



“The Del-Haven Vision”

“Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

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(7) “*In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength and my refuge, is in God.* (8) *Trust in Him at all times, you people. Pour out your heart before Him. God is a refuge for us.*” Ps.62:7-8

Isn't it wonderful to understand that our Lord God is our *salvation* and *glory*? As our salvation, He is our deliverance -- our victory -- our prosperity! There is no situation so difficult, or so trying, or so seemingly impossible that He cannot deliver us. There is no struggle, or battle, or engagement with the enemy that He is not our sure and certain victory. And, there is no oppression of periods of want when our coffers are echoing from emptiness that He will not prove Himself to be our prosperity. His coffers are always full and running over! Praise His Name!

Also, He is our “*glory*”. In fact, we are at best nothing but a reflection of His eternal glory. For He is the author of all our temporal glory which includes such things as worldly honor, or dignity of any kind, for any reason. And, the spiritual glory that we have is totally due to Him. The holy grace of God that is bestowed upon us, and wrought out from within us -- clothing us with the righteousness of Christ -- enabling us to walk in the Holy Spirit and not fall victim to the desires of the flesh -- this is our glory in being Christians. Bless the Lord!

And, even more than this, isn't it wonderful to realize that almighty, all knowing, omnipresent God is the Rock of our strength and our haven-of-rest Refuge. By Him we can patiently endure the hardships of life in this world; and in Him we are safe and secure -- sheltered from the onslaught of the attacking enemies of our souls that would, if they could get past our God, overrun us and plunder us and destroy us.

Finally, it is truly wonderful to know without a doubt how trustworthy our God is. Time and time again have we not experienced His provision of protection and deliverance? We really can “*trust in Him*”. Testimony of experience has proven over and over how we cannot trust in worldly strength, or wisdom, or riches. Why, we can't even trust in ourselves! But, we can trust in the Lord...with all our hearts. And, we can trust in Him “*at all times*”. There is no time excepted here. There is not a moment in which our Lord is not to be trusted. In times of affliction, He is trust-worthy to be present. In times of temptation, He is trustworthy to provide an escape. In times of darkness and uncertainty, He can be trusted to show us that He is indeed a shining light of grace and truth to guide us and grant us deliverance.

All these wonderful things come to fruition when we “*pour out our heart before Him*”. This phrase literally means that we pour out our heart before the face of God. We prayerfully pour out our heart in the name of Jesus Christ because He it is, that has gained for us an entrance before the face of God our Father. Here is our Refuge!

For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter

Saturday Work Days Began April 4th

March is supposed to be over, but it sure doesn't seem like it. Nevertheless, our first April work Saturday has come and gone (on which day the weather was just great) and the cold winds are blowing again. Every Saturday from here on out will be a work day in preparation for Del-Haven Camp season 2009. If any of you are available and would like to help out --- come on down!

Boating and Fishing Are Back On The Camp Program!

Our newly developed lake is looking beautiful! And, guess what -- we now have it restocked with fish...Praise the Lord! Plus, there is coming four new Peddle Boats that have been donated to us from Bill and Sally Phillips. They have graciously given these boats in memory of Don Carpenter -- who was, indeed, a "fisher of men" throughout his ministry here at Del-Haven. This is worth another big Praise the Lord!



Our annual Glory of Christ Bible Conference is coming up. It will be **June 4-6**. It is slated to begin on Thursday the 4th at 4:15 PM, with two other sessions at 6:30 and 8:00 PM respectively. Friday's schedule will be the same as Thursday, and then on Saturday we will begin with a morning session at 8:00 AM (breakfast will be provided) and then the final two sessions of the conference at 9:30 and 11:00 AM. The conference theme will be the Glory of Christ and Evangelism. We have Pastor Don Fortner of Grace Baptist Church of Danville, KY coming this year. He, along with Pastor Vince Stigall of Bel-Ray Community Church, Steve Carpenter of Word and Spirit Ministries and (if his health allows) Pastor Bob Ganote of Sovereign Grace Baptist Church that will be officiating. The conference will once again take place at Bob's pastorate in Kansas City, MO.

Staff Planning Retreat To Be Rescheduled

We had a wonderful staff planning retreat all arranged, and with the response that we had received, there would have been around 15 young people attending the event, but wouldn't you know it, that was the weekend that we had all that bad weather which caused us to have to cancel our plans. We will try again in the first part of next month. Please pray with us that this time it will happen. Please keep in your prayers our ongoing need for good staff help. This is so vital to the success of the whole camp season.

Prayer Requests

We pray that you remember to seek from the Lord with us His intervention in providing additional avenues for us to be able to increase our resources for bringing more children to camp. The spiritual battle that we are in is not subsiding, but growing in its intensity. The powers of darkness are all around us, dear ones, and we need -- more than ever -- to be allies with each other for the cause of Christ our Lord and the furtherance of His Kingdom. We love and appreciate all of you who continue to support us and stand with us as prayer warriors for the gospel. Now is the time, if the Lord leads, for you to plan the food showers, or the days you may be able to come out and help us get the camp ready, or whatever the Lord may lead you to be able to do. We have a beautiful new lake, and the security of new water lines, but we also are now faced with the biggest debt in our history (just over \$74, 000). We need your prayers that we will be able to effectively retire this as the Lord wills.

"My eyes are upon you, O God the Lord; in you I take refuge"