

They Overcame

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony”(Rev.12:11).
Remembering words and testimonies of some who have gone before us:

Bro. T. V. McMillan: “Lord, what good do you want to get to me from this?”

Bro. Mart Samons: “Steady as you go.”

Bro. Fred Pruitt: (97 years ago) “As we put the first *Faith and Victory* paper in the mail, we keenly realized our weakness, and inabilities. . .and consoled our hearts by leaving all in His hands.”

Bro. Murphy Allen advised having family altar, prayer, Bible reading, all at the family dinner table.

Back in the day, **Bro. Pinkerton** used to ask my brother to drive him, in a “big ole '55 Chevy”, across Hwy. 10 to Angola, LA State Penitentiary, to visit inmates on Death Row.

Bro. Wayne Miller asked, “What's that bell ringing?”(at Campmeeting time) He took his family and they were saved.

I remember hearing **Sis. Ruth Murphy** preaching “. . . yet will I be to them a little sanctuary” (Eze. 11:16).

Sis. Armilda Abbott: “Oh, yes, praise the Lord, there's a *Higher Power!*”

Sis. Marie Miles: “Ditch the thought before it ditches you!”

Bro. Louis Kimble: “I'll keep hold – *holding on to Jesus* . . .”

Bro. Willie Murphey: “They're perishing now, Go, pay them the debt that we owe them. . .” ELS# 337

Bro. Hershel Hargraves: “And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people . . and when he opened it, all the people *stood up*”(Nem. 8:5).

Bro. Ostis Wilson: “. . .winding about, still upward.” & “And all the saints robes were of one size – *small.*”

Bro. Leslie Busbee: “And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof” (II Kings 2:12).

Sis. Lottie Joiner (Porter): “The Lord has laid this heavy on my heart. I love the children of God. They are my people, and I mean to stay with them while here and be with them in eternity. Dear ones, I believe we all can improve and be *more Christ-like* as we travel on to the Judgment. That is why I am writing this way. *I want to see the church shining in more of it's beauty and see more power in each precious life.* The only way this will come about is for us to *let go of this life of ours* and lose it, then we shall find more of the life of Christ, which is a life filled with victory, love, and power.”

George Muller (of Bristol, England) said his success was “one day I died to George Muller, utterly died to his opinions – preferences – tastes and will, died to the world, it's approval and censure – died to the approval or blame of my brethren and friends. *Since then I have studied to shew myself 'approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed' (II Tim.2:15). Honor, pleasure, money, my physical powers, my mental powers, I laid all down at the feet of Jesus and became a great lover of the Word of God. I found my all in God.*”

Don't play with your salvation! Every sacrifice made is worth it to draw close to the Lord.

Gifts Part I

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God has a place in His body for every single member, for every particular individual, every one! We're members one of another, not just independent members. We have relationship with one another and to God. It is less than God's plan if it's less than the Holy Ghost. The same one Holy Ghost bestowed all the different gifts. We are possessed by the same Holy Ghost, not different – all the same One. The mystery of the New Testament Church – “thy will be done in earth” – men and women doing what angels used to do. Every member of the church has a part in this! That's when it will go over with power and authority – when everyone is in it. I believe He will do it by the people of God.

“I hope to reduce some people's opinion of themselves, and to increase the opinion of others.”
Sometime good people panic when they see compromise and extreme. Let's not resort to one extreme
to counter another extreme!

God definitely can get along without me, but I cannot get along without Him. Now success depends on one another. There's great power in two – far more power. (Two can put 10,000 to flight) This is the secret how God wants us to hinge together. How can work be done unless the entire / whole body is in good shape? Strong arms while the back is very weak? Knees? Nerves greatly overtaxed? The body is greatly limited to exercise special gifts unless confident of one another. Gifts are intended to convince the church that God has mighty power. Gifts are given to profit all. The gift of faith is to build all of us to have faith in God.

Prophecy brings you to a condition where other gifts can help you. God brings forth sound judgment, breaks up fallow ground, and melts hearts!

One who's gifted of God must be in God's hands as God wants to use him. The church reaches a high spiritual level when the church measures up. It begins to ring out to a lost world. The gifts go forth like hail and fire to sweep away the refuge of lies. Then God begins to use you. “All of you bear burdens together. Why? As far as I am concerned, it's US all the way through.” For gifts of the Spirit to be exercised to the full, there needs to be confidence.

If through circumstances you are cut off / isolated, God will pastor you.

Trust, Trust, & Trust

It does not matter if I am floundering in uncertainty, suffering mentally. All that matters is that GOD TRIUMPHS & GETS HIS WAY. So, when in times as described, don't try to figure it out but cry, beg and plead before His throne and trust, trust, and trust. Let Him work it all out! If in the end He wins, my struggling in uncertainty in the process of all getting worked out matters not! He must win.

I don't need to fear even MY lack of understanding or performance. In JESUS' hands, my wrong side out, upside down, backwards efforts, given in sincerity to Him, can still be blessed, broken, and multiplied to MORE than meet the needs of the multitude before me.

Without Him, we cannot win; with Him, we cannot lose! He perfects the “work of His own hands.”

If the little boy who had loaves and fishes would have had a five course meal fit for a king, it still would not have been enough without Jesus! WHAT we hand Jesus doesn't matter; that we hand HIM whatever we have does. - CDR

SALT & LIGHT

They both change their environment. Are you changing your environment, or is your environment Changing You?

We Must Open Our Eyes

How awake are you? And how keen is your awareness to sin? Do you fully realize the severity of the battles we're facing? or do you daily pass evil without a second thought because you've grown calloused to it? We must beware. The devil can use the sin around us to cause us to begin thinking, "It can't be *that* bad." But, know that it is, and it has destroyed millions of lives.

When you go into the world you never have to look far before seeing the scars and heartaches of sin. The results are devastating. Yet today the world is pressing evil upon us that we might believe that "this is okay", "this is good" even "this is right." However, we must come to the realization daily that no, it's not okay, it's not good, and it's not right.

God has a higher calling for His children. He has set a standard that every day we must seek to attain. If we only ask Him, He will give us spiritual eyesight to identify the battles being fought about us. The first step in defeating the enemy is to perceive where he is and what it is he's trying to do.

Right now, more than ever, we need to ask God that He will give us a sensitive spirit and perception of evil, because many times the devil will appear to us as a wolf in sheep's clothing. He will present wickedness as a friend, but know that sin will be anything but a friend to you. The devil is trying to twist our minds in a way that we would become blind to the costs of sin. We can even find him presenting it in a light that somehow it can be beneficial to us, although this is never the case.

In our being spiritually numbed to the damaging capabilities of sin, we are prone to put up less of a resistance when the devil presents the idea of sin entering back into our lives. This is why it is so important that we take that time every day to get in touch with God, that He would help us to sharpen and fine-tune those spiritual senses.

Let us pray more fervently and seek him more earnestly than ever before. We are in the last days, and the cup of iniquity is surely overflowing. His mercy is being extended only for each unsaved soul.

However there will come a day when any second chances are past. Do we really believe that? Are we acting like we believe it? Let us use this time wisely in seeking the Lord and keeping every action in perspective of the bigger picture. Let us also not only open our own eyes, but let us open the eyes of others as well that they might be saved.

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass. And to stand before the Son of man.

Luke 21:36

But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

1Peter 4:7

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Excerpts of message by Bro. Clifford Wilson

Galatians 1:17-18 Spend time trying to learn how to understand the voice of the Spirit. Don't forget your victories – be inspired. (Judges 14:5). Learn to be able to draw strength from past experience (David, Sampson). We're going out to battle; get prepared. Dedication is fundamental. Don't expect to go from conversion to the front of the battle. Don't expect a big fanfare. **Battles are fought and won in the confines of your heart.** All He asks is that you keep yielded. **Satan has been opposing mankind since the beginning.** Look to your past experience – **grow in grace** – work to be a success – lay our groundwork well – **that His preparation in me might be flawless.**

Hold still under trial – looking for success. God knows how to qualify. Dig deeper. Consecrate more. Determine more than before. Learn how to face the conflict. Learn how to win the victory.
 “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us” (I Sam. 7:12).

Prepare for the Coming of the Lord

Bro. Ira Stover: Edited from a message preached at Hammond, LA in the late 1970's

The Lord allows wickedness just so long before He brings it to a halt. You know when sin is abounding on the earth, the ears of God hears those things that are going on. His eyes look down. I've thought many times, “Oh, what a wicked world that God has to look into today.” Every direction that He might look, it's sin, sin, sin, vice and immorality, nakedness and ungodliness – every wicked thing you can name as He looks here. The sin of Sodom is sweeping our nation. It's just as vile as the devil himself. I tell you today, **the world's getting ready for the heart of God to wipe it off and to bring it to final judgment.** We'd better have God in our lives. This is too **vile a place for you to live without having God's Spirit in your soul.**

The angel came to Sodom with the judgments. The angel had to shake them out of there. It was hard for them to break loose from their homes and possessions. They had to leave their flocks; they had to leave their earthly substance. **You know, everyone's going to have to leave everything behind one of these days! The judgment fire is going to burn it up, and all we'll have is our bare soul.** God is calling for a clean sweep of evil. As they fled, his wife was thinking about her home. Home – you know that is a big attraction. Many women think their home is a little castle, and it is almost! Everything that you can put in some of these homes, it's there. They are so fine and so marvelous that they don't want you to hardly walk over their carpet. Let me tell you, one of these days, they're going to leave it all! The fire's going to consume it, and it will all go up in smoke.

Then, I think of the 25th chapter of Matthew, concerning those ten virgins. You know, God is expecting His people to be ready to meet Him! He's doing everything He can to warn us all to **flee** from sin and evil, and **turn to God before it's too late.** Five of the virgins were not ready.

How wonderful, when someone passes away to know they've lived for that hour! They have lived carefully and watchfully, ready for the Lord to come and call them, not fearful that it might come and nobody be there to help them. You know, if you're right with God, He'll help you out regardless of the cost – if we'll just be true and faithful. Dear ones, be ready when He calls. **Don't be careless of your soul's welfare. It's such a long eternity with no return.** When once we have cast our lot for eternal things, and the end comes and takes us just as we are, we can't make one amend. There's not one thing we can do.

Sometimes people have had ill feelings in their hearts; have carried them for a long time. You know those things will damn your soul. An unforgiving attitude is one of the hardest things for a lot of people – to get where they can forgive somebody who has wronged them. If you cross somebody, sometimes if you say the wrong word, you're in trouble with them. You know, dear Ones, that ought not to be. People ought to be congenial with each other. We ought to be friendly; we ought to be brothers in the Lord. Then, it is easy to forgive if someone makes a misstep or says a wrong word. You know it's easy to correct something with a good saint. If you say something that's not right, and you see it, just go to them and ask them to forgive you for what you said or did. You know, saints are not hard to satisfy. When they're asked forgiveness, they forgive; or, when they don't, **they're** in trouble. It shifts from the one who made the error to the one that does not **forgive.**

May the Lord help us! The thought upon my heart is: how needful it is that we be a people ready for the **coming of the Lord! Just as sure as the world is standing, He's coming. He's coming; how soon we don't know! It will pay for us to get ready!**

HOME LIFE



The Power of Example in Child-Training

“Your actions speak so loudly that I cannot hear what you are saying,” is often quoted with reference to the dealing of adults with each other; but too few apply the principle of the proverb to their experiences with children. There are no minds so susceptible to influences, no eyes so keen at watching, and no ears so dull to mere precept as those of children. The power of example to make lasting impressions cannot be measured. Good authorities maintain that environment, far more than heredity, determines what children shall be. Much experience corroborates this testimony. **How responsible, then, is the parent to always do right. For the little imitators are unconsciously being shaped by the mental and moral mold provided for them by those about them.**

Parents generally want their children to be kind and courteous, patient and truthful. Comparatively few, however, put forth the requisite effort to make them so. When moralizing, scolding, or punishing fail of the desired result, too many parents are ready to inquire helplessly, “What more can I do? I have talked and punished too, but it’s all of no use.”

Very true. It is all of no use, for the children, too often seeing that the parent does not abide by his own teaching, conclude that the teaching is not very essential. **Punishing a child for doing exactly what father and mother do is not a procedure very well calculated to instill a deep sense of justice or of respect for the parent.**

What value can Johnny put upon absolute truthfulness if he should see Mama (the best person in all his little world) kiss Mrs. Jones, and hear her say, “How delightful of you to pay me this little call,” and then at dinner hear her

tell Father that “that horrid Mrs. Jones called today”? Neither should the child be blamed for giving way to fits of anger when his wishes are crossed, if he sees frequent manifestations of anger in his parents or guardians.

It will be a little difficult for Mary to understand exactly the quality of justice if she is arbitrarily commanded to wash the dishes when it is Jane’s turn, just because it is easier to compel Mary than Jane to do them.

James can hardly be expected to be a model of chivalry if Father habitually fails to offer Mother the easy chair or to hold the door for her to pass. The lad might think politeness a rather one-sided affair, expected only of children, if he is commanded to say “please” and “thank you” when no one says it to him.

In a certain family where two romping, robust youngsters lived, it was a point of honor never to refuse to do anything if asked politely to do it, unless there was a very good reason for not doing so. Then the reason must be explained and the excuse accepted. The elders held themselves rigidly to this policy, and the boys almost never failed.

An apology for a mistake in judgment, an error in punishing or for harsh-speaking, for anything, in fact, that one is ashamed of in his conduct toward a child, will not lose the child’s respect. On the contrary such a course will cause the child to be thoughtful and tender toward you and others. Two boys were one day trying to harness a horse. The older lad was too short to reach the horse’s head easily, and on this particular occasion she refused to take the bit. The boy was impatient. The younger lad made a suggestion. Quick as a flash came an angry, cutting reply. Then as quickly, “Oh, pardon me, John. I did not mean that.” His elders had done the same with him. Example had taught him that he could not be a gentleman and intentionally, without good and sufficient cause, wound anyone’s feelings.

Sympathize with your children and they will be sympathetic toward you. **Nothing will harden and make defiant-some natures, break the spirit of others, and estrange all from you like sarcasm and sneers.** Save those for your own blunders and faults, **but never wither your children’s souls with them.**

In short, show toward your children the same deference and kindly attention that you want them to show you. In very rare cases will they disappoint or fail you. It will take some pains and effort, some thoughtful planning, doubtless much looking above for wisdom and power; but nothing worthwhile was ever done without an expenditure of effort. And what is more worthwhile to you than the retaining of the love and respect of your children?

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This generation wants & needs truth, not softserve. Jesus was not afraid of people who had sincere questions.

HOME LIFE



Helping Children Establish Proper Values

Have you ever heard the statement, "Do as I say and not as I do"? Some parents say it to their children. Others do not say it, but they expect their children to do as they *say*, not as they *do*. Life would be so much nicer for parents if children would follow their advice and not their example. Don't we all know that to be a fact? I do. Have you never felt ashamed of your child's actions and later remembered a time when you acted about the same way only under different circumstances? I have.

Children are great imitators of adults, and they will **imitate the weaknesses** as well as the strengths. All parents should accept the fact that their child or children will have weaknesses and strengths and oftentimes almost identical to their own, but these weaknesses can be overcome by trusting in God and disciplining one's self and the child.

The most important things that Christian parents want to pass on to their children are not their own strengths, whatever they may be, but **a great reverence for God and a firm trust in God**. With these two tools any child can have a reasonable chance to enjoy eternal life and escape eternal woe.

But how is this done? **First:** one must believe in his heart that God has entrusted into his care an eternally living creature. The child is not just a body with some character traits acquired from

father and some from mother. No, the child is more. **He or she is a special person made in the image of God, and placed on the earth for a short period of time, at the end of which he or she must give account to God for how he or she has used this allotted time.** This is an awesome truth, to be sure.

Second: The parent must believe that all of God's laws hang on these two commandments, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. And . . . thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Matt. 22:37-40. The parent who believes this will guard his own affections and keep his love for God. This will enable him to value things according to God's value system, thus causing him to be a proper example for the child to follow. **A child knows what a parent loves most by how he spends his time.** Parents show love for God by spending time in prayer with Him, by studying His written Word, listening attentively to His preached Word, by singing songs of praise to Him and by choosing to suffer rather than displease Him. Let them see love for God demonstrated by attending worship service, even when it brings discomfort to your body, by arising early enough to have morning devotions, by praying often during the day and always in the evening. Of course, there are many other ways to show children that we value our relationship with God more than any other thing.

Love for our neighbor can be seen by mentioning them in prayer, by sharing good literature with them, spending time with them listening to their problems, etc. It can be seen best if we do these things under difficult circumstances, such as when a neighbor hasn't been very nice. Children will value this commandment, if they see you doing it. **Seeing a parent obey this commandment will also build attitudes of compassion and thoughtfulness for others into the child. He will learn to think of others and their feelings and not have his mind continually on satisfying his own desires.**

The **third** important thing a parent should believe if they wish to help their children establish proper values is that, **"the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;** in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." **Believing this will cause the parent to put more prime time on eternal values than on temporal values.** The children will unconsciously put more value on their soul's welfare than on earthly gains, such as wealth, honor, or popularity. It will also build a respect

Parents who prioritize church as a central part of their family life, who teach their children to take Christianity seriously, and who encourage them to marry fellow believers, have the best chance of seeing, not only their children, but also their grandchildren in the pews beside them.

for keeping everything clear between his soul and God or his fellow man. Children will fear to mistreat others, or resist the reproofs of God because God might come any moment, and they would be found guilty.

The **fourth** basic belief that a parent must have if he is to help his children establish proper values, is that **"God is LOVE"**. **"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for GOD IS LOVE."** I John 4:8. Love your children for small children seem to picture God to be like Mother and Dad. **Prove to your child you love him by taking time to hear him.** Perhaps he has some childish prank, or a joy to share, or maybe a problem that is a little hard for his small mind to solve. Let him know you care by taking time to listen. Let them know God is love by talking with them often about God's care. Take a walk in the woods, let him feel the wind, the rain, the cool breeze and explain to him God's plan that things of nature supply for each other so the living things can stay alive.

Talking of God's love to them often is the best rule to follow. God's love cannot be over emphasized, **and yet a child needs a proper balance between God's love and His severity.**

This whole article is just an introduction to helping children establish proper values. **Each parent must first get his lifestyle built around these four basic beliefs and then seek God for wisdom in placing proper value on everyday living experiences. Remember, children do as we do and not as we say.**

—Charlotte Huskey

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THE STONY HEART

Mark 4:16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

The second type of ground Jesus described was that which had soft, shallow soil covering hard, stony places just beneath the surface. It reminds me of a house we built where the septic tank was buried under about three inches of topsoil. Every spring a bright green covering of lush grass grew vigorously over that concrete tank. Every July it turned into a pale brown mat of dead fibers. There **just wasn't the depth of soil** to keep the patch of grass alive when the sun blazed hot and rainfall wasn't as frequent.

This type of heart was characterized by: 1) immediate joyful reception, 2) no deepness of earth, 3) no root, 4) no moisture, 5) offense caused by affliction, persecution and tribulation, and 6) a falling away in time of temptation.

The rich man who came running to Jesus is a perfect illustration of this kind of heart. He was touched, intrigued and emotionally moved by his encounter with Jesus and His message. He had tried, from boyhood on into manhood, to "be good." There was something in his heart that cried for more, and now he realized what it was. But

deep in his heart was something he loved more than anything. He loved the good life that wealth had given him. Perhaps there were more "stones" along with this one. Perhaps he had been very poor as a child. Maybe he had deep hurt and bitterness because of that, which gave him a strong drive to succeed financially. He had worked hard for that success, and there was no way he was going back to poverty.

Jesus looked at him and loved him, but he struck right at the **stone** in this rich man's heart. He knew the void in his life and how transforming that drive and struggle to succeed into a drive to be a channel of blessing to others would satisfy his soul. In order for the Word to grow, the **stone had to go.**

—Sis. Angela Gellenbeck

If we would be brutally honest with ourselves, we would admit that the majority of times we stumbled at the Word was because of deeply rooted selfishness. We just didn't want to be put out in any way to be a Christian. Going to heaven and having peace and forgiveness and happiness sounded like a good deal, but when it came to suffering, then no deal. **That's the way the flesh responds to the disciplines of the Word of God.** It was the preaching of the cross that was a stumblingblock to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles, and it is **still** an offense to the fleshly-minded man or woman today.

If we're not willing to bear that difference between our new life of following the Spirit and the world around us that follows the flesh, whether it be a slight snub, unexplained discrimination, loss of employment, open animosity, or out-and-out persecution, make no mistake, the newly germinated seed stops growing right there and will die when it hits that rock of self-preservation.

How deep is your desire to know and please God? Are you so deeply convicted by His Word that you would rather die than deny Him? Can you endure being either ignored, passed over for a promotion, or taunted by people at school or work because of your high standards? Accepting with joy the fact that there will be a vast difference from the worldly crowd in your appearance, language, recreation, family life, habits, and goals will bring about a deep peace as you **embrace the cross of Christ** with entire **submission of your will**, and **crucify the flesh**. With that hard place gone, God's Word has the **potential** now to **grow** and flourish in your life, **producing enduring fruit unto God.**

—Sis. Angela Gellenbeck

Mark 4:7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

If we **fail** to rid our hearts of the choking thorns in this life, then it is certain that we will live in eternal **regret.**

— Sis. LaDawna Adams

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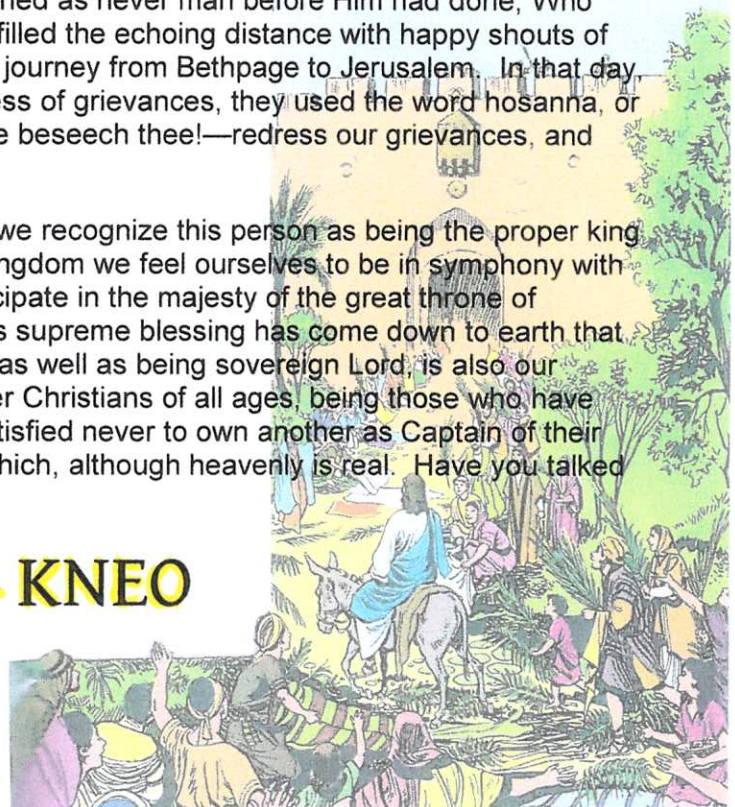
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Palm Sunday

- Every four years, on January 20th, our nation has an inaugural parade, along with many other ceremonies, to celebrate the coronation of a newly-elected leader with all the pomp and circumstance society has deemed appropriate to the dignity of that person as chief executive of a great nation. The event must be repeated because each president, just as every king or governor before him, is human and will either die or one day have to surrender his office to another. By comparison, April 5, is the date Christians recognize this year in remembrance of Palm Sunday, as the event has been named, in which our eternal King made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- Matthew 21: *"Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon a colt. And the disciples went, And brought the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: **Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord**; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is **Jesus** the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee."*
- This royal procession is a revelation of the character of our Lord and the nature of His kingdom. A strange King this, having not even a donkey of His own, and for followers peasants with palm branches instead of swords! What would a Roman soldier or one of Herod's men have thought of that rude procession of a pauper prince on a donkey, and a milling entourage of weaponless, penniless men? Christ's one moment of royal pomp is as eloquent of His humiliation as His lowly life is. And yet, as is always the case, through the **lowliness there gleams the veiled splendor**. He had to borrow the colt, but the message asking for it merely was, 'The Lord hath need of him' which showed a more than human knowledge, and an authority which had only to require in order to receive. The chariot and the horse were the limousines of kings. It is fitting by contrast that the Prince of Peace should make His state entry on a colt saddled only with a garment. This heavenly King should not reign by the right of the strongest; all His triumphs are won by lowly meekness. The picture of Him, thus heralded, has stamped forever on the vision of the world a more **profound sense of the true nature of His kingdom** than any words could have done. Let us learn once again the lesson of the **gentleness** which belongs to **His kingdom**.
- The happy, celebrating crowd surrounding and accompanying this amazing One Who had so recently and so nearby raised Lazarus from the dead, Who had preached as never man before Him had done, Who consistently healed all manner of sickness and disease, filled the echoing distance with happy shouts of "Hosanna to the son of David" as they proceeded on the journey from Bethpage to Jerusalem. In that day, when people petitioned to the king for help, or for a redress of grievances, they used the word hosanna, or rather *HOSHIAH NA!* which means, **Save now!** or, Save, we beseech thee!—redress our grievances, and give us **help** from oppression!
- Hoshiah Na in the highest, then, means that not only do we recognize this person as being the proper king and leader of our nation, but in rejoicing at His coming kingdom we feel ourselves to be in symphony with the very angels in heaven, for we as earthly beings participate in the majesty of the great throne of Almighty God in the eternal heavens, and rejoice that this supreme blessing has come down to earth that we may submit ourselves under the auspice of He Who, as well as being sovereign Lord, is also our Creator and the Master of **our eternal destiny**. No wonder Christians of all ages, being those who have tasted of the power and hope of the heavenly gift, are satisfied never to own another as Captain of their souls. My friends, may God bless you in His kingdom, which, although heavenly is real. Have you talked to Him today?

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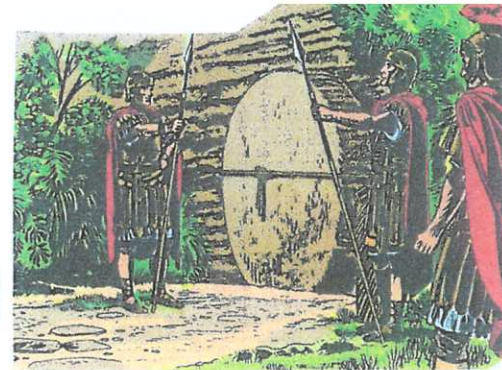
Finding Truth & Hope



God's 5 Minutes CRUCIFIXION

- The Bible is a book so richly peopled with characters: some larger than life in heroic deeds and adventures, some craven cowards or greedy despots, some tragic figures whose lives are later turned from unbearable sorrow to unbounded joy. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is in that latter number. His terrible crucifixion is at the epicenter of the Bible, and perhaps no one suffered more on that dreadful day than she did.
- Bill Gaither captured the poignancy of Calvary with his song, "*Then Came the Morning*": "They all walked away, with nothing to say, They'd just lost their dearest friend. All that He said, now He was dead, So this was the way it would end. The dreams they had dreamed were not what they'd seemed, Now that He was dead and gone. The garden, the jail, the hammer, the nail, How could a night be so long. The angel, the star, the kings from afar, The wedding, the water, the wine. Now it was done, they'd taken her son, Wasted before his time. She knew it was true, she'd watched him die too, She'd heard them call Him just a man, But deep in her heart, she knew from the start, Somehow her Son would live again. Then came the morning, night turned into day; **The stone was rolled away, hope rose with the dawn.** Then came the morning, shadows vanished before the sun, Death had lost and life had won, for morning had come.
- Matthew 27: *And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.* I marvel at that scripture. How do you hold down a man's hand and drive a nail through it? Could it be done with one blow? What if the man hitting the nail missed a time or two? But then to the calloused Roman soldier no doubt it was just another dying Jew, and they could roll the dice for his pitiful possessions directly beneath where He hung in agony. And to us, it's an old story, too often only half believed, of something that happened over 2000 years ago. We should take it quite seriously. It embodied in its terrible horror all human pain for all the ages. **And the reality is that it was our sins that caused those holy hands to** allow themselves to be forced back by the armored knees of the legionaries against the rough timber of the cross.
- A little touch of pity finds its way into the grim story in the narcotic cup, intended to lessen just a bit of the pain, that was offered to the Lord as the dreadful deed was being performed. But the cup which He had to drink needed that He should be in full possession of all His sensibilities to pain, and of all His unclouded firmness of resolve; and so **His patient lips closed against the offered mercy.** He would not drink because He would suffer, and He would suffer because He would redeem. His last act before He was nailed to the cross was an act of voluntary refusal of an opened door of escape from some portion of His pains.
- *Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene.* The angel who brought Mary word of her Son's birth had told her "Yea, a sword shall pierce thine own soul also..." and this was the day that scripture came true. All His disciples (except John) had forsaken Him that day. **But the women did not,** and their love has become a monument to the tender devotion of which their gender is so sweetly capable from that day to eternity. Mary was not deterred by the fury of the enemy nor the horror of the sight; she could neither rescue nor relieve Him, but, bound by a mother's love, **would not leave Him.** What a beautiful, noble picture! **A Savior Who would not turn from the most terrible agony of His suffering in order to have presence of mind to pray for forgiveness for His tormenters, hear a dying sinner's penitent prayer, and make provisions for His mother,** and a mother who found no scene so dangerous or awful it could stifle her mother's love! This is the Christian pattern. Have you talked to God today?

13 BUT ON THE MORNING OF THE THIRD DAY THE EARTH TREMBLES. AN ANGEL OF THE LORD DESCENDS-- AND ROLLS THE HEAVY STONE ASIDE. TERRIFIED, THE SOLDIERS FALL TO THE GROUND. WHEN THEY CAN GET TO THEIR FEET THEY RUSH BACK TO THE CITY.



God's 5 Minutes Resurrection

- John 20 describes the resurrection of Jesus thus: *Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie, And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, (John) and he saw, and believed.* John came to the empty tomb and found Jesus' grave clothes folded neatly together, with the napkin that had been about His head laid apart from the rest. With a brilliant flash of illumination he grasped in a moment the silent message Jesus had left for them all: His body had not been hastily removed. This was not the work of hostile hands, seeking in death to deny even the small consolation of being once again near the departed loved one. Nor was it the work of friends, for they would not have dishonored the body of one so dear by carrying it away nude. No, the Man whom they had so recently seen in the final moments of mortal life must surely have done for Himself what He had bid to be done for Lazarus when He instructed for him to be loosed from the grave garments that bound him.
- Nor did He go out like a man Who was merely unconscious and, coming to His senses, realized afresh His peril and ran away. Calmly, deliberately, in the majesty of His lordship over death and with no need to be concerned with soldiers or Pharisees He rose from his lying position and left order where there had been confusion. John's sudden realization of what those empty garments meant is summarized with "**he believed.**" This was a major stride forward in his growing faith, and he has been moved by the Spirit of God to record it that you and I might benefit.
- *But Mary (Magdalene) stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.*
- So here was Mary, she for whom the Lord had done so much, and she who loved to that same depth. Early in the morning she came to the tomb, for how could she stay away? Others might go, but she, disregarding the morning's chill and the weariness of sorrow, lingered to water the grave with her tears. And she saw the heavenly messengers, two angels, who immediately offered their comfort - "Woman, why weepest thou?" **Angels** had hovered over the cradle and heralded to the shepherds at Bethlehem when the Baby came; and now as then they **stood as sentinels** over the place in which His form had lain.
- And yet these heavenly beings seem not to have impressed Mary; she was so yearning toward the One Who had filled her life her thought was only to ask information. Ah, but such information as she received! She turned away from these beings, and then - saw an approaching Form, Whom she mistook in her misery for the gardener, and offered, if only she could be led to the cold still Form that, despite His obviously greater size, she would with her own hands bring Him back to what she supposed would be His last resting place. And then - and then, with the utterance through the familiar, beloved lips of just one word, everything changed in an instant and her sorrowing tears were replaced with overwhelming joy. "Mary". No one else ever had spoken that name to her with such complete comprehension of who she was in her entirety nor with such compassion to all her needs of soul, body and spirit. Mary.
- The first words of the risen Christ are on His lips yet to all sad hearts. He seeks our confidences, and invites us to tell Him the occasions of our tears. He would have us recognize that all our griefs and all our desires point to one Person—**Himself**—as **the one real Object of our 'seeking,'** whom finding, we need weep no more. May God be with you and your families this Easter. May you find rejoicing in the hope the old story brings to us all of a future resurrection day; may He dry your tears as He did hers. Have you talked to Him today?

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TODAY'S CREATION MOMENT JESUS WALKED ON WATER

Matthew 14:25

“And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.”



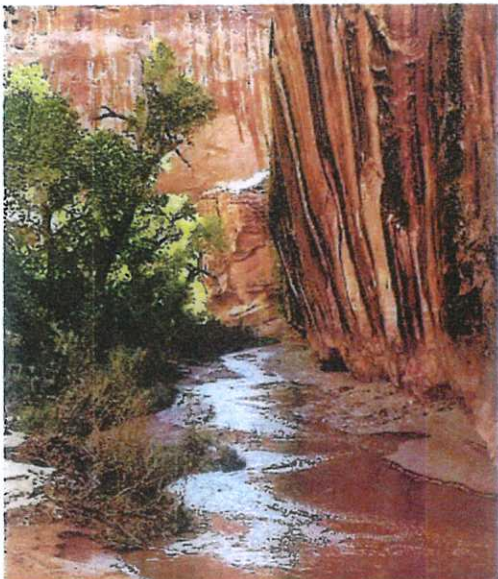
I have frequently been told that I should not believe that God literally used six 24-hour days to create the world, and I should not argue against evolution because all these scientists have proved that the world came about the way that they say it did! It is worth referring such people to Matthew 14, to the account of Jesus walking on the water. It is obvious that the disciples were not used to seeing such a thing. In the poor light of the night, and the storm, they understandably mistook Jesus for a ghost. But eventually, they recognized Him when He told them not to be afraid.

Science would obviously maintain that a man cannot walk on water. Water, being a liquid, does not provide sufficient resistance to the force of gravity on the man's feet, to maintain him in the upright position. So how was Jesus able to do what He did? Many people have tried to find excuses, but it seems pretty clear that this was a real man, walking on a real liquid, with real feet, in defiance of the laws of physics. But Jesus was the one who created the laws of physics! They are His to do with as He pleases! He could even command Peter to come to Him, walking on the water. And Peter was able to take a few steps at Jesus' command, until, like we often do, he took His eyes off the Lord.

Genesis 8:3a

Fast Water – QUICK CANYONS

“And the waters returned from off the earth continually...”



Visitors to the Grand Canyon will recall the Park Rangers saying that it took millions of years for water to carve out the Canyon. We have looked at examples of rapid canyon formation in previous programs and today we have one more example.

Back in 1926, a canal in the desert of Walla Walla, near Washington, became clogged with tumbleweeds. When heavier-than-normal spring rains occurred, water began to back up. So workers diverted the water to a ditch leading to a nearby creek. The old ditch was not large, six feet wide and never more than ten feet deep, but the large water flow – 80 cubic feet per second – began to carve out the ditch. The fast-moving water soon created what many have called a miniature Grand Canyon. Over six days, the water moved five million cubic feet of dirt and rock. The result is a canyon over a quarter of a mile long, 120 feet deep and 120 feet wide.

Canyons throughout the world have undoubtedly been formed by large volumes of water moving a large amount of rock in a short time. While none of these canyons are as large as the Grand Canyon, the return of waters to the ocean after the Genesis Flood provides more than enough power to carve a feature as large as the Grand Canyon.

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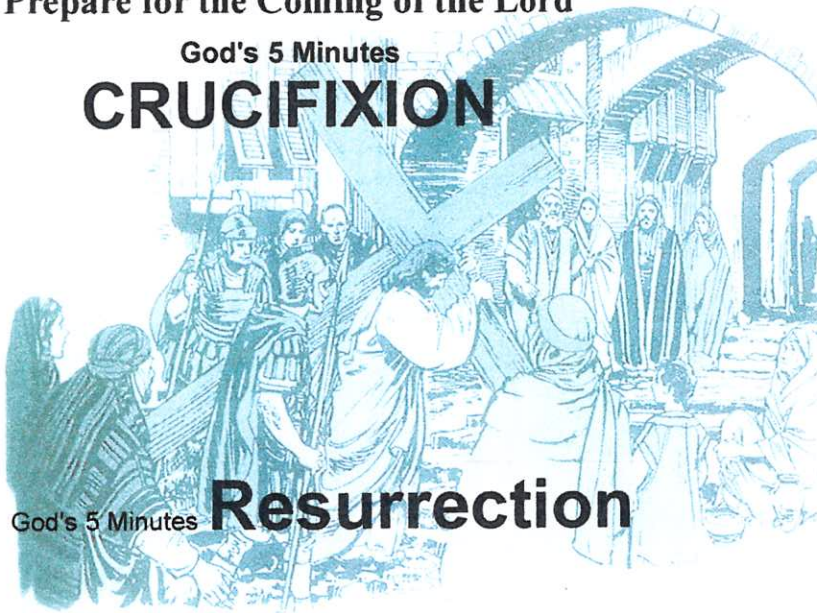
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"The mountains melted from before the LORD, even that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel."

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How long does it take for a volcano to form? Scientists who reject the flood of Noah's time insist that it takes many thousands or millions of years. And yet, we know from eyewitness testimony that at least one volcano – Mount Paricutin in Mexico – grew to over 300 feet in height within a week of its birth.



The birth of Mount Paricutin took place in 1943, when a Mexican farmer, Dionisio Pulido, along with his son and wife, were working in a field. He was frightened when he saw a fissure open in the ground and the surrounding soil starting to bulge upwards. Soon the air was filled with dark smoke and gas smelling like rotten eggs.

Before the volcano became extinct nine years later, it had reached a height of 1,390 feet – tall enough to be seen from miles away. Since 1952, the volcano has been attracting tourists and climbers from all over the world. Now, if you were to ask tourists who hadn't listened to today's program how long the volcano has been there, they would say thousands or millions of years.

People generally say millions of years when asked about the age of the Grand Canyon. But they are basing their answers on assumptions made by geologists who don't take a worldwide flood into account. Far better than assumptions is the geological history of the world we find in the Bible.

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