Immigration: The Righteous Judge Rules

This message was preached on 3 March 2019 from the historic pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel as "Immigration: The Righteous Judge Rules" based on St. Matthew 25:31-46. This sermon was one of seven in a sermon series entitled "De-Bunking Bumper Stickers with Scripture." It, along with over 550 other titles, is available on CDs and DVDs.

Today, we are looking at the bumper sticker regarding immigration, and, therefore, asking the question: What does the Bible have to say about it? Interestingly, the Bible has something to say on the issue of immigration.

I. What Does the New Testament Teach about Immigration?

To start, let's be clear: The words "immigration" or "immigrant" do not appear in the Bible; but that does not mean that the issue is not found in the Bible.

I also hasten to add: There are not multiple races referenced in the Bible—only one race—the human race. This is one of the most widely misunderstood biblical concepts even among Christians.

Think how often you find a question on application and other forms that asks for one's "race" followed by a list—Caucasian, African American, Hispanic, Native American, etc. Admittedly, I always want check the 'other' block and write in "human race."

The Bible teaches that there is only one race, but many ethnic groups. Acts 17:26 says, "And He has made from one blood every nation of men ... " That is what the Bible teaches: one race, but many ethnic groups or nations. We are all connected by one blood.

The second point to note from Acts 17:26 is that God determines "the allotted periods and the boundaries of their [ethnic group] dwelling place." In other words, just as God raises up leaders, so He also raises up nations, and allots them boundaries. [Some argue that borders and boundaries are artificial, man-made barriers. However, the Bible teaches that God has sovereignty determined the boundaries of each nation, and it is right for nations to recognize and protect their borders.]

Third, the New Testament uses three different terms to describe immigrants: foreigner, pilgrim, and stranger. Let's look at each (in turn):

Foreigner comes from the Greek word that literally means to have a home near or beside. It corresponds to our concept of resident alien. Abraham's descendants were resident aliens in Egypt where they would be in bondage to the Egyptians for 400 years. Acts 7:6 says, "And God spoke in these terms, that his [Abraham's] descendants would be resident aliens in a country belonging to others, who would enslave them and mistreat them during four hundred years."

Pilgrim comes from the Greek word that corresponds to our concept of an exile. The apostle Peter combines it with sojourner to remind believers that we are only passing through this world on our way to our glorious eternal home (in heaven). He says in 1 Peter 2:11, "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul." Peter's point is that believers are ultimately citizens of another world. We are to view ourselves as sojourners and

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President's Corner

WHERE THE VETERAN IS REMEMBERED

This fall we are remembering special Patriotic/Veteran events. We remember the terrorist attack of 9/11 and the brave responders giving their all to save any survivors. We will celebrate our Constitutional Republic on Constitution Sunday. On POW/MIA Sunday will remember our prisoners of war and those missing in action who fought for our freedoms and way of life. Our Veterans Day gives recognition to all veterans of our armed services. We will also remember Pearl Harbor and our brave veterans of WWII.

Our Chapel proudly celebrates freedom which, of course, includes religious freedom; freedom to stand for Biblical teachings in the face of secular outrages. We are part of the Christian remnant who stand with Christ against the enemy.

What a joy it is to be a part of a ministry so dedicated to Scripture and moral values in this dark secular world we live in. We eagerly support our Chapel and Christ in His spiritual battles against the enemy and we do this through our prayers, service, presence, and gifts. We are of one voice fighting against the left who are systematically dismantling religion and banishing God from the lips and hearts of the faithful.

Our country's veterans have made our cherished freedom possible. We are so blessed to have our Senior Chaplain, Ken Beale (a retired Colonel) and our Associate Chaplain, Buddy Winn (an active duty Colonel) to minister to us each Sunday. They bring us God's Word each Sunday and stand for the freedom the Veteran has provided.

Our Chapel truly is "Where the Veteran is Remembered." We are intertwined with Christ and those who have given us the freedom to worship Christ.

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Stranger comes from the Greek word used by Jesus (in our text) in a description about the final judgment. He said in Matthew 25:35, “For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me.” In a very real sense, Jesus is a stranger to this world. He left the glories of heaven in order to come and live among us to reconcile us with His Father. Moreover, He calls His people to reflect His own attitude and actions to others.

And so, when the righteous at the judgment asked Him, “Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?” Jesus answered and said, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.” (Matthew 25:37-40)

These words affirm that there are foreigners, pilgrims, and strangers. When the words are used in a spiritual sense, they remind us that just as Jesus was a foreigner, pilgrim, and stranger (to this earth), we (too) are to recognize that our ultimate citizenship (as Christians) is in heaven.

Another principle that we glean from the New Testament is that we are to treat strangers well. Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.” (Matthew 25:37-40) We are to treat all people, including strangers, well as if we were dealing with Jesus.

II. What Does the Old Testament Teach about Immigration?
God often reminds the Israelites in the Old Testament that they were strangers in a foreign land, and therefore they should show mercy to the strangers among them. So, we read in Leviticus 19:34, “You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”

I think it is important to note this because there is a sense in which so many people are immigrants, or, at least, are descendants of immigrants. All of us have immigrants somewhere in our family history. Even those with Native American ancestry trace their origin from somewhere else. Other than the world’s first inhabitants—Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:5-8; 15) somewhere in the pre-flood Middle East—the entire human race is made up of immigrants or the offspring of immigrants.

However, the fact that strangers (or immigrants, if you will) were to be treated kindly did not mean that they were treated equally. For example, the immigrants in the Old Testament could not participate in the temple activities. God said in Exodus 12:48, “If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.”

The principle is that in order to participate in the nation, one has to be willing to submit to laws of the nation. If one is not willing to submit to the laws of the nation, one cannot be a member of its society. [This principle is misunderstood by many in our country today.]

Let me ask you a question: “What makes you a citizen of the United States of America?” Most of you will say that you are a citizen of our country because you were born in the United States of America. Others might say that you are a citizen of our country because you became a naturalized citizen. Do you realize that such answers are wrong? Let me tell you why that is wrong. Edward J. Erler, in a fascinating article in Imprimis (a publication of Hillsdale College), said the following:

“Citizenship, of course, does not exist by nature; it is created by law, and the identification of citizens has always been considered an essential aspect of sovereignty. After all, the founders of a new nation are not born citizens of the new nation they create. Indeed, this is true of all citizens of a new nation—they are not born into it, but rather become citizens by law. Although the Constitution of 1787 mentioned citizens, it did not define citizenship. It was in 1868 that a definition of citizenship entered the Constitution, with the ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment. Here is the familiar language: ‘All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.’ Thus there are two components to American citizenship: (1) birth or naturalization in the U.S. and (2) being subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S.”

Most people believe that anyone born in this country is automatically a citizen of this country, and that simply is not the case. In order to be a citizen of
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this country one must be born or naturalized in this country and submit to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Constitution.

Perhaps the naturalized citizen has the advantage (here), because they explicitly and intentionally submit to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Constitution. During a Naturalization Oath Ceremony, a naturalized citizen takes an Oath of Allegiance. This is what it says:

"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."

One implication of a correct understanding of citizenship is that children of illegal immigrants are not automatically entitled to citizenship in this country. They are not (thus) automatically entitled to all its services and welfare.

Certainly, we are to treat immigrants, even illegal immigrants, with kindness, grace, and compassion. But, that does not mean that immigrants are entitled to everything that citizens are entitled to either.

Listen: There's no other country (in this world) more compassionate or generous towards the immigrants (of other nations) than the United States. The USA allows more immigrants from all over the world to enter our country than any other nation on earth. And why is that? It is due (in large part) to our Judeo-Christian heritage. We believe all people have an intrinsic worth —being made in God's image (Genesis 1:27)—independent of skin color or ethnic background. Our spiritual inheritance has conditioned us to respond to local and global catastrophes quickly and effectively. Therefore, the USA should not feel any shame concerning its overall acceptance of immigrants. Those that want to contribute to the 'American Experiment' are welcome to our shores and borders IF they support our values, respect our unique religious culture, and play by the rules. [Therein lies today's problem with immigration.]

With penalty-free access to open borders, sanctuary cities, unenforced federal laws, driver's licenses, in-state tuition, free medical care, welfare, and any number of other entitlements—even amnesty—what's the incentive to respect our laws, our values, and our spiritual heritage? The fact is, lawlessness and the abuse of compassion actually breeds contempt for authority and broad-based resentment toward each other. [What homeowner would allow someone to come into their home—even someone without a penny to his name—and stay indefinitely and take whatever they want? If one were to leave windows and doors wide open all day, leave money and fresh food lying around, hang the keys to one's vehicle in plain sight, and ignore everyone coming in and out, one's home would be packed (and sacked) in no time. This is what's happening in the USA today with illegal immigrants.]

The Bible is clear: the general responsibilities of governments to seek the "good" of the nation's that they rule (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-14); and thereby truly serve as "God's servant for your good." This means that the immigration policies of a nation should be designed to bring benefit to that specific nation. This purpose of seeking the good of the nation is reflected in the opening paragraphs of the U.S. Constitution, where the purposes of the new government included "ensure domestic tranquility" and "provide for the common defense" and "promote the general welfare." The government of the USA was established so that it would do good (for America) in these and other ways. Therefore, in the USA, immigration policies should be designed to bring benefit to the well-being of the nation as a whole. This implies that the USA should control all immigration processes so that the country gives priority to accepting those people who will most likely make a positive contribution to society.

It is appropriate that priority and immigration be given to:
• those who have sufficient education and training to support themselves and contribute well to American society,
• those who have demonstrated significant achievement in some area or another, and
• those who likewise give evidence that they will make a positive contribution.

By the same token, it is appropriate to exclude:
• those who have communicable diseases,
• those with a criminal record or terrorist ties, or

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those who otherwise give indication that their overall contribution would likely be negative rather than positive in terms of advancing the well-being of this nation.

While it is historically true that America has been a “nation of immigrants,” there are two problems that have become acute within the last decade (or so) and make the present situation different from our past history in immigration:

1. **Illegal immigrants.** There are many immigrants who have come here illegally—outside the normal system of entering the USA. Estimates are this number runs as high as 22 million or more (or 7% of the USA population of 325 million).

2. **Lack of assimilation.** Too many immigrants who have come here (legally) over the past 40-50 years do not seem to be assimilating well into American culture, but have formed their own ethnic communities in which their primary loyalty is not to the USA but to their nation of origin; and many remain as unskilled laborers, unable to rise above the lowest level of annual income.

Many of these people (by some estimates) drain more resources from this nation than they provide to the nation. Many illegal immigrants are costing the federal government (thus, the tax payers) billions-upon-billions of dollars in Medicare; coverage for the uninsured; welfare; food assistance programs such as food stamps and free school lunches; federal prison and court systems; and federal aid to schools.

Before any other solutions to the current immigration problems can be discussed, it is critical to come to an agreement that the USA must take action immediately and effectively to close its borders — especially the border with Mexico from which most of the illegal immigrants originate. National borders help governments establish who is a member (citizen), who is a visitor, and who shouldn’t get through the door. A nation has the right to enforce borders; and having no borders means it is no longer a nation.

American citizens are not being protected from the harm that illegal immigrants might do because the legal system has no way to track them if they commit wrong. Many of these illegals do not feel themselves responsible to contribute to the well-being of society as through military service or paying taxes or obedience to the law—because their status (here) is already “illegal” and, therefore, their very presence generates disrespect for the Rule of Law in the nation as a whole. Biblically, these illegal immigrants are living in constant disobedience of Paul’s command, “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.” (Romans 13:1)

You see, it is not just that they have broken the laws of the USA by entering the country illegally, but they also continue living in the country in an undocumented status without the legal permission of the USA. They can hardly be subject to the governing authorities when those authorities do not even have a record that they exist. Closing the border is simply a matter of establishing the Rule of Law more effectively in our nation. I can see no valid reason to oppose it or to delay it. I can see no excuse for making it a bargaining chip for negotiations about other aspects of the immigration question. The USA should have the right to determine who enters the country and to know who enters it. If the federal government demonstrates that it has no intention of following its own law, then the people who cross our borders can hardly be blamed. This applies not only to those who crossed illegally, but to those (almost 40% are undocumented) who overstayed their time in the USA.

Which raises the question: What should be done about illegal immigrants who are already here? Very simply:

- we should deport all known criminals,
- we should require immediate registration (of some kind) for immigrants to receive any services paid for by the USA, and
- we should provide a difficult (but possible) path to citizenship for those who desire it with appropriate fines, learning the English language, and a waiting period that would not unfairly preempt people who have already been in the citizenship process for a long time.

Let me say a quick word about giving refuge to illegal immigrants: Any American city that gives sanctuary to any illegal immigrants should cease to receive any federal funds; and any church that gives sanctuary to illegal immigrants should lose their tax exempt status. The current immigration laws of the USA require that people come (here) through an established legal process; and obeying that process does not require anyone to sin against God, so it does not fall under the category of the laws that we may (in good conscience) disobey. The people of God are obligated

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hard and abiding by the law of the land. We as a nation can only continue to play the role of a sanctuary for all who seek freedom and escape from oppression IF we continue to uphold the Rule of Law. The left needs to stop its hypocrisy of proclaiming, "we are a nation of laws" on the one hand and choosing to follow laws selectively on the other hand. If you’re truly compassionate toward immigrants’ well-being, stop supporting ‘sanctuary cities.’ Instead, advocate for a commonsense immigration reform.

As Christians we have to ask: What would Jesus say about immigration? Based on the Word of God:
- I believe Jesus understood that there are not multiple races, but one race—the human race; therefore, there really is no place for racism.
- He would be for protecting the borders. Our country has many enemies, and it is right to take appropriate protections on our borders and at the various ports of entry.
- Jesus would treat immigrants with compassion and kindness.
- And Jesus would allow immigrants who are willing to submit to the jurisdiction of our country to become citizens. I don’t believe that Jesus would support laws that allow illegal aliens to stay in this country nor to give them sanctuary.

Oh, as for the bumper sticker that reads—"If Jesus is coming he better bring his immigration papers" let me enlighten you:
1. It’s not "if" Jesus is coming— but "when" He is coming … to reign as King and Righteous Judge as stated in our text.
Special Patriotic/Veterans Events


Sun, 12 Sept 21 — U.S. Constitution Sunday — remembering our founding document.

Sun, 19 Sept 21 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 26 Sept 21 — Gold Star Day — recognizing the families of those service members who paid the ultimate price on the altar of liberty.

Sun, 7 Nov 21 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 5 Dec 21 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance — recognizing survivors with the tolling of the ship bell for those who have passed away since last year.

Mark your calendar with these dates and join us at 11:00 a.m.

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Got Christian Literature?

On Sun 3 Oct (Worldwide Communion Sunday) we will have our annual collection of non-denominational Christian literature to be delivered to the International Christian Literature Distributors, Inc. (ICLD) in Mpls who will in turn read, sort, package, and ship these Bible-based materials to primarily Third World countries. People around the world are hungry for Christian literature, but in many nations, it is either not available or too costly for people to purchase. ICLD meets this need by shipping over 1,600 pounds of materials to more than 50 countries.

Acceptable materials are: Bibles, Decision magazines, Daily Bread devotionals, Upper Room, non-denominational hymnals, Bible study books, and tapes of Sunday services. U.S. Postal regulations require materials to be free of advertising. A collection point will be at the front of the entrance to the Chapel.

Let’s all clear off our end tables and bookshelves and share our literature with the world. Mark your calendar for 3 October.

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livestream. If you are under the weather or out of town, you can still attend worship services at this site http://new.livestream.com/accounts/3709164. A link to this address can be found on the Chapel website www.fortsnellingmcf.org where you can download a .pdf of the weekly worship bulletin. Just click on that link and you will be able to watch LIVE or revisit previous services from the archive. Remember: We love to have you in-person at our services, but in the event that is not possible please join us via Livestream.

You may also ‘Like’ the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation on Facebook to view news of upcoming events.

If you have an e-mail address and are not currently receiving the mid-week ‘Chapel Chatter,’ providing you with what you need to know about the coming Sunday at the Chapel, please send an e-mail to the Chapel Foundation [info@fortsnellingmcf.org] and request to be added to this Constant Contact distro list.

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Christian Ed Class — Sundays 2:00 p.m. — Conference Room

Our Christian Education Class will resume starting Sun 12 Sep (2:00 p.m.) at our Bloomington Foundation Office Conference Room. Again, Bob Cizek will facilitate the class. The topic: Biblical Citizenship—requiring a knowledge of Biblical principles and how to apply them to the world around us. This course provides practical information on how to be a Biblical citizen through an 8-disc DVD set and a nearly 200 page workbook (available for purchase at $20 each). Featured in the curriculum are Rick Green, David Barton, Tim Barton, George Barna, Kirk Cameron, Rabbi Daniel Lapin, and more.

—Chaplain Ken
Fundamentals of the Faith—Baptism

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.’ ”

(St. Matthew 28:18-20)

In this passage, Jesus commissions His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations through Baptism and the teaching of the Gospel. These words apply to followers of every generation and express the main task of the Church. Those who believe in Christ and the Gospel are to be “baptized” with water in the name of the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the water of the new birth—in which believers are united with Christ in His death and resurrection. Christian baptism is the means by which a believer makes a public profession of faith as to their new life in Christ. Our baptism sets us out on a lifelong journey that is characterized by our relationship to God, our relationship to the community of faith, and our relationship with the wider world. For those of us who have been baptized, we rejoice in our new life in Christ! If you have not been baptized and desire more information, please contact one of our Chaplains here at the Chapel.

—Submitted by Eva Zorn

I’d rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today

I’d rather have Jesus than silver or gold,
I’d rather be His than have riches untold;
I’d rather have Jesus than houses or lands,
I’d rather be led by His nail-pierced hand.

Than to be a king of a vast domain or be held in sin’s dread sway;
I’d rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

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Great Hymns of the Faith—
“I’d Rather Have Jesus”

The words to the well-known hymn I’d Rather Have Jesus were written by Rhea F. Miller to a tune composed by George Beverly Shea. Inspired by her father’s testimony regarding his Christian faith, Miller penned the words to this poem in 1922, but it was not until 1932 that these words were set to music. After reading the poem which had been deliberately left at the piano by his mother, Shea was so moved that he sat down and composed the music “in a melody that expressed the feelings of my heart.” George Beverly Shea went on to sing this hymn around the world through his association with the Billy Graham Crusades, which contributed to its popularity. The lyricist informs us that her greatest longing is to know and experience Christ. Similarly, the Apostle Paul’s greatest longing was to know Christ and to experience his personal fellowship. “What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things...” (Phil. 3:8) To know the power of His resurrection is to experience deliverance from sin and a renewal of life!

Likewise, believers gladly state that we too would “rather have Jesus” than anything this world may offer!

—Submitted by Eva Zorn
Getting to Know...

JOY & RANDY JOHNSON

It was during a bike ride to work one summer morning, that Joy Johnson observed a sign regarding Sunday worship services at Fort Snelling Chapel. She had no idea that a church was located next to the historic fort, so made a mental note of it and continued on her way. At that time Joy and husband Randy, were attending church in downtown Minneapolis with their daughter Clara who was a college student. Several weeks later, the Johnsons were running late for their regular church service so decided at the last minute to attend Fort Snelling Chapel Independence Sunday 2018. The Johnsons took note of the patriotic flavor of the service which they appreciated since their youngest son Zachary was serving in the Army National Guard at the time. They also appreciated the historic aspect to the Chapel, the ecumenical flavor of worship, and the Gospel-centered sermons of Chaplains Beale and Winn. The couple sensed that “this was a congregation who loved God and country and were not afraid to show it.” But wait, there is more to this story.

Randy Johnson was the second of four children born to Evelyn and Arnold Johnson of Maiden Rock, Wisconsin. Mom was a schoolteacher and dad was self-employed as a handyman. The town of Maiden Rock is located in bluff country on the shores of Lake Pepin, and it was in this idyllic setting that Randy “roamed the woods and learned to fish and hunt much like Huck Finn.” The Johnson family placed a high priority on Christian values and church attendance. To that end, the family attended Tabor Lutheran Church where Randy was introduced to the faith, attended Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and was confirmed. One day while a student at Ellsworth High school, Randy asked his father if he could work on a car—a project that would keep him busy and eventually provide transportation. Without any hesitation, Randy's father took him out to an old shed where Randy opened the door to discover a battered 1931 Ford Model A! Thus began a three-year long project in which Randy, with assistance from his father, restored a dilapidated vehicle into a classic antique. Randy added, "I drove the Model A to both my graduation and later at my wedding!"

After high school Randy went on to attend the University of Wisconsin at River Falls, where he pursued a degree in Art and Industrial Education. While at school, Randy heard about a David Wilkerson Crusade which was being held in Wausau, Wisconsin. David Wilkerson was a Christian evangelist who initiated a series of "youth crusades" beginning in the late 1960s that took place in schools and colleges around the country. It was at such a crusade that Randy heard the Gospel message and committed his life to Christ. He returned to school a "changed person" and became active in InterVarsity Christian Fellowship—where he was introduced to a very special woman named Joy.

Joy was the second of four children born to Dave and Kathy Fruehauf. Joy’s mother passed away some years ago, but her father Dave remarried a “wonderful woman Char—whom I adore.” The Fruehauf family resided in New Hope, Minnesota, where Joy grew up and attended school in the Robbinsdale School District. Joy’s mother was a stay-at-home mother and her father was a teacher of mathematics in high school. The family was very involved with church where her father worked as a “youth pastor.” Some time later, her father entered the Lutheran Seminary and became an ordained Lutheran pastor in the Missouri Synod. The family attended church weekly and the children were all baptized and confirmed in that setting. Joy was very close to her baptismal sponsors who continued to mentor her in the faith throughout her childhood. After graduation from high school, Joy attended the University of Wisconsin at River Falls where she pursued a degree in agriculture.

The couple met one another at an InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Retreat when Joy was a freshman and Randy was in college. They

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soon discovered that they had a lot in common, and with the passage of time, their close friendship eventually led to marriage in 1981. The couple were married at Lund Covenant Church, honeymooned at Niagara Falls, and then embarked on a six week trip where they traveled across the country. Randy and Joy were both committed Christians and wanted to do something to help spread the Gospel, so signed up as "lay missionaries" with the Salvation Army. Soon they were both on their way to the Caribbean Island of St Thomas where they worked as teachers in the local schools. Randy taught industrial education at the middle school while Joy taught home economics at the high school. In addition to their teaching responsibilities, the Johnsons assisted with a "canteen" in an effort to provide wholesome activities and Christian fellowship for sailors on shore leave.

Upon their return to the United States in 1990, Randy obtained a Masters Degree in Industrial Education/Furniture Design at Appalachia State University in North Carolina. The family relocated to Minnesota where they purchased a small farm in Anoka and raised their family which consisted of two sons and two daughters: Alamanda, Benjamin, Clara, and Zachary. The family relocated to Mendota Heights in 2006 where they currently reside. Randy works as a technical writer and trainer for Next Wave while Joy works as an executive assistant to the V.P./General Counsel at Xcel Energy. In their free time, the couple enjoy gardening and sailing in addition to Randy's woodworking.

Randy and Joy Johnson will celebrate 40 years of marriage this year and feel they have been truly blessed. They have 4 adult children, 5 grandchildren, with two more "on the way." Randy stated, "Life is a walk of faith."

Clearly, the Johnsons have demonstrated this commitment to walk with Jesus throughout their lives. It seems appropriate to close with the first stanza of Joy and Randy's favorite hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness. The words in this stanza inform us that God is merciful, compassionate and faithful to all whose hope is in Him. Believers can rest secure in the knowledge that God's promises are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. God has given His Word and the promise of eternal life through His only Son Jesus Christ. We have every reason to be thankful each and every day for His many mercies!

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
there is no shadow
of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
new mercies I see;
all I have needed
Thy hand hath provided;
great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Thank you, Joy and Randy, for your presence and participation at Fort Snelling Chapel!

—Submitted by Eva Zorn

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**Operation Christmas Child**

Operation Christmas Child is a part of the Samaritan's Purse—an evangelical Christian International relief organization headed by Franklin Graham. Since 1993, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts.

Those wishing to fill a shoebox(es) must use boxes provided by Samaritan's Purse for ease of shipping. Please watch Chapel Chatter for more information.

We understand that shopping may be difficult for some people so we are also offering an opportunity to make a monetary donation payable to the "FSMCF." Please note on the check memo line "Samaritan's Purse." The average cost of filling a box is $20. The FSMCF will write a one time check to Samaritan's Purse for those donations.

Boxes must be returned to the Chapel by November 14th. Monetary donations must be made by November 7th. Last year, we brightened Christmas for 223 children.

We have reason to be proud of the support this congregation has shown for this project. Our goal this year is to collect the equivalent of 200 boxes. We hope that you will take advantage of one of these options and bring the message of God's wonderful gift of Jesus to children all over the world.

—Your Fellowship Committee
Book Review

The author A.J. Baime, puts a spotlight on the first four months of the Truman Presidency when Truman was thrust upon the world scene following the sudden death of FDR. The reader sees the transformation that occurred when Truman—a Vice President with routine administrative responsibilities becomes President and leader during a time of world war. No President in U.S. history entered the office of the Presidency with less background briefing as did Truman. The book jacket summarizes the many events that occurred during the first 120 days of his presidency, including “the founding of the United Nations, the fall of Berlin, victory at Okinawa, firebombings in Tokyo, the first atomic explosion, the Nazi surrender, the liberation of concentration camps, mass starvation in Europe, the Potsdam Conference, the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the surrender of Japan.”

Despite the short time frame of the biography, the author creates a highly readable portrait of a complex and thoroughly American figure who came into his own as President and Chief. The book utilizes first-person accounts, including correspondence with his wife, daughter, and mother to provide a more intimate account of this unlikely president.

The book runs 431 pages and includes photos, epilogue, index, and extensive notes. This is a fair and balanced portrayal of a momentous period in the life of our country and recommended for persons with an interest in U.S. history, WWII, and the Presidency of Harry S Truman.

—Submitted by Eva Zorn
Creation Corner

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.” (Romans 1:20)

WHAT'S ALL THIS TALK ABOUT QUESTIONING THE SHAPE OF THE EARTH? (Part 5 - Final)

(Please reread Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/Jun, and Jul/Aug 2021 issues of The Snelling Spirit archived on our website)

My plans were to complete Part 5 of this unique basic series on the True, Credible and Actual Cosmology of the Earth with the closing article in Part 6, but due to unforeseen circumstances, this article will be the summary and wrap-up. So far I have invested more time in this one subject than any other easily over 1,500 hours on this subject alone in the past 5-years. When I began this research, my purpose was just to find out why so much attention was being paid to a topic that at first glance, was something that the average Joe or Jane would laugh off as a joke ... I came close to doing the same, but my gift of inquisitiveness from my loving Creator said to move forward and ignore the flak that would surely follow. I have never turned back ... nor have I ever found a single particle of evidence to disprove the earth as laid out in clear detail in the Creator's breathed out words that tell us, whether we are prepared to take in the truth or not that the earth is the "center of creation" a flat plateau of land, peppered with hills and valleys, enclosed by a beautiful protective crystalline firmament (dormed sky), where two distinct, and (unnamed) luminaries, known simply as the "greater light" and the "lesser light," individually illuminate the earth to give us our days and nights and seasons, which are determined by their widening and narrowing paths circling directly above the earth. This same earth, with its immense seas, are bounded by the sheer-cliff ice wall of Antarctica, that runs for more than 60,000 miles and defines the perimeter of our world. (Please get that circular ice island at the bottom of a grade school globe out of your head, thank you. It's not reality! This is reality: [He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end. Job 26:10].

North, being at earth's center directly under the star Polaris, gives us a means by which compasses function. (Interestingly, compasses do not function near and beyond the Ice Wall.) This immense ice-wall boundary defines the southern edge of the earth as we have been allowed to discover, since following Admiral Byrd's "Operation High Jump" (sort of descriptive, I'd say) in 1946—the Antarctic Treaty of 1959—(the only treaty never to be broken) locked us out by joint military forces until 2041, barring any further exploration of what's beyond the world's shoreline. Again, they know—we don't get to know! That's how control works! What is it that they cannot allow us to find? The ruling controllers of governments and schools, NASA, the scripted news media, Hollywood, and our consensus-based "masonic science," are not telling us the truth, some knowingly and some unknowingly, while we go about our merry way in our veritable "Truman Show," wearing face diapers because the same people told us to. For 92% of our entire existence of 6000 years, virtually ALL world civilizations, including the Mayans and American Indians, have believed in a fixed, enclosed, immovable flat earth system similar to the concept accepted as truth by the Biblical Hebrews. Only in the last 8% of history have we been force-fed a cosmology involving a spinning ball earth. It appears to me that it really may not have been the majority belief for much of that time, because before the 20th Century, schools were controlled locally, and people had no radio or tv and still trusted and believed in their own senses. The real push to get people to believe in the magic "spinning ball" began in the 1920s and again after NASA was forced to control the flow of all information on cosmology. (An interesting and charming interview with a 92-year-old named Ruth is on DITRH (Ytube) who talked of being taught in grace school in Connecticut in about 1923 that the earth was flat and later told differently.) Also, 5 of the 20 or more books that I have read on earth cosmology were written prior to 1901. Of course, education today is a matter of what to think—not how to think! That is known as indoctrination. Why is the globe lie so important to understand? Because the money changers and manipulators of the world need to keep their level of control over us, and knowledge is control! Lately, we have witnessed their push toward the Global New World Order that seems now to be coming on daily toward us at a frightening pace. This fall, there will be forced lockdowns, likely a mirror of the communism that has a tightening grip on Canada, Australia, and other countries. They have technologies and powers that are awesome, and the Book of Revelation is about to become our daily newspaper! Please take time to research flat earth cosmology. Once you see the lie, you will NEVER be the same. It is not a laughing matter.

The Flat Earth (A/E) map¹ has been around at least since the year 1000 and is an official map in the US Geological Survey (USGS). It is also the map in the official logs for The International Maritime Organization, The International Civil Aviation Organization, The World Health Organization (WHO) and The United Nations (UN).

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Yahweh, exists in the third heaven, directly above the center of the firmament, which is enclosing the fixed and unmoving (use your senses) flat plateau of land that we live on and He sees us below through the firmament (described as a molten looking glass). [Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass? (Job 37:18)] It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshopper.

250 FLAT EARTH VERSES FROM THE BIBLE

Earth Created Before the Sun [What did the Earth orbit around in “space” for 3 days?]: Gen 1:1-19

Universe is Complete, NOT ever expanding [Sort of blows apart the Jesuits’ Big Bang, eh?!]: Gen 2:1

Earth Measurements Unknown: Job 38:4-5, Job 38:18, Jer 31:37, Prov 25:3

Earth is a Disk/Circle, not a ball: Isa 40:22, Prov 8:27, Job 38:13-14

Earth Measured with a Line, not a curve: Job 38:4-5

Waters are Straight, not curved: [Ugh oh! Water on a globe needs to be humped, not level! ] Job 37:10

Earthquakes shake Earth, and does not move: 2 Sam 22:8 [This a song by David], Isa 13:13, Rev 6:12-13

Earth is fixed and immovable: 1 Chr 16:30, Ps 33:9, Ps 93:1, Ps 96:10, Ps 104:5, Ps 119:89-90, Isa 14:7, Isa 45:18, Zech 1:11, Luke 8:17, Heb 11:10, 2 Pet 3:5 [earth standing]

Earth has Pillars and hangs on nothing: 1 Sam 2:8, Job 9:6, Job 26:7, Ps 75:3, Acts 7:49


Waters have a Face (a geometrical flat surface): Gen 1:2, Gen 7:18, Job 38:30. (Re: Gen 1:2, Abyssal (flat & smooth) plains cover more than 50% of the earth. It is impossible for the abyssal plains to cover more than 50% of the earth for the earth to be a sphere.)

Sky has a Face (a geometrical flat surface): Matt 16:3, Lk 12:56


Earth has 4 Corners/Quarters: Jer 9:26, Jer 25:23, Isa 11:12, Ez 7:2, Ecc 1:6, Rev 7:1, Rev 20:8


Earth is Yahweh’s Footstool: Matt 5:35, Isa 66:1


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Below is a list of the Cosmology books in my library

The Holy Bible [BB]*
Zetetic Astronomy: Earth Not A Globe – An Experimental Inquiry Into The True Figure of the Earth – Parallax (Samuel Birley Rowbothan) – 1881. [BB]*
One Hundred Proofs That the Earth Is Not a Globe – William Carpenter – 1885 [BB]*
Is the Bible From Heaven? Is the Earth a Globe? – Alex Gleason – 1890 [BB]*
Terra Firma: The Earth Not a Planet, Proved from Scripture, Reason & Fact-David Wardlaw Scott – 1901 [BB]*
Antarctica: First Hand Accounts of Exploration and Endurance – Charles Neider, ed – 1972
Genesis – And the Synchronized, Biblically-Endorsed, Extra-Biblical Texts – Rob Skiba, ed. – 2013 [BB]*
The Flat-Earth Conspiracy – Eric Dubay – 2014
16 Emergency Landings Proving Flat Earth (a PDF) – Eddie Alencar – 2019 (available at LuLu.com) [BB]*
The Doctrine of the Shape of the Earth: A Comprehensive Biblical Perspective– Nathan Roberts – 2017 [BB]*
Where Are We? EARTH According To The Bible – Chad Taylor – 2017 [BB]*
The EARTH is FLAT: Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid – Casper Stith – 2017
The Flat Earth: Trilogy Book of Secrets I Veritas Aequitas – Gregory Lessing Garrett – 2018 [BB]*
Scientism Exposed: Hiding the True Creator of Creation – Robbie Davidson – 2018 [BB]*
Earth is FLAT like a MAT (a book for children) – Nathan Roberts – 2018 [BB]*
Like Clay Under the Seal – Pastor Dean Odle – 2019 [BB]*
Flat Earth for Dummies 101 (Definition of Dummy: Indoctrinated in Globe from Birth) – Elaine Clanton – 2019
The Voyage (a novel) – Douglas Falk – 2019
Graven Image: Why the Earth Is Not a Globe – Vincent Rhodes – 2019 [BB]* (lots of typos -skip this one)
200 Proofs Earth is Not a Spinning Ball – Eric Dubay – 2020

* These books are Biblically Based [BB] or are in direct agreement with the scriptures.

"I'm ordering a second copy to loan out." —John Kruse
I wish to graciously thank Chaplain Ken Beale for allowing me to diverge from the normal theme of the Creation Corner to do a vital multipart series on our True Cosmology as described in the scriptures. Please reread all the articles from Part 1 to this one, since they are cumulative and every detail is important. This is the most important series that I have ever written, and I could never have written a word of it without the hand of my very Creator standing behind me and providing me the organization skills that I do not naturally have. My life changed when I discovered that the true cosmology of Heaven and Earth has been intentionally hidden from us. I compare my life before 2017 and after, and I feel that in comparison to what I know now, that I knew NOTHING before that point! I threw my entire base of knowledge in the trash and walked forward, awake! I feel that my life began again in 2017 and I have never for one single moment looked back and you won’t either. Please take the journey with me. There is, to my knowledge, no one that has undertaken deliberate research into this subject and gone back to the mythical globe! When I see a person who is still buying into that computer-generated, spinning “Blue Marble” globe – the biggest farce ever dropped on a civilization ever, I shake my head. – I must remember that 5 years ago that poor soul was me! Reminds me of the other day when I saw a guy playing an electric violin with canned orchestral accompaniment in the parking lot. Being a fiddler, I had to check it out. There were a few folks putting money in the box and listening intently. I walked up to him and said, "When you play the high notes, be sure your fingers are on the strings that make the high notes. But it’s a pretty good con you have there." I left some people with their mouths hanging open. It’s like that now—I see things for what they are. Thanks for reading my articles. I will add my email address so you can get in touch with me if you need any help in your studies. I plan to keep the series going privately and will send future articles to anyone who is interested. So long for now. As the saying goes “Once you go flat, you can’t go back!” Oh, and it is so true!

—Submitted by John Kruse Skookum@USFamily.net

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