

Sources for the Practical Application Exercises

- Source for Exercise #1 -

The *Litany for the Diaspora* was adapted from *The Litany* on pages 117-120 of a book titled, *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book* (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo., 1918).

- Source for Exercise #2 -

The *Litany of Thanksgiving* was a part of an *All Faiths Prayer Breakfast - Service of Thanksgiving* in our military. The individuals leading portions of this service - from an invocation through a benediction - were representatives of the Jewish religion, Protestant Christianity, the religion of Islam, Catholic Christianity and the Wicca religion. This is an example of a syncretistic worship service.

- Source for Exercise #3 -

Be Careful is a children's hymn written in 1896 by Charles Hutchinson Gabriel, 1856-1932 and was based upon 2 Corinthians 7:11 -- For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter. Did you notice that there was no Gospel at all? The fourth stanza is particularly horrid! Did you notice that you had to be without sin before Jesus would be with you? Did you notice that we must love before Jesus will love? Did you notice that this was for children?

- Source for Exercise #4 -

O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is was written in 1653 by Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676 and was based upon Luke 2:7 -- *And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.* This hymn is included as #81 in *The Lutheran Hymnal*, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, 1941. Notice the references to what the Good News is for us and for our children?

- Source for Exercise #5 -

The sermon is titled, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* and is by Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758). This sermon was preached in Enfield, Connecticut on July 8, 1741. In this sermon the word *hell* was used 52 times and the word *wrath* was used 51 times. *Christ* was mentioned 9 times and *grace* was used 4 times. Amazingly, the following words are not found in this sermon: *ransom, Jesus, forgive, forgiveness, baptism, baptized, crucified, cross, redeem, redeemer, redeemed, resurrection, Lord's Supper and atonement.* Were you able to find to find the Gospel in this sermon? What is the hearer's comfort?

- Source for Exercise #6 -

The sermon is titled, *Our Comforting Assurance that the Death of this Child is Precious in the Sight of the Lord (Psalm 116:15)* and was written by an unknown author. This sermon was for the funeral of a little girl and is printed in an 1899 book of 51 funeral sermons titled: *I Am The Resurrection and The Life.* Were you able to find to find the Gospel in this sermon? What is the hearer's comfort?