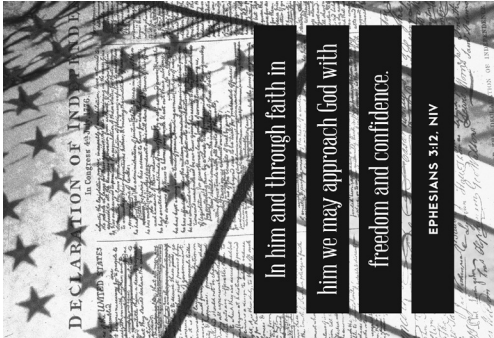




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**HEBREWS 13:3**



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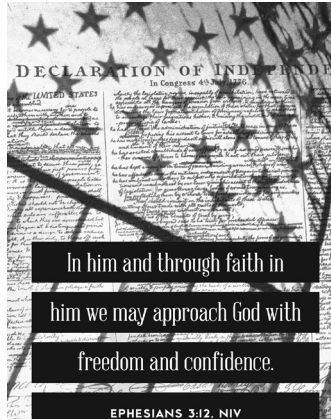
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...Put forth your branches and bear your fruit...  
Ezekiel 36:8

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I have a “friend” on Facebook. They are labelled as a “friend” as long as you allow them to follow what you post, but if we were to use a more appropriate term, we would probably say they are “watchers.” They watch what you post, what you say, what you share, although they rarely comment or even “like” anything. I had unfriended several people recently in sort of a Facebook “cleanse.” I actually tried to get rid of some of those slight acquaintances that I thought would never even notice that they were “gone”! This particular person noticed, however, and they sent another friend request! Did anything change? Nope. They still don’t comment or “like” anything. In fact (and this is all conjecture), I get the feeling they think they are “not good enough” to be a Christian, “not good enough” to come to church, not living up to the standards of God’s acceptance. Sometimes I just want to shout, “Stop thinking you’re not good enough for God to save. If we were ‘good enough,’ we wouldn’t have needed Jesus!” In fact, maybe I will.

— The Team at Regeneration Fellowship

Quotes and Quips

It is the nature of every person to error, but only the fool perseveres in error.

— Marcus Tullius Cicero

Your past results have absolutely nothing to do with the results you can achieve moving forward!

— Bruce Van Horn

If you want something new you have to stop doing something old.

— Peter Drucker

Being willing is not enough; we must do.

— Leonardo da Vinci

Don't compromise who YOU are to please others; you'll have haters either way.

— Brad Lea

An entire sea of water can't sink a ship unless it gets inside the ship; similarly, the negativity of the world can't put you down unless you allow it to get inside you.

— Goi Nasu

Beautiful days do not come to you; you must walk towards them.

— Rumi

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**JESUS**  
**Selected Studies on the Life of Christ**  
 By David Metzler

**JOHN, THE SPURTER**

*“Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him” (John 20:2).*

Mary had not heard the good news the other three women had already discovered. Having arrived ahead of them, she immediately ran to Peter and John with what she had seen. The incident related in verses 3-10 remarkably reflects the different temperaments of Peter and John. John was quiet, reserved, deep feeling; Peter was impulsive, zealous, and forward. Each reacted in his characteristic fashion upon the receipt of the news from Mary. Both disciples immediately set out for the sepulcher.

John soon outdistanced Peter. We must remember that Peter, even though he had spent his life in hard physical outdoor labor, was older than John was. “And he [John], stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in” (John 20:5). Hesitating, John did not go inside, but Peter was never one to be called timid. “Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple [John], who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed” (verses 6-8). He did not yet understand the scripture that Christ must rise from the dead; but he now remembered the Savior’s words foretelling His resurrection. It was Christ Himself who had placed those graveclothes with such care. In His sight who guides alike the star and the atom, there is nothing unimportant. Order and perfection are seen in all His work.

Peter was not as quick to understand that his Lord had risen. Luke tells us that Peter “departed, marveling to himself at what had happened” (Luke 24:12). Neither disciple comprehended the prophecy that stated: “For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption” (Psalm 16:10). Scripture tells us Peter and John “went away again to their own homes” (John 20:10). What good news the “disciple whom Jesus loved” must have carried home to the mother of Jesus. He could report that her Son lived! What a thrill it must have been to carry hope to those who loved Him!

LIGHT FOR MY PATH

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Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

Psalm 37:23

Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.

Psalm 119:24

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Psalm 32:8

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalm 23:3

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Isaiah 30:21

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1:79

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

II Timothy 3:16, 17

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LIVING IN THE  
END TIME

By Mark A. Finley

**THE COURAGEOUS CHOICE**  
**Continued**

**Babylon vs. Jerusalem**

Let's begin at the beginning — the first chapter of Daniel. Daniel's name means "God is my judge." In ancient Hebrew literature, a judge was one who worked diligently to exonerate or clear the accused. Judges stood on the side of those being judged. Their most important objective was to find evidence that would clear the accused.

The book of Daniel is a book about final judgment. God, the faithful Judge of all the universe, brings forth the evidence of Christ's death as the mighty argument to save His people. Before the entire universe in the "great controversy" between good and evil, God Himself — as the ancient Hebrew judges did millennia before — reveals that He has done everything possible to clear the name of His people. His earnest longing is to save them. He desires to have them in heaven with Him forever.

The book of Daniel actually opens in the setting of a great disaster for God's people. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, attacks Jerusalem and overthrows it (Daniel 1:1). God's city, Jerusalem, is destroyed, His temple pillaged and burned, His people led into slavery.

This vicious attack on Jerusalem foreshadows earth's final battle, in which the forces of good and evil meet head on. Wickedness and righteousness oppose one another. Sin and holiness come into direct conflict. In the book of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, the literal king of Babylon, battles with Jehoiakim, the literal king of Jerusalem. In the book of Revelation, Satan, the king of spiritual Babylon, enters into direct conflict with Jesus, the King of the heavenly city, the New Jerusalem.

In the Old Testament, Babylon stands for:

- Idolatry and worship of false gods
- Commandment breaking
- Spiritual confusion
- Rebellion against the true God
- Intemperance, drunkenness
- The worship of evil spirits

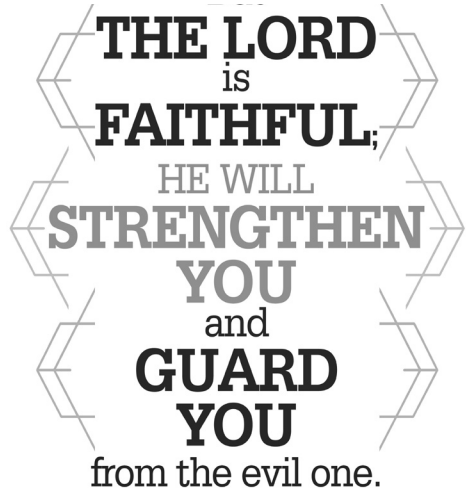
While Jerusalem stands for:

- Worship of the one true God
- Commandment keeping

- Obedience to biblical truth
- Temperance and self-control
- The working of the Holy Spirit

In Daniel, chapter 1, Babylon, representing the powers of evil and the forces of hell, overthrows Jerusalem. It certainly seemed like a terrible defeat for the King of kings. Daniel and his friends are taken captive. Nebuchadnezzar’s plan is to brainwash them with the philosophy of Babylon. He has chosen Israel’s brightest and best in order to turn them into obedient servants in his empire.

Nebuchadnezzar’s carefully crafted strategy unfolds in Daniel 1:7. We see it in what he did with the names of his Hebrew captives. Hebrew mothers gave their children names representing the character qualities of the Hebrew religion.



2 THESSALONIANS 3:3, NRSV

<b>Hebrew Name</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Daniel.....	God is my judge
Hananiah.....	The Lord is gracious unto me
Mishael.....	One who is like God
Azariah.....	The Lord is my helper

Each time these Hebrew youth mentioned their names, they were impressed with who they were — children of God. Nebuchadnezzar knew their names were tied to their religion, so He changed their names.

- a) *Daniel* became *Belteshazzar*, meaning “keeper of the hid treasures of Bel.”
- b) *Hananiah* became *Shadrach*, meaning “inspiration of the sun.”
- c) *Mishael* became *Meshach*, meaning “servant of Aku.”
- d) *Azariah* became *Abednego*, meaning servant of Nebo.

Now that they were identified by name with Babylonian gods, these Hebrews were enrolled in the equivalent of a three-year Ph.D. course in Babylonian philosophy and culture. At the beginning of their studies they were ushered into Nebuchadnezzar’s banquet hall for a feast commemorating the superiority of Babylon’s chief god Bel over all other gods.

## Daniel Resolved

Here in the luxurious splendor of Nebuchadnezzar's banquet hall, a young man in his late teens made a decision that altered the course of human history. The tables were loaded with Babylonian delicacies. Everything to tempt the eye and delight the taste was placed before the young Hebrew captives — including unclean foods forbidden by God Himself in the Levitical Law. It was now time for Daniel to show his true colors — it was decision time. The Scripture reveals his response in this perilous situation: "But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself in this way" (Daniel 1:8).

Daniel resolved...he purposed in his heart...He decided! He chose! He firmly resolved to be loyal to God. Daniel's faithful allegiance to God would not allow him to compromise his integrity. Here is a fundamental, basic quality needed at the end time.

There is no substitute for loyalty to God. Immersed in a heathen culture, Daniel fixed his mind on the things of eternity. He allied himself with the living power of God. In a later story in Daniel, chapter 6, we see how highly this man valued the secret place of prayer — communion with his Lord. Daniel determined to be loyal, because he was intimately acquainted with the One who inspires loyalty. Day by day he opened his heart to receive heaven's richest blessings.

God is looking for men and women today who will determine to be loyal to God at any cost. And what was Daniel's ultimate fate? He was exalted to a place of prominence in the Babylonian empire.

According to Daniel 1:20, he and his companions passed their final exams in the University of Babylon, exhibiting ten times more knowledge than their Babylonian counterparts. Heaven's benediction will rest upon you as you determine to be faithful to God at the time of the end. God will honor your steadfast determination to do right. Whatever your circumstances, He will make your life worth living. Will you determine today to place His kingdom first in your heart? ■

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## GOD CARES: *The Message of Daniel*

C. Mervin Maxwell

### **Daniel 9: God Schedules the Atonement The Message of Daniel 9 (Continued)**

#### **In Order to Be Pronounced Clean in the End, We Must Continue to the End to “Abide” in Him (See John 15:1-11)**

When we recognize our sinfulness and come to God “just as we are,” we are (1) immediately forgiven and (2) accepted into Heaven’s family, God’s true Israel. The new covenant promises this. There is no waiting in line and no price to pay.

But the new covenant also promises (3) power to help us to change — to obey His commandments and to develop kindly ways and an upright character. “I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts” (Jeremiah 31:33). God really wants us to qualify in the judgment.

One of the primary functions of the ongoing pre-advent judgment is to disclose the people who have accepted God’s offered power as *well* as His promised pardon.

#### **Forgivable, Forgiven, Forgiving**

God cannot overlook selfishness. He cares too much for our happiness to populate His beautiful new earth with stubborn sinners.

Take only one of His judgment criteria as an example: In His Sermon on the Mount, at the close of the Lord’s prayer, Jesus laid down this principle, “If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matthew 6:14,15).

If this rule is placed alongside the promise of I John 1:9, the picture emerges that God forgives us freely as soon as we say we’re sorry for our sins against Him; but if we aren’t sorry enough to forgive the people who sin against us, then after awhile His forgiveness of us doesn’t count anymore. In other words, in order to stay forgiven we must be both forgivable and forgiving.

But it’s hard to forgive people who have been unfair to us!

Indeed it is. But the only people we *can* forgive are people who have been unfair to us. No one else has done anything to be forgiven for.

Here is a practical application for the new covenant. God promises to write His law of love in our hearts. He wants to help us to be forgiving. He actually promises to give us His spirit of love. It is ours for the asking

and for the believing. For the *looking* too. By beholding we become changed (II Corinthians 3:18). If in imagination we look at Christ dying for our sins and living again for our salvation, it becomes easier for us to forgive the people who hurt us. We find ourselves saying with Jesus, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

In Christ’s story with which we began this section, the forgiven but unforgiving servant needed to feel God’s love in his heart.

I doubt very much that this man’s problem was ingratitude. I assume that he was very thankful for being forgiven ten thousand talents. But he completely misinterpreted what his lord had done. He assumed, evidently, that he was forgiven because he was such an important servant that his lord couldn’t very well get along without him. I believe he swaggered out of the office.

And when he met the poor chap who couldn’t instantly hand over his twenty dollars, he got very angry — because the man’s refusal seemed like an insult to his dignity.

He was grateful that the lord had forgiven him. He ought to have been grateful that his lord had forgiven *even* him.

And who is this unforgiving servant? You and I, I fear, unless we see ourselves unworthy of even the least of His favors, so humbled by His goodness and our sinfulness that we want to be as nice to everybody as He has been to us.

How can we Christians sing “Amazing Grace” in church and then fight with our spouses in divorce courts to see who gets the camera and who gets the TV? Jesus Christ died and lives again to make atonement — to provide forgiveness and reconciliation. How, then, can Christians demand apologies, harbor grudges, and sue each other? How can we do these things and hope to be declared, in the end, “clean from all your sins before the Lord”? May God help us!

And that is just what God wants to do; He wants to help us now, during this end-of-time Day of Atonement. The Day of Judgment/Day of Atonement is in session at this present moment! Under the new covenant those who in the end will be (1) clean from all their sins before the Lord, and who will be (2) privileged to live among God’s people in a sinless world, will be those who (3) have not only confessed their sins but have also accepted His power to live helpfully and healingly in this sinful world.



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### Grace to Forgive an Enemy

Corrie ten Boom, who suffered terribly in a concentration camp because she helped Jews during World War II and who has become known through her book and movie *The Hiding Place*, testifies that the Lord does provide grace to help us be forgiving.

“It was at a church service in Munich,” she says, “that I saw him, the former S.S. man who had stood guard at the shower room door in the processing center at Ravensbruck. He was the first of our actual jailers that I had seen since that time. And suddenly it was all there — the roomful of mocking men, the heaps of clothing, Betsie’s pain-blanching face.

“He came up to me as the church was emptying, beaming and bowing. ‘How grateful I am for your message, *Fraulein*,’ he said. ‘*To think that, as you say, He has washed my sins away!*’

“His hand was thrust out to shake mine. And I, who had preached so often to the people in Bloemendaal the need to forgive, kept my hand at my side.

“Even as the angry, vengeful thoughts boiled through me, I saw the sin of them. Jesus Christ had died for this man; was I going to ask for more? Lord Jesus, I prayed, forgive me and help me to forgive him.

“I tried to smile. I struggled to raise my hand. I could not. I felt nothing, not the slightest spark of warmth or charity. And so again I breathed a silent prayer. Jesus, I cannot forgive him. Give me Your forgiveness.

“As I took his hand the most incredible thing happened. From my shoulder along my arm and through my hand a current seemed to pass from me to him, while into my heart sprang a love for this stranger that almost overwhelmed me.

“And so I discovered that it is not on our forgiveness any more than on our goodness that the world’s healing hinges, but on His. When He tells us to love our enemies, He gives, along with the command, the love itself.”

### The Vision Understood and Sealed

God instructed Gabriel to make Daniel understand the vision of the 2300 days. After our extensive study of Daniel 8:13, 14 and Daniel 9:24-27, we too are able to understand, at least in part. A summary will crystallize our discoveries thus far. First, Daniel 9:24-27:

**24** Seventy weeks [70 x 7 days = 490 years] have been decreed [cut off from the 2300 years/days] for your people [the Jews, who continued to be God’s chosen nation until A.D. 34] and your holy city [Jerusalem, where Christ was to die, and the New Jerusalem with its heavenly sanctuary, where, within the seventy weeks, Jesus would “anoint the most holy place”] to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness [all provided for at the cross

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and made through Christ's heavenly priesthood] to seal up vision and prophecy [to guarantee fulfillment of the 2300 day prophecy (a) by fulfilling time elements so accurately that we can depend also on the date 1844 and (b) by providing at the cross the essential basis for Christ's heavenly ministry, which culminates in the pre-advent (pre-second-coming) Day of Atonement/Day of Judgement], and to anoint the most holy place [to dedicate the heavenly sanctuary].

**25** So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem [from the decree of Artaxerxes in 457 B.C. which restored Jerusalem to capital-city status and necessitated its reconstruction] until Messiah the Prince [Jesus, at His baptism/anointing] there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks [69 weeks = 483 years, from the decree of 457 B.C. to Christ's baptism in A.D. 27], it [Jerusalem] shall be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress [adjacent nations opposed Israel's resettlement in Palestine].

**26** Then after the sixty-two weeks [that is, at some point after His baptism in A.D. 27] the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing [Jesus was crucified virtually alone and without even His clothes] and the people of the prince who is to come [Rome, represented by at least Titus and his soldiers, who fought Jerusalem in the first Jewish War, A.D. 66-73] will destroy the city and the sanctuary [the soldiers of Titus burned Herod's temple and demolished Jerusalem]. And its end will come with a flood, even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined [in the Jewish War 66-73, half a million Jews are said to have died, almost depopulating Palestine].

**27** And He [Jesus, the Messiah Prince] will make a firm covenant with many for one week [Jesus "caused His covenant to prevail" with many of the Jews for the entire seventieth week, A.D. 27-34, even though Jewish leaders executed Him], but in the middle of the week [Passover, A.D. 31] he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offerings [by His supreme Sacrifice, He abolished the significance of the temple sacrifices], and on the wing of abomination will come one who makes desolate [here is Christ's prediction of the Roman "desolating sacrilege" (in this case, an erroneous system of worship)] even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate [Daniel 7:11 foretold complete destruction of both pagan and Christian Rome].

With these insights freshly reviewed, we're ready for Daniel 8:13, 14:

**13** "For how long is the vision [that is, the vision that Gabriel was told to make Daniel understand] concerning the continual burnt offering [Christ's continual *tamid* ministry as our High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary], the transgression that makes desolate [the sinners who have opposed God's truth and people, especially pagan and Christian Rome, the "desolating sacrilege" that Jesus spoke about] and the giving of the sanctuary

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foot [the obscuring of Christ's high-priestly ministry, portrayed as extending in a notable sense until 1844]?"

**14** And he said to him, "For two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings [2300 years] then [in 1844, which was 2300 years after 457 B.C. when the seventy weeks began] the sanctuary [in heaven, where Christ ministers] shall be restored to its rightful state [cleansed and vindicated in the pre-advent Day of Atonement/Day of Judgment]."

### **The Judgment Is Now**

The Bible has many more things to say about the Day of Atonement/Day of Judgment that is transpiring in heaven and about the current role Jesus is playing in our salvation.

God cares. It was important to Him to tell us in advance when Jesus would fulfill the atonement on the cross (A.D. 31) and when He would commence the pre-advent Day of Atonement/Day of Judgment in heaven (1844). He wanted us to know, because these events are vital to the plan of salvation.

It is wonderful to know that soon the books will have been investigated, and God will declare to the universe that His roster of saints has been made up, containing all the people who have been found clean from all their sins before the Lord (Leviticus 16:30).

Yet it is a solemn thought that the judgment has been in progress more than a century. It is in session now.

How important that we "afflict ourselves" as the Israelites did on the old Day of Atonement (Leviticus 23:27)—that is, that we "examine ourselves" to see whether we are holding on to the faith (II Corinthians 13:5), and with earnest prayer and Bible study seek to know God's will for us and obey it.

"Fear [that is, reverence] God, and keep His commandments," says Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14, "for God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing."

God longs to write His commandments, His law of love, on our hearts. Have we let Him? Are our thoughts victorious over immorality? Are our business practices above dishonesty? Are our social relations free from hypocrisy? Are we kind to our children? Do we honor our parents? Do we worship God sincerely and keep His Sabbath holy? Do we really help people who are in need? Do we forgive as we have been forgiven?

Do we love the Lord? Are we abiding in Him (John 15:1-11)? Or do we think more about TV entertainers than about our Lord and Savior?

"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:11, 12).

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## WORDS of WISDOM

### A Bountiful Life

“Life is given to you like a flat piece of land,” said actress Jeanne Moreau. “I hope that when I’m finished, my piece of land will be a beautiful garden.”

God, who put the first human in a garden to care for creation, blesses us with talents and resources to wisely manage. In gardening terms, God gives us the plot of ground, the seed, the wisdom and strength to bring forth beauty and abundance. Yet we do the work, with God’s help, to make it a reality. Like Adam, we till, but God gives the increase. God’s provisions and our labor bring the garden — and our lives of stewardship — to fulfillment.

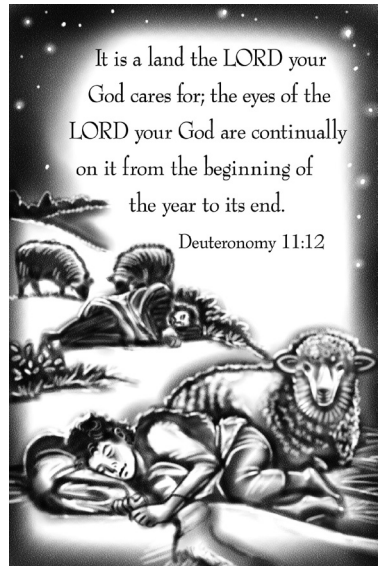
As stewards, we ponder: When God calls us home, what will our garden be like, and what will it have produced?

### Feline-Informed Faith

I am the epitome of a “cat lady”: Each of my five felines has taught me a bit about faith. As I settle into bed, Piccolo presses his body tightly against mine. As I type, Tina sits on my lap, often reaching to rest a paw on my hand (the one on the mouse, of course!). Pumpkin cries persistently, even raising his front legs like toddler arms when he wants to be picked up. Yet, as any cat lover knows, these animals can be stubbornly aloof — at least until mealtime.

My cats’ actions make me think about how intentional daily Bible reading is like pressing myself against God. When I see God’s presence in nature or someone’s kindness, pausing to give thanks is like reaching out to touch God’s hand. When I feel needy, I can stretch my spirit toward God’s embrace with an honest prayer. And when I make myself aloof — as, alas, I sometimes do — I can rejoice that God’s love always calls me back, to nourish me again.

— Heidi Mann



## YOUR BIBLE QUESTIONS . . . ANSWERED

### How do you walk after the Spirit and not the flesh?

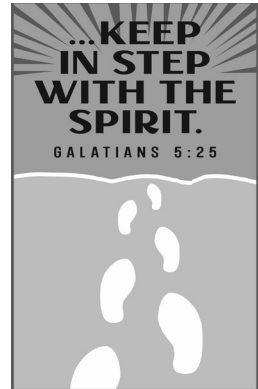
*“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit” (Romans 8:1).*

As Christians, we have two natures at war within us — the spirit and the flesh. “The flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary to one another, so that you cannot do the things that you wish” (Galatians 5:17). The carnal, or physical, desires of the flesh want to be satisfied selfishly. However, the spirit strives to be pure, do God’s will, and obey His commandments. The latter is the higher nature we should aim to please. Peter and other New Testament writers speak about this war between the spirit and the flesh.

In Romans 8, Paul is encouraging Christians to walk after our spiritual natures and not our fleshly desires. He describes this difficult battle in Romans 7: “I am carnal, sold under sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do” (verses 14,15). There is a simple, but always easy, solution to this dilemma.

Here is a crude but effective illustration. Imagine you have two dogs of the same breed. You feed one of your dogs the very best dog food, and you pet and groom him for attention, take him out for walks, and provide plenty of fresh water and rest. But the other dog you chain to a post, don’t provide food, water, exercise, or attention at any time. Now imagine releasing the two dogs in the same area. Eventually, they’ll do battle for the territory. Who will win? It’s easy to guess that the dog that is well nourished and exercised will conquer the starved animal.

It’s the same with the battle between our two natures. The way you win the battle is decided by which nature you feed. If you feed the spirit by reading God’s Word, praying, fellowshiping, and sharing your faith, you will strengthen your spiritual nature and make more room for the Holy Spirit. ■



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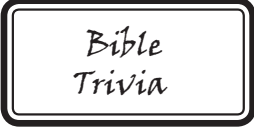
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Trivia*

1. How many Bible books did both Moses and the apostle John write?
2. Who cried after hearing a rooster crow?
3. What is the last book of the Old Testament?
4. Who is the first murderer in the Bible?
5. What was the final wound to the dead body of Jesus on the cross?
6. What was Jesus' crown made of?
7. Which place is called "Zion" and "the city of David"?
8. What is the town in Galilee that Jesus grew up in?
9. Who took Judas Iscariot's place as an apostle?
10. All who look to the Son and believe in him will have what?
11. What is the last book in the New Testament?
12. On which day did Jesus rise from the dead?

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Answers to questions can be found on Page 17

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I Shed a Tear Last Night

I often daydream, but I do face reality  
Now that my freedom is gone, this world is a tragedy —

My body is incarcerated, but my mind remains free,  
There are trails in life, but to satan I refuse to take a plea —

I'm not perfect, and God knows my heart,  
He loves me with the type of love that'll never split apart —

My fleshy ways always seem to get me in some kind of trouble,  
James 1:7, 8 states don't let your mind be double —

Yes, I talk to God, and tell Him things nobody else knows,  
Because He always opens up doors no one else can close —

I constantly ask myself, "Are hard times my destiny?"  
I realize I was never alone — He was standing right next to me —

All the times I thought I had the world in my hand,  
I was fooling myself, I was just sinful contraband —

So after all these years, I finally chose to get it right,  
My life is no longer the same, that's why I shed a tear last night...

— Jerrold Chandler, Sr.



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Answers**

1. Five
2. Peter
3. Malachi
4. Cain
5. His side was pierced
6. Thorns
7. Jerusalem
8. Nazareth
9. Matthias
10. Eternal life
11. Revelation
12. Sunday, the first day of the week

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Christian Cartoon



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3-THE WAY OF SALVATION	1WS	Matt. 19:16
4-NEARNESS OF CHRIST'S RETURN	1NR	Matt. 24:3
5-SECOND COMING OF CHRIST	1SC	Heb. 9:28
6-BIBLE TEMPERANCE	1BT	1 Cor. 10:31
7-MILLENNIUM	1M	Rev. 20:5
8-MOST WONDERFUL PROPHECY IN BIBLE	1WP	Dan. 8:3-14
9-MEANING OF HELL	1MH	1 Cor. 15:55
10-WHERE ARE THE DEAD?	1WD	Eccl. 12:7
11-PUNISHMENT OF THE WICKED	1PW	2 Pet. 2:9
12-HEAVEN	1H	2 Cor. 12:2
13-CHRISTIAN'S RULE OF LIFE	1CR	Jam. 2:8-12
14-JESUS, OUR HIGH PRIEST	1HP	Dan. 8:14
15-LORD'S DAY	1LD	Rev. 1:10
16-FIRST DAY OF WEEK	1FD	Mark 16:9
17-CHANGE OF SABBATH	1CS	Ex. 20:8-11
18-GREAT DAY OF JUDGMENT	1JD	Acts 17:31
19-THE PRESENT TRUTH	1PT	2 Pet. 1:12
20-SEVEN LAST PLAGUES	1SP	Rev. 15:1
21-SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD	1SG	Rev. 7:1-3
22-MARK OF THE BEAST	1MB	Rev. 14:9-11.14
23-HOW TO KEEP SABBATH	1KS	Ex. 20:8
24-CHRISTIANS IN DRESS	1CD	1 Cor. 10:31
25-BAPTISM	1B	Mark 16:16
26-THE TRUE CHURCH	1TC	Rev. 12:1
27-BIBLE PLAN TO SUPPORT GOD'S WORK	1SW	Deut. 8:16
28-GOD'S GATHERING CALL	1GC	Rev. 17:3, 4

**No. 4 THE NEARNESS OF THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST: 1NR: Matthew 24:3; 2NR: Matthew 24:36; 3NR: Matthew 24:32, 33; 4NR: James 5:3; 5NR: James 5:4, 8; 6NR: Daniel 12:4; 7NR: Luke 2: 1:11; 8NR: 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 9NR: Matthew 24:12; 10NR: Matthew 24:14; 11NR: 2 Peter 3:3-5; 12NR: Isaiah 2:2-4; 13NR: Joel 3:9, 10, 14; 14NR: Mark 13:29.**