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Where God's Character is Proclaimed

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Living By Internal Fire

In last month's article, we explored the two people groups living at the end of time. A smaller group, filled with the Holy Spirit's fire and living out the character of Jesus, works to save the larger group. The other group, much larger, seeks the fire of God to justify their efforts to save themselves by destroying the smaller group.

One group lives by **internal fire** that transforms and sustains them, while the other group desperately tries to live by **external fire** to transform their circumstances and save themselves. The ranks are already forming with characters being built day by day.

How do we become a part of the smaller group that lives by the internal fire of the Holy Spirit? It's by observation and adoption. Really?! Is it that simple? Notice **2 Cor 3:18** "**But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, [even] as by the Spirit of the Lord.**" All are to be changed this way. An open face is required, meaning no obstacles between "we" and God. The change transforms us back into God's image, and that change is accomplished by the Holy Spirit. Great, let's get this done!

It would be simple except for one factor. Self stubbornly keeps interrupting and obstructing the adoption of godliness we observe. The Bible clearly portrays this, such as **Isaiah 59**, where the prophet writes, "**Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid [his] face from you, that He will not hear.**" (vs 1-2)

We keep "putting our sins in God's way" and obstructing the transformation He's working in us, and at times we even hinder His work while we're asking Him for the change! Self makes the simple complicated, yet God's solution remains the same. Persistent learning and application are required; this is not a "one and done" experience.

How do we behold God? In His Holy Word, the Bible, we see Him most clearly, especially in the life of Jesus Christ. We also see Him clearly in the order, system, and process of the natural world.



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President's Perspective... Character

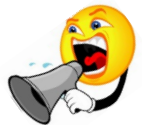
We are so blessed here at Strong Tower Radio (STR). For over 17 years, the Lord has provided for our needs. I recently listened to the chapter in the audiobook *The Story of Redemption* by Ellen White about the twelve spies entering Canaan. Sure, there were large cities with fortified walls manned by giants, but the Lord had promised that, if they would only trust Him, He would give the land to the twelve tribes of Israel. Caleb and Joshua plead with the people to take God at His word and move forward. Moses and Aaron beseeched the people, but to no avail. Even though the people had just weeks before witnessed the total destruction of the Egyptian army, had amassed great fortunes from the Egyptians, and had no lack of food because of the manna and occasional meat provided by God, they let fear and distrust be their guide instead of faith, trust, and waiting on God to keep His word.

We often hear **Rev. 14:12** quoted. Consider the word "patience". It means endurance, constance, patient continuance (waiting). Think back to the many times Moses waited on God for forty days! The spies were in Canaan for forty days. Elijah had a forty-day experience. It's interesting that Jesus began His ministry at 30 and, after being baptized by His cousin (the son of a priest), went into the wilderness for 40 days.

God has always had His faithful people, whether it was 300 men in Gideon's time or 7,000 in Elijah's time. He wants His people to stand with character. He is calling us, like He did with the twelve tribes of Israel, to keep the commandments and press forward in faith despite giants in the land. Whatever your situation, abide with patience, as those in the Bible did, and wait on the Lord, even if it takes forty days. Won't you stand with us here at STR and proclaim God's Character as we add more stations to cover more of Michigan? We appreciate your prayers and financial support.



STR Camp Meeting Coming Soon!



Strong Tower Radio is planning its 1st annual camp meeting on Friday evening, August 28th, and all-day Sabbath on the 29th, in the Cadillac area. The exact location will be announced soon, along with information on speakers, musical talent, and the agenda. We'd love to share the Sabbath with you, so please plan to attend!

Changing Lives It Started with Yard Signs

Jeff was raised in a charismatic family in Allendale, MI. He rebelled against that experience as a teen and joined the Air Force (AF). While stationed in Florida, Jeff had a motorcycle accident in which he suffered a serious brain injury. At length, he returned home to Allendale and pursued outpatient recovery through the local veteran's administration (VA) facility as the AF commander recognized that Jeff would recover more quickly at home versus a VA trauma center in Minnesota. Upon recovering, Jeff returned to his assigned AF base in Florida and felt alone. Instead of returning to local drinking buddies and alcohol, he started reading his Bible, and it began making more sense. After 6 weeks, Jeff started attending a local Assembly of God church and was blessed with the fellowship.

Jeff felt recharged as he learned more about God and His love, and then received news that the Air Force had decided to medically discharge him from service in response to his recovery from brain injury. Upon returning to MI, Jeff didn't find a church he wanted to attend regularly. He drifted back into alcohol with his brother and some friends, floundered for about a year, then started attending a Wesleyan church with his parents. Soon after Jeff began attending, the elders of this church prayed over him and anointed him with oil in accordance with Scripture. He was delivered from alcohol addiction that day! Praise God!

Friends from church encouraged Jeff to use his VA benefits to gain a college education, so he began studying Business Administration at Cornerstone University, a Christian college where he met Katey. Katey would soon graduate from college, while Jeff was just starting. She had also experienced head trauma in a car accident, and their shared experience and desire to follow Jesus drew them together. Soon, they were both attending the Wesleyan church near his parents, and within two years, Jeff and Katey united their lives in marriage and settled in Kentwood, MI.

Katey works as a writer for a Christian organization, while Jeff initially worked as a loan officer at a major bank after obtaining his degree. He enjoyed his work and had opportunities to share God's love with clients who met with him for loans and would sometimes share their struggles with him. Jeff and Katey soon moved to a country property in Clarksville, which brought a quiet country setting and a longer commute.



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Living By Internal Fire (Continued from page 1)

Prayer is vital to rightly understand both the Bible and God's "second book" known as the "book of Nature." God spoke the Word and the worlds (yes, plural, see **Heb 1:2**) into existence, and we must have the Holy Spirit's guidance to both understand and rightly apply God's Word. We also behold God working in our lives through providential circumstances and answered prayers, and, less often, we hear His voice directly or receive communication through a dream or vision.

We eat physical food daily; we likewise need to eat the words of the Bible (**Jn 6:54, 63**). Yet we can memorize the entire Bible, accept that it is true, and not be transformed. Eating God's Word means taking it into my body, digesting it, and using it to make new cells in me, just as physical food does. Just as I don't control the processes that convert my physical food into my new cells, neither do I control the process that transforms my character from selfish back into God's character of love. I have direct influence over both processes based on what and how I eat. The impact of physical and spiritual food requires cooperative effort between God and each person.

Beyond memorizing God's word, His word must be rightly applied to every area of my daily life, all my choices, emotions, and expressions (words, actions, body language). Beyond intellectual knowledge, I must have experiential knowledge gained through living by God's every word.

Prayer not only enables our understanding of God's Word but also empowers us to rightly apply it. I don't bend God's Word to fit my understanding; I surrender to what God's Word actually says, and I follow it. A fight often precedes that surrender experience, and prayer brings the victory. Not just any prayer, no, we must pray as Jesus did, "Father, I want this/that, nevertheless, not my will, but Your will be done." [**Matt 26:39, Lk 22:42**] Surrendered prayer brings the right application of God's Word to our lives and deepens the transformation experience.

Prayer is not a slot machine from which we gain our objective. Prayer is a conversation by which we talk with God. We talk to Him, and He responds to us through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit speaks to our conscience, and always in harmony with the Bible. That's how you judge the thoughts and feelings that you have or that "pop up" in your mind/heart. Do they align with the Bible, God's Holy Word? If "yes," take action upon them; if "no," then reject them and ask God what to do/think/feel instead.

We're told to pray without ceasing (**1 Th 5:17**), not by being on our knees all the time, no, this is a mindset we're to have all our waking hours! We're counseled in **James 1:19** to be "swift to hear" and in **Prov 3:6** to "lean not to our own understanding" but instead to have the Holy Spirit "direct our paths."

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Prayer is more than talking to God. Two ears, one mouth, spend more time listening for His guidance throughout the day.

This describes an active, daily relationship with Jesus, working in the heavenly sanctuary through the Holy Spirit and ministering angels to transform and sustain us as people living by internal fire. That’s the smaller group working to save the larger group and living ready to meet Jesus face to face. **Be in the smaller group.**

Now you have a better understanding of how. May the Holy Spirit guide you as you apply what you’ve just read, testing it to His Word.



Changed Lives - It Started With Yard Signs (Continued from page 3)

Some of Jeff’s coworkers filed complaints with HR about his witnessing, and this ultimately led to his firing from the bank for violating bank policy. Jeff’s view? God has a better opportunity. He began working for a family friend who operated both a construction and a waste disposal company. He obtained his commercial driver’s license (CDL) and began delivering dumpsters to various client work sites and company projects.

While driving to these worksites, Jeff began passing certain homes whose owners had placed STR signs in their front yards. One day, another STR yard sign caught his eye, and this time he tuned in to 89.7 FM in Grand Rapids and began listening. He heard **Ranger Bill** in the mornings (a no longer available program), then **Bible Answers Live** from Amazing Facts. Jeff liked the children’s stories and that STR features solid Christian teaching instead of entertainment.

Several things Jeff heard on STR really challenged him to dig deeper into the Bible, including the 7th-day Sabbath and the health message. People called during BAL to ask about these and other topics, and Jeff heard the answers right from the Bible. He checked it out in his Bible and saw it for himself. Jeff states, “They answered right from God’s word – no shortage of truth, they had full messages backed up with Scripture, not just a 10-minute soundbite. That made it my station.”

Jeff shared what he was hearing on STR with Katey, and she initially thought it was interesting but not consequential. They still attended a Bible church in Nunica, and listened to STR on the 1-hour drive to church each weekend for 3 years. When Jeff stated that he wanted to eat in harmony with Biblical guidelines, that became consequential for Katey. She had choice seafood bargains in the freezer that she didn’t want to throw out, and she set out to prove Jeff wrong. To her surprise, the Bible really did provide guidelines for eating! Oh boy, now what!?! [To be Continued]



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**Production
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Strong Tower Radio loves the Seventh-day Adventist Michigan Camp Meeting at Cedar Lake, Michigan and our listeners do too. David & Bethany Bolduc, STR co-founders, came to the camp meeting in the summer of 2009, sharing the good news about the Cadillac station poised to begin broadcasting!

Since 2010, our booth (in the exhibition tent) has promoted our ministry's message—Proclaiming God's Character—through adaptive presentation, including banners and, most recently, a large flat-screen TV with slideshows and videos.

We have given away bookmarks and business cards since the early days, then STR bumper stickers and license plates. We've also published special-edition newsletters and handbills to report progress and opportunities, helping build specific stations & acquire our broadcast center.

We often have STR pens/flashlights & many other giveaways, but the biggest draw is to make face-to-face connections, get to know you, answer your questions, and help you with listening technology. A frequent question once heard was, "When are you coming to my area?" Since 2021, we have been able to say, "We are there! You can listen to us on your smartphone or computer. Would you like me to install the free app for you?"

Behind the scenes at camp meeting, we record programs in a temporary remote studio with the speakers, seminar presenters and other ministries represented in the exhibit tent. We look forward to seeing you on June 12, 2026

Here are the planned interviews for June: *STR Today June Preview*, *The Garden Guy*, *Creation Animal Care—"Chickens Down on the Farm"*, Laurie Snyman's *Prayer and Mental Health*, *Youth Rush 2026*, *Pastor Nick Wanovic "The Rest of the Story"*, *The Conways on Addictions*, and *a Farm Stew Update*.



High Expectations

How did you set goals or establish dreams for your life? Did you look around you in childhood and model after your family or friends? Did you look back at someone you admired? Did you, or have you, secured an appointment with your greatest consultant, God himself? He has something to say about your dreams and expectations, and you'll find that in the Bible.

Ps 62:5,8 clearly states, "My soul, wait only upon God; for my expectation is from Him. Trust in Him at all times, people, pour out your heart before Him....." What inviting instruction – God's open door policy! **Heb 11:6** reminds us that "....he who comes to God must believe that He is (exists), and is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

God invites you and me to have high expectations of Him, to pour out our hearts to Him, to trust Him. "Call upon Me, and I'll answer you, and show you great and mighty things, of which you know not," He invites us through the prophet Jeremiah. [**Jer 33:3**]

Here at STR, we have high expectations that come from God. We claim His promises, especially that His Word won't come back to Him empty, but will accomplish the purpose for which He sent it. You'll find that promise in **Isa 55:11**.

If God has given you high expectations from Him, then you confidently share His word, not only in personal conversations, but also through full-time evangelism with STR, reaching listeners across Michigan, central Illinois, and the world via web streaming. Your investments of prayer and monetary assets keep STR on the air and reaching people with the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ, the full gospel that prepares people to meet Jesus face to face, very soon.

The Holy Spirit changes lives through the broadcast, and we praise God for His faithful word. It keeps coming back to Him as precious lives being transformed back into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Thank you for being faithful to your high expectations!



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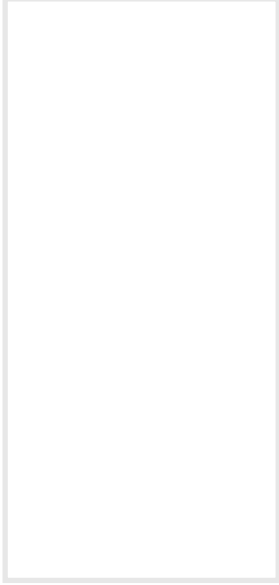
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