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O Thou by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod,
Lord, teach us how to pray.
James Montgomery

Perspectives

When I discovered **Matthew Henry’s** writings on *how to spend a day with God* in prayer, I was intrigued. Since then, I have often been inspired by reading his thoughts delivered in a lecture series two years before his death. Already, I have shared his thoughts on how to begin the day with God and how to spend a day with Him. Before dealing with his final lecture, how to end the day with God, I want to share additional thoughts on spending a day with God .

Certainly, prayer is the road less traveled for most Christians. How fortunate the person who has found his lodgment

Shut in with God, in a quiet place,
There in His presence beholding His face;
Seeking for power to run in life’s race,
Through prayer, sincerity and truth.

The basic idea. When everything is said and done, the supposition of how to spend a day with God is simple. A person dedicates an entire day for time with God. The parameters would include allowing God to speak to you through His Word and then speaking to God through prayer. Some of the time could be spent in biblical “listening” which includes hearing from God with an intent to obey. Since obedience is the bottom line of Christianity, an attitude of obedience must be central.

Develop a plan. Let’s suppose that you have made a definite decision to spend a day with God. The issue then becomes how to go about it; how do you use your time? Where do you go to be alone with God? Should it be inside or outside? An outside spot would be excellent if it affords a place where you can be alone, away from distractions. For nineteen years, Sue and I lived in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, a suburb of Nashville. Although we lived in the city, our house was situated to provide privacy in the back yard enclosed by a chain-link fence with many trees. A hedge provided privacy from the street. We had a rather large/deep fish pool with a water falls. There was a patio with a bird bath that had running water producing a soothing sound. The yard was developed into a park-like setting. There was a swing facing away from the road under a big tree. There was a concrete pad with a basketball goal. An office building and library building provided additional privacy. Our pastor, **Don Edwards**, often remarked about the serenity and peace he felt when he spent time in the back yard awaiting board meetings. There is no doubt in my mind that a person could easily spend the day in that environment and have the required privacy to be alone with God.

You might have a room that you can set aside for the day. Sue and I were recently at the **Chapin United Methodist Church (SC)**. The coordinator was **Doorkeeper Shirley Maybin** (her fourth prayer seminar, by the

way) who heads the church's prayer ministry. Shirley and her team have developed a prayer room that is available for anyone wishing to use it. As soon as I entered the room, I felt the power of God present. Using the prayer seminar's **five elements of prayer** as a framework, stations have been set up for each element of prayer. There is an **ADORATION**/worship station, a **CONFESSION** station, a **THANKSGIVING** station, a **PETITION** station, and an **INTERCESSION** station. At each station, helps are available in the form of scriptures and other printed material. There are simple directions provided to guide the time at each station. For example, at the confession station, steps are provided for self-examination to identify sins. An explanation is given as to what biblical confession is and how to do it. A part of the process is writing down any sin (or sins) the Holy Spirit brings to mind. One is called to specific confession, agreeing with God that you are guilty of the specific sin(s). There is no allowance for general confession. Once the specific sin has been confessed, there is a paper shredder available where the sin cards can be shredded as a reminder that in God's sight the sin is gone. In a similar fashion, help is provided at each prayer station. This approach provides a powerful way to spend time with God.

Take along your Bible, a notebook and pencil, and a hymnbook. If you have devotional books related to prayer, you might want to take one or two. For me, I feel more at ease with a comfortable chair with a small table. In Tennessee, I had a lounge chair where I could stretch out my legs (adjustable back feature). I had a side table beside the lounge chair.

Waiting on the Lord. Much of **Matthew Henry's** lecture dealt with waiting on the Lord. As you prepare for your special day of prayer, prepare your mind before you begin to read the Scriptures or other devotional materials or before you begin to pray in earnest. How do you prepare your mind? **Think!** Remind yourself that what you are doing is the most important thing you could be doing with your time on this particular day. You are spending time with God. A few Scripture verses will bring into focus the

importance of what you are doing including **Isaiah 40:31** ("they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles. They will walk and not be weary, they will run and not faint.") Remind yourself that you are there to wait upon the Lord for an extended period of time. Further, you are there to "be still and to know that [He] is God" (**Psalms 46:10**). In obedience to **James 4:8**, you are taking the initiative to "draw nigh to God" claiming the promise that He will then "draw nigh to you." If you will come silently before Him, you will soon understand that you should "take off your shoes because you are on holy ground."

On a trip to South Africa a couple of years ago, I took along a book written by a member of the Friends (Quakers) fellowship. The theme of the book was the use of silence before the Lord. I was deeply moved and was reminded that it is not necessary to say words to sense God's presence and power. If you will prepare your mind, you will conclude as did Jacob long ago, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not" (**Genesis 28:16**). **Matthew Henry's** comments that we have reviewed in the earlier studies instructed us what is involved in waiting on the Lord.

As you prepare to worship, don't be surprised if the Holy Spirit convicts you of specific sin that you must confess. This often happens sooner than later in protracted times with God. Remember that when you confess the sin to God that He not only forgives He cleanses (**1 John 1:9**). The sin is gone.

Once you have dealt with any sin that the Holy Spirit brings to your mind, ask Him if there is anything else. Don't be surprised if He says, "Matter of fact, there is." Be willing to accept His forgiveness and cleansing. Satan often wants us to hold on to whatever we have done. Don't give him a place to stand (**Ephesians 4:27**) in your mind. Rather, submit yourself to God (which is confessing and forsaking known sin, conviction, repentance, confession, receiving forgiveness and cleansing, change of direction, and yielding to the Holy Spirit). Then you will have the authority to "resist the devil and he will flee from you" (**James 4:7**).

My wife, Sue, has learned a secret that makes a tremendous difference during prayer periods. She found, as I have also, that often when you begin to concentrate on the Lord and His Word, that thoughts come of things you need to be doing. She discovered that having a note pad and pen beside her addresses that problem. When something comes up, she simply makes a note so she can take care of that matter later.

Take your hymnbook and begin singing to the Lord. Many wonderful hymns contain thoughts that express our feelings in a beautiful manner. For example, this morning during my time with the Lord, the Holy Spirit brought "Moment by Moment" into my consciousness. I located the words and have been singing them to myself throughout the day. This led to the article on page nine. Even if you feel you don't sing very well, you can "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" and He will appreciate it.

I am relatively sure that thoughts of God's blessings will come to your mind and elicit a time of thanksgiving. Reflect upon the wonderful things God does for you and thank Him. Be specific. Be sure to go beyond the list of things you are grateful for that you include in your regular prayer time. This is a time to go beyond what you normally do.

After a time of worship (adoration), confession, and thanksgiving, I encourage you to spend considerable time **praying for yourself**. I have noted over the years that many believers are reluctant to pray for themselves. Perhaps, they have been taught to avoid selfish or self-centered praying. A guideline to determine what to pray for self is simple: **What is it that I need to help me BE what God wants me to BE and DO what God wants me to DO? Pray about it!** Until you pray for yourself, you are not ready to pray for others.

When I wrote the **Prayer Seminar Workbook** thirty years ago, I introduced **Jabez** (1 Chronicles 4:9-10) and called him "a man most nobody knows." I use him as the primary example of praying for self, but now many around the world know about him. A graduate of the Bible college in New Jersey where I was president, **Bruce Wilkinson**, has written a book entitled **The Prayer of Jabez**. Millions around

the world have been blessed by this book. **Jabez** asked God for a big blessing, to give him more responsibility, to keep His hand on him, and to keep him from evil. It is significant that "God granted him what he requested." Pray for yourself. This is **PETITION PRAYING**.

Then **pray for others**. The basic principle in intercession is focusing the power of God on a person or a specific situation. Many years ago, I preached a sermon entitled "**A Prayer for Christians**" based on Paul's prayer for the Colossian believers (**Colossians 1:9-12**).

Pray for unsaved people by name with **1 John 5:14-15** before you. Master this passage until you believe it. Note the key thoughts praying according to the will of God, He hears you, you can have **CONFIDENCE**, He will do what you ask. The will of God is that the person you are praying for be saved (**2 Peter 3:9, 1 John 2:3-4**). As you pray, thank God for revealing this truth. Since Satan has blinded the lost person's mind (**2 Corinthians 4:4**), ask God to bind Satan so the person's mind will be freed to hear the Gospel. Then pray that conviction will come (**John 16:8-11**). Pray for someone to come along beside who will share the way to be saved (**Luke 10:2**) and pray the decision will be made now since today is the day of salvation" (**2 Corinthians 6:2**).

Take time to make a list of other intercessory items such as family, pastor and his family, fellow believers, friends, workmates, missionaries, other nations, laborers for the vineyard, government, our military, and such. Pray for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Variety. Variety is important during your day of prayer. Read a while, pray a while, walk around a while. Stretch. Breathe deeply. At the end of the day, write down things God has taught you. Then write out your next step what you plan to do with what you have learned. This will be one of the most profitable moments of the day and will guide you later.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

TRACS and the doctrine of creation

Henry M. Morris
(Chairman, TRACS' Board)

Among the doctrinal criteria established for institutional membership in the **Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)** are the following:

2. Special Creation. Special creation of the existing space-time universe and all its basic systems and kinds of organisms in the six literal days of the creation week.
3. Historicity. The full historicity and perspicuity of the Biblical record of primeval history, including the literal existence of Adam and Even as the progenitors of all people, the literal fall and resultant divine curse on the creation, the worldwide cataclysmic deluge, and the origin of nations and languages at the Tower of Babel.

A number of Christian institutions of higher education that are fully in agreement with the other nine TRACS' doctrinal tenets have hesitated to accept these two because they feel science has shown that the earth and universe are billions of years old, and that the interpretation of Genesis 1-11 must be adapted to accommodate this position.

One of the main reasons for the establishment of TRACS, however, was to provide an accreditation "home" for those institutions whose convictions require belief in the literal historicity of **Genesis 1-11**, including creation of all things in six literal solar days and the later cataclysmic renovation of the primeval world in the global deluge in the days of Noah. Such convictions preclude any accommodation of the evolutionary world view (which requires the long geological and astronomical "ages") which dominates the educational philosophy of all secular, and many Christian, educational institutions. Christian colleges and seminaries

that do seek to accommodate these "ages" in their teachings have been able to achieve accreditation through other agencies and would not need TRACS' membership. This issue, however, is in effect a "touchstone" and it was almost impossible for institutions that openly and vigorously advocate the "young earth" view of history, with its requirement of literal creationsims and "flood geology," to become accredited, until TRACS was established.

For institutions requesting membership in TRACS but hesitant to accept the "recent creation" commitment, the following brief summary of a few of the reasons for doing so may be helpful.

Reasons for Rejecting the Supposed "Ages" of Geology and Astronomy

I. Scientific Reasons

1. These alleged "ages" are essentially synonymous with the evolutionary world view. There is no genuine scientific evidence for evolution, but the geological ages give it a superficial framework that Darwin and other evolutionists consider essential to make evolution feasible.

2. The only historical data we have (that is, written records) extend back only a few thousand years. The assumption of "uniformitarianism" (present processes always operating in the past at the same rates as at present) is necessary to arrive at "guesstimates" of older ages.

3. All geological formations show evidence of catastrophic (very rapid) deposition in the past. There is no proof of great age anywhere, and the necessary assumption of uniformitarianism is unprovable, unreasonable, and even impossible.

4. The assumption of uniformitarianism in either astronomy or geology completely begs the question of possible primeval creation, but this is the very issue!

II. Theological Reasons

1. The supposed geological “ages” are identified and categorized by the fossils found in them. Fossils, however, are dead organisms, which once lived, then suffered and died in uncounted billions! But, theologically, death entered the world only as a result of human sin. By the “old earth” concept, suffering and death were the very medium by which higher organisms, including man, finally revolved.

2. If man was the primary goal of “creation,” it is inconceivable that an omniscient, omnipotent Creator would spend billions of pointless years in accomplishing it. The “geological ages” constitute the most wasteful, inefficient and cruel scenario for arriving at man that could ever be devised. Multiplied billions of animals (therapsids, trilobites, dinosaurs, etc.) suffered and died for no reason, if the ages really took place.

III. Biblical Reasons

1. The Bible explicitly teaches six-literal-day creation and a worldwide cataclysmic flood. (**Genesis 1:4-5, Exodus 20:8-11, Genesis 7:10-24**, etc) and there is no text that explicitly teaches an old earth or universe. Of course, even 6,000 years is a very long time in terms of human experience, and the concept of millions of years is essentially meaningless in this context. It is justified only by the non-Biblical requirement of time to support evolution.

2. The “day-age” theory, the “gap” theory, and other theories that seek to accommodate the geological ages, are all based on ad hoc eisegesis not straight-forward, contextual exegesis.

3. Jesus Christ Himself, quoting from **Genesis 1** and **2**, taught that man and woman were made at “the beginning of creation,” not billions of years after the beginning of creation (**Mark 10:6**). See also **Luke 1:70, Acts 3:21**, etc).

4. The Apostle Peter explicitly refuted the principle of uniformitarianism when

applied to the rejection of special creation and the global flood, as is done by modern old-age advocates. Study carefully **II Peter 3:3-8**. God can (and did) do in “one day” what uniformitarianism would required “a thousand years” to accomplish.

5. Creationism and Biblical catastrophism are not peripheral doctrines, but foundational to the gospel itself (**Revelation 14:6-7, Colossians 1:16-20**, etc) and to the doctrine of the second coming (e.g., **Matthew 24:37-39, 2 Peter 3:3-6**).

TRACS, therefore, would prayerfully urge all Christian educational institutions to weigh these reason carefully, and then take a stand with us on this vital Biblical doctrine of recent creation. It may cost something in terms of professional prestige and academic acceptance, but it will be true to the Word of God and all the real facts of science and history. We believe it is essential to true Christian education.



Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, and such. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.

—Selected

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

(2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Quotes from Armin Gesswein

For many years, I considered **Armin Gesswein** a close friend. For decades his influence on pastors and prayer leaders, including me, was pervasive. I looked forward to his monthly newsletter and always profited from his God-inspired thoughts. Often, I go to my file of his articles and review them and come away inspired. Each of the **Notes from My Bible** in this issue are quotes from Armin. Upon his death in 2001 at the age of ninety-three, I promised to keep his thoughts alive as long as I am able. His quotes call for serious *reflection*. After all, this is what the *Reflector* is designed to encourage.

God is in all my tomorrows

God is in all my tomorrows,
Therefore I'll live for Him today,
Confident of finding at sunrise,
His joy and strength for the way;
Strength for each moment of weakness,
Hope for each moment of pain,
Comfort for all my sorrow,
Sunshine and joy after rain.

God is in all my tomorrows,
He planned it for you and for me;
With Him in the dark I will follow,
Trusting where eyes cannot see,
Quieted by His promise of blessing,
Stilled by the touch of His hand,
Confident of His protection,
Knowing my life He has planned.

God is in all my tomorrows,
Life with heartaches may come,
But He's always behind and before me,
While ahead in the distance I see Home;
Home, where there will be no tomorrow,
Nor time ever wrinkle my brow,
Home, ever present with Jesus,
Throughout all eternity, Now!

Lester L. Buttram

NOTES from my BIBLE



Note 1131. When we do what God tells us to do, He will do what He says He will do.

Note 1132. God never does apart from prayer what He promises to do in answer to prayer.

Note 1133. The devil fights prayer because he knows it's the only thing that fights him.

Note 1134. To be full of the Holy Spirit is to be full of prayer, and to be full of prayer is to be full of the Holy Spirit.

Note 1135. The promises of God are the molds into which we pour our prayers.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2

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1 Corinthians 3:9

PRAYER CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2009

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

MATTHEW 1-4 (Myanmar 47.8M)

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
Burnace Abrams (OH)
Marie Adams (VA)
Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
Norma Ailes (NJ)
Clyde & Kathryn Allen (VA)
H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)
Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
Milcie Arnold (VA)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

MATTHEW 5-7 (Namibia 2.2M)

Leonor Avila (MD)
Bill & Karen Baker (VA)
Carolyn Barkley (NY)
Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)
Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
Jean Beasley (TN)
Tommy & Sue Bell (TN)
Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)
Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

MATTHEW 8-11 (Nauru 13,770)

Charles & Andrea Black (VA)
Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)
Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)
Bob & Jewel Bouchard (KY)
William & Debbie Bowden (MD)
Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
Emilee & Kimberlee Bradshaw (VA)
Nancy Bretz (PA)
Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
Mary Ann Brown (GA)
Shirley Brown (VA)
Jack & Arretta Bruce (KY)
Joe & Martha Bruno (AL)
Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)
Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

Janice Bugg (TN)
Ruby Burger (TN)
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
Mary Campbell (ID)
Cliff & Laura Cannon (FL)
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

MATTHEW 12-15 (Nepal 29.5M)

Joreatha Capers (FL)
David & Martha Cecil (VA)
Mary Clarke (VA)
Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
Margarie Coffee (VA)
Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)
Joe & Carol Coulter (VA)
Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)
Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
Dufrene Cummings (NC)
Bill & Beverly Curtis (PA)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

MATT 16-19 (Netherlands 16.6M)

Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)
Ida J. Davis (GA)
John & Margaret Davis (VA)
Mark & Charmaine Davis (VA)
Lelia Dean (FL)
Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
Nick & Wilma DeGroot (IL)
Delmarva Evangelistic Church (MD)
Ruth Chamberlain, Pastor
Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
Mary J. Dugans (LA)
Walt Edwards (NC)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

MATT 20-23 (N.Antilles 225,369)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
Grace Eldridge (NJ)
Lynn Elkins (TN)
Evalena Enoch (VA)
Lynne Farrow (NJ)
Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
June Fisher (TN)
Makeva Flowers (VA)
Claire & Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
Raymond & Estelle Gabbard (KY)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

MATT 24-25 (N Caledonia 224,824)

Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
Frank Geiger (HI)
Robert & Sara George (GA)
Frances Glass (AL)
Gloucester Co. Community Church
Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
Odether Gray (GA)
Linda Gregory (NJ)
Charles M. Hale (VA)
Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

MATTHEW 26-28 (New Zealand 4.3M)

Jim & Joyce Hengoe (FL/CT)
Bruce & Gina Henry (VA)
Doug Henry (TN)
J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
Jacqueline Henry (VA)
Mark Henry (TN)
Melody Henry (VA)
Roger Henry (OH)
Sean Henry (VA/Iraq)
Susan & Jamey Henry (TN)
Wendy Henry & Caleb (OK)
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
MARK 1-3 (Nicaragua 5.8M)
Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
Joanna Holland (VA)
John & Glenda Holland (VA)
Jayson & Marylynn Hooker (VA)
Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
Sam & Linda Hough (VA)
Bonnie Houston (TN)
Coy Hunsucker (NC)
Joyce Hunt (TN)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)
Ed Hurlow (IN)
Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
Louis & May Jenkins (DC)
Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
Peter & Millicent John (NY)
Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)
Gwendolyn Johnson (AZ)
Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
MARK 4-7 (Niger 13.3M)
Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)
W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
Jean Jonte (SC)

Mohan Katta (IL)
Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
Joyce Kelley (OR)
Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)

Bruce Kirby, Pastor
Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
Sherry Klutz (WA)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

MARK 8-10 (Nigeria 138.3M)

Thomas Knight, Jr (SC)
Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
Korean Branch:
Dr. Shin Kwang Suk

Joel & Jackie Kramer (VA)
David & Cathy Laing (FL)
Phil & Loetta Landers (OK)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

MARK 11-13 (Niua 1,444)

Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)
 Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Raymond & Janet LeMay (VT)
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Brian & Stacey Loomis (VA)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
MARK 24-16 (Norfolk Isle 2,128)
 Kenneth & Debra Magee (SC)
 Manship Chapel (DE)
 Bud & Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Dan & Meribeth Martin (VA)
 Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Bill & Mirlle Matheny (VA)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 Leonard & Martha Meador (VA)
 Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
LUKE 1-2 (N Mariana Isle 86,616)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Mona Merry (SC)
 Memorial Christian Church (VA)
 Brenda K. Merritt (SC)
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
 Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Lewis & Martha Miller (IN)
 Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)
 Mike & Cherylann Miller (CO)
 Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
 French & Laura Moore (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
LUKE 3-6 (Norway 4.6M)
 Katherine Morgan (VA)
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Chet & Betty Nichols (WA)
 Craton & Helen Noyes (KY)
 Ann Palumbo (NJ)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Luther & Leslie Poellnitz (MD)
 Ben Poplin (VA)
 Ayers Porter (TN)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
 Brandon Jeanne, Maggie Pribble (VA)
 Paul & Donna Quetsch (VA)
 James & Jeannette Ralph (VA)
 Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
 Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Shirley Rose (MI)
 David & Amy Ross (KY)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
LUKE 7-9 (Oman 3.3M)
 Denise Russell (OR)
 John Saint (PA)

Tyler & Rebecca Scarlett (VA)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
 Philip & Wendy Schrank (IL)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)
 Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA)
 Eric Farel, Pastor
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
LUKE 10-12 (Pakistan 167.8M)
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Mary Siegner (VA)
 Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)
 His Highest Praise (HI)
 Lori Siri, Pastor
 Mary Skiles (KS)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21
LUKE 13-15 (Palau 21,093)
 Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
 Marion J. Stansell (TX)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
LUKE 16-18 (Panama 3.3M)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
 Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
 Clarence & Roselin Stringfield (VA)
 Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)
 William Stroman, Pastor
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
LUKE 19-21 (Papau N Guinea 5.9M)
 Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church (TN)
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Temple of Praise (TX)
 Gilbert Perez, Pastor
 Earlene Thigpen (TN)
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
LUKE 22-24 (Paraguay 6.8M)
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 Mildred V. Thompson (GA)
 Paula Tipton (TN)
 Virginia Trask (VA)
 Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
 Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
 George & Jeanette Vernarchik (NY)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Doris Snyder Verrall (FL)
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
JOHN 1-2 (Peru 29.2M)

Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau Ware (VA)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27
JOHN 3-5 (Philippines 92.7M)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
 Allan & Judy Whitmore (VA)
 George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
 Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Edward Williams (NC)
 Elijah Williams (NJ)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
JOHN 6-8 (Pitcairn Isl 48)
 Tim & Merry Gregory (Thailand)
 Mulamba Placide Kituta (Congo)
 Stephen Latong (Nigeria)
 John & Egberta McSween (Trinidad)
 Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S Africa)
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
JOHN 9-12 (Poland 38.5M)
 Adam/Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
 Andrew J.Sakari (Kenya)
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
 Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)
 Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)
 Silas & Alice Yashim (Nigeria)
 Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
 Dot Winfield (MD)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
JOHN 13-17 (Portugal 10.7M)
 The Word Church (NJ)
 Buz Offenbacher, Pastor
 Bert & Teresa Worley (VA)
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
 Lili Wykle (VA)
 Robin & Deborah Yohee (PA)
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
JOHN 18-21 (Puerto Rico 3.9M)
PRAY FOR DECEMBER
NIGERIA SEMINARS

**PLEASE USE THE
 DOORKEEPER PRAYER
 CALENDAR DAILY.
 SOMEONE IS
 COUNTING ON
 YOUR PRAYERS.
 WHAT A PRIVILEGE
 TO INTERCEDE FOR
 THE NEEDS OF
 THE DOORKEEPER
 FAMILY.**

Moment by moment

In my Christian walk, two hymns have become favorites —“I Need Thee Every Hour” and “Day by Day.” The latter was one of the selections chosen for my inaugural service as president at Northeastern Bible College and sung by our daughter, **Mona**. Any time I hear either hymn, I am humbled and encouraged.

Recently I read an account of another hymn, “Moment by Moment,” shared by **Ira Sankey**. I believe you will be blessed and edified by reading his words directly:

*While I was attending the World's Fair in Chicago [Illinois] in 1893, **Henry Varley**, a lay preacher from London, said to **Major Daniel W. Whittle**: “I do not like the hymn “I need Thee every hour” very well, because I need Him every moment of the day. Soon after **Major Whittle** wrote this sweet hymn, “Moment by Moment” (which was published in 1896). He brought the hymn to me in manuscript a little later, saying that he would give me the copyright of both the words and music if I would print for him five hundred copies on fine paper, for distributing among his friends. His daughter, **May Whittle Moody**, composed the music. I did as **Mr. Whittle** wished; and I sent the hymn to England, where it was copyrighted on the same day as at Washington.*

*In England the hymn became very popular. Falling into the hands of the well-known **Rev. Andrew Murray**, of South Africa, then visiting London, he adopted it as his favorite hymn. A year later **Mr. Murray** visited Northfield [Massachusetts], and while holding a meeting for me in the church he remarked, “If Sankey only knew a hymn which I found in London, and would sing it, he would find that it*

embraces my entire creed.”

I was very anxious to know what hymn it was, and when he had recited it I said to him: “Doctor, that hymn was written within five hundred yards of where we are standing.”

*For years **Dr. Murray** had his wife sing this hymn in nearly all his meetings. It also became a great favorite in South Africa during the war.*

The hymn

Dying with Jesus, by death reckoned mine;
Living with Jesus, a new life divine;
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine,
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am thine.

Refrain:

*Moment by moment I'm kept in His love;
Moment by moment I've life from above;
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine;
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine.*

Never a trial that He is not there,
Never a burden that He doth not bear,
Never a sorrow that He doth not share,
Moment by moment, I'm under His care.

Refrain

Never a heartache, and never a groan,
Never a teardrop and never a moan;
Never a danger but there on the throne,
Moment by moment He thinks of His own.

Refrain

Never a weakness that He doth not feel,
Never a sickness that He cannot heal;
Moment by moment, in woe or in weal,
Jesus my Savior, abides with me still.

Refrain

“I am with you always to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:20

YOU GAVE! YOU PRAYED! GOD GAVE THE INCREASE!

Two thousand Spanish prayer seminar workbooks used in Peru!

Nearly 1,900 registered for the August 24 September 9 prayer seminars in Peru. All two thousand Spanish prayer seminar workbooks were used. For the first week, the seminars were in northern Peru. Several seminars were in **Piuri**, the largest city in the area. From there we traveled to **Talara, Rio Saco Prison, La Union, Sullana** and **Paite**. Then, by bus, we began the trek southward along the Pacific Ocean with seminars in **Trujillo (Santa Dominguto and Porvenir), Chimbote, Paramonga-Baccaro,** and **Chincha**—1,450 miles ground and 8,090 air.

SUMMARY: “Give account of your stewardship”

·Prayer Seminars	16
·Professions of faith	200+
·Miles traveled	9,540

The coordination was excellent, thanks to Ted Cooper (South Carolina) and Pastor Vera (Piura). Travel was on time and the people were in place ready to begin at the scheduled hour. This was remarkable for so many seminars and made it possible to teach many pastors from a large number of churches.

Once again, the value of the prayer seminar workbook was documented. Two years ago, the emphasis on Peruvian seminars was on pastors. From time to time, reports were received that pastors were teaching their people Christian life principles they had learned. During our time in Paramonga, one of the leading pastors from Lima attended and shared that he had periodically traveled into the mountains to teach folks in the churches there what they had learned. He was eager to have a supply of Spanish prayer seminar workbooks to continue his teaching ministry. Many pastors expressed an interest in having a supply of workbooks



to teach in their churches and areas. The head of one of the denominations with which we worked plans to prepare a teaching edition and then bring pastors and teachers together to prepare them to teach.

The Holy Spirit had His hand on each seminar bringing the Word of God alive via the voice of two interpreters who did a superb job Israel in the Piura area and David for the rest of the country. There was group participation as everyone read together scriptures and other material from the workbook. There was individual involvement as folks stood to read. The teaching-learning techniques that have been so effective both in the United States and in other nations once again proved invaluable.

The international prayer seminar ministry is a faith ministry totally. Our practice has been simple “trust God and tell the people.” Over the years, I have discovered that when one hundred become prayer and financial partners with us, the needs are met. In this case, seventy-four contributors provided the funds needed to meet the budget providing workbooks, transportation, and food/lodging.

***THANK YOU, MY BROTHERS AND
SISTERS, FOR BLESSING YOUR
PERUVIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS
THROUGH PROVIDING PRAYER
SEMINARS!***

An amazing story

It all started with a 1988 invitation from **Ian Hay**, executive director, **Sudan Interior Mission**, to conduct prayer seminars in **Nigeria**. Having served as a missionary in that nation, his interest in the **Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA)** was intense. The venue would be their seminaries and Bible colleges. Having been there a year earlier working with the Baptists, I, too, had developed a deep love for Nigerians, especially the Ibo people in the Owerri area in Imo State.

**ONESIMUS
SULE**

**First Nigerian
Director for
the prayer
seminar
ministry**



The response was awesome. A prayer ministry was conceived on Saturday, November 26, 1988, in Jos, Plateau State, as God called **Onesimus Sule** to resign his positions as pastor of the Seminary Church and seminary chaplain to conduct prayer seminars. As the pastors, leaders, and people began to pray a **spirit of revival swept across Nigeria**. On July 31, 1989, **Panya Baba**, ECWA's president, wrote what is without question the most thrilling letter that we have ever received in this ministry. The prayer ministry has continued. **ECWA** has grown from 2.2 million in 1988 to 4.6 million today. ***The thrilling story, including the Baba letter, will be shared with our readers during early October.*** You will be blessed as you read.

Continue to **pray for our December 3-22 return to Nigeria**. We are expecting 20,000 in the prayer seminars. We plan to mobilize and provide training for hundreds of prayer warriors. The venue includes a nationwide prayer conference. When eighty-three **Doorkeepers** provided the funds for the 1988 prayer seminars, we never dreamed what God planned to do. What can we say but **"Do it again, Lord."**

Itinerary: 2009

"Finally, brethren, pray for us that the Word of the Lord may have free course."

2 Thessalonians 3:1

September

- 1-9 Prayer Seminars - PERU
- 28-30 Sue Henry: Macau (China)

October

- 1-9 Sue Henry: Macau (China)
- 4-7 Prayer Revival
Pecks Baptist Church
Bedford VA
- 17 Prayer Seminar
First Congregational Church
Reidsville NC
- 18 A.M. Preaching, Reidsville NC

November

- 14 JGHM Board of Directors
Murfreesboro TN
- 15 Prayer Seminar
New Bethel U. M. Church
Scottsville KY

December

- 3-22 Nigeria Prayer Seminars**

September Letter-Writing Response

I am working on an article for the November **Reflector** to respond to the September letters. Indeed, I am grateful for the birthday greetings and the remarks related to our ministry. For now, thanks for taking the time to write. You have, as usual in September, encouraged my heart and I am grateful. I am excited about the prayer seminar ministry, especially as we will soon enter our thirtieth year of ministry.

Acceptable? Wake up, America!

It has become fashionable in elite circles to bash Christianity and traditional values. Meanwhile, political correctness demands we dare not criticize radical Islam, the movement that inspired the 9/11 attackers, breeds homicide bombers and nurtures anti-Semitic and anti-Christian bigotry throughout the world.

Gary Bauer

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Prayer Seminars in Nigeria
Our Amazing Story

Conclusion: Prayer is the work that must come before all other work.

Henry Madison Morris

The legacy of **Dr. Henry M. Morris** (1918-2006) is varied and powerful. Known as the father of modern creationism, he was the founder of the **Institute for Creation Research (ICR)**, a mighty force in promoting a Biblical worldview related to cosmology. A prolific writer, his thoughts will stand the test of time. None is more important than his notes in **The New Defender's Study Bible**. A major component of his legacy is the **Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)**. **TRACS celebrates its thirtieth anniversary this year.** It is through **TRACS** that I grew to know and respect him. As was spoken of **Elisha** long ago, I perceived that this "was a holy man of God" who walked in our midst (**2 Kings 4:9**).

Having served as the Executive Director of this accrediting agency for eleven years and working closely with Dr. Morris to achieve the needed approval from the U. S. Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency, I can attest that there would be no **TRACS** today without Dr. Morris. Through his leadership as chairman of the **TRACS' Board of Directors**, he provided a vision for the agency. Through his sacrificial giving, he provided funds to exist during the developmental years.

The position that guided **TRACS** and encapsulates what Dr. Morris and I passed along to our successors when we retired is provided on pages 4-5. Please read carefully. **Is this still the position of TRACS?** I hope so. The saddest phenomenon is seeing institutions and agencies move away from founding principles.

At this milestone for **TRACS** (now strong and vibrant—thirty years old!), it is right to pause and remember the legacy of this mighty man of God, **Dr. Henry M. Morris**, with thanks to God.

Evolution is a worldview, a way of thinking about the past, but of little application in the present. It is the Christian/creationist worldview that makes sense of past, present, and future. God has given us truth and told us to guard it, extend it, and transmit it. And this we will continue to do, as He enables us.