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Calling All Canadians Back to The Bible

Radio News Report from Pastor Ian Goligher:

A blessed New Year to all our listeners. May the Lord bless you and your family in 2022. Even though it commenced under the cloud of the Omicron Covid-19 variant we look to the Lord to deliver us from this pandemic before long. Our prayer is that God will use this time of judgment on our nations to create an ear for the gospel, to turn rebellious sinners to seek the Lord. It would be a tragedy if after this is over hearts remain hardened and our beloved Canada continues on its moral decline. We need to rise to the challenge of this hour to pray with fervour for God to send down the Holy Spirit, and we need to preach the gospel with boldness calling sinners to repentance.

Titles to Radio messages week of Jan 10, aired In Vancouver, Calgary, The Maritimes and Liberia.

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Responses & Prayer Needs:

We are thankful for the many contacts with listeners over Christmas and New Year's. The phone is still a powerful means to minister to hearts.

Our messages at the year's end on **Counting Time** resonated with listeners. We pray for men to recognize the brevity of life in this world and God's call to prepare for the world to come before life's clock strikes mid-night.

Thank you for your calls, emails and support. Please continue to keep in touch in this New Year.

Presbytery Week of Prayer by Zoom Jan 3 –7

This week by Zoom, I and Rev. Stephen Pollock, were privileged to join our ministers in Northern Ireland for their annual week of prayer. Our North American Presbytery had appointed us as delegates. We received a warm welcome and were given opportunity to preach and pray with our brethren of the Ulster Presbytery.

Over 60 ministers, student ministers and missionaries joined each session, which began at 10 a.m. in the U.K.—5 a.m. for us. Each morning, a minister preached and we were divided into several Zoom-rooms for the prayer times. Rev. Pollock and I had the opportunity to present the prayer needs of our churches and missions under our Presbytery.

As we serve an omnipresent God, we truly experienced the ministry of the Lord to our hearts during the live video meetings. The video was loud and clear as many men participated in prayer while others gave their "Amen's" to the many petitions that went up to the Lord.

Prayers included requests that ministries will be fruitful, souls will be saved and go through with God. There was also praise for the blessings being poured out in the mission fields in India, Nepal and Pakistan, as well as Kenya, Uganda and Liberia. We now wait with expectation for the Lord to answer prayer in the year to come.

**"Unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."
Ephesians 3:20**

What is God?

(Program being aired Mon. Jan. 10)

When we begin to measure the universe, with the continual discovery of new galaxies and worlds we feel so small. Something even more humbling happens when you try to grapple with the question: What is God?

Every where you go in the world you will meet with people who realise and confess there is a higher power. They cannot get away from the basic innate idea of God. Theologian, Herman Bavinck, said, "All men are really seeking after God. Yet they seek him in all the wrong places."

Fallen men seek the god of their own imaginations. Hence you will discover the almost universal use of idols, images of beasts and men, or the gods of mythology – which are the gods of men's imaginations. That is because man is made in God's image and is naturally religious. Augustine's words are true, "The heart of man was created for God and it cannot find rest until it rests in his Father's heart."

Pascal stated, "In this consists the greatness and the miserableness of man:

- He longs for truth and is false by nature
- He yearns for rest and throws himself from one diversion upon another.
- He pants for a permanent and eternal bliss and seizes on the pleasures of a moment.
- He seeks for God and loses himself in the creature.
- He is a born son of the house and he feeds on the husks of the swine in a strange land.
- He forsakes the fountain of living waters and hews out broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jer. 2:13).

The lonely person, the dissatisfied, the broken hearted, the depressed and the frustrated soul that is without God will always come up empty. Man needs God, because the idea of God is always haunting him in all seasons of life.

We note that the man under the influence of alcohol will swear taking God's name in vain. He will curse God's holy name and talk with a perverted religious bent. The man under drugs will often come under the spell of the satanic world and hallucinate about things that are hellish in nature.

We all need God. And we all need to know him. When Paul the apostle stood on Mar's hill, above the city of Athens, he discovered an altar dedicated to the unknown God. That was the Greek philosopher's logic at work. They could conclude that there must be a god, but they could not define him. It took the man who had been converted to Christ on the Damascus road to provide the answer: The true and living God is the "God that made the world and all things therein" (Acts 17:24).

Its hard for atheists to fight against God's existence. They must rebel against the obvious as they fight against the knowledge of God which is found in all aspects of life.

The apostle Paul illustrated the dilemma of man's denial of God in Romans chapter one verse eighteen, as one holding down a strong spring, which always wants to pop

up. The more men attempt to resist the existence of God the harder they have to suppress the evidence that God is real. Herman Bavinck summed up the unbeliever's problem, "Man is an enigma whose solution can be found only in God."

ATHEISTS

**"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness."
Romans 1:18**

BELIEVERS

**"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."
John 17:3**

Stephen Charnock, the Puritan, gave a list of 8 reasons why God must be a Spirit. If God were not a Spirit he could not be God:

1. If God were not a Spirit he could not be a Creator. Creation on the scale of the world requires infinite wisdom and power.
2. If God were not a Spirit he could not be One, nor a Trinity.
3. If God were not a Spirit he could not be invisible.
4. If God were not a Spirit he could not be infinite.
5. If God were not a Spirit he could not be an independent being.
6. If God were not a Spirit he could not be immutable, or unchangeable.
7. If God were not a Spirit he could not be omnipresent
8. If God were not a Spirit he could not be perfect.

So, our God is a Spirit and we must worship Him in Spirit and truth (John 4:24).

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PRAY FOR OUR CANADIAN BROADCASTS

Sunday Programming Schedule

- Prince George, BC — 8:30 a.m. — Rev. A. Simpson
- Vancouver, BC — 9:30 a.m. — Dr. L. Saunders
- Calgary, AB 10 a.m. & 10 p.m. — Rev. P. Backhurst
- Swift Current, SK — 9:30 a.m.
- Portage La Prairie, MB — 9:30 a.m.
- Buffalo, NY reaching southern Ontario — 9 a.m.
- St. John, NB — 7:30 a.m.
- Fredericton, NB — 8:30 a.m.
- Maritimes on Harvesters FM Stations — 9:30 a.m.

Weekday programming Schedule

- Vancouver Mon — Fri 5 a.m. & 5 p.m.
- Calgary Mon — Fri 4:30 p.m.
- Maritimes on Harvesters FM Stations Mon—Fri 6 p.m.
- Nipiwán, SK — Mon — Fri 6 p.m. Rev. A. Foster

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"My word ... shall not return unto me void..." Isaiah 55:11

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