



# County Corrections Gospel Mission

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Dear

"...for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

-- Hebrews 11:16

First, I write to let you know how much I appreciated the recent Warden's Association Symposium in Pittsburgh. Everyone in attendance accepted me warmly and for that I am very thankful! Although my car broke down and I thumbed 250 miles to my home, it was worth every minute!

I have just enjoyed studying in the Bible the great way God can reward and bless those who seriously desire His fellowship and leading. I was admittedly surprised to especially notice the oft times that God's Word carefully included leaders in authority. I am always refreshed to read accounts of those in authority who are equally yielded to the Lord! On occasion, I have read of powerful figures who have been good to the people who represent the love and care of a living God.

I remember the honor bestowed upon Esther by the King of Persia because of her chaste life and love for her people of Israel. I recall the care given by King Cyrus to return Israel back to her homeland, Jerusalem, and also the protection granted the Apostle Paul by the Roman Governor, Felix. In each situation, the one in authority made the difference.

On the contrary, I can recall the sweeping slaughter of Jews under Hitler and the murder of infants by King Herod's mad search to destroy the newborn, announced Messiah, Jesus Christ. History of civilizations are laced with the best of leaders and the most criminal of tyrants.

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It is quite interesting to read in Acts chapter 10 of the Bible, the great testimony of a Roman Soldier, Cornelius, who commanded a troop in the great city of Caesarea. It was said of him; "He was devout, a man who feared God with his family, a giver of alms to the poor and a man who always prayed!" He had only to speak and men listened. He had only to command and men acted. His servants and personal guard said of him, "He is a just man, one that feareth God and of good report!" The Bible says that he was a man who sought to know the truth of the living God. He gathered his friends and family together and called upon the Apostle Peter saying, "We are all here present before God to hear all things that are commanded thee of God".

Amidst the clamour of elections and political wars, I write again to remind and encourage you concerning the value and necessity of spiritual leadership. I can only be encouraged when great leaders love God. The double portions of strength, respectability, wisdom and grace seem to be their character.

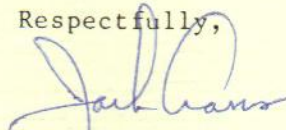
No nation was perhaps more powerful or cruel than Rome. It surely rejoiced the heart to meet one galliant commander who held his post and gained the blessing of both the Empire and its subjects.

As our flag waves over America and my children wait and pray to see what tomorrow holds, I again go on record as wanting to encourage and vitally support those who would dare to lead to the praise of God and the rejoicings of good men!

I think it is rather exciting when world rulers bow their heads before God. May we do the same for the cause of a most necessary and difficult profession.

I write,

Respectfully,



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P.S. All good men need to do for evil to triumph is...nothing!