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★ He will be rest
in His love. ♥

ISRAEL 3:17

Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners...

HEBREWS 13:3



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Ezekiel 34:31

Have you ever had someone do something to you that you just could not forgive? That one thing that they did soured them completely and forever in your opinion, and you just could never think of them the same again after that? Sometimes it's the people that are closest to us that hurt us the most. Our spouse, a parent, a brother or sister, a friend.

How truly blessed we are that God does not do that to us. No matter how many times we turn away from Him, forget Him, hurt Him, He keeps on loving us, keeps on calling us, keeps on hoping we'll turn back to Him, although He will never force Himself on us.

Even Jesus experienced being forsaken and betrayed...and how did He respond? Did He tell Peter to just forget it? Did He tell Saul (Paul) to go jump in a lake?

Nope. He was still invested in them and their talents and abilities. He still wanted them in His service. Like a parent of a child who runs away from home or hollers hateful words to their parent, our Father still loves us, no matter our sins (see Quotes and Quips, page 2), and of this we can be eternally thankful. May we respond positively to His eternal love.

— The Team at
Regeneration Fellowship



Quotes and Quips

No matter what sin we have committed, no matter how terrible it may be, God loves us.

— Billy Graham

Love is perhaps the only glimpse we are permitted of eternity.

— Helen Hayes

Love is the river of life in the world.

— Henry Ward Beecher

This is the miracle that happens every time to those who really love: the more they give, the more they possess.

— Rainer Maria Rilke

A heart set on love will do no wrong.

— Confucius

There is a net of love by which you can catch souls.

— Mother Teresa

When you love someone, you love the whole person as he or she is, and not as you would like them to be.

—Leo Tolstoy

You don't love someone because they're perfect; you love them in spite of the fact that they're not.

—Jodi Picoult

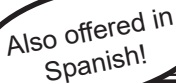


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A WORLD ON FIRE
Selected Studies on the Great Commission
 By David Metzler

BARNABAS STEPS FORWARD

“And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles (Acts 9:26, 27).”

When Saul had left Jerusalem three years earlier, it was with orders in hand to arrest the followers of Christ in Damascus and return them for trial and punishment. If Saul thought those in Jerusalem he had once persecuted would receive him with open arms, he was to be sadly mistaken. Saul was especially eager to see Peter (Galatians 1:18), but it was difficult to believe that so bigoted a Pharisee, and one who had done so much to destroy the church, could become a sincere follower of Jesus. Like Ananias of Damascus, the disciples found it extremely unlikely that so relentless a foe as Saul could change into a loving, believing brother. Saul wanted desperately “to meet the Galilean fishermen who had lived, and prayed, and conversed with Christ upon earth. It was with a yearning heart that he desired to meet the chief of apostles. As Saul entered Jerusalem, he regarded with changed views the city and the temple. He now knew that the retributive judgment of God was hanging over them.

The disciples had cause to be cautious. Persecution had not stopped during the three years Saul was in Arabia. Greek believers in Christ were still being detained, arrested, imprisoned, and killed. Might Saul not be bent on their destruction? They would be cautious until they were sure of his sincerity. Great was Saul’s grief and disappointment when he found that they would not receive him as one of their number. Barnabas had been acquainted with Saul when he opposed the believers. He now came forward and renewed that acquaintance, heard the testimony of Saul in regard to his miraculous conversion, and his experience from that time. He fully believed and received Saul, took him by the hand, and led

him into the presence of the apostles. Peter and James, who at that time were the only apostles in Jerusalem, gave the right hand of fellowship to the once fierce persecutor of their faith; and he was now as much beloved and respected as he had formerly been feared and avoided. We need more members like Barnabas in our churches! By all biblical accounts, Barabas always lived up to his name as a “son of encouragement.”



Barnabas took him by the hand and led him into the presence of the apostles...

LIGHT FOR MY PATH

What the Bible Says about Guilt

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:9

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:7

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

Psalms 103:12

For the LORD is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away His face from you, if ye return unto Him.

II Chronicles 30:9

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

Hebrews 8:12

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

II Corinthians 5:17

And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against Me.

Jeremiah 33:8

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DANIEL, VERSE BY VERSE

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“In all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm” (Daniel 1:20).

According to a recent YouGov survey, 27 percent of U.S. adults believe in astrology — the idea that a person’s life is influenced by the positions of the stars and planets. Among believers 37 percent are ages 18 to 29, while this percentage drops to 16 percent among those who are 65 and older.

This decline in astrological belief as people age points to something Job said: “Wisdom is with aged men, and with length of days, understanding” (Job 12:12). Yet four Hebrew youths, “in all matters of wisdom and understanding” were “ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers” of Babylon (Daniel 1:20). What made the difference?

The Babylonians believed that the sun, moon, and five known planets (later called Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn) represented different deities. By the movement of these celestial objects through the constellations, the Chaldeans sought to determine the will of the gods and to divine the future.

On the other hand, Daniel and his friends, having read “the Law of Moses” (Daniel 9:13), were wiser than the oldest Chaldean who claimed to read the stars. Their wisdom came from meditating in God’s law “day and night,” intending to do “all that is written in it” (Joshua 1:8). Today, many who profess to follow the God of the Bible are vaguely familiar with its pages. As a result, 22 percent of Protestants, according to the survey cited above, also believe in horoscopes. The only way to not become defiled with astrology and other false religions is to saturate our minds and hearts with Scripture.

Like Daniel and his friends, we are surrounded by competing worldviews — some claiming insight from the heavens, others from human philosophy. But if we seek the wisdom that comes from God, testing every theory by His Word, He will guard us against every delusion.

Reflect: Am I storing God’s wisdom in my heart by memorizing Scripture?



Hope for the Future

“Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus” (Daniel 1:21).

If the sun could be turned off like a light switch, how long do you think we would last? According to a *Popular Science* article, the average surface temperature of Earth would drop below 0 degrees Fahrenheit. Most plants would die within three weeks, and humans wouldn't survive much longer without living in submarines. Moreover, without the sun's gravitational pull holding the solar system together, Earth would be flung into outer space.

At the beginning of the book of Daniel, it appears that Israel had lost their Sun. The God who had given them life and held them together for centuries handed them over to the Babylonians (Daniel 1:2). The temple and palaces of Jerusalem were burned to the ground, and its walls destroyed (II Chronicles 36:19). But though the book begins on a dark note, the first chapter ends with a ray of hope by referencing Cyrus, whose name means “sun.”

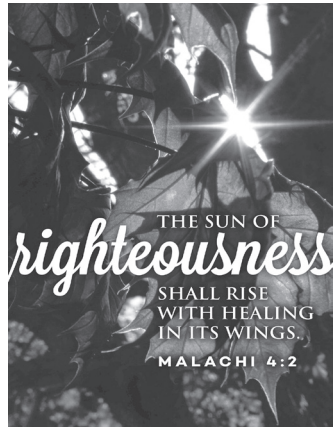
Over 150 years before Cyrus conquered Babylon in 539 B.C., God called him “My shepherd” and declared, “He shall perform all My pleasure” (Isaiah 44:28). In 538 B.C., Cyrus acknowledged God's plan to “build Him a house at Jerusalem” (Ezra 1:2) and decreed that the Jews should return to rebuild the temple. What a dramatic reversal of Judah's fate!

Cyrus foreshadowed Jesus, “the Sun of Righteousness” (Malachi 4:2) and “the good shepherd” (John 10:11). Like Cyrus in the time of Daniel, Jesus came to “set at liberty those who are oppressed” (Luke 4:18). The name Jesus means “Yahweh saves,” for “He will save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).

Jesus reversed our fate when He died for our sins and rose from the dead (I Corinthians 15:3, 4). He defeated the devil and reclaimed us as His living temples (I Corinthians 6:19).

Cyrus gave hope to ancient Israel when he freed them from Babylonian captivity and sent them home. Jesus gives us hope by freeing us from sin and promising to take us to our heavenly home. There, He will be our temple, and His glory will outshine the sun (Revelation 21:22, 23).

Reflect: How does the Sun's (Son's) victory over the devil's darkness give me hope?



Dreaming about Salvation

“Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him” (Daniel 2:1).

In 1899, Sigmund Freud published a work entitled *The Interpretation of Dreams*, detailing his atheistic theories about their origin and meaning.



According to Freud, dreams are a glimpse into the inner workings of a person's mind — his desires, struggles, and hidden “subconsciousness.” Much of modern thinking has been shaped by Freud's ideas.

Our common experience reveals that dreams do come as an amalgamation of our everyday thought patterns, “for a dream comes through much activity” (Ecclesiastes 5:3). But while one aspect of dreaming is perhaps meaningless or inane, most of the dreams recorded in the Bible were supernatural in origin.



In the first dream recorded in Scripture, God gave prophetic information to Abraham and made a covenant with him (Genesis 15:12). Later, we see that “God came to Abimelech in a dream by night” with a fearful warning (20:3). The Lord also spoke to Jacob in dreams, as well as his uncle Laban (28:12; 31:11, 24). And how can we forget Joseph, whose inspired dreams provoked his brothers to say, “Look, this dreamer is coming!” (37:19). While space does not permit us to enumerate every dream in the Bible, it is clear that God speaks through this avenue.



God even gave dreams to a pagan king! According to Daniel 2:1, “Nebuchadnezzar had dreams” — not just one but many — until “his spirit was so troubled” that he consulted his wise men (verse 2). When Daniel was finally brought before the king, the prophet said, “There is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days” (verse 28).

God wants to make known to you His plan of salvation. He might not speak to you through a dream, but you can hear His voice as you read His Holy Word and observe His providential workings. Open your heart and listen to the messages of Daniel. They are not just meant for an ancient king. They are also meant for you.

Reflect: How can I be more open to what the Lord wants to tell me?

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LUTHER AND THE GREAT REFORMATION
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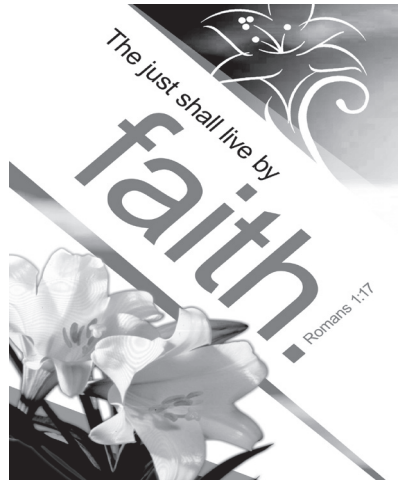
A Leader in Reforms

In the providence of God Luther decided to visit Rome. An indulgence had been promised by the pope to all who should ascend on their knees what was known as Pilate's staircase. Luther was one day performing this act, when suddenly a voice like thunder seemed to say to him, "The just shall live by faith!" He sprang upon his feet in shame and horror, and fled from the scene of his folly. That text never lost its power upon his soul. From that time, he saw more clearly than ever before the fallacy of trusting to human works for salvation and the necessity of constant faith in the merits of Christ.

His eyes had been opened, and were never again to be closed, to the Satanic delusions of the Papacy. When he turned his face from Rome he had turned away also in heart, and from that time the separation grew wider, until he severed all connection with the papal church.

After his return from Rome, Luther received at the University of Wittenberg the degree of doctor of divinity. Now he was at liberty to devote himself, as never before, to the Scriptures that he loved. He had taken a solemn vow to study carefully and to preach with fidelity the Word of God, not the sayings and doctrines of the popes, all the days of his life. He was no longer the mere monk or professor, but the authorized herald of the Bible. He had been called as a shepherd to feed the flock of God, that were hungering and thirsting for the truth. He firmly declared that Christians should receive no other doctrines than those that rest on the authority of the Sacred Scriptures. These words struck at the very foundation of papal supremacy. They contained the vital principle of the Reformation.

Luther now entered boldly upon his work as a champion of truth.



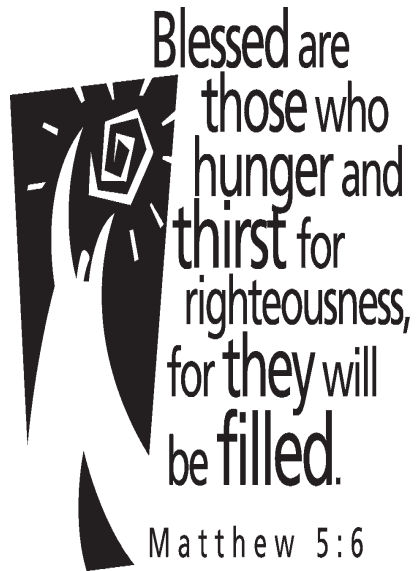
His voice was heard from the pulpit in earnest, solemn warning. He set before the people the offensive character of sin, and taught them that it is impossible for man, by his own works, to lessen its guilt or evade its punishment. Nothing but repentance toward God and faith in Christ can save the sinner. The grace of Christ cannot be purchased; it is a free gift. He counseled the people not to buy indulgences, but to look in faith to a crucified Redeemer. He related his own painful experience in vainly seeking by humiliation and penance to secure salvation, and he assured his hearers that it was by looking away from himself and believing in Christ that he found peace and joy.

Luther's teachings attracted the attention of thoughtful minds throughout all Germany. From his sermons and writings issued beams of light that awakened and illuminated thousands. A living faith was taking the place of the dead formalism in which the church had so long been held. The people were daily losing confidence in the superstitions of Romanism. The barriers of prejudice were giving way. The Word of God, by which Luther tested every doctrine and every claim, was like a two-edged sword, cutting its way to the hearts of the people. Everywhere there was awakening a desire for spiritual progress. Everywhere was such a hungering and thirsting after righteousness as had not been known for ages. The eyes of the people, so long directed to human rites and human mediators, were now turning, in penitence and faith, to Christ and Him crucified.

The Reformer's writings and his doctrines were extending to every nation in Christendom. The work spread to Switzerland and Holland. Copies of his writings found their way to France and Spain. In England his teachings were received as the word of life. To Belgium and Italy also the truth had extended. Thousands were awakening from their deathlike stupor to the joy and hope of a life of faith.

Luther Breaks with Rome

Rome was bent upon the destruction of Luther, but God was his defense. His doctrines were heard everywhere — in convents, in cottages,



in the castles of the nobles, in the universities, in the palaces of kings; and noble men were rising on every hand to sustain his efforts.

In an appeal to the emperor and nobility of Germany in behalf of the Reformation of Christianity, Luther wrote concerning the pope: "It is a horrible thing to behold the man who styles himself Christ's vicegerent, displaying a magnificence that no emperor can equal. Is this being like the poor Jesus or the humble Peter? He is, say they, the lord of the world! But Christ, whose vicar he boasts of being, has said, "My kingdom is not of this world." Can the dominions of a vicar extend beyond those of his superior?"

He wrote thus of the universities: "I am much afraid that the universities will prove to be the great gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, and engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not unceasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt."

This appeal was rapidly circulated throughout Germany, and exerted a powerful influence upon the people. The whole nation was roused to rally around the standard of reform. Luther's opponents, burning with a desire for revenge, urged the pope to take decisive measures against him. It was decreed that his doctrines should be condemned immediately. Sixty days were granted the Reformer and his adherents, after which, if they did not recant, they were all to be excommunicated.

When the papal bull reached Luther, he said: "I despise and attack it, as impious, false...It is *Christ* himself who is condemned therein...I rejoice in having to bear such ills for the best of causes. Already I feel greater liberty in my heart; for at last I know that the pope is antichrist, and that his throne is that of Satan himself."

Yet the word of the pontiff of Rome still had power. Prison, torture, and sword were weapons potent to enforce submission. Everything seemed to indicate that the Reformer's work was about to close. The weak and superstitious trembled before the decree of the pope, and while there was general sympathy for Luther, many felt that life was too dear to be risked in the cause of reform.

My
KINGDOM
is not of this world.

JOHN 18:36

PROGRESS OF THE REFORMATION

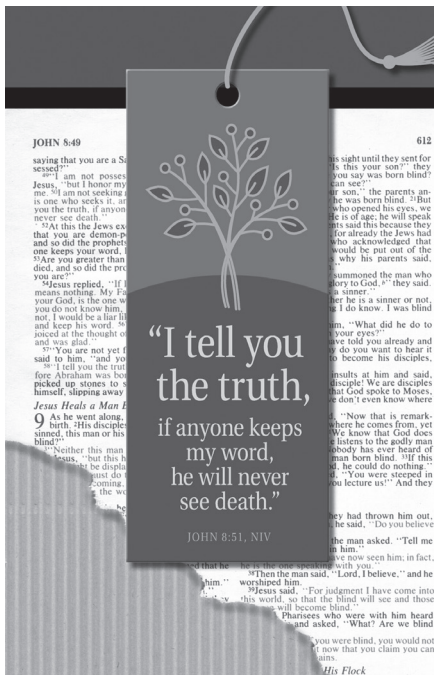


A new emperor, Charles the Fifth, had ascended the throne of Germany, and the emissaries of Rome hastened to present their congratulations, and induce the monarch to employ his power against the Reformation. On the other hand, the Elector of Saxony, to whom Charles was in great degree indebted for his crown, entreated him to take no step against Luther until he should have granted him a hearing.

The attention of all parties was now directed to the assembly of the German States that convened at Worms soon after the accession of Charles to the empire. There were important political questions and interests to be considered by this national council; but these appeared of little moment when contrasted with the cause of the monk of Wittenberg.

Charles had previously directed the elector to bring Luther with him to the Diet, assuring him that the Reformer should be protected from all violence, and he should be allowed a free conference with one competent to discuss the disputed points. Luther was anxious to appear before the emperor.

The friends of Luther were terrified and distressed. Knowing the prejudice and enmity against him, they feared that even his safe conduct would not be respected, and they entreated him not to imperil his life. He replied: "The papists do not desire my coming to Worms, but for



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saying that you are a Son of God?"
"I am not possessed by Jesus," said I honor myself. "I am not seeking to be one who speaks it, as you the truth, if anyone never see death."
"At this the Jews exclaimed that you are demon-possessed and so did the prophets: one keeps your word."
"Are you greater than die, and so did the truth you are?"

"Jesus replied, "If I mean nothing. My Father's God is the one who does not know him; I would be a liar if I said and keep his word." He rejoiced at the thought and was glad.
"You are not yet said to him," and you tell you the truth: Abraham was born, picked up stones to throw at himself, slipping away."

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

Q As he went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. This disciple asked him, "This man was born blind, why does he not see?"

Neither this man nor his parents, "but this man was born blind, why does he not see?"

"I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

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sight until they sent for this your son?" they can see."
"The parents answered he was born blind."
"But who opened his eyes, we are of age; he will speak for already the Jews had who acknowledged that would be put out of the world, why his parents said."

summoned the man who says to God," they said, "I do know. I was blind before he is a sinner or not a sinner."
"What did he do to your eyes?"
"He told you already and do you want to hear it to become his disciples."

results at him and said, "disciple! We are disciples that God spoke to Moses, we don't even know where he comes from, yet we know that God does not listen to the godly man who has ever heard of man born blind." If this man had said anything, he could do nothing to him. "You were steeped in your lecture us!" And they

had thrown him out, he said. "Do you believe in him?"
"The man asked, "Tell me, what have you seen him, in fact, with you?"
"Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped him."
"Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who were with him heard and asked, "What? Are you blind, you would not know that you claim you can see."

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WORDS of WISDOM

THE UPSIDE-DOWN BLESSING

The Beatitudes are more than poetic lines from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. They're a radical redefinition of what it means to be blessed. The Greek word makarios doesn't just mean "happy." It describes a deep, untouchable joy that pain, loss, or hardship cannot erase. As scholar William Barclay wrote, it is "the joy which shines through tears."

Jesus flips the world's idea of success upside down. The "blessed" aren't the powerful or prosperous, but the poor in spirit, the mourners, the meek, and the merciful. Imagine reading them as "Congratulations, you who feel broken, God's kingdom belongs to you!" His words assure us that, even in suffering, we stand in God's favor.

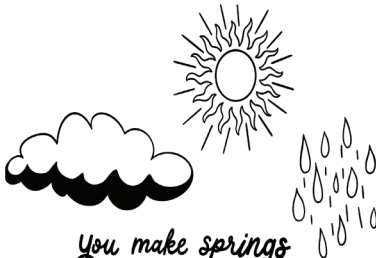
Real blessing isn't about shiny possessions or smooth sailing. It's the steady, saving presence of God — a life preserver tossed to us when we're struggling to stay afloat. And it's not just an individual promise. Jesus spoke these blessings to a community, a "we" more than a "me." Together, as the body of Christ, we find comfort, strength and the courage to live with joy that nothing in life or death can take away.

— Adapted from HomileticsOnline.com

SPRING CLEANING FOR THE SOUL

Spring [is] a time when the earth begins to awaken from a winter's nap, and new growth bursts forth all about us.

More personally, it is an opportunity to enter into a springtime for our spirit. Sincere repentance, a changing of heart, casting off old sinful practices and seeking to commune with our creator help us go in the right direction. Spending serious time in silence and prayer focuses our attention. Reading spiritual literature, becoming more knowledgeable about the Bible, and meeting in small groups with other Christians to share personal stories of faith can all be immensely stimulating. Joining with others to serve the helpless and hopeless can strengthen our spiritual life. It is a time to let God do "spring cleaning" within us. It's our opportunity to allow God to help us toss out the "stuff" that hinders us and then freshen up the "new creature" we are meant to be as followers of Christ.



You make springs
gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between
the hills.

PSALM 104:10, ESV



SHINE WITHOUT WAX

How sincere are you, really? How honest, dependable, and genuine? These are traits that shape our character and help others see Christ in us.

The word sincere comes from an old Latin phrase meaning “without wax.” In ancient Rome, potters sometimes used wax to hide cracks in flawed pottery. Buyers would hold each piece up to the sunlight to see if it was truly solid and not hiding any imperfections.

When we allow the light of Christ to shine through our lives, it reveals both our rough spots and our strengths. The good news is that Jesus never shames us for the cracks; he restores us. As his light works within us, we grow into people of integrity who are whole, authentic, and sincerely his.



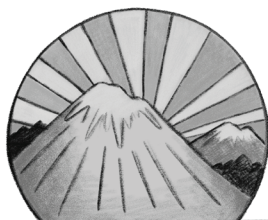
MOUNTAINTOP MOMENTS

In Matthew 17, we read a remarkable story about Jesus taking Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. What seemed like an ordinary hike turned into a moment that changed their understanding of who Jesus really is. Matthew writes, “And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light” (Matthew 17:2). The disciples saw Jesus in a brilliant, heavenly glory — a glimpse of his true identity as the Son of God.

But that wasn’t all. A voice from the cloud declared, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him!” (Matthew 17:5). Imagine the awe and holy fear those disciples felt. Just like many of us would, they fell to the ground, overwhelmed by God’s presence. Yet Jesus didn’t leave them trembling. He came close, touched them and said those comforting words we all long to hear: “Do not be afraid.”

After the moment passed, Jesus led them back down the mountain and into everyday life again. This powerful encounter reminds us that Jesus is truly the Son of God — radiant, holy, and worthy of our worship. But it also shows us his heart: gentle, reassuring and near to us when we are afraid.

We may not stand on that mountain, but we can still experience our own “mountain-top moments” — times in worship, prayer, or Scripture when we glimpse God’s glory in a fresh way. And just like the disciples, we are invited to rise up, follow Jesus and listen to him every step of the journey.



Mountaintop Moment

YOUR BIBLE QUESTIONS . . . ANSWERED

Didn't Jesus assure the thief on the cross that he would be with Him in paradise that very day?

"Jesus said to him, 'Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise'" (Luke 23:43).

Some believe from this verse that people go to their reward immediately after death, a teaching that goes contrary to many other Bible texts. There are two main problems with this assumption. First, even though Jesus told the thief, "today you will be with Me in Paradise," three days later He told Mary, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father" (John 20:17).

Where is the Father, and where is paradise? The Bible tells us, "To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God" (Revelation 2:7). God's throne is shown in Revelation 22:1, 2 to be in heaven near the tree of life.

The second problem comes from when Jesus and the thief died. When the soldiers came just before sunset to take the bodies off the crosses, Jesus was already dead (John 19:32-34). Since the thieves were still alive, the soldiers broke their legs to speed up their deaths. It is very possible they lived until past sundown and possibly longer. So how could Christ assure the thief of "being with Him" in paradise "that day" when they both did not necessarily die on "that day"?

The solution to this dilemma is most clearly resolved by studying what the Bible teaches about the state of the dead. I won't take time to cover that topic here, but the Scriptures clearly state that until the coming of Christ, the dead are in their graves, not yet in paradise (see John 11:11-14; I Thessalonians 4:15, 16).

"TRULY I
TELL YOU
TODAY,

*you will be with
Me in Paradise."*

LUKE 23:43 NRSV

It's also important to remember that uninspired men added punctuation to our English Bibles when they were translated. The commas in this verse were not in the original manuscripts. Someone simply placed a comma before the word "today" instead of after it. The verse is more clearly translated as, "I assure you today, you will be with Me in Paradise."

— D.B.

Bible Puzzles

ARK OF THE COVENANT

Provide the answers for these facts about the ark of the covenant.

1. What the top of the ark was called _____
2. The two-dimensional geometric shape of the ark _____
3. The only right way to carry the ark _____
4. He died when he touched the ark to prevent it from falling over _____
5. In the wilderness, the ark resided in this structure _____
6. Where the ark normally stayed after Solomon's time _____
7. The people group who once took the ark from the Israelites

8. When this group had the ark, this happened to its people

9. The three things kept inside the ark

10. These angelic creatures were fashioned from gold for the ark

11. This person once danced before the ark _____
12. On the Day of Atonement, the High Priest sprinkled this on the ark

Answers to questions can be found on Page 17

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— Evelyn Lugo

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1. mercy seat
2. rectangle
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5. tabernacle
6. temple
7. Philistines
8. plague
9. Aaron's rod, manna, 10 commandments
10. cherubim
11. David
12. blood of a sacrificed animal

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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
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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
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22-MARK OF THE BEAST	1MB	Rev. 14:9-11.14
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