

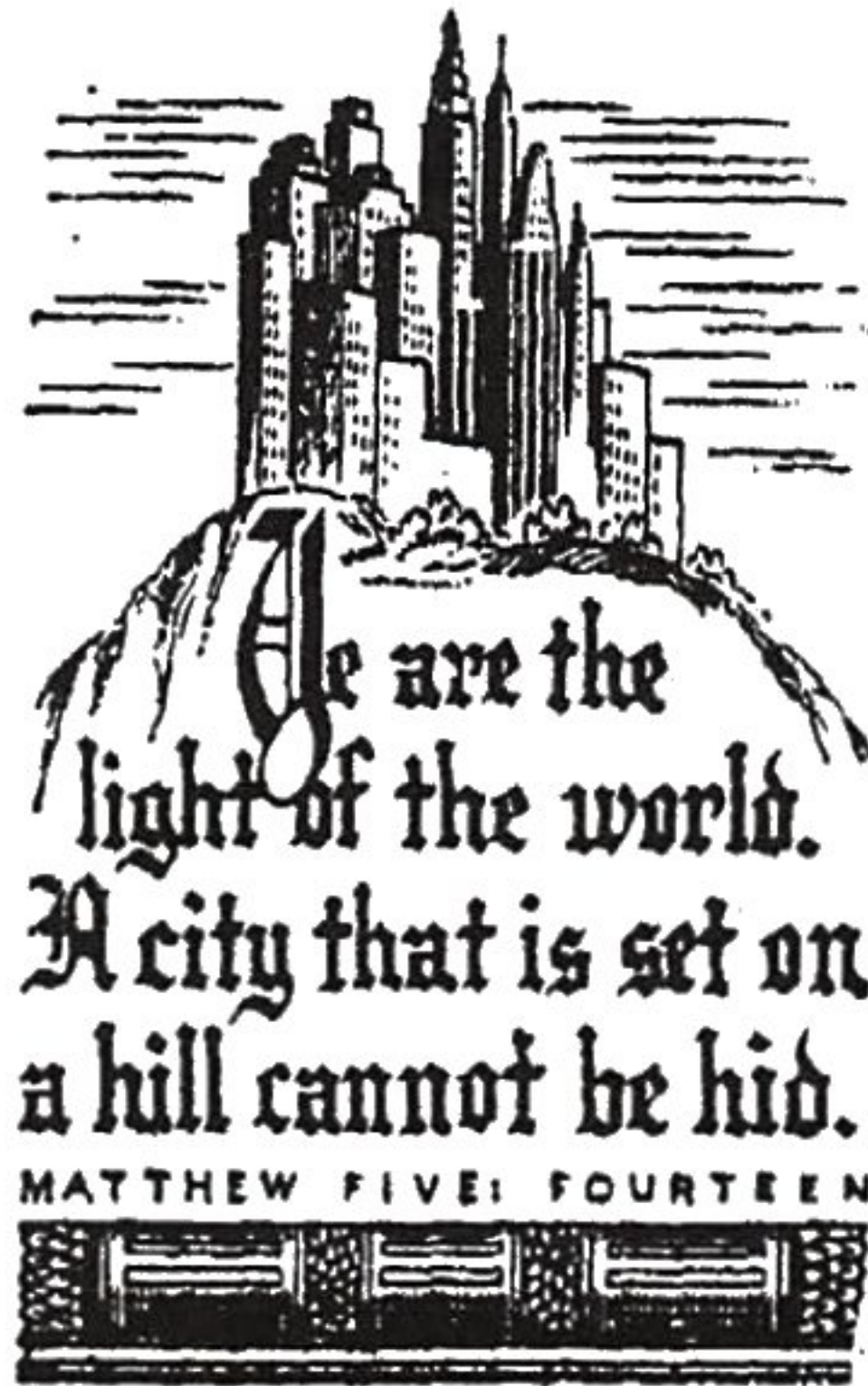
Grace and Glory

Declaring unto you the
whole Counsel of GOD

Volume 109

September 2019

Number 9



Are the
light of the world.
A city that is set on
a hill cannot be hid.

MATTHEW FIVE: FOURTEEN

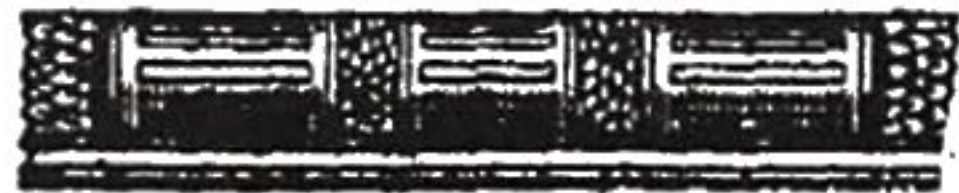
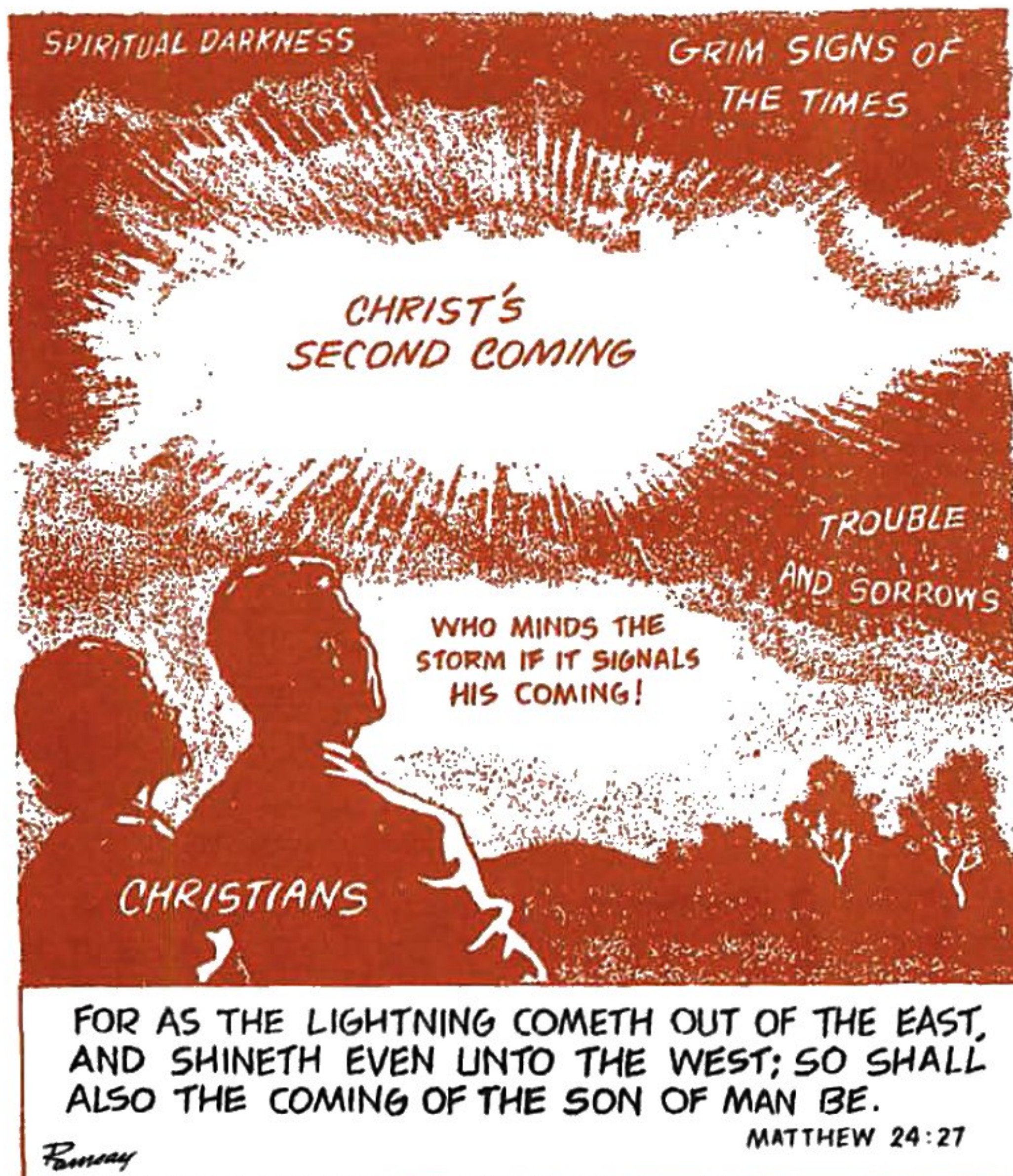


Table Of Contents

<i>Article</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Page</i>
Definite Sign Posts of the End.....	Gene Hawkins.....	3
Resisting Satan.....	Anita Clark.....	10
Five Steps Of Faith.....	A.S. Copley.....	12
Cheer Up Thou Downcast Heart.....	Ray Quintana.....	20
Look & Be Saved.....	Cpl. Carroll H. Holcomb..	23
Grudginly Or Willingly.....	Eva Laura Bond.....	26

NO LIGHTNING WITHOUT DARK CLOUDS



Grace & Glory" (USPS # 224-300 ISSN # 279-6996) is published monthly by Grace & Glory Gospel Society, 13011 Grandview Rd. P.O. Box 831, Grandview, Missouri 64030.

PERIODICALS postage is paid at Grandview, Missouri.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to "Grace & Glory" P.O. Box 831, Grandview, Missouri 64030.

Telephone: 816-618-3306. E-mail gghawk1@msn.com Print Shop # 816-322-2257

Web site: www.gracegod.org. Bible lessons and audio sermons are downloadable.

GRACE & GLORY is published for the purpose of proclaiming God's Holy Word. We believe that the Scriptures are inspired of God and were given to His holy apostles and prophets by the Holy Spirit. (II Timothy 3:16, II Peter 1:21)

GRACE & GLORY has had continuous publication without subscription price since 1910. We are able to continue this ministry by your kind financial support.

Editor: Gene Hawkins



“For nation shall rise against nation,...” Matt. 24:7

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers,... trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,...” II Tim. 3:1-3

It has been pointed out numerous times in these pages over the years that “nation shall rise against nation,” in these last days. One of the major reasons for that unrest lies in the fact that there shall be **trucebreakers**, meaning that none of the nations trust each other and the breaking of treaties has become quite commonplace. One nation blames the other for such infractions, but, in some cases, we are sure that there are certain national leaders who had no intention of keeping their agreements in the first place. They are much like the historic account recorded in Daniel 11:27 wherein the kings of Egypt and Syria sought their own dominance after the Grecian Kingdom of Alexander the Great was broken into four separate parts. “And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper:...” This same pattern of meeting at some negotiating table has been repeated countless times throughout the ages as world leaders have grappled for power. The ambition in the hearts of such men in these last days has not changed.

The above text from II Tim. 3 describing the perilous times of these last days not only announces the fact that multiple treaties will be broken but also includes the reasons for such infractions. These characteristics describe men in general but are very easily applied to national powers. The list begins with the fact that “...men shall be lovers of their own selves,....” and is surely an apt description of many current world leaders seeking their own desire for power on the present world stage. They are also defined as being “...covetous,....” that is “fond of money,” which is the absolute path to power in our world today. Furthermore, they are “...boasters, proud, blasphemers,....” as they loudly publish their own merit and demonstrate the pride, independence and arrogance of the flesh even to the

point of blasphemy, or “railing” against both God and man.

The following headline from the Des Moines Register greatly enlarges on this prominent end time sign of “...trucebreakers...” **“Blame the US for Iran tensions”** We are accustomed to hearing one nation blaming another for their difficulties, but the writer of this article is an American, a former navy admiral, White House director for defense, and former congressman. His thoughts center around the fact that the U.S. withdrew from the multi-national agreement with Iran known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). That covenant was originally intended to stop the Iranians from developing a nuclear weapon, but the burden of this article is to explain the foregoing headline. **“Tensions between Iran and The United States have recently reached dangerous new heights.....As tensions continue to ratchet up, we must own up to the fact that we are to blame. We broke our word.**

The latest development is the recent announcement from Tehran that Iranians have begun enriching uranium above the limits agreed upon in 2015. This does not mean Iran is significantly closer to developing a nuclear weapon, but it does mean they no longer comply with the agreement.

4 Of course, we first violated the terms by withdrawing from the agreement in May 2018 after establishing sanctions on Iran.”

This agreement with Iran has been controversial to say the least. Pres. Trump has long defined it as being a “bad deal,” at least; in part, due to what has become known as “the sunset clauses.” Israel, the major target of Iran, lobbied vigorously against making this deal in the first place as P.M. Netanyahu presented mounds of evidence showing forth the tremendous aggression of Iran in the Middle East, especially emphasizing the threat to Israel. The following statement from THE AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (AIPAC) was also issued in July 2015. **“...the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) sought to prevent Iran from building a nuclear weapon. But the deal only imposed temporary restrictions on Tehran’s nuclear quest and has had no moderating effect on its regional aggression. In the coming years, most restrictions on Iran’s nuclear program will lift, allowing it to become a nuclear weapons threshold state. The JCPOA only temporarily restricts Tehran’s nuclear program. The deal legitimized Iran’s nuclear program, left a vast nuclear infrastructure in place, and largely expires after only 15 years. A long-term strategy must be developed to ensure Iran’s nuclear program is peaceful. U.N. ban on assistance to Iran’s ballistic**

missile program will end. Iran—whose ballistic missiles already threaten Israel and parts of Europe—will have a much easier path to acquire missile components and technology. Advances in its program will facilitate accurate targeting and may enable Tehran to threaten America. Ban on manufacture of advanced centrifuges will begin to expire. Iran will be able to reduce its nuclear weapon breakout time by perfecting rapid manufacture of advanced centrifuges. Assuming congressional approval, U.S. nuclear sanctions will lift.”

We would also note P.M. Netanyahu’s declaration to the U.N. in regards to this covenant. “In a few years, [nuclear] restrictions will be automatically removed, not by a change in Iran’s behavior, not by a lessening of its terror or its aggression—they’ll just be removed by a mere change in the calendar.”

The writer of the above article from the Des Moines Register is most assuredly entitled to his own opinion touting Iran as a defenseless victim of the U.S. and concluding that, “The Iran deal was not all-inclusive:....But by fulfilling its fundamental purpose --- preventing Iran from developing nuclear weapons --- it was successful.” However, he asserts this final statement as absolute fact, which is in direct contradiction to the conclusions drawn by AIPAC and Israel’s P.M. who seem to have much more to lose were the nuclear threat from Iran to be realized. 5

We can only wonder how anyone can come to such a conclusion of “success” when the time limits have not expired, and there is absolutely no guarantee whatsoever that this rogue regime will not develop a nuclear weapon. Not only so, but throughout the rest of this discourse, there is not one whisper of the fact that Modern Day Iran, which is the old Persian Empire, has a long history of making and breaking treaties dating as far back as 1965. Consider some of these examples which were compiled by www.unitedagainstnucleariran.com. Tehran ratified a treaty of Diplomatic Relations in Feb. 1965 whereby she agreed “...to maintain and respect the binding laws that govern diplomatic missions to a host country.” Many Americans should well remember when that agreement was broken, for in 1979 “...the American embassy in Tehran was violently seized and 52 Americans were held hostage for 444 days.” A group of Iranian college students belonging to the Muslim Student Followers of the Imam’s Line were responsible for that action, but the government of Iran did not release the hostages until Ronald Reagan became President on Jan. 20, 1981. That same treaty was also violated in Oct. 2011 when American authorities

uncovered an Iranian plot to assassinate the Saudi Ambassador to the U.S. Iran further broke her word when the British Embassy in Tehran was attacked by "...a regime sponsored mob..." in Nov. 2011.

Iran also ratified the "...Disarmament and Weapons of Mass Destruction Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)" This took place in March of 1970 when Iran committed to an agreement designed to "prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, to promote cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to further the goal of achieving nuclear disarmament and general and complete disarmament." Under the terms of the treaty, "Each non-nuclear-weapon State party to the Treaty undertakes to accept safeguards, as set forth in an agreement to be negotiated and concluded with the International Atomic Energy Association."

6 This same account continues, citing multiple Iranian NPT violations. "For years, Iran has violated the terms of the NPT by illicitly developing its nuclear program without consulting the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). In response to heightened international pressure, Iran eventually declared parts of its nuclear program in 2003, although the announcement was shrouded in misinformation regarding past nuclear activities. Iran further blocked IAEA access to requested sites. Despite multiple UN Security Council Resolutions condemning Iran and levying sanctions, Tehran has continued on its path of non-compliance, failing to meet crucial, mutually-agreed deadlines with the IAEA."

Many other records of treaties regarding hostage taking and human rights, along with documented violations, are also included in this report, which simply reinforce the absolute fact that this godless regime most assuredly qualifies as one of the greatest truce breakers of end time prophecy.

Russia and China are also among the elite in this arena of breaking truces. This headline from Fox News seems to declare the whole story in regard to Russia. "US pulls out of Reagan-era arms treaty, saying Russia 'made no efforts' to comply." That announcement is then followed by this brief summary of explanation. "The Trump administration said, for example, Russia has produced and fielded multiple battalions of the 9M729 ground-launched cruise missile throughout Russia, which is a violation of the treaty. Some of the missiles have "the ability to strike critical European targets."

"This violation, which has been underway for many years, is a critical threat to American and Allied security now. That is why this action has become unavoidable," a senior official said.

China has likewise been accused in failing to

comply with her agreements. America has imposed some crippling tariffs because China reportedly reneged on a trade deal. Negotiations continue but only time will tell whether or not both these nations can come together for a demonstrable improvement in their trade relations. Previous issues of Grace and Glory have cited China's great desire to assume total leadership and dominance in the global economy, but only time will tell whether or not she will achieve her goal.

North Korea also has a long history of truce breaking, and whether or not Kim Jong Un comes back to the negotiating table at this present time in an effort to rid his country of the sanctions against them is anybody's guess. They, too, are very adamant that they have "legitimate reasons" for not keeping their word.

Meanwhile, God's people must contend with the ongoing accusations of one nation against another. We often hear reports and wonder who is actually telling the truth. The foregoing article from the Des Moines Register presents an excellent example of how men simply "spin" or slant things to their own advantage. Another sign of our times is the fact that "...evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." II Tim. 3:13 Scripture is very plain that "...ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Jn. 8:32 However, when men withhold truth as demonstrated by the aforementioned writer, it is nothing more than deception. Many have also been disturbed for years by another tactic used for deception, when a dignitary would speak and then it was deemed necessary for certain commentators to "interpret" the message and tell his hearers what was said. Another ploy used in our day is that some newscasters are prone not only to "interpret" for a certain individual, but to declare plainly their motivation for saying it, sometimes doing so even prior to the individual speaking for himself. The tactics for doing this are often very subtle, using carefully selected and often inflammatory words, designed to draw a certain conclusion. Voice intonation, facial expression, and body language are also a great part of this very deceptive agenda. These things are done on purpose in order to "inject the seeds of their own ideas" into the minds of listeners in an effort to sway public opinion.

We fear that these practices will become much more prominent as time marches on, but what are God's people to do about it? The answer is still the truth of God's Word, meaning that

it is incumbent upon us to measure whatever we see or hear by the standard of Scripture. For example, end time prophecy is very clear that there will be a nuclear upheaval during the tribulation. "And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire (nuclear explosion) was cast into the sea: (midst of the nations) and the third part of the sea (none but a nuclear holocaust could cause this extent of damage) became blood;" Rev. 8:8 Despite all the efforts of humanity to stop nuclear warfare, none will accomplish it, and according to the above citation, some rogue nation or "...great mountain burning with fire..." will initiate it. Iran would surely be among the nations that could claim the credentials, even at this present time, to be that "mountain" or kingdom. While many other nations are doing their best to attain some semblance of peace, some, such as N. Korea, Syria, & Iran have no qualms about hurting even their own people. Iran seemingly qualifies for the "mountain" of Rev. 8 because of her long and intense obsession to obtain a nuclear weapon. Another very telling and driving force is intense hatred for Israel, a nation known as God's Chosen People, that will be at the very heart of the tribulation period. Iran began the shout long ago, which continues even today, calling for "death to Israel, death to America." It will be such a nation blinded by hatred with absolutely no fear of the consequences to themselves or those around them that will unleash the nuclear war which is coming upon this world.

Another of example of claiming truth over foolishness is the idea that man is responsible for what is now called "global warming or climate change." Scripture is absolutely clear that that "...the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements **shall melt with fervent heat**, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." II Pet. 3:10 Revelation 16:8 also emphatically states that "... the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to **scorch men with fire**. And men were scorched **with great heat**, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory." Scripture guarantees that earth's temperature will most assuredly rise in the closing days of time, but as noted here, it is "...God which hath power over these plagues:..." meaning that man has never had anything to do with causing it, nor will he be able to prevent it. Since this verse concludes that men "...blasphemed

the name of God,...” it is quite evident that there will come a day when rebellious man will finally acknowledge that it was only God Who can control the climate of this world. Let all men recognize today that this foolishness of global warming is nothing more than an attempt to gain power over the lives of an entire world society, a feat that the antichrist will eventually accomplish. Note also that one of the signs of these end times is that “...men shall be...covetous,...” or fond of money. Is it not rather interesting that so many of the proponents of “global warming” have been greatly enriched by publishing this ungodly doctrine? It is often said today in trying to solve **any** mystery: “follow the money!” That would be wise counsel in this matter.

The closing verses of this same chapter, which detail the perilous times in which we live, are very fitting for all those who are concerned with **leaving** this world by translation, rather than trying to preserve it. “But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.**” II Tim. 3:16-17

9

No Evictions In Heaven

Father's house hath many mansions,
Many castles of retreat;
Havens of rest which are secure,
All content and peace so sweet.

No evictions up in Heaven,
When the journey's end we've trod:
Doubt and fear and care will vanish
Where the soul's at home with God.

No evictions up in Heaven,
None shall move us ever more.
We'll have dwelling places certain
When we reach the Beulah shore.

Helen P. Swanson

Resisting Satan

Anita Clark

We are drawn to the statement of the Apostle Paul in II Cor. 12:7-10, "Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet (literally "to rap with the fist") me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake; for when I am weak then am I strong."

As with Paul, Satan is buffeting God's people today. It is important that we understand the attitude we must have as we do combat with the arch enemy.

10 Peter speaks these words, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. Cast all your care on Him for He careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom He may devour; whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." I Peter 5:6-9. First of all, Peter instructs us to cast all our cares upon Him! How precious! All our anxieties, worries and concerns can be brought to our Lord and literally "thrown upon" Him. Through the cares of life, our adversary, the devil, would taunt us and tempt us as regarding God's faithfulness and His total awareness of where we are and what is happening moment by moment in our lives. The devil would make us think that we need to handle things in our own strength, or that this or that is too small and no concern to God. He roars loudly to discourage us concerning God's presence and purpose for us. Peter says, "Whom resist stedfast in the faith." "Resist" means "to stand against or oppose." It comes from a word that means "to arrange oneself against." Notice that in these verses Peter includes vigilance as a necessity to resistance. Then, in verse 10, he affirms that it is "The God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus "who will perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." In our resisting the enemy we must understand that God has His timing for every test

which He allows in our lives. It is in "due time" that He will exalt us. In His time He will deliver.

In Ephesians 4:22-32, Paul speaks of resisting the devil, when he says in verse 27, "Neither give place to the devil." He is speaking in these verses concerning our dealing with our former conversation or "manner of life" and the traits of the old man. (Vs 22). In verses 25-30 he lists some of these traits. Neither "give place" to the devil means giving space, location or opportunity.

There is a difference between God allowing "a messenger of Satan to buffet" and in our resisting or "giving place" to the devil. We must learn to give no space or opportunity for him to take control of our lives. By faith we resist and take victory over him. The messenger of Satan to buffet us is whatever God allows Satan to bring our way. We have no control in these matters except to accept and submit to God's purpose for our lives, and be willing to believe anyway. Remember, it is up to God to bring an end to these situations. The example for this is so bold in the life of Job. Job could not of himself bring an end to his predicament. God's instruction to Satan in this matter was, "Behold , all that he hath is within thy power; only upon himself, put not forth thine hand." Job 1:12. Even after losing all his possessions and his sons and daughters, Job's response to his loss was, " Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." Job. 1:21

When Satan next came to accuse Job he said, "Put forth thine hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold he is in thine hand, only save his life." Job 2:5-6.

It is imperative that we understand the difference between Satan tempting us to do evil through the traits of the old nature, and his being allowed by God to buffet or try us through infirmities, reproaches, necessities, persecutions and distresses. The secret to resisting when in temptation is the power of the written Word. As Jesus said when tempted by Satan, "It is written."

In Paul's circumstance and positions he was convinced by the words of the Lord, "My grace is sufficient for thee." The two sides of this matter must be applied in our lives in situations we are confronted with today. The time is short! Jesus is coming soon!

Five Steps Of Faith

A.S. Copley

"...WALK IN THE STEPS OF THAT FAITH OF OUR FATHER ABRAHAM..." Rom. 4:12 One of the thrilling introductory words of Romans (1:17), is this --- "... the just SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." They are uttered three other times. Let us consider five of Abraham's steps of faith, for all victorious believers walk in his steps. We find them recorded in Genesis. They are rich and racy.

12 Step 1. ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD. When he lived in Ur of the Chaldees, God bid him leave that country and made him a sevenfold promise. Gen. 12:1-3 Again He appeared to him, and spoke words of instruction and comfort to him. "AND HE BELIEVED IN THE LORD; and He counted it to him for righteousness." Gen. 15:6 That was the patriarch's first step of faith. That is, he became justified by faith. The Apostle Paul refers to his experience as a striking example of his great doctrine of justification by faith apart from works, and pronounces him "THE FATHER OF US ALL" - Romans 4:16. This is the beginning of the life which the just live by faith. My friend, have you taken this first step of faith? If not, you may take it now. You may be saved today, for now is the day of salvation. Believe on Jesus now. Why put it off? Procrastination is the thief of time.

Step 2. ABRAHAM WALKED WITH GOD. The Lord appeared unto him again, saying, "I am the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect." Gen. 17:1 The God who is sufficient, the God of resources, spoke and vouched His Presence to him. So Abraham walked in filial fear of Him. Many people live as if He were not around, and not noticing our conduct. "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." Prov. 15:3 Many believers act as if that were not true. They even say that He does not observe our fleshly conduct; hence, they live loose lives, walking after the flesh. "If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die (get out of fellowship with God): but

if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." Rom. 8:13 God should be in all our thoughts and ways. One of Paul's great ambitions was "to walk and to please God." I Thess. 4:1 He walked before Him, as did his father Abraham. New Covenant conduct is expressed in these words - "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us (who are saved) that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Tit. 2:11-13 A standard lower than this misrepresents the pure Gospel of grace and causes spiritual saints to blush with pain.

Step 3. ABRAHAM JUDGED THE FLESH. "And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin...In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son. And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him." Gen. 17:24-27. Study verses 9-14. Circumcision (literally, "cutting around") speaks of putting to death the old creation. To fulfill this requirement and Moses' law, Christ was circumcised at the age of eight days. Lk. 2:21 But He experienced another cutting off. Christ was crucified for us and we were crucified with Him. "In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ." The verse immediately following proves that this refers to Jesus' death - "Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead." Col. 2:11,12

We agree with that circumcision, or cutting off, when we count the old man dead and recognize the Christ life only. It is not enough to acknowledge our death with Jesus as a theory, or doctrine, simply; but we must "put off the old man with his deeds" in actual practical experience. We must judge, or condemn every sinful propensity in ourselves.

(Let our neighbor tend to his own). Christ "condemned sin in the flesh." Abraham condemned sin in the flesh. And so do we, as we walk in the Spirit.

A sinning religion is not taught in Paul's writings. Jesus Christ "gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us FROM ALL INIQUITY, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people (a special treasure), zealous of good works." Tit. 2:14. He came to "save His people FROM their sins," not in their sins. And God is able to make all saving-grace and keeping-grace abound unto us by His Word and Spirit.

14 Step 4. ABRAHAM DELIVERED OTHERS from their enemies. A battle was pitched. Four kings united and rose up against five other kings. Lot, Abraham's nephew, dwelt in Sodom. Well, Sodom and Gomorrah were carried away in the fray. Hence, Lot also and his goods were taken. When Abraham heard that, he armed his three hundred and eighteen soldiers and went in pursuit of Lot. He smote the enemy and brought back Lot, his family, and goods. Gen. 14:1-16. He showed his unselfishness. "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others," wrote our Brother Paul. God has sent us to deliver the captives, and loose them that are bound by sin and sickness. We may rescue others from error by wise testimony and kind teaching. We may walk in this useful step of our father Abraham. Will we do so, by God's grace? A little maid delivered a Syrian captain from leprosy by her simple testimony. She simply said to the captain's wife, whom she was serving, "Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! For he would recover him of his leprosy." II Kings 5:3 He was marvelously healed.

Step 5. ABRAHAM GAVE TITHES. This is a very important step. It is the more interesting, because five is the number of grace. The indivisible God ("there is one God") has revealed His marvelous grace to divided humanity (figured by four) that they might be gloriously saved. Melchizedek was the king of Salem and the priest of the most high God. When Abraham returned with Lot from the battle, Melchizedek met him,

bringing him bread and wine, and blessed him. The Patriarch "gave him tithes of all" the spoil which he had brought from the fray. Gen. 14:17-20 Let us observe several striking facts connected with that event.

JESUS CHRIST CAME on the scene --- "a Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." Heb. 7:11,17,21 Three times Paul declares this fact. The grace covenant began with Abraham, to whom God made a sevenfold promise. And it is no small item that giving the tenth was introduced at that time. The importance of tithing is emphasized by that fact. Melchisedec was a great man, "Priest of the most high God...King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace." Heb. 7:1,2 Now if Abraham gave a tenth to him, should we not much rather give the tenth of our earnings to Jesus Christ? Why was this step of faith recorded in Genesis? And why has the Apostle said so much about it if we are not to observe it today? Can we say that we have walked in the steps of the faith of Abraham if we do not render the tenth unto the Lord? Doubtless that was the origin of tithing and the basis of it. 15

ABRAHAM WAS UNDER GRACE. He tithed four hundred and thirty years before the law given by Moses. Therefore, no one can slip out of this obligation upon the pretext that it was a part of Moses' law. None can say that it was for Israel only. Moses is not our father; but Abraham is the father of us all. He set the pace for us in this matter, as well as in other matters of grace. Who taught him to tithe? Did it originate in his own brain? Was that a streak of self-righteousness, by which he hoped to perfect his justification? Nay! Never! God evidently taught him. He doubtless instructed Isaac to give a tenth; and he in turn likewise taught his son Jacob, who also tithed. Gen. 28:22 The reason for their tithing is found in the next stern fact.

THE TENTH IS THE LORD'S. "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30. To whom did the tenth belong in Abraham's day?

It belonged to God. That is why the Patriarch paid it to the Priest. That is why Jacob promised it to the Lord. Now if the tenth was the Lord's in Abraham's day and in Moses' day, to whom does it belong in our day? Dare any man say that it is his and not the Lord's? We can readily understand why the Lord said to Israel, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me." Mal. 3:8 They were withholding from God what belonged to Him. They were misappropriating another party's possessions. Is that not what saints do today, who fail to tithe their earnings? It is most reasonable to conclude that if the tenth was the Lord's in Moses' day, it was the Lord's in Abraham's day; and likewise it is His in our day. Divine principles never change.

16 **WAS THE PRECEPT OF TITHING EVER REVOKED?** If so, when and where is it recorded? Circumcision and Sabbath keeping were types or shadows. They both served their time, but are now out of office. They passed away with the setting aside of the other shadows, because the substance has come. But tithing was not a type, or shadow, or symbol; hence it has never been revoked, or set aside. The tenth IS still the Lord's.

JESUS CHRIST COMMENDED TITHING. He gave judgment, mercy, and faith the first place; but He also gave tithing its place. He said to the Pharisees, "Ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Matt. 23:23. The Apostle Paul also commended tithing, by the space he gave the subject in Heb. 7 He pointed out this praiseworthy step of the faith of Abraham.

DOES THE READER OBJECT, because it was taught under the reign of the law? Then you must also pull Brother Paul on the carpet; for he reverts to customs under the law in his instructions about giving. He says, "It is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn"; and adds that "For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in

hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope." Also he said, "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?" Then he adds the following significant and positive words, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." I Cor. 9:9-14.

There is no amount named in the New Testament as a standard for giving. If the tenth, which is named and emphasized in the Old Testament, is not the standard, what is? Is it left to each individual to decide the amount? Other matters are not left to some haphazard uncertainty. Happy the people who follow the example of Abraham, and walk in his well-beaten path of victorious faith.

(Reprint 1965)

WE ARE NOT ALONE

17

*How good it is to realize that God will undertake
For all who, burdened, cry to Him, "Help me for Jesus' sake."
For through His Son He has for all not only sin's release.
But grace for every trial of life. He keeps the soul in peace.
Sometimes when we implore the Lord to meet some special need
It seems as if His ear is deaf, no matter how we plead.
But up above the leaden skies, He watches o'er His own;
He see our tear-drops, hears our cry. No, we are not alone!
For every trial, care, and cross, He giveth us more grace,
And every storm-sky has its rift that shows His loving face.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous, it is true,
But He delivers, bless His name. He sees His children through.*

-Robert E. Mortensen

REFLECTIONS

... From the Editor

“**A**nd David was greatly distressed;...but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.” I Sam. 30:6

18

This chapter in David's life finds him in dire straits and circumstance, some of which is of his own making. It began with a lapse of faith due to his fear of Saul when he cried out in despair, "...I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines;..." I Sam. 27:1 This decision devolved into a situation whereby the future king of Israel would be compelled to march into battle with the Philistines against his own people, Israel. God delivered him from that plight, but upon his return to his own city of Ziklag, it was discovered that it had been burned with fire and all their families had been taken captive. David's men were so grief stricken that "...the people spake of stoning him,..." Thus we read that David now "...encouraged himself in the Lord." The key here is that this man of faith now found his confidence "...in the Lord..." Himself. This new spirit did not come because of an immediate change in circumstance!

His first course of action was to call for the "ephod... And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop?..." God's response was immediate as He forcefully declared, "...Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all." I Sam. 30:7-8

Armed only with that promise, David did step out by faith and take God at His Word, resulting in the complete fulfillment of all His promises. Such must be the pattern for our own lives, for there seem to be many times that we too must encourage ourselves only in the Lord, as much difficulty and circumstance remains unchanged. Paul recounts his own experience of encouraging himself, and his shipmates, in the Lord while the storm which would eventually end in shipwreck, raged on. "But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs,... be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you,...For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be

brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for **I believe God**, that it shall be even as it was told me.” Acts 27:21-25 Once again, the storm and its devastating results were far from over, yet Paul was able to encourage both himself and others with the bold and heartfelt statement, “...sirs...I believe God.”

Abraham is another who believed God though nothing tangible was immediately manifest. Genesis 15 records the Abrahamic Covenant wherein God declared, “...Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.” V. 1 He then promised Abram a son who would bring forth seed as the stars of heaven for multitude. History reveals that such a promise would not come to fruition until 25 year later, yet scripture declares plainly that Abram, “...believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness,” **at the time then present.** Abraham could not wait till his son was born to believe God, and neither can we wait till the sun comes shining through to encourage ourselves “...in the Lord...”

Daniel is another who had to encourage himself only “...in the Lord...” that the lions might be tight lipped through the long arduous night of conflict. Joy would surely come in the morning for this stalwart of faith, but, like Daniel, we too must realize that our own actions prompted by encouraging ourselves “...in the Lord,...” simply cannot wait for a radical change of circumstance to be invoked!

19

GH

ATTENTION: All subscribers....

Who receive a monthly bundle of Grace and Glory containing 2 or more copies:

Due to the fact that a number of these bundles were returned to us having no address on them, we know that many did not receive the August issue of Grace and Glory. If you were one of these recipients, please let us know how many you normally get and we will forward them to you as quickly as possible. You may let us know by e-mail: gjhawk1@msn.com, by phone: 816-618-3306, or by regular mail: Grace and Glory, P.O. Box 831, Grandview, Missouri 64030

Cheer Up Thou Downcast Heart!

Ray Quintana

“With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.” Isa. 26:9

Night is a favorable time for devotion. Its solemn stillness helps to free the mind from the cares of the world. Then the stars looking down from heaven upon us shine as if they would attract us up to God. I don't know how midnight may affect you, but when I have sat alone reflecting on my Father and the mighty universe, I have felt the desire to worship Him; for night seemed to be spread abroad as a very temple for adoration, while the moon walked as high priest amid the stars as the worshippers sang, and I myself joined in that silent song which they sang unto God: “Great art thou, O God! great in thy works. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?” Psa. 8 I trust many of us can say, like Isaiah and David, “I have thought upon thee continually, I have thought upon thy name in the night watches, and with desire have I desired thee in the night.” Psa. 63, Isa. 26

Are you a newly awakened soul, or have you walked with the Lord for many a year and can you say, “With my soul have I desired thee in the night;...” Solomon also expressed it thus: “But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.” Prov 4:18 But, notwithstanding, experience tells us that if the course of the just be “...as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day,” yet sometimes that light seems eclipsed. There are certain periods wherein clouds and darkness cover the sun, and there is no clear shining of daylight, but it appears at times we walk in the darkness and see no light. We rejoice in the Presence of God and have our seasons; we bask in the Sunshine of God Who is pleased to give these stages in our lives. We have walked along the green pastures, by the side of the still waters. Then suddenly in a month or two, we find that glorious sky is clouded. Instead of green pastures, we must tread the sandy desert; in place of still waters, we encounter streams brackish to the taste and bitter to the spirit, and we say, “Surely, if I were a child of God this would

not happen. We must remember; the best of God's saints have their nights. The dearest of His children have to walk through a weary wilderness. There is not a Christian who has enjoyed uninterrupted happiness; there is no believer who can always sing a song of joy. It is not every lark that can always carol. It is not every star that can always be seen. And not every Christian is always happy. Perhaps the King of Saints gave you a season of great joy at first because you were a raw recruit and He would not put you into the roughest part of the battle when you had first enlisted. You were a tender plant, and He nursed you in the hot-house till you could stand the severe storm. You were a young child, and therefore he wrapped you in furs and clothed you in the softest mantle. But now you are growing up strong and the case is different. We need clouds and darkness to exercise our faith, to cut off self-dependence, and make us put more faith in Christ, and less in evidence, less in experience, less in frames and feelings. The best of God's children, I repeat it again for the comfort of those who are suffering depression of spirits, have their nights. There are seasons when we do not hear the hear preaching of the Word; when the glory of the Lord God seems dim; when His Name is not exalted; when the traditions of men are taught, instead

21

of the inspirations of the Holy Ghost. We cry out to the Lord, O God, how long shall poor Zion be depressed? How long shall her shepherds be dumb dogs that cannot bark? Shall her watchmen be always blind? Shall the silver trumpet sound no more? Shall not the voice of the gospel be heard within her, your glorious Church?

Darkness over the soul of the Christian rises from temporal distresses. We may have had something go wrong in business, or an enemy has come against us; or death has struck down a loved one. Bereavement has snatched away the darling of our bosom, the crops are blighted; the winds refuse to bear our ships homeward; a vessel strikes upon a rock. Or maybe you are a man who has prospered far more as a worldly man than you have since you have become a Christian. Maybe, since then, everything has appeared to go wrong. But we must remember there was one great legacy which Christ left His people; "In the world ye shall have tribulation; in me ye shall have peace." Yes! You may be troubled about this, you may be saying, "Look at so-and-so: see how he spreads himself like a green bay-tree. He is an extortioner and wicked man, yet everything he does prospers. Beloved! See that

ye are come into the sanctuary of God and you are His. God hath set them that believe **not** in slippery places, and he casteth them down to destruction. Better to have a Christian's days of sorrow, than a worldling's days of mirth. Happier to be chained in a dungeon with the beloved Apostle Paul than to reign in the palace with an Ahab. Better to be a child of God in poverty than a child of Satan in riches. Cheer up, then, thou downcast spirit, if this be thy trial. Remember that many saints have passed through the same; and the best and most eminent believers have had their nights.

Brothers and sisters, are you condemning yourself? When you turn over God's Scriptures is there no promise? When you look within, can you not see His dying love for you? While others are commending you, you accuse yourself of all manner of sin and corruption. Is not the work of grace in thy heart; is there so much pride, so much selfishness and self-will? Are you afraid you are none of His? Now, is the time to reconsider the situation, for your present difficulty is the very reason why you may be considered one of His, as Paul cried out, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord..." Rom. 7:24-25 Jesus Christ delivered Paul and He will deliver us!

God's people will pass through the night. They have their nights of sorrow. But Christ hath made me free. Some men only follow Christ when everyone cries Hosanna! Hosanna! The multitude will crowd around and take Him by force and make Him a King when the sun shines, when the soft wind blows. They are like the plants upon the rock, which quickly sprang up and for a little while were green, but when the sun had risen with fervent heat straightway withered away. They will always go with Christ by daylight. But they will not go with Him in the night. But, beloved, do you not know that the best test of a Christian is the night? The nightingale, if she would sing by day when every goose is cackling, would be reckoned no better a musician than the wren. A Christian if he only remained steadfast by daylight, when every coward is bold, what would he be? There would be no beauty in his courage, no glory in his bravery. But it is because he can sing at night; sing in trouble; sing when he is driven well-nigh to despair; it is this which proves his sincerity. It has its glory in the night. The stars are not visible by daylight, but they become apparent when the sun is set. There is many

a Christian whose devotion does not burn much when he is in prosperity; but it will be known in adversity. When God's Hand has taken their comfort, the song of the night can be heard. Grind the diamond a little and you shall see it glisten. Put a trouble on the Christian, and his endurance will shine forth to be of the True Seed of the living God. As a Christian all I want in the night is God. With desire have I desired thee in the night. By day there are many things that a Christian will desire besides the Lord; but in the night he wants nothing but God. When everything goes well with us we are setting our affection first on this object and then on another, and then on another; and that desire which is as insatiable as death and as deep as hell never rests satisfied. We are always wanting something, always desiring a yet beyond. But if you place a Christian in trouble you will find that he does not want gold or carnal honor, he rather wants God. He is like the sailor, when he sails along smoothly. He loves to have fair weather, and wants this and that to amuse himself on deck, but when the winds blow, all that he wants is the haven. He does not desire anything else. The biscuit may be moldy, but he does not care. The water may be brackish, but he pays it no mind. He does not think of it in the storm. He only thinks about the haven. It is just so with the Christian, when he is going along smoothly, he may want this comfort or that. Let him once doubt his interest in Christ; let him once get into distress and trouble, so that it is very dark, and all he will feel then is, "with desire have I desired thee in the night." When the child is put upstairs to bed it may lie while the light is there, and look at the trees that shake against the window, and admire the stars that are coming out; but when it gets dark and the child, is still awake it cries for its parent. So in daylight the Christian will look at anything. He will cast his eyes round on this pleasure and on that! But, when the darkness gathers, it is "My God! my God! why hast thou forsaken me?" "O why art thou so far from me and from the word of my roaring?" But we can shout to the mountain tops; "Yes, Lord, I desire thee and desire thee always, and if I have not spent and been spent in Thy Word, yet one thing I know, and the devil cannot beat me out of it, I am yours, and I have desired thee with my whole heart, when no one saw me, when troubles were round about me. Christ my Cheer! Amen!"

Look And Be Saved

Cpl. Carroll H. Holcomb, Egypt -

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the Earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isaiah 45:22.

There is one theme in God's word to every man, woman and child who is bound for sin. That theme is "deliverance **from** sin." Regardless of your case, God can give you complete deliverance if you will but look to the Lamb of God.

24 Let us roll back the pages of time, over three thousand years, and we will find a redeemed people leaving Egyptian bondage for the promised land of Canaan. During one stage of their journey, they became weary and spoke to God and to Moses, saying, "Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?..." Num. 21:5 Then it was that God sent fiery serpents which did bite the people and many died of their afflictions. The people began to realize their sinning and asked Moses to intercede unto God for them. God told Moses to make a serpent of brass and place it upon a pole, and to as many who were bitten by the serpents, and should look upon the serpent of brass, the same would be saved from death. The people who were dying, had but to look upon the serpent of brass, and they would live. It did not take money to look, merely move the muscles of the eyeballs and you could escape death.

Now, my friend, there was another cross lifted upon a cold hill of sorrow some 1485 years later, and on that cross was the Son of God. A Man who knew no sin, neither was there any deceit found in his mouth. Yet He was giving his life for you. The wicked spears that pierced His Precious Side brought forth enough blood to cover your sins, and remove them far from you as the East is from the West, if you will but look and be saved.

You may pay your debts and may even go to church every Sunday. All this is good and I say, God bless you, BUT unless you have had a look at Calvary and its finished work, you need to look to the Lamb of God and be saved. Turn if you will, my friend, to the Word of God, to the book of John chapter three, verses fourteen and fifteen where we read: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted up: that whosoever

believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life." The powers of sin may have you. You may even think there is no way of escape from death that sin has caused, but God's Son paid the ransom for your soul. You may be free from sin, if you will look to Jesus. To you, my friend, when our fair world is in such a sad congestion, brought upon us by sin — when it seems as if all hope is gone, will you not look to Jesus and be saved?

(Reprint Bonds Of Peace 1945)

GOD'S DAYBREAK

There's a break in the clouds o'er yonder,
And the promise of fair new day;
For, the long, stormy night has ended,
And the clouds are driven away.

The rising sun with its brightness
Tints the far-off hills with light,
Till my heart grows joyful in watching
Its glory and radiance bright.

There's a break in the clouds o'er yon'der,
And the low-hanging mists of fear
Are scattered and driven backward
By His presence real and near.

Though the night has been long and heavy,
And the pressure hard and strong,
Yet the daybreak brings the assurance
Of a glorious deliverance song.

There's a break in the clouds o'er yonder,
And the form of a Coming One,
With a face as wondrous and radiant
As the glow of a noonday sun.

'Tis a long, dark night we have waited
With but few faint stars to cheer,
But the Morning Star has arisen,
And the Day of Rapture is here.

Alice Reynolds Flower

Waters to Swim In

Naomi

“Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward...And he said unto me, Son of man hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.” Ezek. 47:1,6

Sufficient to Any Need

26 Who is there among us that has not enjoyed paddling our feet in a cool, refreshing stream and then yearned to plunge fully on out into its depths? Yet, those who have not trusted fully to their knowledge and skill of swimming suddenly fear and shrink away at the depths of the unknown or what may be hidden there. What a true picture of our Christian lives portrayed in these few verses, a type of the believer fully depending on God's Perfect Wisdom. Waters to swim in! Oh, the blessedness of the waters of pure salvation as we enter into this divine realm of living — for now, today. But, we need not stop with salvation alone for he has provided even more. Salvation waters, healing waters, eternal waters, all we need He supplied for our atonement at Calvary.

He has given a river that cannot be passed over. "For the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over." V. 5. There is sufficient water for any need. What is your need? Remember, a river that could not be passed over—a sufficiency that doesn't run out. Abundant waters for all who will come, take, and abide in, only for the believing and trusting. Is your faith removing your mountains or are your mountains removing your faith?

Waters of Affliction

Recently a lady minister friend of ours received a tragic message of her son's death. It was a cruel crushing blow to her, but she is a soldier of faith and has preached and lived faith for many years. Immediately, she began to draw from His resources. She said, "We're in trouble, and that's when Jesus said He would be with us. We need Him now!" The Lord has given her grace, because it is a promise and she is resting in it. There are waters to swim in, why should you still be standing at ankle depth or

not even in at all. Yes, there are waters of affliction. Many are the times when the enemy may say, "Put this fellow in prison and feed him bread of affliction and water of affliction." II Chron. 18:26. We know the trials and perplexities may, and will, come for He must have tried people for "whom He loveth he chasteneth" — and then is His, presence made more real. We learn that, for every bread of affliction and water of affliction trial there is a promise of His sustenance. How good to remember bread and water speaks of Christ! So, as we endeavor to launch out and live in the abundant waters, Christ will come in for the daily needs in our lives. Are you fully trusting?

Warm Streams

I am reminded of the Gulf Stream of Mexico, which is often called a river in the ocean. Cold streams flow into it, the heat of the sun shines upon it day after day as it moves along the Gulf and then it begins its journey across the great Atlantic Ocean until it comes to the cold, cold side of Norway. The seashore of Norway is not smooth and level like a beach, but there are mountains all along the edge right in the water, and the sea fills the valleys between the mountains. The valleys filled with water are called fiords. Now, Norway is so far North we would expect that the waters to these fiords would be very cold in winter. and of course, we know what happens when waters get very cold — they freeze. But remember, we haven't forgotten the warm Gulf Stream, which has come all the way across the ocean and now it is warming the water of the fiords and thus, thousands and thousands of herring fish are caught and used for food and oil all over the world. But, first of all, the cold stream flowed into the Gulf Stream. However, it didn't stay cold and indifferent — the sun shone upon it. So you see, perhaps you are swimming in the Waters of Life and here comes a foreign, cold stream or current, but as you let God's Son shine upon you, the strange currents or trials can be "warmed" and perhaps be used to bless some distant shore or (heart). And again we learn for our every bread of affliction and water of affliction, there are sufficient waters. They are His waters or grace that cannot be passed over. If you have not stepped into the waters of salvation, won't you do so now? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou

shalt be saved." If you have believed and are fully trusting His promises, see if you are able to find yourself in this poem by Grace Hagemann.

Ezekiel 47:5

Art thou paddling fellow Christian?
In God's sea of boundless grace?
Are thy ankles merely covered,
When He bids to shoreless space?
Is your diet still a milk one,
When He offers you the meat?
Venture forth, my timid brother,
Let Him bathe beyond thy feet.
Art thou wading, fellow Christian
In His grace so full and free?
Have you had the, joy of knowing
That the tide has reached thy knee?
Have you found that prayer's a weapon?
We may wield it, if we will.
To your growing heart, He whispers,
"Venture, on; go farther still."
Art thou bathing, fellow Christian,
In the ocean of His love ?
Have thy loins been wholly covered,
By His ,grace, who reigns above?
Do you find the peace and power,
When the tempter comes your way?
Do you see God's hand still leading
As He guides you day by day?
Art thou swimming, fellow Christian,
With no foothold on the sand?
With no trust in self relying,
Held by His Almighty Hand?
Do you rest in Him completely
When the trials vex you sore?
They are meant to draw you to Him!
Come, oh come, and trust Him more!

SUFFERING WITH JESUS

"So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea and they went out into the wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water." Ex. 15:22.

Israel in the wilderness does not necessarily speak of failure. It is the result of redemption. The place of Calvary, the place of the rejection of Jesus, is a barren wilderness to those who love Him. They who learn to glory in the cross of Christ find that they are crucified to it and it yields bitter waters. Reproach is their portion; but they are suffering with Christ. His cross makes the bitter waters sweet. They learn to rejoice that they are counted worthy to suffer with Christ, for such shall also reign with Him.

But the wilderness has also further lessons. It is the place of the most wondrous display of God's love and power. It is the very necessities of the people which occasioned the manifestation of God's wonderful provision. Had the wilderness yielded bread, there would have been no need of the manna from heaven. Had there been plenty of water, there would have been no occasion for the water from the smitten rock. God's supplies are proportioned to man's necessities, yea, they are over-abundant for the one who has an over-abundant need.

29

It is when we have a wilderness experience that our faith is tested. We really prove the power of God's Word and He proves us. The discipline is needful, not just to furnish us a title to Canaan, but to make us acquainted with God and our own hearts. It is only thus that we really enter into the reality of our relationship to God as His sons and enjoy the things which He has laid up for them that trust in Him before the children of men.

Anon

What's In A Name

In Jesus' Name we find many wonderful things. Power is in His Name and belongs to us if we believe on That Name. John 1:12. This power cleanses from sin, delivers from evil habits, heals our afflictions and all that would destroy our soul and body.

One of the wonders of it is that it includes the rich and the poor and touches the heart of the child even to old age!

Scriptural Terms Defined (Concl.)

Paul N. Smith

The spiritual saints are the ones who are described in I Cor. 2 as having the things of God revealed to them by the Holy Spirit. They are also in direct contrast to the carnal saints: They "grow up into Him in all things" -Ephesians 4:14,15. They are able to digest the "meat" of the Word - Hebrews 5:14. The spiritual endeavor "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" - Ephesians 4:3,4. The spiritual "walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:4,5 The spiritual hold Christ as their only Head and Lord. Col. 2:19.

Everyone who is first born into the family of God is a babe; and, as a baby, he has yet to learn to walk. Even though we might have a wonderful experience of salvation, that does not make us spiritual immediately. Spirituality grows as we grow. The full-grown man in Christ is also a spiritual man.

30 A carnal saint is a babe still, and has not grown out of childhood. A babe in Christ is carnal, because he has not learned the way of victory over the flesh. A baby must be fed and cared for from birth; but, as he grows, he learns to crawl and then to walk – after many a stumble and fall. He learns to feed himself. He grows in wisdom as he grows in stature. A full-grown adult is not only able to take care of himself, but is able to take care of others. The spiritual growth follows the same pattern, except that the latter is spiritual while the former is natural. These two terms are applied to our state. As our state is changeable, so is our progress from carnality to spirituality. These two characteristics stem from their main sources -the flesh and the Spirit. If we yield to the flesh, we are carnal; whereas, as we yield to the Spirit, we become spiritual. The sinner cannot be said to be carnal, according to the Scriptural usage of the word. It is applied to "babes in Christ."

The next expressions have been explained,

but under different titles. These are, "the body of sin" and your members as instruments of righteousness or unrighteousness. "The body of sin" is another expression for the flesh, but seen as a whole. We read that sin is in the flesh, meaning that unrighteousness is found in the flesh and not in the spirit. "The body of sin" would, therefore, speak of sin incorporated in a body; even as righteousness is bound up in the mystical Body of Christ. Romans 6:6 reads, "Knowing this, that OUR OLD MAN is crucified with Him, that THE BODY OF SIN might be destroyed." "The old man," "the old creation," and "the body of sin," are all terms expressing unrighteousness as a whole. The new creation body is made up of members of righteousness, whose Head is Christ.

Another Scripture which sheds light on this subject is Colossians 2:11. "In whom (Christ) also ye are circumcised with the circumcision (putting off) made without hands, in putting off THE BODY OF THE SINS OF THE FLESH by the circumcision (cutting off) of Christ." The flesh with its deeds is expressed as an active living body. This body lived and walked and talked through the years until the coming of Christ, who disguised Himself as this man of sin, and took the body to the Cross where it was put to death and buried in the tomb. When the body of sin was destroyed, of course, the sins or deeds of the flesh were put away too.

The positive result of this crucifixion is that, now that the body of sin is destroyed, we are freed from sin and have become servants of righteousness. We are members of the new creation Body - Christ's Body. We can illustrate this truth by yielding the members of our natural body as instruments of righteousness. But, "the body of sin" is not an individual physical body of flesh and bones, any more than "the Body of Christ" is one Body of flesh and bones. "We are members

of His Body, of His flesh, and of His bones" - His mystical Body of which He is the Head - Eph. 5:30.

In speaking of bodies, we come to the last couplet - natural body and spiritual body. The natural man is an inhabitant of the natural body. The natural body is what we see with our natural eyes. This body has flesh, bones, and blood. The natural life of the natural body is in the blood. This body is also mortal; that is, it is subject to weakness, limitations, sickness, and death: It may also have great strength. The body has to be fed, cleansed, clothed, and satisfied, because of its necessities. The body can either be a vessel to dishonor or it can glorify God, while it is alive. The natural body is never called "the flesh" in the Scriptures, except as identified with the body as flesh and bones.

32 In I Corinthians 15:42-54, we have the two bodies contrasted. We are born into this world with a natural body. Our physical body is the last part of us that becomes spiritual. Until we are glorified, we must dwell in bodies that are subject to natural developments. The body becomes old; the organs of the body wear out. However, the Holy Spirit keeps the natural body going as long as God sees fit. The power of God oftentimes overrules the workings of natural life, and propels the natural body by spiritual power.

The natural body will die, as the plants of the field. The natural body "is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body" - I Cor. 15:42-44. The natural body is given to us at birth. Our spiritual body comes with the glorification of these bodies, either by resurrection from the grave or by translation. The natural is first; afterward, that which

is spiritual takes its place.

What is a spiritual body? It is a glorified body. What is a glorified body like? We have that answered by Jesus' own experience, in John 20. After Jesus' body as raised from the grave along with many others who had been sleeping (Matthew 27:52,53), He appeared to the saints for forty days. The evening of His resurrection, He entered the place where the disciples were, even though the doors were shut. We thus learn that His body was no longer subject to material things. He spoke to them in the same voice He had before He died. Only unbelief kept them from recognizing Him. He had the same hands and feet that were nailed to the Cross. Thomas was invited to feel the wounds in His hands and side.

We have further light by reading Luke 24. Jesus appeared to them, and they were frightened because they thought He was a spirit. Jesus answered, "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not FLESH AND BONES, as ye see Me have." To further convince them of the surety of His resurrection He asked, "Have ye here any meat? And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of a honeycomb. And He took it, and did eat before them" - Luke 24:39-43. Thus, we see by these Scriptures, that the spiritual or glorified body is like the natural body in its inherent characteristics; but the great difference is that the natural life is poured out and replaced by spiritual life. That makes the body spirit spiritual. "Mortality" is "swallowed up of life." The natural elements have no effect on the spiritual body. It does not need food, but can digest it. The spiritual body is not regimented by the natural any more in any way. All natural relations will be changed to spiritual relationships. We will certainly know each other, but our relationship with others will be spiritual. Whereas now we are bound by family ties, then our ties will

be the new creation. The glorified body will know no barriers. There will neither be male nor female, bond nor free, white nor black; but a new creation, new entirely --- spirit, soul, and body!

The last and important natural force which will be overcome is the law of gravity. When our bodies are changed from natural to spiritual, we will be loosed forever from the force which holds us to this earth. We will soar away to heights unknown --- unhampered, unencumbered, with no weights to hold us down. Our spirits and souls are soaring away now; but we must wait until this natural body is glorified, before we will actually be in the Presence of our Lord whom we long to see face to face.

Demas and Paul

2 Tim. 4:9

Though Demas hath forsaken Me,
Having loved this present world,
Take me back to Calvary
With Redemption's Banner Unfurled.

“For me, to live is Christ” said Paul,
“With worldly things away,”
In giving God his very all
On Consecration's Day.

But Demas had another Plan,
Back to the world he left,
'Twas reason in the eyes of Man,
So Paul was then bereft.

Forsaken by man, but not of God,
With only Luke beside,
In a righteous path he onward trod,
The Holy Ghost his Guide.

With Demas, now in wealth galore;
On whom Prosperity's Sun did shine;
And now his heart is troubled sore
With dissatisfaction and decline.

—Francis Ludlow.



Our Corn Crib

"Buy The Truth, and Sell It Not"

Tracts

A Problem, Solution & Triumph	Freedom	Pauline Sanctification
Arrangement & End of Ages	Gifts of the Spirit	Pauls Superlatives
Attack against the Truth	Glossolalia	Phoebe
A Burning Truth	God- A Trinity	Preaching Another Jesus
A Growing Relationship	Gospel Records	Predestination
Caught up with Paul	Gospels, Acts & Epistles	Preparation of the Bride
Cherubim & Seraphim	Holy Spirit- Baptism & Anointing	Ranks in Resurrection
Chaste Virgin	How to Receive Holy Spirit	Resume of What we Teach
Comfort in Time of Sorrow	It is Finished	Salvation for the Body
Death, Hell & Lake of Fire	Jesus Heals Today	Scriptural Terms Defined
Destiny of the Wicked	Judgement Seat of Christ	Words on Eternal Security
Diamonds in the Rough	Law or Grace	The Adams Case
Dying Daily	Life Everlasting	The Two Adams
Earnest but Wrong	Light on the Law	The Sin Offering
Eternal Life	Living Ones	The Unforgiven Sin
Extra! Extra!	Made Sin for Us	This is That
Faith	Man Child- Rev. 12	Times of the Gentiles
Fear of the Lord	Mercy or Judgement	Tithing
First Day of the Week	New Birth	Water Baptism
Five Much Mores	Not Legislation, Revelation	Wheat and Tares
Five Consequences	Oneness of Christ	Why am I Not Healed

Books of the Bible

Genesis	Esther	Luke	1, 2 Thessalonians
Exodus	Job	John	1, 2 Timothy
Leviticus	Ecclesiastes	The Acts	Philemon
Numbers	Song of Solomon-A.S.Copley	Romans	Hebrews, James, Titus
Joshua	Paul's Gospel in S.O.S.-A.Mooneyhan	1, 2 Corinthians	2nd John
Judges	Isaiah	Galatians	Jude
Ruth	Prophets-Joel, Nahum, Hab, Malachi	Ephesians	Revelation
1, 2 Samuel	Zechariah	Philippians	
Ezra	Matthew	Colossians	

Music CD's

Wings of Faith - Live- '79 feat. Greg, Milita, Rick, Sue & Frank
 Tabernacle Choir Album- 1963- Beloved Grace & Glory Favorites

*All titles free of Charge. Call, Write, or e-mail your order

grace and glory

P.O. Box 831

Grandview, Missouri 64030

