

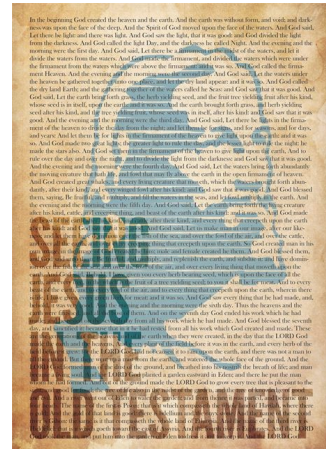


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"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word.

When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."

-Martin Luther (Luther's Works, 25:238).

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Come, Desire of Nations

It's still Christmastide, and you've likely sung (at least once) a hymn (or two) that mentions the "desire of nations." Have you ever reflected on what these words teach us about the person and work of our Savior? The phrase comes from—you guessed it—the little book of Haggai! (I know, it's been "Haggai Appreciation Day" for three months now.)

First it should be pointed out that in Haggai's day, the temple didn't look like much. In fact, it didn't look like anything at all. "Is it not *nothing* in your eyes?" (Hag. 2:3), the Lord even asks.

But in the midst of this emptiness, God reassures his people that he is still with them (Hag. 2:4–5), and ends up promising them something that makes for the most celebrated part of Haggai: "Thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all nations, so that *the desire of all nations shall come*, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts" (Hag. 2:6–7).

So it is that the Lord “shakes” (repeated) things up to get his divine plan into motion, whether that’s all of Jerusalem at the birth of his son (see Mt. 2:3) or our own lives here and there as he sees fit. Yes, sometimes his “shaking” that comes our way really rattles us and comes with some angst, maybe even much heartache, but through it all, our heavenly Father brings our desires again and again to our greatest refuge and hope in every need.

C. S. Lewis once wrote that “if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling around with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea” (from “The Weight of Glory”).

So it is that the Lord shakes in us a desire that *comes*, one that is oriented—not just at Christmastime, but ‘round the calendar—toward his house. A love of earthly riches is shaken up to draw us toward heavenly riches (see Lk 12:21). A desire for bread alone is brought to the bread that does not perish (Jn. 6:27). A desire for knowledge is directed toward the wisdom of God on the cross (1 Cor 1:24). A desire for status before others is brought to the place where we are put in a right relationship with God (Rom 3:24). And repeat.

As another new year starts up, what are you desiring the most? Whatever it is, keep your eyes fixed on the true Desire of all nations, who continues to be our greatest rest in all restlessness.

Dr. Brian German
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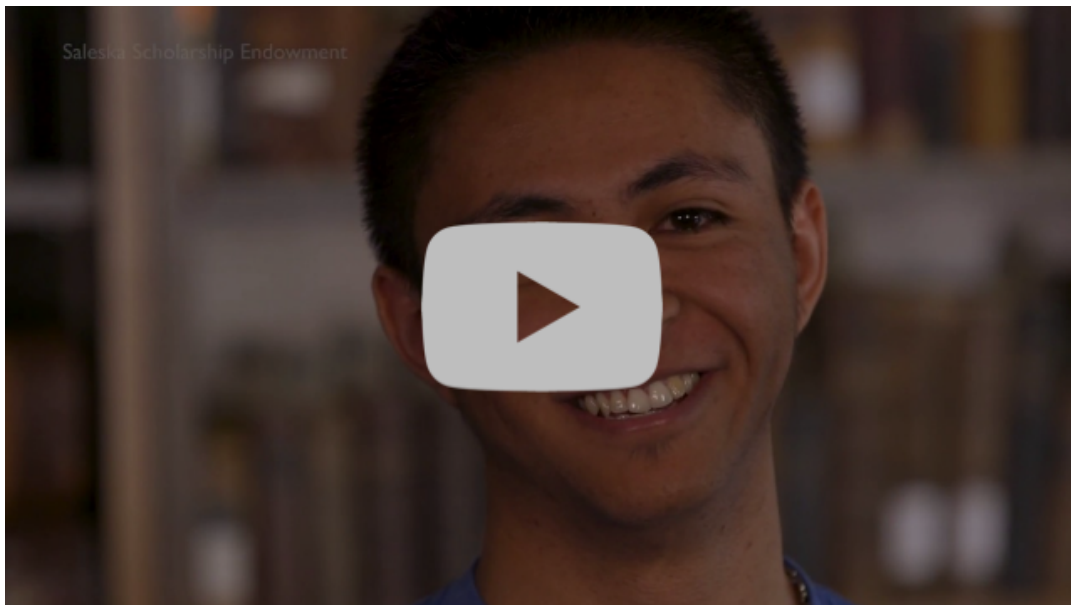


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Thank you! Blessings in Christ,

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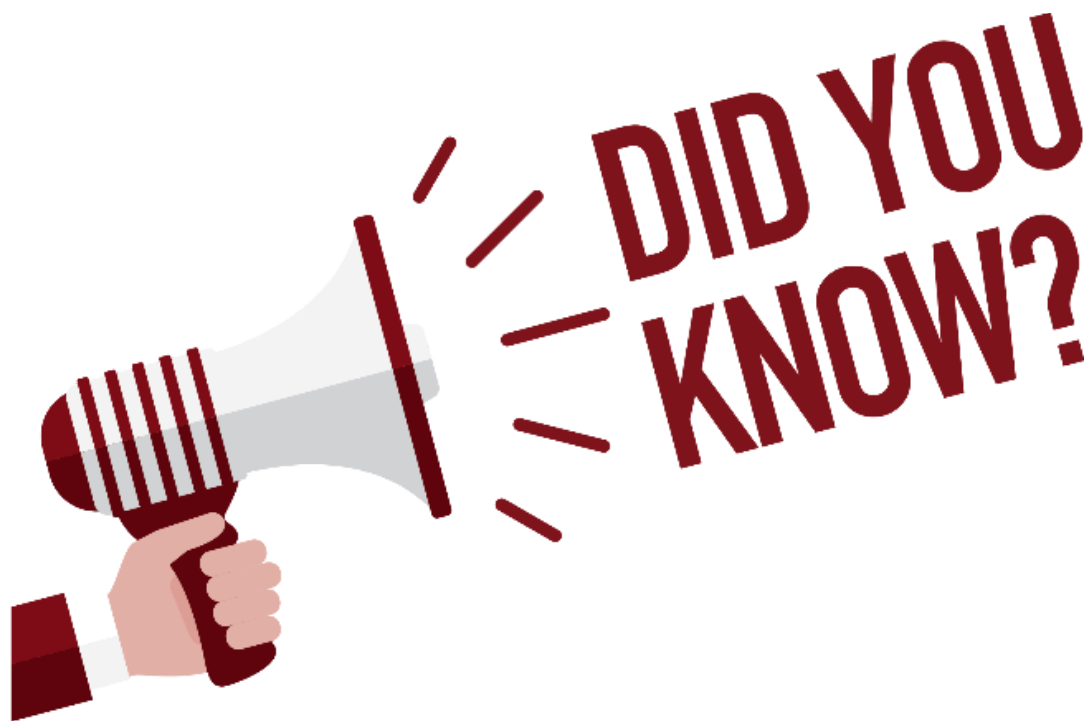


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Luke 1:68-79 Mark 2
2 Psalm 30 Mark 3	3 Psalm 31 Mark 4	4 Psalm 32 Mark 5	5 Psalm 33 Mark 6	6 Psalm 34 Mark 7	7 Psalm 35 Mark 8	8 Psalm 36 Mark 9
9 Psalm 37 Mark 10	10 Psalm 38 Mark 11	11 Psalm 39 Mark 12	12 Psalm 40 Mark 13	13 Psalm 41 Mark 14	14 Psalm 42 Mark 15-16	15 Psalm 43 Genesis 1-3
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