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A Virus Like No Other

Today, the coronavirus, COVID-19 is devastating the world. Almost everybody is affected. It first appeared in Wuhan, China and in a short time of a few months spread widely. No cure is yet available. Sanitation and social distancing are the only means of protection we yet have.



We can liken this virus to another which continues to affect and infect all people throughout the world. None have escaped. It is the virus of sin, started with Adam and passed down to all. All suffer from the accompaniments that go with it: sicknesses, doctors' visits, hospitalizations, sufferings, and finally death. It is a virus like no other.

Sin is in the world. It has never been conquered by those "in Adam." The only way to come out of sin is to have a vital relationship with our Lord, established through faith in him and a full consecration of our life to him. This means giving up our earthly hopes, aims, and ambitions in seeking to please God, whatever that is in our lives.

Jesus gave his life a long time ago and we are still in this state of sin and death. But a glorious time is coming in which all those who have been faithful followers of him will be exalted to be with him in the heavenly realms and then will come the time of his kingdom which will bless all the families of the earth. Remember, God told Abraham that in his seed all the families of the earth would be blessed. That seed is Christ we are told by Paul, *"if you are Christ's then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise."* Gal. 3:29

In the near future, we will be in a position to bless the world by lifting them up out of sin and death conditions into harmony with God. Then the world will not be suffering from the virus of sin, which is the greatest killer of all time. Nothing has escaped it. But through the blood of our Lord and

Savior Jesus Christ we are brought back to the condition of life, of perfection, where sin is no more. Sin is only a memory of the past – a repugnant memory of the past and we leave it there. We go forward.

The world will rejoice as they come to Zion with gladness in their hearts. So we look forward to that day. Then this virus, the coronavirus, COVID-19, will be no more, no more doctors' visits, no more hospitalizations, no more funerals. Mankind will be able to follow their love for God under wonderful conditions. The earth will become a paradise. How can we not look to that day.

In the meantime, we practice sound Christian principles in seeking to keep the virus of sin from re-infecting our lives. We practice good sanitation and go often to the throne of grace for forgiveness of sin in thought, word, or deed. We keep our faith-justification covering clean of spots or wrinkles. Having been washed in the pure water of truth, we keep it that way. We continue to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

We also practice social distancing, that is we avoid too close a friendship with this world. *"...whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God."* James 4:4

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." 1Cor. 2:12 We are in the world, but not of the world, even as Jesus said, *"They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."* John 17:16

While we, as others, are now suffering under the plague of the coronavirus, God will soon unveil his glorious plan for all to see, appreciate, and come into line with. What a wonderful day that will be. Let us pray, *"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven."*

R. Whittaker

Gaining Victory over Self

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, or to record your own good works, or itch after commendation, when you can truly love to be unknown ...

That Is Victory over Self.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart or even defend yourself, but take it all in patient loving silence ...

That Is Victory over Self.

When you are content with any food, any offering, any raiment, any climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption by the will of God ...

That Is Victory over Self.

When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder, any irregularity, any unpunctuality, or any annoyance; when you can stand face to face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility, and endure it as Jesus endured it ...

That Is Victory over Self.

When you can receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself, and can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, and find no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart...

That Is Victory over Self.

When you can see your brother prosper and have his needs met, and can honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy nor question God, while your own needs are far greater and in desperate circumstances ...

That Is Victory over Self.

When you are forgotten, or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you don't sting and hurt with the insult or the oversight but your heart is happy, being counted worthy to suffer for Christ ...

That Is Victory over Self.

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The Danger of Judging the Motives of Others

Aside from what the scriptures tell us on this topic, which will be the foundation of this article, we should have the good sense to recognize that "opinions" or "feelings" on any matter belong to us, and should never be imposed on others. Everybody has their opinions on every subject under the sun, but that doesn't make them right, or necessarily wrong. The title of this article begins with The "Danger" of Judging, suggesting there is a consequence to the one who does so, because, doing so runs contrary to the spirit of the Lord, and does not indicate a humble spirit or disposition that is required to be pleasing to God. This is true because the scriptures teach that God resists the proud and gives grace (does not impute their sins) to the humble (1Pe 5:5)

Let us begin with differing beliefs concerning a commandment that God gave the Israelites. There is no denying that God said, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" (Ex 20:8), and that the penalty of breaking it was grievous. Yet with the coming of Christ and His fulfilling of the law centered in love, and God's grace through Jesus who covers our sins, saving those who believe on Him, Paul tells us in Gal 5:1-4, *Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage (the Law).* ²*Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.* ³*For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.* ⁴*Christ is become of no effect unto you, **whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.*** Clearly, if our faith is centered on our own strength in keeping the law for our salvation, and not centered solely on the atoning power and spirit of Christ through **faith** in the grace and power of God, then our sins are NOT covered.

Peter reinforces this thought when Jewish converts wanted Gentile disciples to be circumcised and ordered to keep the Law of Moses. Peter's response to this in Acts 15:10-11,

Now therefore why **tempt ye God**, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? ¹¹But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they. (Blessed is the man whose sins are covered. Rom. 4:8; Ps 32:1-2)

Paul tells us in Gal 3 that the Law was instituted because of transgression, till the seed (Jesus) should come to whom the promise was made, and additionally, that the Law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ....teaching us that salvation is impossible by the Law, which cannot be kept. Salvation comes only through Christ. This schoolmaster should have a very humbling effect on us, helping us to be merciful and less judgmental as sinners ourselves.

With this in mind, what does Paul say about the Sabbath, and differing opinions concerning it in Rom. 14:4-6, ⁴Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. (**Note Paul's benevolent spirit in the next sentence.**) Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand. ⁵One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. ⁶He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it....., **so it is really not the thing**, but our heart condition Paul continues in verse 17 ¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink (and we could add ideology & opinions); but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. We need to remember what Jesus told the Scribes and Pharisees about the weightier matters of the law....**judgment** (doing what is Godly), **mercy**, and **faith**. These should be our focus, and not judging or condemning or tempting the Lord as Peter said by imposing our views or interpretations on others, causing them to leave the congregation or worse, submit in unbelief, and thereby cause them to sin. (Rom. 14:23)

Instead, we should prepare our hearts to do the will of our Heavenly Father and constantly work to overcome inequity,

and most important of all, humbly demonstrate mercy, that we can receive mercy and forgiveness of sins by the grace of God through our Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus tells us in Luke 6:36-38, ³⁶*Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.* ³⁷*Judge not, **and ye shall not be judged**: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:* ³⁸*Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. **For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.***

At a conference some years ago I was asked if I believed in "The Presence." My response was I believe that the Lord is always present, "that silent listener to every conversation," but that I did not believe that Jesus had returned for His bride (Rev 21:9). The response I received was, "I am sorry for you." Did this brother understand the meaning of what Paul said in Rom.14:4?

Another area of differing opinions is the act of asking for support by a worthy cause. Some feel that the Lord will provide without the act of asking, and therefore question the motives of those who do so. Yet, Paul asked for donations for the saints in Jerusalem, and Moses asked for voluntary donations to build the tabernacle. In every case these were gifts from God, because first of all, all that the giver has is from God, and secondly, it is the love of the God that moves one to give, which glorifies our Heavenly Father. Further, organizational appeals raise awareness of a need that is serving the Lord, and thereby provides an opportunity for the giver to be blessed. If one shares a different understanding on this matter, much care and caution should be taken not to question the motives of those striving to serve the Lord, lest they be judged (Luke 6:37) and found guilty for all of their transgressions, for the "scripture hath concluded all under sin." (Gal.3:22).

J. DiCesare

The Ninth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Exodus 20:16

“The ninth commandment forbids purposeful deceit against our neighbor and underscores the sacredness of truth in all our dealings. This commandment also exposes two underlying motives that God hates -- *malice* and *pride*. When we lie or intentionally hide part of the truth, it is usually to cast another person in a bad light and to place ourselves in a good one. The former sin springs from malice in the heart and the latter from pride. Both of these character flaws are an abomination to the Lord.

Jesus said, “***I am -- the way, the truth, and the life***” (John 14:6). The closer we are to Him, guarding our position of *abiding in Him*, the more truthful and open we will become with ourselves and others. The question is, “*Are we brightly shining forth the light of Him who is the Truth?*”

Lord, cleanse my heart of all deceit
And teach me what is true;
Help me to have integrity
In all I say and in all I do.”

Selected

All the trouble in the world began with one lie!

Beware of believing a half-truth, it may be the wrong half.

The devil has many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all.

Stretching the truth won't make it last any longer.

The Joy of God in His Children

"Yet the LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer is unto the God of my life." - Psalm 42:8

THE PSALMIST has well said that *praise is comely* in the mouth of God's people, and that *joy* should characterize the upright in heart. The testimony of all those to whom God has shown His special favor should be, *"The Lord has done great things for us; whereof we are glad."* His loving-kindness controls the forces and agencies that minister to our joy in the daytime, and the remembrance of this should fill our nights with praise. To be forgetful or ungrateful in regard to the multiple blessings received from the hand of God, surely denotes a very perverted condition of mind. But the Lord's children, mindful of His goodness, will not forget to offer the *"sacrifice of praise, the fruit of their lips, giving thanks to His name."*

Selfishness and ingratitude never sing in the higher key of praise. The mind is too self-centered, the finer sensibilities too dwarfed to appreciate the benevolent character of a God who sends His rain on the just and the unjust alike. But gratitude and love *must* sing, and tell forth what the Lord has done. It is from hearts filled with these finer qualities that the statement comes, *"Therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy, I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord"* (Psa. 27:6).

The angels who dwell in the presence of God, beholding with never-ceasing wonderment the operation of His love and power, are revealed to us as chanting their reverent, *"Holy, Holy, Holy,"* before Him, in admiration and joy; singing also the worthiness of the Lamb *"to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing."* But none should ever be able to sing redemption's songs so enthusiastically, so gratefully, as those who have been *"redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb"* (Rev - 7:4).

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice," is the spirit of happiness urged upon us by the Apostle Paul. If this be a practical thing, it follows then that he who lives near to the Lord, loving His will, and living *"as seeing Him who is invisible,"* can have joy continually in his heart though all may not be serene in his surroundings. To have learned to rejoice always, whether in the daytime of pleasant tranquility, or in the night of perplexity, is to have reached a state approximating that of the Apostle's admonition. The darker hours of *encircling gloom*, which must be expected, will be brightened by reflections of the abiding faithfulness of the Lord. Greater than the crushing weight of trial, sweeter than the bitterness of tears we may not be able to check, will be the assurance that **He knows, and loves, and cares.** Thus we carry the perpetual song in our hearts, even praises unto our God.

God's Song of Joy - Let us look at our text again: *"The Lord will command His loving kindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me."* We readily grasp the idea of our singing songs to the Lord, since all His intelligent creatures ought so to do. This is not, however, the only suggestion of our text. Taking it as we have it in our King James translation, and most others, the thought is not so much that of songs we may sing to God, but of *"His song"* being sung to us in the darkness - singing to us the comforting assurances of His constant watch-care over us. In Ferrar Fenton's translation our text reads, *"By day Jehovah shows His love, and sings with me at night."* As to the correctness of that translation there could be some question, but as to the blessed truth it declares there should be no doubt. The God of the Psalmist is our God. *"The God of all comfort,"* is our Father, and He assures us: *"As one whom his mother comforts, so will I comfort you"* (Isa. 66:13). The picture here is that of a mother who soothes her child, singing the songs that can never be so sweet as when set to the music of a mother's love.

God's character combines all the attributes of fatherhood and motherhood. Thus we read, *"Like as a **father** pities his children, so the Lord pities them that fear Him."* And *"Can a*

mother forget her sucking child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget you" (Psa. 103:13; Isa. 49:15). It is, therefore, quite proper to think of God as singing those songs most suitable to our present needs. Times without number He has consoled us by anticipating our every need, and revealing His power as equal to every emergency confronting us. Our names "*engraved on His hands*" assures us of being constantly remembered; and He, being for us, is greater than all that be against us. It is a truth -- God does sing to us of His power.

The various testimonies of the Law and the Prophets are the several chords of that harp, which, when tuned by the Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts, and swept by the fingers of the devoted servants and searchers after divine truth, yields the most enchanting strains that ever fell on mortal ear. Praise the Lord for the exquisite melody of the blessed "*song of Moses and the Lamb*" which we learn through the testimony of His holy Apostles and Prophets, of whom the Lord Jesus is chief!

This indeed is God's song. No such story could ever have been conceived in the mind of mortal man, or originated in the thought of angels. It was faintly heard in the time of Enoch and Abraham, but grew in volume as dispensations moved onward to days of greater light, and as holy men of old, the heavenly choir over the fields of Judea, the faithful Apostles and succeeding generations of the saints have added their voices to the glad chorus. Faith rejoices in looking forward to a time when every creature in heaven and on earth will lend their voices to sing together the song of redeeming love, in harmony with God's song of love.

"An Eye That Never Sleeps" Thus it is that our text, "*The Lord will command His loving-kindness in the daytime,*" takes on a very literal aspect. He who controls, influences for the good of His children, with unlimited agencies at His command, stands ready to marshal all these around our

dwelling, if need be, to reveal His love in rich supplies of grace, or to protect us from the ten thousand foes seeking to do us harm. It is He who controls the forces of nature - the warming sun, the rain, the snow, the supply of fruit and flower, and the vegetation which absorbs from the soil the elements so necessary to human life. He is the Author of all the elements of beauty, tenderness, and sympathy conducive to the happiness of His creatures. All of these minister to our joy and comfort.

Likewise, in the night He who neither slumbers nor sleeps, ceases not His loving ministrations. When *sorrow* comes, or adversity has overtaken us, He is near with His comfort to cheer, and His grace to sustain, for He knows how to "*give beauty for ashes and the oil of joy for mourning.*" We hear His song of love and joy, and find it easier to "*glory in tribulation,*" for *His song* tells us that "*through much tribulation we shall enter the Kingdom.*" Therefore as we read over His exceeding great and precious promises, as we ponder over the repeated assurances of His never-failing care through all the deep waters of unexpected trials, disappointments, and discouragements, let us listen ever more attentively to *His song* of love, consoling us with visions of eternal and inexpressible joys.

The sweetest song this world has yet heard came in the night. It burst over the fields where the shepherds watched their flocks in the darkness. How wonderful it must have sounded in a land where no voice of holy prophet had been heard for centuries. So it has been again and again. The announcement comes at midnight, "*Behold the Bridegroom, go ye out to meet Him.*" Just when the heart is heavy because deferred hope has made it so, the burden is to be lifted. In all the history of the Church, the hour of extremity has been the season of God's opportunity. Her history's most touching memorials of faithfulness, and memory's most frequent and hallowed resting places are eternally linked with those dark, critical hours when God intervened by sending His "*song in the night*" to give courage and strength to His children, and

to show Himself strong in behalf of those who trusted in Him,
and who had learned to tune in with the Word of His Grace.

J. J. Blackburn

Endless Song

My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, not far off hymn,
That hails a New Creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul-
How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comfort die!
The Lord my Savior liveth;
What though the darkness gather round!
Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that refuge clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

I lift mine eyes; the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am his-
How can I keep from singing?

Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. (Psa 119:54 KJV)

Your decrees are the theme of my song wherever I lodge. (Psa 119:54 NIV)

"I set your instructions to music and sing them as I walk this pilgrim way" (Psa 119:54 - The Message)

Thankful unto Thee

by Alice Gmiterek Ryden, January 2020

Thanks be unto God who sits on high
And makes the rain fall from the sky
A God who reigns from heaven above
And created all things with such great love.

I'm thankful unto God for the beauty of the skies
With singing birds and butterflies
For twinkling stars and the sun's golden light
And the moon that glows in the darkest night

I'm thankful for the seasons that come and go
For the winter, spring and summer which we all know
For morning and evening, day and night
Hours and minutes always timed so right

I'm thankful to God for the beauties of spring
For flowering plants and birds that sing
For the green grass that grows in the gentle breeze
For rolling meadows and towering trees

Springtime is God's handiwork in view
The earth's awakening and everythings new
From the blossoms of the treetops to the rivers and streams
Mountains and valleys, how lovely the scenes

I'm thankful for autumn harvests with bushels filled
And the ripening fruit on my window sill
And oh, the clusters of grapes we can eat
Growing on vines so juicy and sweet

I'm thankful unto God for the winter time
And the majestic beauty of spruces and pine
For icy crystals and glistening snow
Sparkling so brightly with brilliance and glow

I'm thankful unto God for being so blessed
And for our Lord and Savior who gave us His best
For the beauty of earth, which we can see
Father, I am so thankful unto Thee.

Viewpoints: The Enigma of the Judaic-Christian Relationship

(The following article appeared in the May 1997 New Creation Magazine and is republished here, in its entirety, as still of current interest - Editor)

The significance of this matter is being increasingly forced upon the world's attention at this very moment. The nations of earth are agonizing over the controversy regarding the Israeli-Arab conflict. Jerusalem is indeed a *burdensome stone* as prophesied in Zech. 12:3. This enigma is expressed very succinctly in the foreword of the now deceased Brother Harold Dart's manuscript, *The Third Day*, which we, by permission, quote below:

"Judaism and Christianity have roots in common soil - faith in the existence of a divine revelator - the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - and in his revelatory words as given in Tanach, the Jewish term for the Old Testament, a word formed by combining the names for the three divisions of the Old Testament; Torah - the Pentateuch, Neviim - the Prophets, and Khituvim - the Writings. Christianity has added an additional revelation through Jesus of Nazareth and the Apostolic writings of the New Testament.

The term Judaic-Christian is often used to encompass both faiths in recognition of their common source and to distinguish them from their religious assertions. In Orthodox Judaism, Tanach has been supplemented by oral traditions and the interpretations and instructions of the rabbinical writings to form Halakah, accepted traditional practice. In Christianity there also have been accretions based on interpretations of church councils and hierarchies - teachings and rituals which have established a Christian version of Halakah.

The original divergence into separate communities began with the Messianic assertions of Jesus of Nazareth, whose claims were rejected by the Jewish religious leadership of his time and denounced as false and blasphemous. In the course of subsequent events, the dichotomy within the Jew-

ish community became ever more defined as a conflict between those who adhered to the Mosaic covenant and those who believed that Jesus of Nazareth had established a new, additional covenant: Rabbinical Judaism versus Apostolic Messiahism - which was subsequently called Christianity as derived from the Greek word for Messiah - Christos.

As Christianity gained adherents among the Gentiles and became the official religion of the Roman Empire, the Jews became a scattered people and Halakah - traditional practice - became the means of preserving Judaism as a community of faith and a separate people. The Mosaic Law not only had created Israel as a nation apart, but maintained them as such.

In interfaith relationships the accepted formula in Jewish-Christian dialogue implies an exchange of concepts and beliefs on a level of mutual tolerance with a tacit acknowledgment of the validity of the individual faiths of the participants. Dialogue on this basis can bring better understanding and respect for the viewpoint of the other - but will always leave a gap unbridged and a conflict unresolved.

Having rejected the Messianic claims of Jesus of Nazareth, Judaism regards Christianity as an erroneous aberration from the covenant with Israel, instituted by a false Messiah and further perverted by concepts from Gentile sources. Jews decry anti-Semitism and point to the historical record of crimes committed by professed Christian societies against the Jewish people. Some Jewish expositors point to the Gospel accounts and other New Testament statements with the implication that Christianity itself, and not merely its perverted expressions, lies behind anti-Semitism.

Conversely, Christianity (in general) regards Judaism as a blind rejection of the Atonement provisions of a New Covenant, mediated through Jesus to replace the ineffective sacrificial provisions of the Mosaic covenant, "For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins" (Hebrews 10:4).

For your additional consideration of this matter - we present the following questions and indicate a few Scriptures applicable to each:

Did God call Israel out as a *Chosen People* - and for how long was this relationship to continue?

Deut. 7:6 - "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God; The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people who are upon the face of the earth."

Isaiah 49:14-16 - "But Zion said, 'the Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, *yet will I not forget thee*. Behold, I have engraved thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continuously before me."

1 Chron. 16:15, 17 - "Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations; and hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel *for an everlasting covenant*."

2 Sam. 7:24 - "For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people, Israel, *to be a people unto thee forever*; and thou, Lord, art become their God."

Does Israel's *Covenanted* relationship with God enter into His plan for human salvation?

Gen. 18:17-18 - "And the Lord said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?'"

Isa. 43:10 - "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and *my servant whom I have chosen*, that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me."

Isa. 62:2, 3 - "And *the nations shall see thy righteousness*, and all kings thy glory; and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. Thou shalt

also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.”

Isa. 60:11 - “Therefore, thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night, that men may bring unto thee the forces of the nations, and that their kings may be brought.”

Isa. 61:6 - “But ye shall be named the priests of the Lord; men shall call you the ministers of our God, ye shall eat the riches of the nations, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.”

Zech. 8:22, 23 - “Yea, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; *In those days it shall come to pass that ten men shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew*, saying, ‘we will go with you; for we have heard that God is with you.’”

Amos 9:11 - “*In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breeches of it; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old.*”

Amos 9:12 (Ancient Greek translation) - “*That the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the nations upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who does all these things.*”

John 4:21, 22 - “Jesus saith unto her, ‘woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet in Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what. We know what we worship, *for salvation is of the Jews.*”

Has Jehovah canceled or qualified these promises to Israel?

Numbers 23:19 - “God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent. *Hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?*”-

Isa. 55:11 - "So shall my word be that goeth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void, but *it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*"

Matt. 5:18 - "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, *one jot or one tittle shall in no way pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

Romans 11:28-29 - "as concerning the gospel, they (Israel) are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, *they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.* For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance."

1 Sam. 12:22 - "For *the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake*, because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people."

Jer. 30:11 - "For I am with thee, saith the Lord to save thee; though I make a full end of all nations to which I have scattered thee, *yet will I not make a full end of thee*, but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished."

It is not our purpose to fully present all of the Scriptural evidence on these questions, and we particularly do not wish to be misunderstood. We all pray and look forward to the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham that "all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him." God's Word is clear that His plan of Salvation was centered and purposed in Jesus Christ "before the foundation of the world." We are bringing these Scriptures to your attention that it might invoke our further discussion regarding the joint function of both Christianity and Judaism in Jehovah's plan of human restitution. Your input is welcome.

Jim Caudle, 1997

Zaccheus

We read the story of Zaccheus in the Gospel of Luke 19:1-10. Zaccheus was a publican -- in fact he was the chief among the publicans -- and he was rich. But Zaccheus was not a happy man.

He knew the people despised and hated him because he collected taxes for the Romans and also because he *over-taxed* them. He knew that the Romans also despised and hated him because he was a Jew and they were not lovers of his people.

Zaccheus knew all this and it gave him an inferior complex. The fact that he was short of stature only added to his feelings of inferiority. Perhaps all his life he had been laughed at and made the butt of jokes because of his size.

It could be that he had tried to compensate for this complex by adding to his income in the belief that if he could make a pile of money he could do whatever he wanted and people would respect him because of his wealth. *So often we delude ourselves by trying to find easy solutions to difficult problems.* But wealth had not made him happy. The problem still remained *within* him.

Jesus knew the real Zaccheus -- deep down inside. He could see his true desires and needs and thus he determined to talk to him, and solve his most difficult problem. How often we ourselves miss solutions to our problems by failing to go to the Lord to seek his help and humbly accept what he prescribes.

Jesus knows where you and I are -- right now, at this moment, in the depths of our being. He knows not only what we are doing and where we are going but he knows our potential as well -- but do we? Do we really want to reach our goals? Do we want to make our contribution? Are we really longing, wishing, hoping for fulfillment and true peace? Do

we really want to know who we are? We can, but not by putting on a front to make others believe we are what we are not. We can deceive some people, but we can never deceive God.

One thing we must know -- and that is that God loves us despite our sin, pretenses and selfishness. This is the good news of the Gospel, that God loved us even while we were yet sinners and this explains the full meaning of the Cross. On the Cross Jesus Christ tasted death for every human being -- even you and me. He died that we might be forgiven and delivered from the power of sin and death and have eternal life. Jesus was perfectly satisfied that you and I were worth dying for. He took the punishment which we deserved and which he did not. It is at the Cross that we find forgiveness, and complete freedom -- and it is there that we become children of God.

When Zaccheus heard the news that Jesus was coming to Jericho, he earnestly desired to see him. But being so short of stature, how could he do this in the midst of a crowd of taller people? There was only one solution; he must climb a tree to get a better view. A nearby sycamore tree offered him what he was looking for, and he climbed it.

Soon, at the turn of the road, he heard voices and before long Jesus appeared leading his disciples and a throng of friendly people. Jesus kept walking, not lifting his eyes until he reached the sycamore tree. There he stopped and looking up his eyes met those of Zaccheus. It was a dramatic encounter that took place in that moment between Jesus and Zaccheus. Here were two men of very different character, ambition, and purpose in life. They were as opposite as day is from night yet Jesus decided to seek this man out -- a publican, and a sinner who was hated and despised by all the people. If Jesus had had a *holier than thou* attitude, he would have surely passed him by. Jesus truly was holier than Zaccheus -- indeed, there could not even be a comparison but Jesus had also come to call sinners to repentance

and salvation -- and Zaccheus was surely one in great need of these things.

“Zaccheus, come down, for I am coming to visit your house,” said Jesus. These words must have shaken Zaccheus from the top of his head to the soles of his feet. Why would the Master wish to be his guest when Jesus knew that he was hated by all the people? But the words of Jesus reached deep into his being, touched a chord which had remained untouched all his life, and now vibrated with a strange and beautiful sound. Suddenly, those words of Jesus had opened up to Zaccheus a new and incredible panorama -- a potential of unknown and incredible thing to come. Just think -- *Jesus was going to be the guest at the house of the despised publican -- Zaccheus!*

Zaccheus' response to Jesus came from the center of his soul -- *Lord you can have me*. Quickly he climbed down from the tree, amid the astonished crowd and welcomed Jesus to his house *joyfully* (verse 6). Then and there an amazing thing took place. A complete reversal of Zaccheus' personality occurred. He was no longer the cunning, selfish, greedy tax collector. The old Zaccheus was gone forever. He had had a complete transformation -- a renewing of his mind. Paul would later describe this phenomena as: old things are done away and all things have become new through the love and acceptance of Jesus.

The Scriptures declare that Zaccheus not only made restitution for his crooked ways in which he had extorted from the people but he repaid them above what he owed. He gave back to the poor four times as much as he had taken from them. This was true conversion, true repentance. It meant an about-face, a willingness to turn from what he knew to be wrong and start doing the right things. Jesus summed it all up by saying: “This day salvation has come to this house”

Does this story strike a chord in your heart? If you are still in doubt, still searching for your identity, for your true self, you can find it by inviting Jesus into your life. He is the one knocking at the door of your heart. Open it wide and invite him in. For when you receive him and make him the Lord and Master of your life, you will become the person you really want to be. All perplexing problems will disappear. You will become a new man, a new woman, the man and woman that God wants you to be.

Gaetano Boccaccio

Morning Joy

Daniel A. Donnarummo

November, 1978

Man's night of days is ending,
Twilight's gleam is now proclaiming;
The morning joy soon commencing,
Upon earth's face is warming.

Sorrow, pain, sin and death,
Has been man's long nightly breath;
Respiration's morning seal.
Everlasting air will soon heal.

The fainting heart, the fearful mind,
The cripple, deaf, dumb and blind,
The unjust ways, the hateful state,
All mournful tears will soon abate.

Morning joy will fill earth's place,
When Jesus shows His glorious face;
The grave will shutter and power no more,
As prisoners released to life restored.

The New World to Come

This present world, with all its troubles, tears and pain, will be replaced with a coming Kingdom that God has in His plan, in which His Son Jesus will return to this earth to reign as King of Kings. (See Rev. 21:1-5, 17:14.)

Psa. 93:1 and Isa. 45:18 tell us, that this earth was not created in vain, but that it was formed to be inhabited and it will not be moved. Since this is God's intention for the earth, it will always be inhabited. The present ruler-ship of the earth has been usurped by Satan. When Satan has been bound and Jesus is reigning as King of Kings, the earth will be restored to perfection as it was formerly in the Garden of Eden. (See Rev. 20:1,2; Acts 3:19-21.)

At that time, all mankind will know God, from the least even unto the greatest. (See Jer. 31:34.) At that time there will be no more wars and all weapons will be figuratively beaten into plowshares and pruning hooks. Man will no longer learn war any more. (See Isa. 2:2-4.)

We read in Isa. 11:6-9 that even the most dangerous of beasts and reptiles will become so tame that children can play with them without being afraid of being hurt. This condition that will be upon the earth is mentioned again in Isa. 65:25.

Isaiah 25:6-9 and 26:9 reveal that all will then learn righteousness, for the dead shall rise again. Then all eyes shall see, the deaf will hear and the lame shall walk (Isaiah 35:5,6 tells us this.) Isaiah 52:10 assures us that the glory of the Lord will indeed be revealed to all people throughout the ends of the earth.

God has so promised and He never breaks a promise. At that time those who have blamed God for all the evils and tragedies of this present age, will know that Satan and not God had been responsible, but that He had allowed such to

show mankind the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and having had such an experience with evil, will be much more likely to appreciate His Rule of Righteousness that will then prevail. They will then have both good and evil shown them and if they are willing to choose the good, they will live forever in that perfected world. Those, however that do not heed Jesus, shall be utterly destroyed from among the people. (See Acts 3:23.)

What about those that are now serving the Lord in faith, having believed and received forgiveness for all past sins and who have become his disciples at this time? They, if faithful to the end, will reign with Jesus at the time of restoration of all things. As His Bride, they shall be joint-heirs and with their Bridegroom be able to offer the water of life to those unbelievers that rise from the dead. (See Rev. 22:17.) For there will be a resurrection of all mankind, both the just and the unjust. (See John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15.)

We are so blessed to be able to hear and heed God's call at present and seek to serve Him in spirit and in truth. The Lord encourages us to be faithful unto death and we shall receive the crown of life and reign with Him for a thousand years on earth as a Kingdom of Priests. See Rev. 20:4 and 5:10.

Thanks be unto God for sending His Son! Such wonderful blessings are ours now in serving Him and even greater ones to follow. For the world of mankind there will be life and peace and great joy -- the Lord's grand surprise party for "eye hath not seen nor ear heard what the Lord has in store for those who love Him" in that new world to come wherein dwelleth righteousness. (See 1 Cor. 2:9.)

C. Wineroth

Cover-ups

"Then I acknowledged my sin to you and *did not cover up my iniquity*. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD' and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah."

Psalm 32:5 (NIV)

Cover-up is a common term of our day. It was recently written in a newspaper editorial -- "*We are living in the days of cover-ups.*" This is true, but are cover-ups really something new? Can you think back to when the first *cover-up* occurred? Yes, it was many thousands of years ago -- taking place in the Garden of Eden at the time when Adam and Eve sinned. The very first thing they did was to *cover-up* their nakedness. We read in Gen. 3:7: "Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made *coverings* for themselves." Why did they do this? We read in Gen. 2:25: "The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame." Prior to sinning, there was no shame in their nakedness, no desire or even the thought to cover themselves. But after they sinned, their nakedness, in some way, became a shame and represented sin to them, so they sought to hide themselves by making a covering. *Cover-ups* have been going on ever since in many ways down throughout man's history.

In Joshua 6 the Israelites were told that all the spoils of silver and gold taken from Jericho were sacred to the Lord and were to go into His treasury. In Joshua 7:21 we read of Achan admitting how his greed led him to steal some of the silver and gold and how he sought to cover-up his sin: "When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are *hidden in the ground* inside my tent, with the silver *underneath*."

Saul attempted to *cover-up* his sinful motives when he brought back spoils from a battle, contrary to what were

God's explicit instructions. This is recorded in 1 Samuel 15:1-26. In verses 7-9, we are told that Saul failed to destroy all the Amalekites, along with all the best of the animals and goods. Instead, he spared the life of the king and kept everything that was of value. When God had Samuel confront Saul, he immediately tried to cover-up his disobedience. We read his words in verse 15, "Saul answered, 'The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; *they* spared the best of the sheep and cattle *to sacrifice to the LORD your God*, but we totally destroyed the rest." Because he lied in an attempt to cover-up his sin, God rejected him as King over Israel (verse 26).

David attempted a cover-up when he found out that Bathsheba was pregnant with his child. The account of this is recorded in 2 Samuel 11:1-17. The attempt to cover-up his sin eventually led David to plot to have Uriah, Bathsheba's husband killed, who was one of his most faithful army commanders. Since David could not make it look like the child would be Uriah's, he plotted to have him killed in battle so that when the child was born, no one would suspect that it wasn't Uriah's. Though cover-ups sometimes work for a time to fool others, they never fool God. David's cover-up also became known when God used the Prophet Nathan to confront David with his sin.

Today, in the field of politics, *cover-up* is a common term, one we read about often in our newspapers. Some of the more prominent ones are "Watergate" and "Whitewater," both involving the highest office of our country. If one were to spend time researching other prominent figures there would, undoubtedly, be many more.

Dishonesty and lying go hand in hand with cover-ups. It has been practiced to some extent by perhaps, the majority who have walked this earth. Sadly, this deception begins with children as soon as they have the ability to reason. What parent hasn't heard their child deny something they have done with a quick, "*I didn't do it!*" and then proceed to

blame another! The weakness to do this is a consequence of mankind's fallen, sinful condition. It is an easy way out. Rather than face up to the consequences of wrong-doing, the temptation is quickly to deny the deed and shift the blame to someone else. So one sin is added to another and thus the first sin grows into a giant snowball! Rarely is one lie stopped in its tracks! In time it requires others to keep the original sinful deed under cover. It is fallen man's futile attempt to make something black appear white. It is the way of the world. Today, it is not the sin that causes regret...but getting caught at it! Mankind are subjects of the dominion of darkness, whose ruler is Satan who knows well the art of lies and deception!

This should never be the case with the followers of Jesus for we are told in Col.1:13, "He *has rescued us* from the dominion of darkness and *brought us into* the kingdom of the Son He loves." If we have indeed been rescued from the dominion of darkness and the power of Satan, we will be found walking in and keeping step with the Holy Spirit. The ways of the world will no longer be the standard by which we conduct ourselves. Honesty, integrity, openness should be readily seen in all that we say and do. We should be *living Epistles*, living above reproach, "known and read of all men." Let us remember that our God is all-seeing with absolutely nothing hidden from His sight. Let us *long* to live our daily lives in a way pleasing to God. Thus we will be an answer to the Apostle Paul's prayer as recorded in Phil. 1:9-11: "...this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be *pure and blameless* until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ -- *to the glory and praise of God.*"

E. Weeks

Only by being on the level can we rise to the highest plane.

Error needs support, truth stands alone.

A Portrait of Jesus –*Raising the Dead*

“As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.” Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God.” Luke 7:11-16



Should it surprise us that Jesus was filled with compassion as he came upon this scene...a funeral procession for the only son of a widow? No words were exchanged before Jesus took action...he only needed to witness the anguish of this woman whose world had just “come to an end.” Widowhood in that day and age held a bleak future with no children...she would have been at the mercy of her community. Jesus would not pass by and say, “Well that’s life!” No, Jesus’ first impulse is to comfort the weeping woman, “Don’t cry,” He tells her, and before she can even react Jesus raises her son from death. Can you imagine her reaction? Oh, the joy she must have felt as her son is returned to her. Luke tells us the crowd was filled with awe and praised God! What a beautiful picture of the resurrection in the kingdom to come! Joy forevermore!

What can we learn personally about this story? Jesus’ compassion is something that always moves him to action. Jesus’ heart was broken over and over again as He walked this earth, and each time He took action to minister to those who crossed his path. It’s agape love that we find deep within the heart of Jesus. That agape love expressed through compassion has spilled out toward you and your needs, too. The compassion that Jesus felt for the hurting world resulting in action and so it should with each of us. When we witness the grieving and hurting and our hearts are filled with compassion, we must reach out to them and offer them hope in Jesus. It should be our first instinct, just as it was for our Savior...when our hearts are moved with compassion we should be moved to an act of compassion. Jesus was moved by compassion and so must we.

D. Mathewson

Children's Story Corner

What Do We Need to Be Saved from?



Dear Ones,

I have written you several times about the importance of being saved. Maybe you have wondered, what do I need to be saved from? This is a logical question if you live in a relatively safe place, as I do. The Bible talks about salvation so much that we need to find out what we are being saved from.

Jesus tells us about a woman who had done very bad things. She was such a sinner that everyone in town knew about her and what she had done. She stopped doing wrong, was sorry, and spent a lot of money to buy Jesus some very good perfume. She was so sorry that she cried and cried, throwing herself at the feet of Jesus. He forgave her of her sins and said that it was her faith that had saved her. We have all done wrong and need to be saved from our sins.

God hates sin, so we need to be saved if we want to escape God's anger. Romans 5:9 says, "...while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified (made right with God) by his blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through (Jesus). Believers are saved from death. Jesus said, "He who believes in me shall live even if he dies." Believing in Jesus and being saved saves us from condemnation, or punishment, and fear. By being saved, we have nothing to fear on Judgment Day because God sent Jesus into the world so the world could be saved. All who believe in Jesus are not judged. John 3:17 and 18 tells us, "For God did not send the Son (Jesus) into the world to judge the world, but that the world through (Jesus) might be saved. He who believes in (Jesus) is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten (unique) Son of God." Jesus told us, "He who has

believed (the good news about Jesus) and has been baptized shall be saved, but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. (Mark 16:16)

Everyone needs to be saved from sin, God's anger, death, punishment, and fear. If there are any reading this article who do not know how to be saved, let's see what Paul said. He was preaching the word of faith or the good news about Jesus. To those hearing the word he said, "...if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved." (Romans 10:10) Paul begged the people of the city of Corinth to get right with God today. He said, "Behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Don't let another day go by before you confess that Jesus is the Son of God, believe that God raised him from the dead, and be saved. Please send any questions you have to the editor of this magazine. I am praying for you.

Your Aunt Nancy Shobe

Act 4:11-12 NASB "he is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, *but* which became the chief corner stone. 12 "And *there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.*"

Rom 6:5-8 NASB For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; 7 for he who has died is freed from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

Family Corner

How to Combat the Media's Influence on our Children

(editor's note: this article appeared in the NC in 2008, but the advice given here is still good today)



This is not your typical parenting article that shares “survival tips,” or the best DVD’s and activities to fight boredom. Rather, I’m going to share practical principles and techniques for raising spiritually, mentally and emotionally healthy children. The neat thing is that you have complete control over the effectiveness of the techniques, they cost you nothing, and you can test them out in the comfort of your own home. Sound good? Then, keep reading.

Did you know that the U.S. media landscape is dominated by a core group of giant corporations that, through a history of mergers and acquisitions, have gained control over much of what we see, hear and read? In many cases these giant companies are integrated, manufacturing everything from books, movies, music and more.

Listen to this, the Columbia Journalism Review reports that the same company that owns and controls the programming for “MTV” and “BET,” is also responsible for “Nickelodeon,” “Nick Jr.,” and “Noggin.” (Source: Columbia Journalism Review, www.cjr.org)

Think about it. A popular trend has emerged, where the music careers of young stars are launched on the Disney Channel and Nickelodeon. The songs and videos usually start out innocently enough. Then what happens? We see them transition to MTV, where the songs become a little more risqué and the lyrics become a lot less innocent. By then, however, our children have already fallen in love with these young stars. So, what can you do?

Does this mean that you should ban all of your children’s favorite television shows? No. I’m not suggesting that you toss the television out the window, although that may be a good idea. Instead, I want to provoke you to consider how important it is to be prayerful, diligent and informed in order to shield your children from negative influences that can harm their spiritual, mental and emotional well-being. Here are a few ways you can become more involved in their daily activities. When your children are viewing certain programs, *take time to watch*. You may be surprised at the types of things you see. As you observe, ask yourself, “*What is being depicted in this cartoon or movie? What*

are the characters wearing, saying, and doing?" Sometimes sexual innuendo, rebellion against authority, and other inappropriate behavior is being portrayed. These subtle, yet unhealthy influences send subliminal messages to your children and mold their subconscious mind.

If a movie is rated PG-13, even if it's animated and has received rave reviews from the critics, still ask yourself, *"Is this appropriate for my child?"* Think about it. Animated movies gross millions of dollars at the box office, because children's entertainment is big business. The goal now is to entertain *both* the parents and the children; as a result, the children are influenced by sexually explicit content, vulgarity, profanity and violence; all cloaked as *"entertainment that's fun for the whole family."*

Remember, everything planted inside your child is a seed, and seeds grow, whether bad or good. Children are like sponges, soaking up everything around them. As a parent, you act as the sanitizing agent, filtering out anything that will defile and harm them. Don't be afraid to turn the television off, or ban particular programs from being viewed in your home. These decisions are not always easy or popular, but they are necessary to protect the innocence of your children.

Be warned. Family and friends will not always smile upon your decision to sterilize your children's environment. You will sometimes be perceived as *"overly protective"* and *"a little over the top."* I know it's no fun to be viewed as a prude, and few parents enjoy being labeled *"strict,"* but *if you go the extra mile to provide your children with discipline and boundaries, you will build Godly character in them that will pay off in the long run.* You must make the decision that Joshua made and declare that, *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"* (Joshua 24:15).

Think about this: You don't have a long time to remain the primary influence in your children's lives. Pretty soon, they'll leave home. This is when they'll depend on what you taught them in their formative years to make the right decisions. Do you really want television shows, video games and pop culture icons to be the strongest influences on their choices? God chose you specifically as the steward over your precious children. Remain prayerful, submitted, and open to God's will. Trust Him, and He will equip you with all the necessary tools to raise holy, happy and healthy kids. *"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths"* (Proverbs 3:6).

D. Hobbs

Prayer List

“Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you.” (1 Samuel 12:23)



Let us be Prayer Warriors for our Brethren!

Allen, Peggy & Russell – VT	Jones, Arlene - VA
Anas, Dan – FL (d)	Karavas, Anna - CA
Anderson, Family– WI (d)	Knapp, Jamie – NH
Andrada, Delores & Family – CA	Knapp, Joseph – IL (d)
Bews, Sandra and Family TX (d)	Ketko, Marion – MI
Boswell, Arlene – IL	Leavitt, Denise & Richard – ME
Buxton, Jean & Family - UK	Lepitre Family - IL
Carpenter, Gloria – KY	Howes, Paul & Carla - UK
Cline, Ruth – MO	Kingsmith, Beresford - UK
Cooper, Carmela – NJ	Mazzotta, Eva – VA
Csutor, Judith – CT	Miller, Alain – Canada
Day, Ronald – PA	Mitchell, Mitch - France
DiCenso, Sabatino - AZ	Moore, Ralph & Maryellen – CA
Dickson, Roberta Jo – CA	Munoz, Sue - NY
Dobbins, Esther - NH	Niewiemiński, Elaine – NY
Donnarummo, Dan – OH (d)	Parker, Geraldine – CA
Duhaime, George & Family – CT (d)	Penton, Jim – Canada
Dunn, Kim - IL	Phillips, Stella – OK
Fantuzzo, Tony – NY (d)	Riggio, Fran – NH
Feliciano, Carmen - NY	Rowe, Bryan - UK
Fischer, Mike & Liz – WI	Schultz, Becky & Family – MN (d)
Foster, Jean – IL	Schwartz, Ruth – TX
Gary, Inez – VA	Seminoff, Brenda – CA
Gmiterek Family (d)	Thomassen, Sandi – NM (d)
Hauslein, Karen – MD	Tuscia, Priscilla – FL
Hawk, Barbara – PA	Trent, Thelma – FL (d)
Hildebrandt, Lois - FL	Weaver, Eddie - NY
Hogrebe, Joan – MO	White, Ken & Joan - NY
Hopkins, Linda & Andrew – VA (d)	Wisdom Hezekiah Ikpo - Nigeria
Iannaccone, Bob & Marie – IL	Zychal, Ruth & Craig– NJ

d) = death in the family

Entered into rest:

Roseanna Newling, NH – Aug 2019
Julie Anas, FL – Oct 2, 2019
Frank Trent, FL - Feb 2, 2020
Richard Dobbs, IL - Feb 3, 2020
Barbara Jezuit, IL – Feb. 10, 2020
Dan Schultz, MN – Feb 11, 2020
Bob Cavanaugh, IL – Feb 20, 2020
Martha Duhaime, CT – Mar 24, 2020

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Emmie Stanley, NC

Advanced Course - Kimberle Burrows, OH

Republic of Cameroon

Basic Course - Stanley Chinonso

United Kingdom

Ransom Course - Jonathan Davidson

Jamaica

Ransom Course - Lisa Burke

India

Basic Course - Palaparathi D. Raj Kumar

Ghana

Ransom Course - Evans Koduah

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<http://www.cdmi.org> (Christian Discipling Ministries International)

<http://www.cbchurch.com> (Christian Believers Fellowship in NH)

<http://www.biblefellowshipunion.co.uk> (Bible Fellowship in UK)

<http://www.bbschurch.org> (Lombard, IL)

<https://sites.google.com/site/quietwatersdevotions/home>

<http://www.cartyorkshire.co.uk> (CART)

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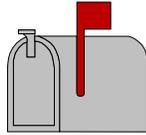
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Dear Brethren, I am sending you a loving offer for the work of God that you do. God bless you!

A note from Sr. Dalmaga, Canada

Dear Brothers in Christ,

I thank the Lord for your continued labor of love in His wonderful Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Please accept my donation for the people around the world who appreciate the New Creation Magazine and love to read it.

Christian love,

Sr. Dalmaga

***The Lord will command his loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me.
Psalm 42:8***

IF WE are not ready to praise God where we are, and with our conditions and circumstances as they are, we should not be likely to praise him if we were differently circumstanced and our conditions just those which now seem to us most desirable. Daniel could sleep better in the den of lions than Darius in the royal palace; he who could not find rest in a lion's den, when that was the place for him, could not gain rest by a mere removal to a palace. It is the man's self which must be changed, not his circumstances or his possessions, in order to his having a heart overflowing with joy and praise.

Songs in the Night

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112th Christian Believers Conference

Gordon College, Wenham, MA

July 29 - August 2, 2020

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