



“The Del-Haven Vision”

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

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“Who hath declared this from ancient time? Who hath told it from that time? Have not I, the Lord? And there is no God else beside me -- a just God and a Savior. There is none beside me! Look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth: For I am God and there is none else.” Is.45:21-22

From within the context of this portion of Isaiah the Lord God almighty brings forward a striking revelation of Himself. And, it is, indeed, a gospel revelation that He is uttering here. This revelation to Isaiah; and through Isaiah to Judah; is from God through His spoken word, but has been made by the Holy Spirit to be for us a revelation from God through His written word. “*Of His own will begat He us by the word of truth...*” It is, in essence, the gospel of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ who is -- as the New Testament confirms -- the only Lord and Savior that there is!

When God says, “Who hath declared this from ancient time?”, He is describing His sovereign rule and reign over all of time, and all that it contains, from His habitation of eternity. For it is from eternity -- the eternal essence of Himself -- that He is declaring these great things about Himself. Things that also reveal Him to be the only just God and Savior that there ever was, is or ever will be. Praise His Name!

It is from this revelatory vantage point that He issues forth a summons that extends unto “*all the ends of the earth*”. This descriptive includes the entire spectrum of both time and space. The word inspired for use as “*ends*” is rooted to another that holds the connotation of cessation. Therefore the Lord is declaring that unto the end of this present earth -- He is

the only just God and Savior that there will ever be...for any inhabitant of the earth throughout the generations of time. And, God Himself will bring an end to this present earth, and He will create a new heavens and a new earth wherein righteousness will dwell instead of sin and death.

Therefore is the substance of His summons is (literally) for us to “turn and look” unto Him, and Him alone! This is an unavoidable divine summons from the Lord God for us to repent and believe in Him alone. Repentance is in the turning that, again, is a definitive part of that which makes up the actual substance of this, His summons. The looking conveys the activity of the grace of saving faith that, once again, comes from God alone. “*For by grace are you saved through faith and that not of yourselves*”; “*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*”; “*While we look not at the things which are seen but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*”; “*For we walk by faith, and not by sight.*”

One final note: The salvation that is described here is a salvation that has already been eternally completed and secured by the Savior for all who are summoned by Him in time -- whether in the past, present or future. Hallelujah!

For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter

In the Coming Months . . .

Well, aren't we glad to get through February?! It has been a rather difficult and repressive winter so far. It would appear that the Lord has given us His opinion of the global warming theory with all the record cold and snows we have already had. Mobility in and out of Del-Haven has definitely been hampered, to say the least.

Also, the number of school closing days because of snow that have happened this year will have an affect on when school will finally close in June. This, in turn, has caused us to have to start our camp season a little later than normal. The following is the schedule of camps that we have made up for our 2010 summer:

Summer Schedule 2010

June 21-24> age 6 to 9 boys and girls

June 28 - July 1> age 10 to 12 girls

July 12-15> age 10 to 12 boys

July 19-22> age 6 to 9 boys and girls

July 26-29> age 10 to 12 girls

Aug. 2-5 > age 10 to 12 boys

Please be in prayer for these six scheduled camp sessions. We pray that the Lord will bless the labors and efforts of the staff in their presenting the gospel And, that He will open the hearts of all the boys and girls that He has purposed to come that they may effectively receive His word with soul converting and life transforming power.

Praise the Lord For An Unexpected Surprise

We thank the Lord for the unexpected surprise food supplies that we received this past month. What a blessing to see the moving of the Lord in the meeting of needs such as this! Those dear people just showed up and put much needed food goods on the Dining Hall counter and then left. Thieves break in unexpectedly and steal, but God's people show up unexpectedly and give! Praise the Lord!

In addition, a very special thank you goes up to the Lord for you who have so quickly responded to our plea to help us meet the pressing financial need that we currently face in paying off the credit line for the lake renovations and new water lines. An additional \$2405 was received to put toward the retirement of this debt. What a blessed act of Holy Spirit fostered sacrificial love. The word of God assures us that He will richly recompense this example of kindness -- and we pray that He will.

If you recall it was determined that if we could each put forward just an additional \$200 by the deadline of May 15 -- then the debt would be paid. Please pray with us that Lord willing -- we will be able to reach this goal. We love you all so very much!

“And this is the will of Him that sent me, that everyone which sees the Son, and believes on Him, may have everlasting life...” Jn.6:40