evangelists are ignorant men who deal only in the emotions, who do very superficial work, and are generally unlearned. The exact opposite is the case. Not only have leading evangelists been men of great learning, but they have done more to establish Christian education than any other single group of ministers.

D. L. Moody founded Moody Bible Institute, Northfield School for Girls, Mount Hermon School for Boys, and the largest Bible Institute in the British Isles. In fact, Bible Institutes throughout the world are patterned after the work of D. L. Moody and R. A. Torrey, both of whom were evangelists. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman was once vice president of Moody Bible Institute. The University of Pennsylvania grew out of a charity school founded by Evangelist George Whitefield. Charles G. Finney founded Oberlin College and Seminary. Evangelist John A. Davis established the Practical Bible Training School at Johnson City, New York, which school now bears his name.

And what else could you call John Wesley but an evangelist, preaching constantly to the unsaved, reviving the saints of God, and leading the Wesleyan revival? Surely these schools that came out of that great revival should be credited to evangelism.

Jonathan Edwards, who had five hundred converted from one sermon, died as president of what is now Princeton University. Charles H. Spurgeon was pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle In London. But surely we must all agree that his work was preeminently that of an evangelist. He continually led in the work of revival of the saints and of the winning of the lost to Christ, and uncounted thousands were saved through his ministry. Yet he founded the famous Pastor's College. Evangelist Bob Jones founded Bob Jones University, which has some four thousand students enrolled this year at Greenville, South Carolina.

These are only a few illustrations; many others could be given showing that evangelists have been one of the most potent forces in all Christian education. There are scores more that we do not have time to list.



"Lord, let me make a difference for you that is utterly disproportionate to who I am."

loved and served.

Christian, God has inexplicable opportunities prepared for you; stay the course!

David Brainerd

There is a marker located on the roadside in Haddam, CT, at the place of David Brainerd's birth. It reads, "*Opposite this spot was born April 20th, 1718, David Brainerd, a servant of God, wise in his knowledge of men, self-forgetful in his devotion, of single-hearted humility, careless of the dangers of the frontier, undismayed before failing health, he gave his brief manhood to the material and spiritual upbuilding of the Indians. He died at Northampton, Massachusetts, October 9, 1747.*" The marker also tells of the life of his brother John, who carried on David's work after his death.

Every believer ought to read the Diary of David Brainerd. It's very easy to find online. It was published by Jonathan Edwards after Brainerd's death. Although Jonathan Edwards is known as America's first theologian, Brainerd's Diary has outsold every other book that Edwards ever published. It's never been out of print since it was first published in 1749. John Wesley said that every preacher of the Gospel should carefully read David Brainerd's diary.

There's no accounting for how David Brainerd's five-year ministry has had such a powerful impact on multitudes of people; all the glory goes to the powerful God he

ISN'T IT ODD THE WAY EVERYONE AUTOMATICALLY ASSUMES THAT THE GOO IN SOAP DISPENSERS IS ALWAYS SOAP? I LIKE TO FILL MINE WITH MUSTARD, JUST TO TEACH PEOPLE A LESSON IN TRUST.



Dr. Bob Gray

Hell Conscious

Luke 16:23-24

Occasionally people ask me, "Brother Gray, how do you stay conscious of the lost people with whom you come in contact?" First, I don't always do so. There are times when, after being around someone, I am convicted because I failed to see an opportunity to speak to them about Christ. However, I am conscious about staying conscious of opportunities to share the Gospel with others.

Soul consciousness is something a Christian must work at and there are some things one can do to be more soul conscious.

Be Hell Conscious. Perhaps nothing motivates me to win the lost more than knowing there is a Hell. One way I stay conscious of souls is by reminding myself of where the lost soul will spend eternity.

One way I remain conscious of Hell is by regularly reading Scriptures about the literal place called Hell. Another thing I do is to make a list of those who I believe are in Hell. I hope I am wrong and that one day they will greet me in Heaven, but there are people I fear died without Christ. I think of those people and it motivates me to be more aware of the lost with which I come in contact.

I listen to sermons about Hell and that always drives me to witness more. After listening to a sermon on Hell, I find that I am so much more conscious of the souls of those who I meet.

Some food for thought ...or... Seed From The Silo!

Top Democratic Senator on Fox News Admits That “Donald Trump Was Right” About TikTok

Democratic Senator Mark Warner (VA), Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, admitted [November 20] that former President Donald Trump was “right” about the security threat that TikTok poses to Americans.

Speaking on Fox News Sunday, Warner elaborated on his admission... that Trump correctly warned about the security dangers of TikTok, the addicting video-based social media platform.

...Warner declared, “I mean, TikTok is an enormous threat.”

The Virginia Democrat then explained why exactly Trump was right, namely that TikTok collects massive amounts of data and that TikTok is beholden to the Chinese Communist Party.

“It is a massive collector of information, oftentimes of our children. They can visualize even down to your keystrokes,” Warner explained. “So, if you’re a parent and you got a kid on TikTok, I would be very, very concerned. All of that data that your child is inputting and receiving is being stored somewhere in Beijing.”

Florida Surgeon General’s Warnings About Dangers of mRNA Vaccinations

On October 7, Florida Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo issued evidence for mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, stating that with “a high level of global immunity to COVID-19, the benefit of vaccination is likely outweighed by this abnormally, high risk of cardiac-related death among men” in the 18-39 age group. The guidance cited analysis that showed an 84-percent increase in the relative incidence of cardiac-related deaths in this demographic within 28 days following mRNA vaccination...

The analysis found a significant increase in the relative incidence of cardiac-related death among males 18-39 years old within 28 days following mRNA vaccination. Men over 60 were reportedly found to have a 10-percent increased risk of cardiac-related death within the same time frame.

Joseph MacKinnon, theblaze.com

EDITOR’S COMMENTS: Just watch the news: the announcements of these sudden, untimely deaths have been almost daily for months. I had already noted it and have had a number of conversations about it because it is happening every day.

What Kind Of Seed Are You Sowing?

Lest We Forget

Jesus Loves Me

ANNA B. WARNER, 1820-1915

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY, 1816-1868

1. Je-sus loves me! this I know, For the Bi-ble tells me so; Lit-tle
2. Je-sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gate to o-pen wide; He will
3. Je-sus loves me! He will stay Close be-side me all the way; Thou hast

CHORUS

ones to Him be-long, They are weak but He is strong.
wash a-way my sin, Let His lit-tle child come in. Yes, Je-sus loves me!
bled and died for me, I will hence-forth live for Thee.

Yes, Je-sus loves me! Yes, Je-sus loves me! The Bi-ble tells me so.

Without doubt the hymn that has influenced children for Christ more than any other is this simply stated one, written in 1860 by Anna Bartlett Warner. Miss Warner wrote this text in collaboration with her sister Susan as a part of one of the best-selling novels of that day, a novel written by Susan entitled *Say and Seal*. Today few remember the plot of that novel, which stirred the hearts of many readers. But the simple poem spoken by one of the characters, Mr. Linden, as he comforts Johnny Fax, a dying child, still remains the favorite hymn of children around the world to this day.

Anna and Susan Warner were highly educated and deeply devoted Christian young women who lived all of their lives along the Hudson River in New York, in

a lovely but secluded area apart from the busy world. Their home was near the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and for a number of years these two sisters conducted Sunday School classes for the young cadets. Their home, Good Crag, was willed to the Academy and made into a national shrine. Both sisters were buried with military honors in recognition of their spiritual contributions to the lives of the young military officers.

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**
We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of ALL Believers

Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion

Immersed Church Membership

Soul-liberty

Two officers - Pastors and Deacons

Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- **John Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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