



# "The Del-Haven Vision"

*"Without vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18)*

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## Newsletter of Camp Del-Haven

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*"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. (2) Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. (3) When I kept silence, my bones became old through my roaring all the day long. (4) For day and night your hand was heavy upon me. My moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. (5) I acknowledged my sin unto you, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. (6) For this shall every one that is godly pray unto you in a time when you may be found. Surely, in the floods of great waters -- they shall not come nigh unto him. (7) You are my hiding place. You shall preserve me from trouble. You shall compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah. (8) I will instruct you and teach you in the way you shall go. I will guide you with mine eye. (9) Be not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding; whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto you. (10) Many sorrows shall be to the wicked, but he that trusts in the Lord -- mercy shall compass him about. (11) Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, you righteous, and shout for joy all you that are upright in heart." Ps.32*

**This great Psalm was written for the express purpose of providing us with some particular and important instruction. It has a very important, and therefore very significant, doctrinal statement to deliver to us about the greatness of God's justification and forgiveness of sinners. Before it concludes with a command to rejoice in how wonderful the good news about the salvation of the Lord truly is, it warns us to not be, in this world, as the obstinate wicked who have no real understanding of the truth of the gospel.**

**This Psalm tells us that, without a doubt, God's justification by an imputed righteousness is bestowed upon us as a spiritual blessing. And, as Eph.1:3-4 plainly states -- upon His chosen He has bestowed all His spiritual blessings "*before the foundation of the world*". Verses one and two describe what God has done for us in eternity, and verses three through six describe what effect this has on us in time. By the eternal virtue of what He has done for us, we become continual confessors. How can we do otherwise? The greatness of God's grace in His forgiving us and taking away our sins totally humiliates us as being sinners. It becomes too burdensome and totally senseless for us to try to hide our being transgressors and so prone to iniquity. But, according to verse six, it is this repentant humility that repeatedly causes us to confess our lowliness as sinners before Him that ends up being the proof of our being one of His saved ones. For all the godly are led to pray and confess at the times that the Lord makes His presence known unto them.**

**Verse seven is an accurate declaration of how the Lord comes to be regarded by His saints. He is our hiding place where we will not, nor cannot, hide our "*fallenness*" from Him. He is our preservation from trouble -- from the attacks of the enemy -- from the consequences of our silence about who we really are as sinners and our all around un-perfect condition. He surrounds us with songs of victory in Jesus. He becomes the very joy of our hearts. So then, while we, with humility, confess our lowliness and sinfulness on the one hand, we also, with joy, confess His highness and holiness on the other!**

**Verse eight is another big reason why we are later commanded to trust in Him and rejoice in Him. It is because He instructs us and teaches us in the way which we should go. He guides us with His eye... which is to say that He guides us through this world with the way that He sees, not the way that we see. His omniscience overrules our fallen shortsighted-ness. Therefore, it is certain that at the end of our journey through this world by the grace of faith we will ultimately come into the sight of Jesus, our Savior. For He said in Jn.6:45: "*Everyone that has heard and has learned from the Father, comes unto me.*"**

*For Christ's glory only!  
J. Carpenter*

## Winter Brings the Snow and Ice to Camp Del-Haven

My friends, except for slipping and sliding, not much action has been going on around here for the last three weeks. This winter season has thus far been more like a real winter than we have seen in a long time. At the writing of this letter, we still have at least two inches of ice all over our roads. More than once we have had to pick ourselves up off the ground! Except for the fact that we have forbidden Mom (Mary Lee) from even walking to the mail box, I thought about having a staged picture taken of her sprawled out on the icy road so as to raise a lot of sympathy -- but, she would have none of that! Needless to say we all will be glad to see the temperature rise up enough once again so as to melt all this ice away. Even in this we are totally dependent upon the Lord.

Nevertheless, due to the adverse weather conditions we have not been able to get the top priority job of laying new water lines accomplished. We had hoped to have been able to get this done by now. In fact, our plans included starting this month, also, with the repairs and renovation of the swimming pool. It remains to be seen if this important project will work out as planned. Once again, Pr.16:9 bears witness to us of its abiding truth: *"The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."* Please remember to pray with us concerning these very important matters. An unhampered 2007 camp season depends on these things getting done...and prayer brings forth the accomplishment of God's will and good pleasure. He has decreed that this be the way that it is. Praise His Name!

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## Spring Work Days Set To Begin in April

For that matter, April 7<sup>th</sup> is the target date for our first Saturday work day. And then it will be each Saturday after that up until our first camp which will begin on June 18. It is these workdays that get us physically prepared for the summer. Please be in regular prayer for the children that we will have the opportunity to minister to for this season as well as who will be on our staff for this year. We have experienced over the many years of being in this ministry that the more that God's people spend time seeking and supplicating the Lord, the more obvious it becomes to us the witness of the Holy Spirit that He is present and proving to be directly involved in the work that we have to do. And, it is His presence in all that He has called us to perform that makes all the difference (Ex.33:12-14).

## Our Prayer

We constantly pray for our Lord to bear witness to you all by especially blessing you because you have been there time and time again on our behalf to help us bear the burden. The Bible says that your doing this is fulfilling the law of Christ (Gal.6:2) -- Praise His Name! Please, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, continue to prayerfully and, if you can, materially help us as we press on in this evangelistic endeavor.



*"Rejoice in the Lord you righteous and give thanks at the remembrance of His Holy Name." Ps.97:12*