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"Holding Forth the Word of Life"

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

"The Lord has done great things for [us] and we are glad"

- The prayer seminar will soon be or is now available on YouTube.
- The Prayer Seminar Workbook can be downloaded.
- A second website www.theprayerseminar.com is now up and running. Check it out and be blessed!
- The first website www.jgordonhenryministries.org will continue as an archive and a resource. Check it out!

A WELCOME FROM THE FOUNDER

Without hesitation, I can say that the prayer seminar ministry has been a "God-thing" emanating and sustained by His amazing grace and goodness. Although His calling was for me to become a pastor at the age of seventeen, a ministry He used to bring many into His Kingdom, my primary role was college student and later an educator. It was the latter that brought my family and me to **Lynchburg, Virginia** where I served as a teacher and the first Vice President for Academic Affairs for **Lynchburg Baptist College** (which became **Liberty Baptist College** and is now **Liberty University**). At the same time, I was pastor for **the Pleasant View Baptist Church**. Founded in 1875, the church thrived and the college mushroomed. It was during these days in 1976 that I made a decision to get into the Word of God for my food, not just for a message to preach. My life, my ministry, my ambitions, my passions changed! From the Word of God, I learned about the five emphases of the early church that became the framework of my life on earth: 1) the doctrine, i.e., the written Word of God (my necessary food; 2) Spirit-filled, i.e., Spirit-controlled; 3) Prayer, i.e. **everything by prayer**, 4) witnessing, i.e., teaching and preaching all things pertaining to the Lord Jesus Christ; and 5) stewardship, i.e., using my life to serve my Master and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. My commitment from 1976 onward has been to remember and practice this advise: **THE MAIN THING IS TO KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING!** As the late **Howard Goodman** expressed it, *I DON'T REGRET A MILE THAT I HAVE TRAVELED FOR MY LORD* during my sixty-nine years as a minister.

Since January 1, 1977, I have started my day in the Word of God (reading through a new Bible every year taking a page of notes out of my reading). My life changed. My interests dramatically changed. I never dreamed that God was setting Sue and me up for an international ministry that He would use in nation after nation to bring revival and renewal. After seminars throughout Nigeria in 1988, headlines of secular newspapers read, **SPIRITUAL AWAKENING SWEEPS ACROSS NIGERIA**. Without fail, the unction of the Holy Spirit was strongly felt in each prayer seminar. For years, we ended a prayer seminar providing a 3" x 5" card to each participant. (1) What has God taught you during this seminar? (2) What are you going to do with what you learned? (3) What is your next step? Generally, we used these in the monthly **Doorkeeper Report Booklet**. We have thousands upon thousands of testimonies from across the world, many still unpublished.

Amazingly His plan was for me, after twenty-seven years as a local church pastor to leave the pastorate and become president, **Northeastern Bible College, Essex Fells, New**

Jersey across the river from New York City. It was there the prayer seminar ministry came into existence. **Once I saw the need being filled by this ministry, my interest grew to share it as often and as widely as possible.** Through an invitation to become the executive director for the **Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)**, a position I held for eleven years, I was able to use weekend and vacation times to conduct prayer seminars. I averaged fifty-two seminars a year from 1984 through 2011. The sweep included forty-seven states, the District of Columbia, and over sixty other nations. Thousands have become **Lighthouses of Prayer** across the world.

My interest was so intense that I often said that I would gladly conduct a prayer seminar each day provided God opened the doors and provided the strength. There were occasions, working with **Adam Nathanson**, my successor, when we had as many as fifteen straight days conducting full seminars each day. With **Leslie Motsalane, Director, JGHM: Southern Africa Branch**, we actually did three full seminars in two days (with one three hours the first night and three hours the next night). For example in six days there would be nine prayer seminars. The doors were always open and the strength was always there!

My passion was so intense for the prayer seminars that Sue would kid and say, "One day someone will come and say, 'Your husband is dead.' I will say, 'Take me to his body.' Then she would say to the body, 'Jim, get up from there. You have a prayer seminar scheduled. You need to pack those boxes and get to the airport!'" Sue said if he did not get up, he had "got out and gone" to Heaven.

Why has God kept us going year after year over two decades after a normal retirement age? He was obviously waiting until the day when a mode of communication was perfected whereby the impact of the prayer seminar could be greater than ever thought or dreamed. The prospects for the prayer seminar to continue will be just as strong as the promises of God and the faithfulness of those called to do the work. Teaching others, including those in live seminars as well as virtual learners, will constitute the ongoing assignment and opportunity.

So. Welcome to <theprayerseminar.com> website, the Gateway to the link to become one of my students in a prayer seminar. Download a workbook. Take time to listen unhurriedly and alertly. Make a list as you go along of ways you can incorporate into your life what you learn as you become a **Lighthouse of Prayer** for your family, your church, your neighborhood, your state, your nation and your world. I am so very blessed to have you. My dream of the prayer seminar continuing perpetually has become a reality. In Heaven, we can talk over how your life was impacted and used for God's glory. Tell a family member. Share with your pastor and other leaders of your church. **Get all excited and tell everybody that prayer is the work that must be before all work.** Above all, don't give up on another great spiritual awakening for the world. The fields are white [ripe] for harvest. God is able! God is ready! God is waiting! He is waiting for us to walk in obedience with His will and way.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

"Breaking loose" WARNING FOR A NATION "ANARCHY"

"The book from the Bible for a young man is **Proverbs**. There is information that, if followed, will teach you how to live" was the main message of a speaker in my high school assembly. I sensed this was a special call for me to study that book. **NOTES FROM MY BIBLE** in this issue of the **Reflector** are taken from this "Book of Wisdom."

At that time I read only the **King James Version**. As the years passed, I discovered that the message conveyed in a proverb had even stronger impact in other translations, even paraphrases. One verse that drew my attention was **Proverbs 29:18**: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (KJV). Another translation came to my attention: "Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint; but he that keeps the law, happy is he." Quite literally the Hebrew word means to "break loose." **The condition described placed into in shoe leather is that of ANARCHY.**

Anarchy is lawlessness, not being without law, but refusing to be bound by that law. We are living in days when lawlessness is running rampant. Go back to the Summer of 2020. Do you remember the fires in Minneapolis, as well as other cities? Windows shattered and articles were carried out of stores by the scores. Since the recent Supreme Court decision to send the issue of abortion back to the states for resolution, national leaders have encouraged people to march in front of the houses of justices, an act clearly against the law. Any semblance of restraint has been cast aside. Murders have skyrocketed in many cities. A Christian leader in Memphis was recently gunned down. One wonders, who is next? The text in **Proverbs** in this word of wisdom reveals the reason for this as casting off a restraint. It is a lack of vision. Whose vision? God's vision. The vision of God is given to man in the law of God and today that law has been interpreted in Christ, and made possible of realization through Him. This verse shows that **when a society refuses any revelation from God (divine insight) such a society heads in the direction of ANARCHY.** May God help America, known as "the land of the brave, and the home of the free." Your land and my land.

Touching Lives Worldwide

Reports are being received for the first six months of 2022. Truly many lives/families/churches are being touched through the prayer seminar ministry. **Adam Nathanson**, missionary to Venezuela and the president/board chairman for **The Prayer Seminar** [founded as **J. Gordon Henry Ministries** in 1984] recently presided at Board Meeting #143, the first under his leadership. His six month report: States - 6; other nations - 2; miles traveled 13,585; Prayer Seminars - 15; Sermons - 3; networking/meetings - 40; pastor/leaders - 243; attendance - 799. July 18-30: Dominican Republic for a series of prayer seminars.



Adam Teaching in D.R. in first seminar.



A prayer blessing for Martin and Anne Shikuku at the Henrys'.

The Shikukus returning to Kenya from the USA.



Focus on Kenya - 2022. August 6 - A prayer seminar for 100 pastors in each of the 47 states (Total 4,700 pastors) coordinated by Martin Shikuku. The budget has been met and funds transmitted. Thank you Ropeholders and Doorkeepers.



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He died, A Living Sacrifice, to save His people from their sins.
He wept for you- for me. Not for His "problems" but for our salvation.
The King of Kings, sold for mere pennies.
They crowned Him with thorns, mocked Him, spat upon Him.
They gave Him 39 stripes, He was hungry, tired and alone.

Original by: Karen Ambrose

A FLORIDA DOORKEEPER

Notes from My Bible

Wise sayings from the book of **Proverbs**

Note 6026. The spoken word can heal or harm others (10:11).

Note 6027. Words are important. Be careful how you use them (10:19-21).

Note 6028. The words of a righteous person are both wise and helpful (10:31-32).

Note 6029. Self-control means controlling the tongue; a quick retort can ruin everything (13:3)

Note 6030. Gentle words cause life and health; gripping brings discouragement (15:4).

THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER!

IN LOVING MEMORY

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Dr. Ed Hindson

12/21/1944-7/2/2022

Forest, Virginia

ROPEHOLDER/DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

June 22—July 31, 2022

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| Regular | 26 | \$7,215 |
| Kenya | 26 | 9,015 |
| Total | 52 | \$16,230 |

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