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YEAR 2025 FALL PARABLES IN LIFE

PURPOSE:

First Thessalonians 5: 9-11 "God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, NOT to pour out His anger on us. Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when He returns, we CAN live with Him forever. 11 So encourage each other and build each other up." **May these PARABLES that GOD inspired give YOU comfort, Joy.** --DianaDee:)

29 December 2025 7:35 AM

I got on the floor and taught all my high school Sunday School class kids **how to play MARBLES**, each year for a decade. NONE of them had known before. PARABLE that I taught -- since it was church :) Coming to be with Family & friends and supporting each other, including inside or AWAY from our church building, we are each stronger--> BECAUSE IT IS FAR EASIER for Satan to "pick off" loners... people who are all alone (like marbles who drift to the edges away from others) in trying to have Faith & Trust in God on these DARK DARK DAYS that hit us all at times.

God writes in His Word that YES-- HE ALWAYS cares & helps:

YET: He designed us people to SUPPORT each other in withstanding troubles -- and temptations to do wrong (or stupid) things GOD SAYS:
"Though ONE may be overpowered, TWO can defend themselves.
A cord of THREE strands is NOT quickly broken." -- Ecclesiastes 4:12

28 December 2025 1:46 PM

Our family joke: Every year for my birthday (near Christmas), my gift to ME has been to take a donation to the "cat lady" 20 miles away -- She's saved so many kitties by "taming" them in her home & then adopting them out-- a 501(c)(3) registered charity. AND while there, I enjoy spending an hour PLAYING with cats... helping them get adopt-able. And the JOKE is this >>>

Every year my gift to my HUSBAND is to* NOT* come home with one of her cats! My own Happy-Cats family duo appreciated that, too!... It's a Pleasure to use \$ to spend NOT for me, but to help God's creatures.... AND--

It's a Joy full reminder that God who cares so much about tiny BIRDS ---- sparrows as Jesus said---- certainly cares about each of US also.... We can have True Peace "Despite" whatever happens in 2026.. Have a Peace Filled 2026 New Year To Come..... with God's Continued Caring for us all.....

28 December 2025 10:23 PM DianaDeeOsborneSongs.com on Facebook

PHOTO 1: Wheel of Fortune showing 4 lines of a word and the letters GL RIA.
Caption = CHOIR SINGER CONTESTANT >> I'd Like to buy 12 O's Please."
PHOTO 2: Clip of "Angels We Have Heard On High" with its chorus long runs for Word (with a dozen plus 8th notes) >> GLORIA !

POST: Fun finger exercises for piano, guitar, wind instruments..... Whatever--- all year long! My (Cincinnati Conservatory of Music) piano teacher used to say, "If you can accurately & cleanly play 'it' SUPER FAST, then for the performance, you can play 'it' Masterfully."

27 December 2025 10:14 AM

PHOTO 1: Flat (VERY flat) tire with caption, ***A bad attitude is like a flat tire:
You can't go anywhere until you change it.***

PHOTO 2: James 1: 17; Matthew 7:11 scriptures and description of God When "Morning Slumps" develop into "ALL DAY Grumps" >>>
When I feel grumpy... often secretly grumpier than anyone around me would notice (but God does)... I try to develop a habit of apologizing to God Right away --- Tell Him I'm sorry for my ungratefulness at all the good things He's allowed in my life..
Sadly I've learned that ANOTHER PRAYER TYPE is needed >>>

Asking God to help me even NOTICE when I've become a Complaining Ingrate that day.... and praying that He'll help me remember to apologize to Him....

Our Giver of all good things we have-- Even good gifts to those who don't yet believe in or trust Him. James 1: 17 - GOD is the giver of ALL Good Gifts...

25 December 2025 8:47 AM

Parable of an old Music Festival backpack and TODAY for us all, remembering "The Christmas Story" >> This AM, I found & started sorting thru a backpack still containing basic needs for a music festival a few years ago. (WHY? Collecting mementos for Anniv party in 2 weeks)... Threw away old mints, energy bars, & papers except precious BANDS LINE-UP booklet. And then--> WOW, what I FOUnd !!! >>> A small package at the bottom. Opened it. Over \$200 "safety cash". I always take enough cash to buy GAS to get home, if Credit card fails.

SO WHAT does that have to do with you, me, and this morning's CHRISTMAS remembrances? >>> How often have you & I been reading about Jesus's birth.... all the many details in the scriptures.... and then started SKIMMING, thinking, "I ALREADY know this." ?? BUT .. INSIDE the scriptures we ASSUME we know all about, God has hidden AMAZING truths that we may have forgotten all about... or never even noticed. Such as: >>

Shepherds often got hurt protecting sheep from "wolves" OR dragging these heavy critters to safety after falls down rocky hills... **The Good Shepherd, Baby-Jesus-Grown-Up, healed many, healed the poor, healed people like the shepherds who were the first to the Manger. FAR more Miracles than are recorded in the Bible**>> John 20: 30 >> "There are also MANY other signs <attesting miracles> that Jesus performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book" WHY did He? Verse 31, so we will BELIEVE and have LIFE forever.... An important COMFORT verse to look up. Today?? ...

Psalm 119: 162 prayer to LORD God YHWH, "I rejoice at Your Word, As one who finds Great Treasure." The Most Wonderful Gift of All whose birth we remember with JOY today offers EACH of us another Wonderful Gift >>> Wisdom when we ask (James 1:5) that SURPRISES us SO often.... And EVEN God's very own HELP to >> . FIND, REMEMBER, and FOLLOW His Word given thru Bible scriptures.... John 14:26. for CHRISTMAS- and- FOREVER PEACE..... That's John 14:27 Promise of Baby-Jesus-Grown-Up.

24 December 2025 9:17 AM DianaDeeOsborneSongs.com on Facebook

One of my favorite of Brian Crane's PICKLES comic strips of an older couple in 60s is where Pearl's daughter tries to convince her to set aside the leather journal she is writing in, and get a computer BLOG instead... Husband Earl walks by & makes a snide report about how "old women can't learn".... So Pearl smacks him lightly on the head with her journal, turns and replies to Sylvia, "But journals are More Useful."

NO MATTER WHICH kind of writing- remembrances you use, whether a paper notebook, bond journal, blot or Facebook post or plain old computer "DOC" file Just take a bit of time to sketch out ideas you have for songs, music melodies, stories to tell -- things you've learned or even memories to share one day with others and ENJOY remembering for yourself.... NO NEED to "get fancy".... Whatever works to give you JOY in remembering! -DianaDee:)

24 December 2025 7:45 AM

(1) Where did the WISE MEN / Magi come from? >> Based on Daniel 5:11's descriptions of wise men & astrologers mentioned in the list, many believe these ancient astronomers were from CHALDEA. (2) Where did Abram's family clan come from?>> CHALDEA.... Genesis 11:26-28....

***Is it not COOL?! >>> that the LORD God would return to the FAMILY ROOTS Homeland of the human father of the Children of Israel

to share the news of the Messiah sent for ALL the World??*** ... Luke 2:10... >> From the START, God sent His angels to say Jesus was being sent for ALL people... Malachi 1: 11 = among the last words that God SPOKE THRU His prophets until the passing of **400 years SILENCE***.

When God essentially declared, "WHY should I speak to people who rebelliously IGNORE what I KINDLY SAY and Lovingly WARN them with?????..... That is: 400 years of SILENCE UNTIL >>

God again spoke the word we hear in "the Christmas story", declaring that NOW was the time that He would fulfill His TRUE promises of centuries past--- Sending a SAVIOR (Isaiah 43, e.g.) and then Jesus came & grew from that First Christmas...."

GOD'S LAST WORDS TO PEOPLE before 400 years of Silence: Malachi 1 verse 11 >> "... My NAME shall be great among the GENTILES; In every place, incense shall be offered to My name, And a pure offering; For My name shall be great among the NATIONS," Says the LORD of hosts.. >>> Isaiah 42:8, God says His NAME = YHWH The 4-letter NAME that Bibles write in caps as LORD.

23 December 2025 11:11 AM DianaDeeOsborneSongs.com on Facebook

You most likely have these: A "collect-all" drawer + closet + AND maybe a SPARE ROOM where CLUTTER goes-- Things that you don't yet have energy to put in right place... So you HIDE them "out of sight for now" in case friends stop by

And-- Now matter how dear a friend who stops by might be >>

NO WAY will you open THAT room door, & invite him or her in.

PARABLE: This time of year, we hear all about "NO ROOM in the inn" for Jesus, the Baby who Grew Up to be our Savior if we believe & love Him. YET >> ALL year:

We often try to hide our "faults" (sins) in secret rooms of our heart, Despite knowing our Friend *truly* would NOT reject us because of them >> But we're embarrassed & AFRAID that He *would*..??? IMPT QUESTION>> Is the ENTIRE INN of your and my life OPEN to welcome in Jesus??

23 December 2025 10:50 AM

Easy "CLIFFS NOTES" parable of common MIS-teaching-- That there are ONLY TWO Laws >> Love God + Love people. YET Jesus CLEARLY said "ALL the Laws hang on these 2" (Matthew 22:37-40). These = only 2 CATEGORIES----> EACH of God's (Good!) laws falls into #1 OR the 2nd-- JUST LIKE like a Genealogy Tree-- starting on top Level with the Over-all words "GOD's LAWS". EASY PARABLE >> CLIFF'S NOTES *helps* with a QUICK summary of George Orwell's tiny book "Animal Farm" which we as high schoolers often picked as our book to write a report on report because it's so short!

LOT of info on the few pages of CLIFF NOTES, versus ~120 in book. SO >>>>>

Does that mean that after you've read CLIFF's summary, there's NO WORTH in reading the WHOLE book????? Of COURSE not! The summary only helps you remember -- but it doesn't tell ALL the parable examples that Orwell thought super important to REMEMBER as Government tries to take over not just how people live but how we THINK ... with DETAILS on

ideas of how to influence the Conviction (their Doctrine) that "Some people are more equal than others"....

DETAILS not found in CLIFF's NOTES other than glimpses. SO ALSO ... God Himself thought it important enough to provide MANY PAGES of details about Himself & what HE wants and calls His (holy, Right) LAWS..... Which *cannot* be described in 2 sets of TWO words joined with "AND" >>> "Love God and Love People."

22 December 2025 9:33 PM

Yes indeed.... the only way we can emotionally survive many days with a "Peace beyond understanding" ... Jesus's PROMISE Gift from Him, thru John 14:27... and Philippians 4:7 Peace >> NO MATTER WHAT... and we REALLY have a Lot of "whats" in our lives, don't we??

PRAYER: I am praising You today LORD because You are my Redeemer, my Savior, my provider, the One who fights for me & intercedes for me & died to give me LIFE! ... AMEN! See Matthew 6 & John 6 (provider), Romans 8:34 (intercedes), Matthew 1 and John 4 and First John 4 (Savior).

20 December 2025 7:24 PM

A CHRISTMAS Question >>> Do you wish that *You* could FORGET some of the past things you did or said?? EVEN though God promised that He HAS forgiven what we asked forgiveness for-- as He'd promised? YET still you sorrow?? I awoke this AM thinking of some Super bad things I did-- DECADES ago. Some people would even say "Hey, everyone does that sometimes." Yet I still sorrow about what I did. God does NOT lie: SO we CAN have Confidence in His Character, that God forgave us when we asked. Psalm 103 (esp. 12, He removes our sins "as far as the east is from the west").

Yet these things still keep making us sad.... HOW I wish I could forget. It *breaks my heart* to remember many of them. "The Romans 8:28 of it??" >>>

Memories ALSO help you & me remember God's faithfulness... His Care... HIS knowing that "we need a Savior" And sending Jesus on the very first Christ-mas day -- Come to save us from our sins-- from the eternal death we deserved from Holy God, to Make Possible the JOY of Life with Him whom we thank and Love, FOREVER. And just maybe those memories will help us to STOP, the NEXT time we're tempted to do something bad that will hurt God-- To remember that we don't want to do anything that gives Him sorrow.

19 December 2025 7:00 AM

I almost hit a huge bald eagle sitting on the road last week. Yes-- SITTiNG. With its 2 wings SPREAD WIDE across the roadkill it was devouring... lest some buzzard swoop down, I suppose. I'd been driving slowly around the 2-lane curve, so it stayed SAFE as I came to a complete stop. Eagle looked at my van. Decided its competitor was bigger. And with GREAT difficulty, pulled its huge wings up under itself, dragging on pavement, to finally get on its feet & slowly rise into the sky. It WAS funny-->>

Looking into my rear view mirror Once Again at the driver behind me who had been ANGRILY SCOWLING, trying to figure out why I'd stopped his progress>> Funny because: When the eagle slowly arose above my van so HE could see it, he turned his head to watch it thru HIS windshield-- mouth opened into a LONG "WOW!"

Lot of possible parables here:

(1) MOST important -- like for that driver behind me -- Often WE cannot see dangers ahead, but GOD can.... and He often protects us by SLOWING us down or even STOPPING our plans for the day (etc).... Feelings of anger ARE natural: We are after all quite busy, with our Goals of the day. YET >>>

We need to pray for patience, wisdom (James 1: 5)... IN TIME, God often lets us SEE why we had to stop. Like for the driver behind me..... And we often, with great THANK-fulness, also go "WOWww...."

(2) Parable of "Don't be stupid & carelessly focused so you miss dangers" = the Obvious for this eagle. Don't be too busy with immediate goals to even notice if we're hurting others, ignoring God, OR putting ourselves at risks that could easily be avoided.

(3) The STILL-Truth of God's warning/ Encouragement through Ecclesiastes 4: 12, "A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but TWO can stand back-to-back and conquer. THREE are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

>>> Eagles actually ARE often seen on the road eating beside at least 2 other birds (usually buzzards). ONE bird shows an alarm at cars so the others who could relax while they eat DID escape easily. Which makes a good PARABLE for what scriptures have called KOINONIA or EKKLESIA in the Greek New Testament ---> a "Fellowship of believers" who worship God together & support and encourage one another amid troubles & sorrows. Today -- like repeatedly in Exodus 12 & 16, we often use the word CONGREGATION (individual persons gathering together) or ASSEMBLY.

17 December 2025 3:44 AM HUMOR

I was the "DJ" (with CD player) when the combined-churches-80 youth touring drama/choir was presenting samples from their play (THE BIG PICTURE, I think that year) at a Youth center for troubled teens.... After the first 10 or so "normal rock Christian songs", even I was bored.... When none of the other (much younger) adults were looking ... I put on "EXTREME DAYS" super heavy rock by Toby Mac (2001).... >>> Kids kept coming to me and declaring in surprise, "WOW, I didn't know church music could be like THAT!" and then checking out the rest of the CDs I'd brought from my personal collection. POINT:

God can use MANY MANY kinds of music to draw people to Him, to be used for worshiping Him. Sometimes I wonder if Jesus's "In my Father's House are many rooms" quotation allows for having different styles of music to enjoy.... If so, I do hope the Bagpipes Room is afar off from me. Even though it *was* rather cool to write the piano chords to play along with Scottish songs on bagpipes at a funeral awhile back.

16 December 2025 10:076 PM

Right BETWEEN the comforts of Psalm 147:3 and then 5-6, the LORD inspired the psalmist to Suddenly Write >> "He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name." But God is COMFORTING us with this seeming SUBJECT CHANGE: "Hey, I know every STAR's name: so of COURSE, I SURE know YOURS!" ... Amazing Love! God's Amazing Creation "RS PUPPIS" Ceoheud variable star looks like "a COSMIC WREATH".... It has rather long periods, cycles of "pulsing" light.

Consider The BETHLEHEM STAR that God sent to guide worshipers --- the Wise Men who came from the area of Chaldea... Babylon area... where DANIEL **TAUGHT** the wise men of that day CENTURIES BEFORE Jesus was born in Bethlehem. (see Daniel 2 on, especially verses 12-13). That probably was not a Variable star, but it's been fun to speculate over years-- including the idea that the Bethlehem star went into retrograde (which explains the "moving").....

Besides: Since when are God's amazing miracles always "Explain-able?" :)
SO: PEACE to you, knowing this amazing LOGIC >>
Since God knows the NAME (not just the "number") of EVERY star, He CERTAINLY knows YOUR name.... You are NOT "just a number" to Him. He CARES for you.....
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14 December 2025 10:52 AM

SQUIRREL-SQUIRREL-Journaling: An EASY way to record your Prayers & thoughts about how God may have answered... Your encouragement "to yourself" in years to come.... NO NEED to be a perfectionist with (1) fancy journal and (2) Dated journal that makes you feel guilty if you miss days-- AND limits how much you can write that day.... A simple lined journal book or special notebook helps you keep little notes about your life in a special place. >>

Do you realize? ALL of THE PSALMS were-- essentially-- journal entries, of thoughts & songs & prayers written into small sections, across many days and YEARS..... They give us a good guide to know-- We don't have to be perfectionist.

Just write! Thru our day, God's Holy Spirit OFTEN gives us Great ideas!

But as "Life's Squirrels" run in front of us, we will forget... BUT NOT if we've jotted down a note to remind us later. CONSIDER: (1) Very few SONGS, Poems, Novels, Science Discoveries, etc. were written in one "Sit Down session".

- (2) Few PRAYER ANSWERS do we Remember if we didn't keep a record of EVIDENCE that "God heard me, Cared, Answered"....
- (3) Our journal notes remind us how we can encourage someone ELSE
- (4) as was done by many Followers of Gods thru the centuries, whose words still can encourage us TODAY.... 1st Peter 3:15, sharing the REASON for God's Hope within us. As did John Wesley, Andrew Bonar, OTHERS whose honest journals encourage us!

13 December 2025 7:09 AM

HOPE -- ILLUSTRATED >> It's still extremely dark as the sun's "trying to rise" at 6:54 AM... behind thick snow-like clouds... Yet a red cardinal is sitting in a plant on my dark deck, chirping & chirping. Waiting for me to come outside, as I do each day, to fill up its bird feeder. HOPE -- ILLUSTRATED >> It still feels extremely dark in my soul. Sad at a death last week, &tc. I know God's many promises. I believe in His caring.

Yet thick snow-like "clouds in my heart" make me feel cold....

HOPE -- ILLUSTRATED >> Just as that cardinal doesn't know WHAT TIME I will bring it food-- It trusts from months of past experience (its nest is in my bush) that YES-- I **will** provide in my chosen time, before it starves --- SO ALSO, God **will** provide in His chosen time.

Before I -- or ANY of us -- starve in our wrong feelings of hope-lessness amid the sorrows within our lives. May you find PEACE, singing "in the dark" your prayers to God, trusting Him like a little bird, simply waiting for His Right Time for you.....

11 December 2025 9:23 AM

FUNKY Humor Parable "HEBETUDINICITY" -- a word that **I** made up, based on a real word that didn't have a noun Fun words, available with free music downloads on my music website's oldest tab (2008-2012).... HEBETUDINICITY: The state of being sluggish, dull, lethargic, dense, doltish, obtuse, stupid, thick-headed, thick-witted.... get the idea? Not a compliment! © 2008 DianaDee Osborne -- CCLI Registered #7006311

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VERSE 1

Hebetudinicity is such a pretty word. Who would believe that what it MEANS is I'm a Life Coward. I'm lazy and disorganized. I want my will ---- not God's. I tend to blame anyone but me when I don't like my Life.

VERSE 3 (based on Romans 7 sadness moving to Romans 8 VICTORY with God!)

God, I really DO love You. I dearly yearn to serve. But God, I've failed You SO often. I quit trying, I've lost my nerve. I can't serve You without Your power! I claim Philippians 4: 13. I ask Your might to help me FIGHT my HEBETUDINICITY!

7 December 2025 10:33 PM

There are some TV series we've watched so long that we tend to yell during a NEW episode, "DON'T follow the blind man into the alley!! He did it! He's NOT really Blind!" ... And-- though we've NEVER before seen it>> Turns out we're right... Our experience led us right.... PARABLE >> IF ONLY that were as true in "real life". We already know what's probably going to happen, based on experience. LIKE:

- * If we buy that big bag of Peanuts M&Ms alone and no one knows...
- * If we go into that store full of sales despite our tight budget....
- * If we go into the donuts shop "just for coffee" when on a diet.....

God PROMISES to protect us from temptations when we sincerely ask Him (1st Corinthians 10:13; James 1:12-15)... But it's really DUMB to blindly follow our tempting thoughts down our Life dark alleys..... As if we're Testing God to "save us"....

5 December 2025 11:27 PM

I firmly believe it was quite likely that God also put the animals into a state of hibernation during their long trip-- NOT just to "save food" (after all -- bears sleeping in caves don't need food all winter), but to prevent DISTRESS: Even tame animals would feel stress if trapped in a stall on a floor that was rocking in a bad, probably loud STORM for over a month..... BUT hey -- the Details were God's Plan. It's nice to think, though, that Noah's wife may have had a bit more **Quiet** and **less Poop Scooping duty** if the animals were peacefully sleeping :).

2 December 2025 8:33 AM

Today, someone I love is HomeGoing to Creator God, for a New Life free of pain in Heaven with Him.... Not sure why this post makes me cry... But I think it's a "Good Cry" gift from

God as a reminder >> He gladly helps each of us find a way to help others, during the days we have left in This life-- before our HomeGoing...

James 1:5, He gladly gives us wisdom on HOW & WHO
when we ask for guidance on sharing His many "Poly Blessings" to us....

29 November 2025 9:52 AM

IS THERE A "**PET HEAVEN**" ??? My song by that name is BY FAR the most requested, popular -- FULL of scriptures that SUPPORT firm belief of HOPE that we will meet our beloved animals when we're with God in Heaven. On website's 2008-2012 tab of songs -- <https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2008-2012.php>

Scriptures CLEARLY say >> God EVEN cares about little sparrows >> SO we can trust that old church teachings were ****WRONG**** --> **God NEVER said ANY thing that supports the False Teaching** that <repeated church quote> "Animals don't have souls so they can't go to heaven - which God made just for PEOPLE who DO have souls"..... NOT in God's Word.... **IN FACT---->**

Jesus Himself used God's LOVE for even little SPARROWS to COMPARE that God in His Caring Love will take care of US when we die.... Matthew 10:29-31 and Luke 12:6-7. Besides-- anyone who's ever known/ had a pet knows:

They EACH have different personalities. Like each of us people. The Very Evidence of having a unique soul..... Also in Matthew 10, Jesus said "What is the price of five sparrows—two copper coins? YET God does NOT forget a single one of them.

And the very hairs on YOUR head are all numbered. So DON'T BE AFRAID << including of DEATH >> You are more valuable to God than a whole *flock* of sparrows."

26 November 2025 10:23 ONE OF MY FAVORITE HUMOR PARABLES: :)

True story I witnessed: The preschooler was surrounded! As soon as her mother left for the store, she declared "I WANT TO WATCH CARTOONS!" Simultaneously from their comfy chairs, both her grandmothers quietly said "No, not yet." The child decided that saying it more loudly would work..... Same 2 answers: No, not yet.

She was getting frustrated and DECLARED "My mommy SAYS it's OK when I want to watch cartoons!" (We ALL knew she doesn't!) So: Third try failed, too!

I fought to hide my laughter as the child ACTUALLY shrugged to herself--- filled her arms with some picture books and headed to across the room to ask both grandmothers to read to her..... Good parenting knows: Often NO is the Best, Healthiest, KIND-est answer.

And GOD is a Good Father..... who says NO when it's best for us. **Even when we pray more & more loudly hoping to sound "more convincing".**

24 November 2025 8:23 PM

Driving a little shortcut to avoid the main street with all its parallel-parked cars in Historic Fredericksburg, VA last week, I laughed to see a NEW SIGN right where the main road turns left to go to Interstate 95..... & the shortcut goes straight. A sign already there says "ALL TRUCKS TURN LEFT". Obviously big trucks were ignoring it.... a new, 2nd sign "shouts" "NO TRUCKS - GPS WRONG - You WILL get STUCK".....

Sure enough-- A big truck's driver ignored BOTH signs, went straight-- and got stopped at the 90 degree turn by a brick wall 1/4 mile ahead..... needing the police and a lot of struggle to work his way out of that tiny street he'd CHOSEN to take -- despite all the warnings.

Some people think RULES are BAD... LAWS should be ignored if they're inconvenient..... Some people suffer consequences of such decisions. And -- sadly-- often they aren't the person who ignore the rules/ law..... More & More people are realizing: Most traffic laws were created for good, safe reasons. AND >> God created *His* laws in the Bible for *good* reasons HE knows: Isaiah 1:18 and 55: 8. IMPORTANT: (1) God STILL gives us the free will to choose to be STUPID-- to ignore His laws that would have kept us more safe, healthy, etc.

(2) And God STILL forgives us for breaking them (if we humbly admit we were wrong)--->
(3) YET: There are still consequences. And some are really BAD and long-lasting-- even to the rest of our life. And God sorrows for us, whom we love, for choosing "poorly".... like that truck driver.

24 November 2025 9:26 AM HUMOR

Thanksgiving joke more impt than most: Bride cooking her first ham, put it gently in roasting pan & carefully cut off each end, to throw into trash. GROOM: Why'd you do that?
BRIDE: I don't know-- Mom always did; I'll ask..... (Later) MOM replies,

I don't know-- you grandmother always did; I'll ask.>>
(Later) GRANDMOTHER: I don't know, I'll MY Mother >>

... So she goes to nursing home & loudly asks HER mom who replies:

"We didn't have a roasting pan big enough. I had to cut off the ends to fit."
IMPORTANT for Bible studies too:

Thru Jeremiah 16:19 (easy number to remember-- Jamestown's Big year), God WARNS us all>> ONE DAY we people will finally see & have to ADMIT.

"Surely our fathers have inherited lies, Worthlessness and unprofitable things."
Think of all the HABITS within churches. Many good. Many don't matter -- like the Brides of 4 generations of women cutting off the ends of the meat because the FIRST bride needed to do that.... But some have gone directly against God's clear Bible words. . James 1:5 -- God answers by giving us wisdom to know what is true

when we pray for wisdom to know which God calls wrong.

21 November 2025 1:33 PM

Working in my home studio on a new song in 2015, I couldn't figure out "WHY in the world" the **Piano** track was SO **WIMPY** & weak compared to the program's usual rich-- almost real sound. So >> I added Compression. Nope. REVERB. Nope. Even a bit of CHORUS... NOPE AGAIN! ***Finally*** figured it out: I'd forgotten to switch the default keyboard instrument from plain old 'Piano' to '**GRAND PIANO**'.

PARABLE ... The LORD has given each of us **gift-ings**-- For example, I know "my" music is really empowered by God (Ephesians 3:20) and the songs are far better than my natural skill... YET >> When we try to serve Him without remembering to (fervently) pray for His added empowering -- That's God's Ephesians 3:20 promise--

The Sounds people hear us write, sing, or play on electronic keyboard like when recording studio tracks may be "OK"---->>

BUT they sure ain't so **Grand** as it'd be *WITH* Him. :) ... Yep... PUN Intended. :)

18 November 2025 5:33 PM

2 yrs ago, I walked thru a Freshman dorm during a college tour for families + their prospective 2023 students. There, a teen asked the college student tour guide, "Can I bring my cat?" The guide replied, "ummmm... no-- Not unless you've registered it as a support animal." SO: Not even enrolled in college yet and ALREADY being given a college lesson on "How to get what you want by LYING"....

Sad thing is >>> 2 dozen parents / grandparents were there listening.
NOT ONE said a word about this being PLANNED Deception.

17 November 2025 11:45 PM

HOW BIG IS HEAVEN? ... Does God have enough room for us all with all the millions of people who have lived thru the centuries? Well..... Let's look at how big the BIBLE says "Heaven" is.... Revelation 21: 15 and 16 say that "Heaven" (the New Jerusalem) is like a cube, 12,000 furlongs on each side -- or about 1,500 miles per side.

The volume (area) of a cube is the size of the side times itself times itself, So an 4 inch cube's volume = $4 \times 4 \times 4 = 64$ THAT MEANS >>

The volume of "Heaven" as a perfect cube of
1500x1500x1500 miles = almost 3-1/2 **BILLION** miles....

IN COMPARISON:

Earth's surface = only 197 million square miles. (Not counting underground homes!) Even in human terms, that's pretty much PLENTY of space for all of us!
And if not Hey >>> God would just make more! Seriously, though >>>

We can TRUST GOD to "figure it out".....

Even when we're tired and can't see how He can fit everyone into His Heaven!
Or even what kind of not-physical-like-this bodies He will give us!

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For many of us-- people who are around us a lot really don't know us. And that we don't mind the privacy. E.g., I'm a pretty good church pianist, guitarist, and an OK organist... But few know that my fav bands aren't mild Christian groups, but Kutless ... Seventh Day Slumber.... early Skillet, and Toby Mac incl. the Hip Hop..

I have a game of hiding my real self on FB too -- Deliberately clicking on ads for things I don't want.... Motorcycles, huge tool cabinets, big trucks, fancy hiking gear (well, I do like tents) -- and of course huge Music Recording Studio consoles and etc gear well beyond my Budget It's fun to keep FB / Google "guessing" who we are.

And very DAUNTING to know that **GOD** is NOT fooled
by our skilled hiding of our true self. YET-- comforting >>>

He still Loves us "anyway"!! He cares! And He answers prayers without requiring us to "pray right words".... Romans 8:26, He even **HELPS** us pray.... prays FOR us....

16 November 2025 6:59 AM

A FAVORITE PARABLE

Years ago when I was teaching HS/College age Sunday School class, Channel 7 in DC showed WHEEL OF FORTUNE at 7 PM and Channel 2 in Baltimore showed it at 7:30. VHS days: I taped both (identical) shows one day.... No warnings against taping shows to watch later, back then.... SO: One day, I showed both during Sunday class. Kids loved solving puzzles, seeing who won-- but were surprised when the 2ND show began. I asked for answers to puzzles & they KNEW within a few letters-->>

Because they'd ALREADY SEEN the program.

AND they knew the winner from the start.....

Just KNOWING the winner did not CHANGE the outcome of the show.... PARABLE:

JUST BECAUSE God already KNOWS (fore-knows/ before-knows)

what choices we WILL make in the future does NOT mean that God steals away our Free Will to MAKE those choices.... Even about whether we will ever turn to Him as Savior. NOPE -- >>

Not any more than those high school & college kids could change WHO WON "Wheel of Fortune" just because they **knew** during the 2nd showing who would win.

10 November 2025 9:33 AM

A COMFORT post-- Though this photo is one of the Saddest Ever >>>

Of a child smiling into his own window reflection--

and seeing himself as an old man on the other side, smiling back the same way....

Amazing how quickly in our lives that we start to think such a thing to be depressing.....

YET: For all who have realized how dearly God cares about them:

Isaiah 46 >>> COMFORT COMFORT TRUTH EACH day of our life --

Even when there are 365-1/4 times 50 or 70 of them BEHIND us, gone sometimes to us but NOT to GOD! >>

GOD PROMISES, COMFORTS >>> QUOTE:

EVEN to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs I WILL carry you!

I have made, and I WILL bear [you up through It All] ;

Even I WILL carry, and WILL deliver you." --- Isaiah 46: 4

7 November 2025 8:32 AM

Just looked out into my back yard's and saw a HUGE animal with dark fur on the far northern edge of our the woods... Watched... It slowly walked toward the Eastern edge of woods. Huge ears. At first I'd wondered if it was a new neighbor dog... then if it was a coyote. (Not many squirrels here anymore; trapper friend says several dens of coyotes live down the next road over -- along the river).... SUDDENLY>>

Something startled it, and it bounded away in moments. WEIRD in many ways:

--- Virginia deer aren't usually such a dark brown,

--- Biggest ears I've EVER seen on a doe ----

--- She also had the biggest "standing straight up White Tail" I've seen, flicking away as she raced to her "safe place"... **REALLY COOL**, isn't it >>>

>> How God so often guides us to "look out" at "just the right time" to see something beautiful, awesome, even ODD in His world?! If only we remembered to stop calling it "luck" when we get to ENJOY such "free gifts"....

5 November 2025 9:00 PM SAD PARABLE of many churches

A SAD parable about *many* churches >> (1) Within 30 minutes of driving, my Honda's gas gauge will go from showing 1/4 full (almost 100 miles, with full range about 375 miles) to a GLARING orange warning light-- saying ONLY 22 miles left. And after driving 10 miles to next gas station: Pump showed I'd had only 1/2 gallon left >>> 13 miles. AND

(2) At night, this Honda's headlights technology won't stay on EVEN 60 SECONDS, if I try to walk to the front door to unlock it in the light....

THE FRUSTRATING PARABLE >> We've had **FOUR** Hondas and they **ALL** are designed this way -- and **Honda NEVER ASKS what customers like-- or don't--** about their vehicles. So there's no hope of improvement.....

JUST LIKE >>> It is VERY rare for **CHURCHES** to do a survey of what their VISITORS liked or didn't about worship service times they came to. And I've noticed over a few decades of a LOT of visiting, while driving to/ from music festivals....

- (A) They almost ALL STILL either have no greeters at all, or greeters all go inside the moment services start-- so visitors even a bit late face a big CLOSED door.. and
- (B) After the service ends, members Yak with each other and barely say anything to visitors (in most churches)... I've even just kept sitting on the aisle end of the pew "with a small friendly smile" while dozens of people walked by, ignoring me.. Sad.

BUT -- I keep going, since it's to worship God, not to entertain me.

YET -- Some visitors who came seeking "a place" might never come back-- might give up on finding a church to worship God, finding comforting friends, learning from others ideas about God's Bible truths

3 November 2025 7:02 AM

Children often ask their parent for something EVEN when they know that -- in the past-- their parent said NO. Yet: They've seen that their parent CARES about them & often DOES provide-- So they ask anyway. A PARABLE of Hope... comfort plenty more in God's book... for all who honor Him -- who call out to Him even amid doubts >>

Read **THE UNBELIEF PRAYER** Jesus **answered** -- at Mark 9: 24.... A TRUE story showing God's PROMISE-in-ACTION of answering our prayers **even while we're fighting off fears that He won't hear, won't care, won't do anything--**

those lies that Satan loves to put in our heads but we DO have the power to REJECT >>> GOD's power, His help to remember ALL His truth -- John 14:26 and 27.... among the MOST IMPORTANT COMFORT VERSES for you to memorize. Really.

Mark 9:24, A man brought his son to Jesus in the crowd one day, and asked for healing. Jesus asked for details, which the man gave, and then humbly begged Jesus, "If You can do anything, have COMPASSION on us and help us."

Jesus replied, "IF you can believe? ALL things are possible to him who believes."

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with TEARS, "Lord, I believe >> HELP my UN-belief!" and Jesus HONORED that prayer-with-doubts, and HEALED the boy. In His love, CARE. Like for you, me.

Even when **FEELINGS** of doubt surge thru us as we pray--
For we can have **Confidence in our LORD's CARE** for all.

30 October 2025 10:37 AM AMUSING PARABLE from a TV News report

Weird report from the Traffic Reporter on CBS just now... She said *"Science shows that the smell of peppermint calms people down"* >>> Her conclusion: SO you should keep peppermint in your vehicle for those times when you're in heavy traffic, to keep you from giving in to Road Rage.... I wasn't paying close attention, but I THINK she commented "under her breath" to another person beside her in studio, thinking camera was off,

"If everyone believed this, the stores would SELL OUT of peppermint."

:) God's already provided a VERY effective Peace-giving method for any times of upset & angst Pages & pages of Psalms-- and 100+ old hymns about praising God & trusting Him to give promised peace. WHEN we ask... John 14:27, PROMISED.

Verse 26, God's Holy Spirit even prays FOR us when we ask...

If only we could remember to USE God's "tools" when we need them... One method example... I've printed out (large font) for my OWN self a page that I titled

Words of Peace For The Front Seat.

Hmmm... May be a fun Song. Funky music humor??!

FOR COMFORT,

a "P.S." post script comment REMINDER: A FAVORITE Peace-giving promise amid all the problems we ALL have in this world >> John 16:33, JESUS >> "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you can have PEACE. In the world you WILL have tribulation-- BUT be of good cheer, I have OVERCOME the world."

30 October 2025 12:05 PM

ONE OF MY MOST FUN PARABLES :)

PHOTO: Noah is standing in front of a KNEE-HIGH full "model of the ARK that he's just finished building -- as storm clouds are gathering behind him....

Noah is looking at the little ark, and then at the "yardstick" he is holding, with great PUZZLEMENT on his face.... Then suddenly Noah says -- "WAIT a minute... Which one is CUBIT and which is a CENTIMETER????"
(Cartoon by Dan Piraro on Blogspot.com)

I dearly love mathematics humor. Between my two main loves of "things", it's hard to decide which of the 2 is most likely to be "the universal language" >>> Math or Music.... Of course, considering all the many styles of music.....

I guess that Mathematics wins:

The same understanding of it THROUGHTOUT all the world....

and amazingly still expanding human understanding at times over the centuries.

Daniel 12: 4, God's PROPHECY that Knowledge would grow **Exponentially** in His design for Times to come before He returns again!

28 October 2025 10:35 AM

With TWO PHOTOS of Points (coordinates) plotted on line graphs, such as solving for $6x + 2y = 10$ showing 4 points ON THE LINE, showing accuracy.

MATH shows how to verify EVIDENCES that a point is TRUE -- not only on a graph, but in our BELIEFS. **The more things "line up" in our experiences compared to**

scriptures, the more they become verified as worthy to keep examining, considering.
ONE IMPORTANT EXAMPLE >>>>

About the "Halloween thing" to KEEP considering... One REPEATED evidence is of what has happened to people who used an Ouija Board. Here's mine >> and the Major Magazine article wrote has a title that SUMMARIZES the True Point: Jesus was right: Satan and demons exist. John 10:10 & 8:44 etc.

===== DETAILS of the TRUE story =====

Few know: One of my first articles published in a major mag was "When the OUIJA Talked Back"-- and it really happened to us in college. The stylus turned by itself TWICE. I became convinced in the Reality of Evil Beings "Just-Like-Jesus-repeatedly-said" --- even before I was absolutely convinced that God was-- IS-- Real. Why?

Based on EVIDENCES that I saw happen, repeatedly. **Like in MATH:**

- ** You *can* draw a line between 2 points only.
- ** BUT you cannot PROVE the line until you have at least 3.
- ** The more points, the more EVIDENCE you have that the Line is TRUE....

Romans 1, God *repeatedly* shows us "points" on the same Line of Truth: He not only is real, but also CARES about each one of us. --- >>

We don't even need a Bible to see all the Evidences that surely there may be Evil Beings tempting people to be far more evil than is in our selfish human nature. Murderers. Those who hurt little children, attack people who were just shopping or going to church... . People who support someone who orders missiles dropped on cities full of people incl. children without any self-defense cause... and tries to destroy anything that can keep the survivors alive in the winter freezing cold <2022 Russia history>.

The "real world" is filled with enough evil.

Halloween, LIKE 4th of July with fireworks like falling Deadly missiles (Mark 13:25 ??), **is** **NOT** fun when you **REALLY** let yourself think about what's being "celebrated".

28 October 2025 9:42 AM

Parable of The Little Drummer Boy

Homemade quilts VS hand sewn ones.... Which is best? ...

Neither-- as Grandmom would say, "To each his own".

Yet -- this is SILLY -- I often feel *such* sorrow when I'm in an "indoors yard sale" type store & see quilts that were obviously made with such loving care, even with embroidered flowers & birds... So much care that I'm sure they were GIFTS.

Like I made as a kid. And as a young-married, and young mother...

Because I couldn't **afford** anything but the cloth scraps I found. The gifts seldom are of the Excellence That Can be Bought-- but really of the TIME that someone gave of his or her LIFE to make it..... So, yeah --

People who want machine like perfection can look in stores.

People who cherish holding and "petting" a quilt that they know was touched in every inch by caring human hands... These persons rejoice in knowing each stitch is UNIQUE. Even with little imperfect zigs or zags that make this quilt Special.

And the "PARABLE IN THERE" that should "Grab at our heart" >>

GOD doesn't care about our little imperfect zigs or zags

in our gifts we offer to him of OUR life ... of our Time....

When we yearn to give Him a great gift but don't "have much"

Well, God understands -- and it's our Heart that is the true gift to Him anyway.

Rather like that silly-- yet heart-tugging-- Little Drummer Boy who has nothing but a "percussion song" to give to an apparently not-sleeping Baby Jesus.

28 October 2025 8:55 AM

When I was about 12, I'd sometimes have "theological" discussions with the preacher. One was me complaining when he'd said (repeatedly) in the day's sermon that "When we become a true Christian, we can do anything we want." ... I was rather pleased with myself to tell him that sounded wrong. But he replied -- "When we become a true Christian, we WANT to please JESUS in our thanks to Him and thus we WANT what Jesus wants!

YET, YET --> *sounds* good, but consider >>>

Jesus talked a LOT about Satan being REAL.... a LOT >>

* John 8:44 - Satan is Father of Lies (Genesis 3)...

* John 10:10 - Satan's goal is to destroy YOU -- esp. if you love God.

* John 8:44 (again) - Satan has **CHILDREN**// people who follow him & want to do what *Satan* wants....

We don't hear about *THAT* in church much, do we???

Especially since Jesus was talking to "church leaders" at the time.

Sadly, Few churches mention >> Satan is STILL a REAL part of life --- and STILL tempting us people to either

(1) not believe what God clearly says he wants -- or to

(2) just rebelliously want our own way anyway....

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27 October 2025 9:15 PM on DianaDeeOsborneSongs.com

If you are seeking to write really nice songs that inspire people, that uplift weary hearts, that are simply FUN ... Well: Sometimes you might feel that you're not accomplishing much. But remember: Each song that you begin work on will TEACH you something, even if you never reach a point of completion

Music writing is often like Building blocks: **Don't get discouraged!**

God understands feelings of discouragement. He didn't inspire ONLY "success stories" to be recorded in His Bible. In fact: He encourages us all with Galatians 6 verse 9.... and His LOVELY words of 2nd Corinthians 1: 4 -- FOUR TIMES, we are told that God COMFORTS us. And then -- we are told to comfort **others** ...

The same goes with your music:

You will find MUCH more joy if, when you're feeling a bit down, you find someone else to comfort and ENCOURAGE. And -- "amazingly" -- this has inspired MANY of the Old Hymns and NEW songs maybe like the one You have not written Yet :)

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27 October 2025 1:07 PM

I was feeling really worn out on Wed as I drove to studio... so many doctor appointments for family..... tasks to do..... things breaking down..... getting behind in goals for music... **THEN**-- a police car up ahead had blocked right lane, so I felt good to, at least, let that huge furniture truck get in FRONT of me in the left. After passing the blockage, the truck moved back and I glanced at driver-- **Then** I saw on his door >> "**Galatians 6:9**"....

I'm STILL thanking God for that reminder..... "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for **in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.**"

That includes us choosing to be nice and delay a mere 1/2 minute to let a vehicle get in front of us..... and asking God to bless people like this truck owner who decided to share God's Truth to anyone driving nearby.

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25 October 2025 10:42 PM

Just yesterday I was thinking of one of my fav jokes (probably true) about a little kid scared at night. Mom: "You know that God is always with you." Child: "Yes-- but I also need someone with Skin On." And then I prayed to God that I really would love it when we meet in person...

After so many sadnesses, when Psalm 91:4 becomes as real as being With Him physically would feel.... Protected, loved, --

"He shall cover you with His feathers, **And under His wings you shall take refuge...**"

25 October 2025 1:40 AM

Why in the world do outdoor thermometers go from minus-40 (or colder) to 140 degrees? Why can't they have a small range with easier to read wide marks? After all: If it's 140 degrees, we're about dead and won't care, and if it's below even only 10 degrees, I'm gonna be hunkered down under two sleeping bags -- or 3-- & not looking out the window at even the pretty-est of thermometers... >>

Though technically, Guess I should also wonder why I would care about the Precise Degree of outside temps.... It's not like I'll feel warmer if it's really 52 degrees & not 48!
PARABLE: In **2nd Timothy 2:23-26**, God tells us to "stay away from foolish & stupid arguments" .. TRIVIAL things that don't matter... Like a few degrees of temperature.

24 October 2025 12:07 AM

My husband had hurried down the long hallway heading out the door to go hiking. Under my laptop in my chair, I suddenly remembered something really important that I'd forgotten to tell him, so I called out, "Hey, WAIT-- can you come here for a few minutes before you go?" He called back, "I'm in a rush." ... I replied with amusement, "**For **HIKING** ???** You can spare me a few minutes surely!"

He came back down the hall & around the corner to tell me>> "I've really gotta get going." I switched to a Whiny Little Girl Voice & said,

"Hey-- you **OWE** me, bud-- Remember you haven't taken me to a BIRTHDAY dinner yet!" <which was actually my fault: I was out of town! > >> He laughed, said "YEP!", and patiently waited as I told him the info..... Now.... a great **PARABLE** So good it is SURELY from GOD -- "way smarter than ME". >>

CONSIDER Jesus's story about the widow who went to the unjust judge who wanted to ignore her-- but gave what she asked so she's quit asking. Jesus told us this story to remind us that GOD is NEVER like that! God NEVER tells us to "go take a hike" when we pray to Him, wanting to tell Him something & hear His answer. Luke 18.

And God Himself is never in a HURRY to leave us to go off hiking elsewhere!

You & I are ALWAYS important for Him to stay with us, & LISTEN --
when we ask.....

23 October 2025 11:13 AM

Have you ever struggled with reading the Map on your tiny phone screen? You see the wide-area-range LOCATION DOT for where you WANT to go-- but no matter how carefully you use your fingers to try to expand it slowly-- SUDDENLY the dot is the ONLY thing you can see-- when you wanted Details > street names for getting there.....

Sometimes it seems that way with our Life --

We know where we'd like to be, but just can't see HOW to "get there"

The details are too small, **the Way seems unlikely to find...**

WHAT JOY! PEACE! in knowing that *God* NOT ONLY knows-- He CARES.... He's WITH us.... He will guide us Step By Step, when we ask for wisdom. (James 1:5-6 promised to all who honor Him.)

And God COMFORTS with our Coming End Result >>>

Philippians 1:6, we can be CONFIDENT that He will bring us to the great Plan He's had for us all along....even before our birth.

Psalm 139 isn't JUST about how He MADE us each special: Verses 5 thru 12 -- God is WITH you & me, each step of our Life's WAY.... Even in DARKNESS when we cannot see AHEAD of us....

21 October 2025 10:23 PM

Satan's BEST WEAPON? ... Sneaky pride... Even in Music ministries, so very often. Sometimes we don't notice because we truly ARE seeking to serve God well as we lead music..... I used to run the huge stage soundboard (right by stage), and every (count'em, EVERY) solo singer wanted to hear HER or HIS voice "more loud" in their monitor. One time when I was "off" & in the back of the 400-attending worship service, I noticed the sound from house speakers seemed quiet -- walked up -- Found:

The New guy at the back of the house sound board had FORGOTTEN to turn on the house speakers! The people praising God with Songs of Worship hadn't even noticed, the stage monitors were so loud! Though some people (like myself) do take ear plugs to church. Sadly>>>

At first singers always scolded me when I suggested that their own monitor's volumes, if all turned down together, would enable them to better harmonize with each other... and stop muddy-ing the song Words of praise. But they gradually learned: The Sound Tech team also strives to serve God with the skills He guides us to learn ---

And we are back to JOY in leading others to truly worship God-- singing to Him & not seeking just to be entertained or to have "fun" only.

21 October 2025 8:55 AM

PHOTO SAYING: Every time you worship through pain,
You release a sound that Hell can't stand and Heaven can't ignore.

I researched to see if this was a TRUE quote. No author was given.

My research (I always try to find quote sources) >> A very similar quote is attributed to Frederick Buechner (1926-2022), although the origin of this precise wording about worshiping thru pain is not certain.

BUT .. It makes sense. Even we humans **HATE** to sit and listen to long words of PRAISE for someone we truly do not like to be around, just as Satan hates God and our praise for Him.....

AND the wording matches what Buechner might have said --

He was an American Presbyterian minister known for his works of fiction as well as non-fiction that -- likes stories by C.S. Lewis (NARNIA tales) and Tolkien (LORD OF THE RINGS), guided readers with Fiction "parallels & parables" to deeply think about faith and God's grace.

20 October 2025 11:03 PM

Jude is a wonderful book... like Ezekiel 33 in BOTH WARNING and Deep COMFORTING.... With lovely poetry (like about Wandering Stars)

and with one of the Greatest BENEDICTIONS EVER, often used ...

AND ending with a HYMN to Glorify our God! >>

24 NOW to Him who is ABLE to KEEP you from stumbling,
And to PRESENT you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

25 To God our Savior, Who **ALONE** is wise,
Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and FOREVER..... AMEN.

20 October 2025 10:21 PM

The music studio that God guided me to "**accidentally**" find, just by talking the the drummer at a CHURCH that I "accidentally" found one day when I realized my 45 minute trip to the nearest town was too late to get to the church I was going to "try" --- and God put into my mind the thought,

"Isn't there a church I've gone by before on that road to the right that goes over this railroad track???" ... >>

There WAS... Strong Tower Ministries... and God enabled us to begin recording songs together that December 2008. Ephesians 3:20.... God is able to do FAR MORE than what we can even DREAM OF PRAYING FOR !! ... 700+ songs on the Website later... YET >> For *HIS* Glory, only! Not Mine! That's Verse 21.

FUNNY memory of that morning when I ALMOST drove away because late: Remember I said I knew I couldn't get to the (11 AM) other church on time? Well, turns out THIS church ALSO started at 11 AM -- but as I was about to turn around & LEAVE the parking lot, I realized-- a dozen people were laughingly SLOWLY walking to go inside---

and I LITERALLY thought to myself, "Well, if THEIR OWN PEOPLE don't care if they're late, then why should **I**???" And I went in to hear one of the best sermons in Years -- literally 60 minutes long and me looking at my watch wondering, "Is he through ALREADY???" ...

A GIFT from God-- the church.

A GIFT from God-- His songs.

A GIFT from God-- a drummer who I met, with professional studio.

A GIFT from God-- the drummer & his wife, as Prayer Partners

A GIFT from God-- 1-1/2 DECADES & STILL writing music for Him, 15 YEARS. for HIS glory. I pray it's an ok gift TO God....

Valley Worship & Praise Studio,

Claxton Wilson Producer...

<https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Us.php>

20 October 2025 8:16 PM

People (of all beliefs) SHOULD be teaching the 500-year-old "Scientific Method" key precept that we were taught back in high school -- or, at least, was in our science books: ANY person doing an experiment or study with a pre-conceived belief of what its conclusions will be can NOT TRUST the conclusions he/she came to --

nor can that person's conclusions be trusted by anyone looking at the pre-judging (aka prejudiced) person who did that experiment or study (even if details with lots of statistics) --- and who then "preaches" his/ her conclusions about the results as "proof" that he or she was right from the start.

Concepts of Evolution based on carbon dating have been *repeatedly* proven by other experiments to be NOT be reliable -- WHY?

- (1) Because NEWER samples that were submitted for dating but whose dates were KNOWN were concluded as being "millions of years old" -- not just a few times, but again & again;
- (2) VARYING widely different date "guesses" were given as "TRUE" in repeated tests of the same sample but by different test agents;
- (3) Carbon dating is based on CURRENT ENVIRONMENT CONDITIONS. THUS
">>>>

ALL these arguments about Global Warming /or/ Climate Change ((EITHER wording)) PROVE that even the scientists pushing for Carbon Dating as "accurate"

admit that the Foundation of **"Today's conditions" CANNOT be used to prove what conditions were like even 4,000 years ago.....**

Hey, Noah's time's flood and Pangea splitting up the continents per Genesis 6 description of the foundations breaking apart provide some pretty eerily-Possible factors, too!

AND Many scientists claim that **"PANGEA POSITIVELY DID HAPPEN".**

19 October 2025 8:18 PM

Fascinating PARABLE from the old TV show **M*A*S*H >>**
When everyone else was focused on joking or talking about supper or the night film to come, The character Radar would suddenly **STOP LISTEN**
and then report what he'd heard that was still too quiet for anyone else to notice-- yet.

Sometimes we wait and **WAIT** so sadly for a **SPECIFIC** prayer we've asked of God for years.... Yet at all times, we never know when we will **HEAR** Him coming.... so we must **BE quiet.... Listen.... BE STILL**

for when we **listen**, we **can better hear God's answer coming even before we fully know what it is.** **PSALM 46.**

19 October 2025 8:25 AM

YES: Many of us wrongly **DID** let our kids have Halloween "Fun" because **WE** did as kids... But feeling guilty so **IGNORING** the topic now that God has helped us to Learn/ "Grow in His image over time" (2nd Corinthians 3:18 declares happens) **>>>** That's **WORSE...** So we need humbly seek His forgiveness and now **Take a Stand...** **FOR >>**

Celebrating Halloween **EVEN** if at church, **EVEN** if a rule that "NO Witch or Ghost or Skeleton costumes are allowed" That **ALSO** pleases Satan (Eph. 6:10+) **BECAUSE**

Just one day of "enjoying" even watching others celebrate "sorcery, witchcraft, and DEAD things like skeletons, ghosts that don't exist but are copied by demons, ETC is **LIKE** a **GATEWAY DRUG>>>** It lets Evil get a foothold in your Thoughts... into a **CHILD's thoughts.**

WHY RISK IT? ...

WHY MOCK (incl. by ignoring) all God's **DIRE** Warnings all thru His Bible?
SURE ----- At first you figure you can control & Enjoy it..... **YET:**

The slowly boiling frog which **WOULD** have jumped out of the heating up pan of water before it was too late if it had recognized the danger.....
DANGER DANGER DANGER DANGER DANGER >>>

When we think of things God has called Evil **(repeatedly INCLUDING as in the Last List of Sins in the Bible) as being "fun & harmless" >>**

That leads us & others to STOP believing God's warnings, even to mock them as "OVER REACTING".... >> We are calling God a LIAR.

We are mocking GOD **exactly** as Satan did to Eve, claiming that
"God lied and you will NOT die."

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17 October 2025 10:18 PM

Why does Satan love when God's people "celebrate" Halloween? NO---- It's **NOT** really because "they're celebrating Evil..." NO -- most people think it's just fun like THEY had as kids. WHY does Satan love it, then? ... Think of the Slowly Boiling Frog experiment >>> A frog jumps OUT of a hot pot --

but enjoys the warm water if it begins from a cool temperature--
until it's TOO LATE to go back to being Safe.

If we Christ followers REALLY thought Ephesians 6:18 was REAL--
that there REALLY ARE Evil Beings like demons (as Jesus said) --
why then, we'd JUMP RIGHT OUT of special Halloween "doings".
But... slowly over our life, the "water" has comfortably risen in temperature-->

So we don't NOTICE when we start believing what CHURCH PREACHERS *have indeed* begun teaching starting only a few decades ago-- That there "is no hell".
That there "is no Satan" -- That Halloween is "just innocent fun, so chill out".

Many famous preachers incl. Rob Bell NOW preach that "God is too loving for there to be any hell" -- forgetting (1) God is Right-eous and HOLY, and
(2) God's Word incl. thru Jesus REPEATEDLY said Hell is real -- Look up "Gnashing".

BUT God gives people a CHOICE to reject the "No Hell despite what God says" LIE....
AND to REJOICE that He invites us ALL to turn to Him for Protection:
COMFORT in James 4: 7-8. >> . "RUN FROM the devil and RUN TO God."
As C.S. Lewis awesomely was INSPIRED to write in THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS >>

The devil's greatest TRICK is to convince people that he does not exist.
AND if they START to believe that the Bible is true --
well, think about those HALLOWEEN COSTUMES -- and put in their mind the RIDICULOUS image of Satan in red tights with horns and a pitchfork....
And they'll laugh OFF their thoughts that maybe the Bible is true about Hell after all.
.EPHESIANS 5: 11, also a CLEAR command:

Have **NOTHING** to do with anything reflecting Evil.
Sure it may SEEM fun -- but we're planting SEEDS in children's minds AND even adults, to think -- Satan is just a made-up myth.

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14 October 2025 3:27 PM

I absolutely **DETEST** watching magicians on TV YET: Watching them and learning their main trick should be at least one required class each year in school >>>

Learning how people doing magic use MIS-DIRECTION
to keep you away from knowing the truth of what they're doing
and how politicians AND sales people AND many other people use the same trick.....

INCLUDING >> SATAN, whom Jesus calls VERY REAL (Luke 10:18) and the Father of LIES (John 8:44) -- doing all he can to FOOL you and me to believe **LIES** about God-- LIES against how Good & Loving God truly is.... Like that very first lie in Genesis 3 -- claiming that God did NOT want Adam & Eve to Enjoy ALL of "Life" by forbidding one little fruit.....

Do we "fall for the lies" when Satan -- or simply Sadnesses in Life-- draw our attention away from all of God's BLESSINGS in our Lifetime, to focus on things we don't understand about "how did God Let this happen"??? Often forgetting that PEOPLE had free will to do things that GOD TOO didn't want....

10 October 2025 7:23 AM

Awoke in black night with TERRIBLE *ALAARMING* FEAR -- a nightmare, I guess. Did you have those as a kid? Cry out and go running to your dad/ mom? ... When I was 6-almost-7, I awoke terrified -- looked up at corner of room, "saw" something, and RACED into my parents' room crying out that I'd seen "the devil" in there..... in the huge-ceiling old house where we'd just moved to.

They did NOT laugh at me. We had *never* discussed the devil, so I don't remember know HOW I knew about him. Paying attention in a church sermon, I guess. My dad gently asked, "Maybe you did something that you feel guilty about? I thought a few moments and said, honestly, "No"....

Then Daddy said "Well, we are here and we will protect you. Go on back to bed." And he hugged me, said he loved me. And I went back-- still "alone" physically, but trusting my Comforter would come if I cried out in fear again.....

The Prodigal Son's FATHER came RUNNING to his son, when his son was coming to *him* JAMES 4:8 is *IMPORTANT* to know -- it SAYS this! COMFORTS us to know >>> God lovingly INVITES us all to run to Him with our fears.... He's our comfort.... our shelter even in Raging Storms.... We don't NEED to be quiet when we're desperate. Over & Over those who love & honor Him were said to "cry out"-- >>

... and promised that Yes, God HEARS. And **COMES**. Because He ALWAYS cares. AND LIKE A MOTHER HEN, Jesus says -- COVERS & PROTECTS us who COME to Him Yet another loving **Parable**: Matthew 23: 37.

9 October 2025 11:47 PM (and 2021)

While walking with my daughter, we heard 2 children screaming "like banshees" (Grandmom would say). I asked her, "Do you remember when all of you were little kids (had big family!), I would say, 'If I hear any screaming, one of you had better be dying'." ?? She grinned & nodded. But really: Parents won't rush to check on children if they're *always* fighting & screaming at each other

Thankfully God always knows when we truly need/ seek Him versus when we're just loudly griping & calling it prayer.

Amazingly, we don't NEED to be quiet when we're desperate. Over & Over those who love & honor Him were said to "cry out"-- and promised that Yes,

God HEARS. And comes. Because He **cares**.

9 October 2025 11:45 PM

(and 2021)

Watching "THE NEWS"?? ...

So is God.... Psalm 2 -- and HE'S IN CONTROL of what He allows to happen (or NOT).... and still Cares and helps all who honor Him as LORD.

Do not fear. Do NOT fear. Do not FEAR, **for I AM with you**, promises God YHWH The LORD to all who love Him and seek to honor Him as Lord.

Isaiah 41:10 and 43:5. God will UPHOLD you with His OWN hand.....

He is WITH you.... "Be not dismayed, for I AM your God."

8 October 2025 9:47 AM

This AM, I started filling in my 2026 thick spiral Date Book. Sigh. "Time flies". But then>> Instant sadness remembering my husband's mother's calendar a few years ago, full of TO DO dates that she never did.... and never of course knew she would not do. God had an Earlier To Do item for her Life transition to life with Him..... With the world news as it is-- Who but He KNOWS if we will accomplish things even in 2026? But we know this >>

God is Good. He has a GOOD Plan.

We who believe & honor Him (by striving to obey, John 15:14) can truly TRUST God to KEEP all His promises whenever He chooses the time of transition. **Even when the "unknown" scares our Feelings sometimes.**

7 October 2025 9:07 AM

At first, Dave Coverly's "Speed Bump" cartoon of 2018 made me laugh: A dog behind a fence with sign "Beware of Emotional Support Dog" keeps saying to a passing man, "Don't tell me you're OK... I can smell the hurt inside you..... Talk to me!"....

YET it's also a SAD idea.... Because >> Can you GUESS what is

probably the most common Lie ever spoken? >>>.

It is "**I'm Fine**", when we are asked "How are you?" Even in church.

5 October 2025 10:53 PM

Just consider the logic here.... Some people say "You cannot be BOTH Pro-Life AND in favor of the Death Penalty." YET this is both Wrong and VERY easy to PROVE it's wrong:

- A. GOD the Creator of all Life is obviously Pro-Life >> He made it all..
- B. AND **HE** wrote laws that *command* the death penalty for anyone who deliberately causes someone to die.

YET-- God's laws are MIS-taught because people OMIT part>>

God's COMMANDS includes warnings that Liars/ False witnesses are to Suffer the SAME result when they are caught--

So yes our HUMAN Justice system does make errors because they don't SEVERELY PUNISH with the Death Penalty anyone who LIED and CAUSED an innocent person to receive that death penalty.

If our human justice system OBEYED GOD by DOING this--- Witnesses might still sometimes be wrong in what they think they saw, but no one would dare LIE DELIBERATELY to try to get someone else accused.

EASY-TO-FIND REFERENCES >>

- (1) Exodus 21:22-23 for abortion incl death for causing death of UNBORN child... the chapter after The Ten Commandments;,, and
- (2) Deuteronomy 19:19 and on easy pattern, starting at 19: 15 = False witnesses are to be put to death for *causing* death.
That would scare people **if** it were INCLUDED in the SET of our laws for Justice.

BOTH of these PASSAGES (above, 1 and 2) include the "famously mis-quoted" EYE FOR AN EYE commandment of God >> Which God gives for JUSTICE, and **NOT**-- as people in their selfishness mis-interpreted-- for REVENGE.

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INTERESTING to notice >> God's Deut. 19:19 dire warning did not keep false witnesses from gladly accepting \$\$\$ to lie against Jesus for the Pharisees. Guess they figured no one would be able to prove they were lying.

And didn't SCARE those Religious leaders who were equally guilty of lying and THUS ALSO deserving of God's death penalty when they paid money to get false witnesses to blatantly LIE FOR >>>>>>>>>

Obviously there were NO evidences that Jesus had broken A SINGLE ONE of God's laws -- Otherwise the Pharisees wouldn't have HAD to RISK their lives by HIRING false witnesses to invent lies against Jesus..... They would've just quoted Jesus or provided proof if Jesus HAD broken a single Law.

5 October 2025 4:22 PM

While typing, looked down at bruise on my arm & thought, "WHOA. When did my skin get so old & wrinkly?!" Then I remembered>> I had on my Super-Duper +250 magnification glasses... Felt a BIT less old :) **Great PARABLE, though** >>

We each tend to "look at our self" & think, "WOW. I'm not so bad compared to THAT person." BUT:

God looks at us each with HIS Super-Duper magnification of Truth.

And He knows precisely how sin filled we are.

In fact---> In the Bible, God USES the word for WRINKLE to = SIN.

Ephesians 5: 27, e.g., God's Ideal = "not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing.... holy and without blemish." Thanking God for His promises, summarized in First John 1:9 > When we truly (sorrowfully) confess our FILTH (all of it),
God is faithful & just to keep His promise forgive us of ALL.

1 October 2025 10:28 AM

Two years later (and actually was 2 years before), still fighting the Secondary Insomnia thing.... But God HAS been good & continues to be good, as always, no matter how weariness sometimes (often) affects our feelings about Him..... And hey, I get to hear a lot more of His "Bugs In The Night".... That would've made a great OPERA song for an Orchestra! 2023 posting >>

Finally gave up & got up. This 2nd-ary insomnia thing is "for the birds". Well--actually, NO-- even they're still silently sleeping in trees. It's "for the crickets"... How *DO* those things have Energy to rub their legs & wings to chirp ALL night?! ... At least I got 5 hrs this time.... and awoke to see God's *gorgeous* FULL MOON last night... and got a prayer answer to great Christmas Gifts for all (to post about later since great for ANY one to give-- costing maybe \$1.00...) On Sept 5, God also gifted to me the FULL SONG that we just recorded-- INSOMNIA PRAYERS of HOPE... Maybe His words will help you, too, in some dreary sleepless night.

INSOMNIA PRAYERS OF HOPE

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CHORUS

Dear God, again I cry to You at night. My thoughts won't rest.
Insomnia wears down my mind. And YET --
Dear LORD, Your Bible Words ALWAYS give Hope:
I know You're FAITH-ful. Insomnia gives me more TIME with You.
Insomnia gives me more time with YOU.

BRIDGE

James 4:7, I run to YOU and find Your HOPE.
LORD: James 4:8, YOU draw near to me.
Your love brings JOY. Your LOVE brings Joy...

VERSE 1

Philippians FOUR: 6 and 7 -- I need not Fret.
God WILL give my heart Peace WHENEVER I call to Him.
When worries pound, I'll just pray and thank Him for all Blessings.
Then God's peace will guard my heart, through His own Son.
Christ Jesus will save me !

TAG (Twice after each verse)

God gives ENOUGH sleep. He gives what we need.
Psalm 4 -- ALL night, God gives PEACE and REST !
QUOTE Promises of HOPE to your Mind !

VERSE 2

Psalm 145, God comes to be BY all who call to Him.
God hears my cry and draws night when I cry to Him.
When fears, doubts, worries keep me awake, fretting -- not resting,
God HEARS, for I Honor Him. He saves me with enough sleep -- All I need.
(TAG)

VERSE 3

First Peter 5: 7 tells me I can CAST all my fears on Him.
God cares and warns through Verse 8 -- Fears are traps from Satan.
In the night when Fright comes at me, I'll cast all my cares on God,

Whose Grace always saves those who believe.
He provides all our needs.....
(TAG and (CHORUS)

SCRIPTURES

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Psalms 4:8. I will both lay me down in peace, & sleep: for Thou, Lord, only
makest me dwell in safety.
Proverbs 3:24. When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie
down, & thy sleep shall be sweet.
Psalm 127:2 HE GIVES HIS BELOVED SLEEP.

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Song Story

Written in my mind at 3:30 AM as I still struggled to sleep on my bed.
Typed onto my computer at 4 AM as my cat PolyHannah **snored** in HER bed,
near my footstool.....
PolyHannah - a sweet gift of God the previous year,
along with His gift idea to me of her name -- a Greek and a Hebrew word that,
combined, always reminds me of

LORD YHWH's "MANY" + "BLESSINGS OF GOD".
POLY - **HANNAH**

ALL YEAR THROUGH for those who love, honor by OBEY our LORD....
John 14:15 and John 15:14 **FRIENDS** with Him for **LIFE**. JOHN chapter 4.

END of 2025 FALL PARABLES