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YEAR 2014 SUMMER PARABLES IN LIFE

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July 1, 2014 at 9:34pm ·

** ***God STUPIDLY didn't realize that we English speakers wouldn't understand "what God really meant" when Hebrew or Greek scriptures got translated...***

** **THAT'S** what church people are **REALLY** saying when they start teaching that all the obvious words about specific sins in the Bible are mis-translated into English-- & say "SCHOLARS will tell us what God meant"...

Genesis 3:1's ancient line by Satan-who-JESUS-said-was-real, using various names like The Liar, Deceiver, Murderer (Luke 10:18, John 8:44, John 10:10 etc):

**STARTED OUT in his history on earth tempting,
"Did God REALLY say????"**

Q: Are we heartbroken to watch churches that should be teaching LIFE & Salvation thru Messiah -- and yet instead teach **"Authoritative LAW-lessness"**? <changing "we're no longer UNDER the Law" - God's Word..... to "we no longer have to BOTHER with the Law" - Humans' Words ---- and Satan's.>
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July 1, 2014 at 4:00pm ·

For years, I scolded my children if rude & taught them Joy of Kindness. They're wonderful adults who learned to enjoy being respectful even when disagreeing. I didn't *like* scolding them. But I knew it was more important for them to learn Kindness even if they didn't like ME at the time.....//....

It's not comfortable to remember Jesus's last words AKA Great Commission were:
Speak Truth about ALL His commands (He being God!) - Matt 28:20. I'd rather curl up at home & never lovingly tell someone they're doing what God calls Sin. YET...

God clearly says He holds us accountable if we won't warn people of His either-or (Life or Death) -- Deut 30:19 & Ezekiel 3:17-21. True Love shares Truth- Eph 4:15. Thankfully, God strengthens us AND gives us wisdom to do so Lovingly. If we ask. IF. John 14:26, James 1:5.

July 2, 2014 at 8:55pm ·

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After church I decided to drive to the wide river nearby to see the flood stage crest from recent rains. A secluded place, no houses nearby. Realized I'd forgotten to tell my husband where I was. Reach for cell phone... No phone. I'd left it at home. All alone, no one around if car broke down, long walk to "civilization." But at peace knowing God was there, no phone needed:)

Started thinking of how horrid it would be to NOT have God beside me, to be ALL alone. **Of how horrific it must have been for Jesus when He took on all our sins on that cross-- and God left Him. Matthew 27:46.** The horror of being alone without God on top of His excruciating pain.... And I complain about little problems in my life. Shameful.

July 3, 2014 at 9:47pm ·

<https://www.facebook.com/dianadee.osborne/posts/543715525756179>

I always hide in my van enough money to buy gas to get home without a credit card. Only once has my cc not worked (when bank said it was fine) and I had \$\$, but there's a comfort in preparation 'just in case!' June's Music Festival trip 100s of miles each way meant hiding \$250... a "small treasure." Dawned on me I should tell someone where I hide money in van just "in another case!" Which led me.... {my mind thinks in patterns which can be weird sometimes but hey I see lots of parables in life:} to thinking of Jesus's story about the guy finding a buried treasure in the field and selling all he had to go buy the field so he'd own the treasure.

..... For years I've wondered why Jesus taught "finders keepers." Doesn't seem fair -- What about treasure's owner?? Is he being cheated?? All these Q's just from Matthew 13:44 -- this single verse has stumped me for years even tho I understood the point Jesus was making--- Give up stupid stuff to win Heaven with God.

..... Radio sermon this week explained it! There were no safe banks in Jesus's day. So people buried their valuables where only a few trusted family members could find it. Obviously **between wars & diseases, the life span was shorter** then, and sometimes entire families would die out within weeks of each other.

Thus, the estate would be sold to the highest bidder... who occasionally discovered that the original owners had... buried their treasure. No one got

cheated.

..... Just another example of why it's not only fun but useful to take advantage of all the many Bible history and study resources God has provided to those who seek... The internet and books are truly gifts from Him even if many people choose to mis-use them.

July 3, 2014 at 9:46am ·

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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LINK TO MY BLOG of **Facebook Parables in Life: Dishwasher Blues:**

<https://facebookparablesinlife.blogspot.com/2014/07/dishwasher-blues-parable-by-dianadee.html>

Only "rich people" could afford dishwashers

when I was in elem school, I figured-- never saw one til Grandmother's friend took us to Baltimore for a super rare visit to her son. I was SO envious after the dinner with his 5 kids & all the rest of us... they had The Dishwasher! (Obviously washing was my:{ job at home.) And...

Grandmother & I laughed for 3 decades, remembering that day>> The 5 kids fought over whose turn it was to load the thing!.. Thought of it this AM as I grumbled to myself, loading dishes unsuccessfully for large pans.. and forks slipping thru the holes in the holder:

..... DO PEOPLE WHO DESIGN DISHWASHERS ever USE one??

And then I laughed at the memory. I suspect Grandmother might be laughing in Heaven, too -- at how silly I am to so quickly forget all the Lord's blessings. With joy, the smaller dishes are washing away as I finish hand-washing a few pans -- pans that held the FOOD that The Lord blessed us with. (I apologize deeply, Lord God:{

July 4, 2014 at 10:26pm ·

<https://www.facebook.com/dianadee.osborne/posts/544283399032725>

Without warning, the first neighborhood firework tonight was a loud Screamer... the exact moment I put medicine on the dog's skin. He didn't hear it, but I was shaking 20 minutes later after thinking it was the poor pup hollerin' in pain. It wasn't too hard to avoid griping, though. Had just been reading about all the people in Israel, Syria, etc who don't find the shooting lights & sounds of rockets enjoyable amid fear of attacks, constant awareness of danger. May we remember to pray... including remembering the words God inspired in Psalm 122.

(Jacob, collie "star" of song we recorded, GREAT DANE FAITH, along with Merlyn-- the Great Dane.) LINK to humor parable song:

<https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2008-2012.php>

July 4, 2014 at 4:33pm ·

<https://www.facebook.com/dianadee.osborne/posts/544151282379270>

Hadn't read Declaration of Independence for awhile. Checked it after reading friend's excerpt- to be sure the piece had been typed correctly, in context. And went "whoa.... what's happening today compared to then?!" Still reeling in astonishment at all the

people claiming our country's forefathers didn't really believe God was empowering America to have FREEDOM. Why? Well, repeatedly God declared He freed Israel from Egypt "that they may serve Me."

Our Declaration of Independence is useful to re-read. Happy July 4th!

From source, U.S. Archives:

<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs> (link to all incl. Bill or Rights, Constitution)

<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration> Link to Declaration of Independence

5 July 2014 7:01 PM

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SHARED PHOTO: Sunset above the dark clouds (airplane viewpoint)

The point of walking with God is to KEEP GOING.

July 5, 2014 at 7:42pm - NEW BLOG: <https://lyricsforyourmusic.blogspot.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/dianadee.osborne/posts/544830112311387>

I've spent America's Independence Day long-weekend celebration building the **new Blog** I've been praying about for a long time. Still infant stage, but feel free to check it out: "**Lyrics For Your Music.**"

Purpose: I've recorded with God's Eph 3:20 empowering and my 2 studios' producers' way-undercharged Recording Services- over 300 songs. But I literally have about 1,000 complete but un-recorded in 25 leather journals over a few yrs... This blog will supplement my audios & lyrics on the DianaDeeOsborneSongs.com blog by publishing Complete Lyrics Sets Ready for Music... It seems as if the Lord doesn't want words just sitting on shelf. Maybe some other musicians can use. STARTING WITH:

On 4 July, one of my many HISTORY songs: **EBENEZER NATION PROTECTION.** Based on First Samuel 7, God's warnings applicable to AMERICA >>>

Starting at vs 6 NKJV: "6 So they gathered together....

And they fasted that day, and said there, '**We have sinned against the LORD**'... said to Samuel '**Do not cease to cry out to the LORD our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of ..** [God saved them "against all odds"]....12 Then Samuel took a stone a set it up ... and called its name EBENEZER, saying

..... 'Thus far the LORD has helped us.' "

-- God's pattern for National Victory.

IF Nations will listen to Him & obey.

7 July 2014 8:18 AM

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As I rushed to pack in last hours before leaving for music festival 2 weeks ago, 2 persons came to my door to talk about God. I was SO EXCITED a bout this gift from God! I LOVE talking with people... incl explaining how God's gift of our generation finding the Dead Sea Scrolls is ANOTHER Evidence that His Bible is True! Example: A huge % of Jews do not even know about Isaiah 53's detailed description of the prophecy of Jesus's brutal death...

.....Crucifixion didn't exist when written so this Chapter is a Strong Evidence that God guided His Bible. Jewish priests who didn't want their people to believe in Jesus easily hid this evidence. God REVEALED it: The FULL scroll of Isaiah was one of original 7 Dead Sea Scrolls discovered in Qumran in 1947. *Certainly No Coincidence!** that this is 1 year before God fulfilled the prophecy of the very last chapter, Isaiah 66:8, "Or shall a nation be born at once?" - On 14 May 1948.

7 July 2014 8:22 AM

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How many churches do you know that are actually teaching (as Jesus said-- Full Truth) that (1) standing for Christ is necessary & increasingly will be persecuted; (2) how to stand & defend the Faith effectively WHILE praying for God's wisdom/power (Eph 3:20-21, James 1:5); with (3) actual drama-team type practice. IT'S SURELY SO SAD TO GOD TOO: Most church people are scared just to talk truth when Jehovah's Witnesses come to their door... a pair who won't attack or mock anyone for believing in God. Why do we fear sharing our faith when the LORD has already promised us help? John 14:26 amongst all His promises.

JESUS: "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

GOD: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind."
-James 1:5, a perfect fit with John 14:26-7 above.

7 July 2014 12:12 PM

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PHOTO added in 2022 - Hebrews 10:26, there is NO SACRIFICE if keep sinning (The Q below is scary when we churches say we love people.)

God does NOT forgive every sin, EVEN if you ask.

(gasps abound at such "heresy" according to many churches).

It's in the Old Testament.

Repeated by God in Hebrews 10.

We say "I love chocolate, I love singing, I love my mother." Each "LOVE" has a different meaning. Same is true for SIN- Exodus 34:7. It can mean an offense done once against God; a "transgression" revolt against God; or an "iniquity" repeatedly sinned against God's Law/ measuring stick. **DIRE WARNING is repeated in Hebrews 10:26-27:**

..... **"For if we go on sinning willfully** after receiving the knowledge of the truth, **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment** and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES." These are NOT my emphases, but what's in the NASB translation.

..... Scary, SAD Question:

HOW are churches being LOVING & compassionate to people by telling them it's OK to keep re-writing God's Bible to say its words say God didn't repeatedly say homosexuality is a sin that will lead to "the fury of a fire"... Hell? We WILL be held responsible for not teaching what God calls evil: Ezekiel 3: 16 on.

July 8, 2014 at 5:10pm ·

<https://www.facebook.com/dianadee.osborne/posts/546959075431824>

A friend was discouraged at people criticizing, 'speaking for God' (quoting Bible). Whether or not their observations were right didn't matter if speaking to show off their religious knowledge, spiritual life, etc. A few hrs later when I found time to pray & look for encouraging words for my friend, I "accidentally" hit wrong button in BlueLetterBible.org and went to Job 4... and "accidentally" hit the NLT translation when I 'always' use NKJV.

Pretty cool prayer answer guidance from God

Words of a so-called friend **claiming to speak for**

God... Who is **angry** at false prophets whose **words "sound good"**, even like something God has said to other people... Job 42:7-

..... "After the LORD had finished speaking to Job, he said to Eliphaz the

Temanite: "I am angry with you and your two friends,

for you have not spoken accurately about Me....

July 8, 2014 at 9:02am ·

<https://www.facebook.com/dianadee.osborne/posts/546718862122512>

In the mood for an old movie, I put in a DVD with the usual annoying "Previews" that you can't skip on some disks. This one included HIDALGO, advertised as **"based on a true story."**

Research shows these the only similarities to the Truth: "It was about a guy on a horse in a race in a desert." Period. One reviewer: "truth is an elusive commodity." // >>

If we're not constantly on guard, we'll drift into doing the same thing as we tell people about God's Bible Truth:

***"It was about a guy [Jesus] who came
and did stuff to make people blessed."***

Nowhere near the whole truth; and **a partial truth is a Lie.**

July 9, 2014 at 1:39pm ·

Glanced at my odometer as I drove into driveway. How can it be 104 in a couple of days when I haven't Been Anywhere exc grocery store & church couple of times? Where did costly gas go?... Seems I'd just been fighting to not complain about 25 degrees & snow, and now it's 99.

Where did months go? Seems **so recent** that my children literally depended on me.... It's sad to ask those questions.. but can be a joy to ask also, "Who went with me?" Each of us has the option to invite the constant presence of the author of Isaiah 9:6 who also spoke Matthew 28's end--- our Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace... God. A promised, comforting answer even when Life's questions are sad.

July 9, 2014 ·

Political cartoon PHOTO:

Panel 1, 2, and 3: Hamas rains missiles for 3 blocks while Israel does nothing.
Panel 4, Israel shoots a few missiles & is accused by media, "Israel attacked Gaza today." ...

POST: I don't get furious too often, but the AP article by Federman & Jobain today sure got me.. Started article by blaming Israel specifically as being the "offensive", repeating it in para 2 and thru entire wording.

Israel's been far more patient than I'd be if someone kept lobbing dangerous stuff toward my children's living area, yard.

July 10, 2014 at 9:28am ·

Did you see photo of newlywed couple in Canada walking toward a spawning huge tornado in distance? So many similar photos have been created with Photoshop etc that we get TIRED of being tricked-- "Fooled me once but not again" we often declare when we see "too perfect" photos like this one... / ...

ARE WE AWARE that the fake prophets that Jesus said will come (Matt 24 etc) are doing FAR more damage to the spreading of God's Salvation Message than we think? Each Believed-then- Discredited preacher blunts people's willingness to keep seeking God's Truth.. to believe Real Truth exists.

PS- Tornado Wedding was REAL, according to USA Today, a trusted source.

July 10, 2014 at 9:11am ·

When God gave him True Vision of locusts dropping from sky something like **scorpions that gave terrible stings- hurting 5 months (Rev 9:7-10)**, The writer of the 3 Books of John and of Revelation, God's vision gift to him AND to our world, knew nothing of roaring helicopters. So literalists expecting a genetic mutation Big Bug most likely will be surprised... Even a decade ago few people knew of RFID chips. For years we've heard warnings about tattoo'd bar codes or QR codes that could be put "ON" the hand or forehead (Rev 13:16 > on= Greek epi, Strong's G1909).

..... So literalists might be surprised since John couldn't describe a number INSIDE our skin, any more than helicopters. And WHY would anyone say 'yes'? An EASY answer: Fear... "for our own good", we'll be told yet again... identity theft protection.

2018 ADDITION: in ONLY 4 years since this post, suddenly even ordinary people can buy DRONES.... We called them "UAV"s more then in 2014... Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. 4 years later, & **DRONES can be ARMED...** Exactly matches Revelation9: 7-10 description:

Locusts dropping stinging burning little bombs....

July 11, 2014 at 8:59am ·

The 2 year old received a box of wrapped ball candies at his party. As the only other child-- a 3 year old-- looked longingly into box, his parent asked "Don't you want to share one piece with her?" The 2 year old at first pointedly ignored the repeated Q.

Then finally said..... well, you *know*, without me saying it. Months later I'm still laughing.. & sympathizing with God.

God gives us SO many exciting wrapped blessings to discover, & asks, "Don't you want to share a bit?"

And our answer is often to either ignore the Q-- or demand He give more "candy." first/

July 12, 2014 at 2:09pm ·

AUTOBIOGRAPHY - PRAYER

ONE OF MOST IMPT THINGS I'VE SHARED OF "ME" on public FACEBOOK:

While singing in worship service a praise song with the lines "At the cross I bow my knees, where Your blood was shed for me, There's no greater love than this..." (by Hillsong) I was suddenly struck by a horrendously sorrowful Collage of Memories:

- All of the many music festivals where 100s of youth cried out to the LORD and
- literally threw themselves down in weeping prayers at a large cross...
- then returned home to "everyday life"..... and WHAT THEN?

I sorrowed to think upon how many of them just went back.... thinking about God once in awhile. The grief of knowing how close I came to being amongst that number.

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ADDED this Update in 2016: **I "GAVE UP" ON GOD, after praying & praying in high school after going to a retreat, to have faith like other girls who seemed so joyful-- and seeming to get no answer.... I**

“GAVE UP” ON GOD, after praying & praying in high school for WISDOM on whether to skip a grade (10th) – & seeming to get no answer. So I just did what I wanted. {looking back, I know my dad & the male principal were very much *against* it, while my mom & the female guidance counselor were very much supporting me.... Normally the two higher authorities should have “won” >> God guided things 'right'.}

I “GAVE UP” ON GOD after 5 months of college, going to 4 or 5 churches where people acted like they didn't care one bit about me--

- Never spoke, chatted.
- Ignored me while smiling & chatting with people who might be right beside me.
- In high school I'd had to be careful of anything I did to not get criticized by church people....

I reached the conclusion that if God's people were like that, why should I BOTHER caring about God.... Though, since young childhood, I've always BELIEVED in Him.... It only makes sense, when you look at all the evidences of an Artist Designer in Creation.... no way all that is chance....

On July 8 my sophomore year of college, “out of the blue” - pun intended- at a *night* revival service on a high school football field, God suddenly answered PRAYERS I'D STOPPED PRAYING.....

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July 12, 2014 ·

Tisha B' Av is a Jewish day of prayer and fasting. It is observed on the ninth day of the month of Av in the Jewish calendar. It commemorates the anniversary of five calamities, including the destruction of the First Temple and the Second Temple.

July 12, 2014 at 12:50am ·

Ever notice how many children's picture books give disgustingly informative science facts? When a librarian, I noticed that 'the gross-er the better' for many kids at Story Telling Time! One Fact made me fight gagging every time:

Many bird species eat seeds or worms... and throw up into their babies' open beaks. {gross Gross GROSS ewww}. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) reports: regurgitated food is a way of passing on gut bacteria to help digestion... and the birdlings grow up to get their own food. / Odd thought today:

PARABLE:

REGURGITATED NEWS: I used to get all my 'world news' from TV & listening to opinions. Now I find it fun- much like chess- to find many sources & draw my own conclusions.... but Regurgitation is still pretty gross. Whether by birds or by people who love **pre-digested News** so they don't have to study whether it's good for them.

July 14, 2014 at 10:04am ·

BUT see August 18th post for sad result.

It's a struggle to not hate squirrels.. they're so destructive, not only pouring birdseed out of the feeder but then digging down to the flower roots below. My sweet husband says "They've gotta eat too." I mutter back that there's food in the woods... but it's really cool to be married to someone who cares about what I've heard described as rats-with-furry-tails.

Really cool. My daughter helped me find an inexpensive royal blue porcelain bird bath. Maybe that will bring back the birds that I love to watch but cannot feed anymore. And hey, the squirrels can splash out the water all they want. My plants will love it. ... my mom hates chipmunks with a passion- they eat her flower bulbs. But at least CHIPMUNKS don't climb up onto my deck. Yet.

July 15, 2014 at 9:37pm

Dad made incomprehensible decisions. He'd buy something my brother wanted, but wouldn't let me buy something with my own allowance. Dad would complain if I earned B's and IGNORE my bro's C's. He didn't care if I practiced Hanon on the piano for 45 minutes before the school bus-- but made me change my schedule just because Mom said piano exercises were driving her Nuts-- and insisted I practice that much time when they weren't around.

SO many seemingly inconsistent things Dad did & said. **YET... my brother & I obeyed. Not to avoid punishment...** tho that was a bit of it.. but because we were taught to RESPECT our parents even when we disagreed. Plus, past decisions showed Dad was smart... & truly loving us. Proverbs 3:5-6. Good Parable of God.

July 16, 2014 at 4:38pm ·

With summer vacationers, both southbound lanes of our unlimited access highway are often packed, going 55 mph in both lanes, equalized by the few stop lights. Thus I often move into the left lane a couple of miles (< 2 minutes) early when I see a few yards' space there. And often the drivers behind me get impatient that I'm in their way (traveling same speed as everyone else). They'll flash lights, honk, get on my bumper if there's space to move right, trying to bully me to give what they want: MOVE, but I have a TURN up ahead:

~1/4 mile before my left turn, I'll turn on my left signal -- and they back off behind me. And I imagine them thinking "OHhh....." And sometimes I don't.

But I do the same to God too often. It will seem like things are "going too slow", especially in music ministry. I'll "flash my lights" and **honkingly pray, "God WHEN are You goin' to do something? There's room now, give me a break!"** Sometimes God gives me a signal that a change is coming..... And sometimes He doesn't.

But when the change does come and I see how glad I was that the turn came here and not "back there", I usually end up humbly... ashamedly praying, "OHhh...."

July 18, 2014 at 10:22pm ·

NO IDEA BLESSINGS song story inspirations 16 July:

1. My husband was "a blind date" early in college. On the day I met him, I had NO idea that we'd be so happily married 3 decades later. God guided me to think on this, under the trees, in the warm breeze.....
2. I've "always believed in God" (just looking at Nature), but thought I was a Christian because of it. One night someone took me to a Billy Graham revival-- and I found the truth of James 2:19. But on that afternoon, I had NO idea that my life would change forever - with JOY - in hours. God guided me to think on this, under the trees, in the warm breeze.....
3. Several churches I attend a lot have fervent prayer times that last 20+ minutes. Among their prayers are "Thank you LORD for that accident You kept us from, the sickness You stopped, the blessings You brought that we did not see." A cool prayer... and on this day, God guided me to think on this, under the trees, in the warm breeze.....

AND to turn it into the song NO IDEA BLESSINGS... Dedicated to our Amazing God who blesses us SO far beyond our dreams and even what we notice as His gifts-- Ephesians 3:20-21.

<http://dianadeesongstories.blogspot.com/.../no-idea-blessings...>

July 18, 2014 at 12:32pm ·

Why do so many people MISQUOTE Ephesians 2:15+16 **by leaving out 3 words?** It says Jesus abolished **THE ENMITY OF** the Law... **not the Law itself.** Jesus said **"If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14) - AND told us to teach them (Matt 28:20).**

In Matt 22:40 He' said "On these 2 commandments hang ALL the Law and the Prophets." That's **NOT** saying there's **only 2** commands or no Law. The Law defines What God Calls Sin- and what we can choose to do to PLEASE our Father if we truly love Him. Compare

(1) Deut 6:25 with (2) prophecies in Jer 23:6 & 33:16 and (3) Eph 3. Especially God's summary thru that last verse: Eph 3:31 "Do we then make void the law through faith? ****Certainly not**!** On the contrary, we ****establish**** the law." (nkjv) Strongs G2476, to make firm, to fix it in place, establish.

God's Law defines what IS sin. It's not logical to say Jesus did away with it even for Christians, for how else would we know what pleases God?

ENMITY defined: the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something. The Law keeps us away from God because "all have sinned" (Romans 3:23) BUT-- BUT!!! Jesus abolished this Enmity by freeing us from the Consequences of breaking the Law - by paying the price we owed (death) that kept us from God. THE LAW ESTABLISHES that we NEED Jesus as our LORD and Savior! (Eph 3:31).

Ephesians 2:5, our trespasses were DEFINED by the Law. In 2:15, see the ITALICS meaning "these words were added) in every version in front of "the Law". Reading straight, it reads "abolishing in His flesh the enmity... the Law of commandments..."

July 18, 2014 at 9:04am ·

Between music-festival traveling & discouragement at squirrel Persistence that should SHAME most of us!, **I hadn't filled the "Squirrel Proof Feeder"** for a month. This AM, a bird came to the feeder & flew off after finding nothing; returned to another section of feeder & flew off; & came & flew-- multiple times. The cylinder doesn't look like a feeder, it's 6 yards from the seed platform, & is high under a house eave.

Yet this **little BIRD, a gray tufted titmouse, seemingly had remembered for 4 weeks** that this weird thing once gave food. People are free to call it coincidence. I call it Evidence- Romans 1:19-20 Yet More Empirical Evidence of Himself, via Creator God's Intelligent Design.

July 19, 2014 at 8:49pm ·

with cartoon of child behind Jesus with hands over His eyes and asking in Spanish, this question >>> Child asking in play, "GUESS WHO!" Jesus replies, "te conozco desde antes que nacieras" -- "I've known you [since] before you were born." Jeremiah 1:5, Psalm 139 LOVE for YOU.

July 20, 2014 at 5:09pm ·

Primitive camping often brings up Q's we're ashamed to ask God. Thankfully, His love covers our respectful Q's like... Mosquitoes?? Can't frogs eat something else like cute little ladybugs? As I tried to sleep in the heat, a HUGE bug came after me in the dark-- & from its angry buzzing, I could tell it had gotten caught between the extra layers of mosquito netting I'd put over the opening. I was afraid to turn on flashlight... might guide it! For 1/2 hr, I hoped I'd prepared well, didn't "miss a spot" for the net... //...

It takes work to prepare for Invaders Of The Night when camping, to avoid misery.

And it takes work to prepare for Invaders In Our Life when living: Not putting on a mere net, but PUTTING ON God's full armor, Ephesians 6:10-18. To avoid misery.

July 21, 2014 at 6:15pm ·

Only a few minutes into Stargate rerun, a 2-mile wide alien ship was coming, shooting a wall of fire onto distant fields. Our heroes were frozen, watching in horror as peoples they were supposed to save stood beside them, waiting for encouragement. Even my husband (who remembers about everything) admitted a blank on how in the world they'd defeat a 2-mile wide spaceship. But then we started laughing:

NO IDEA HOW they'd ever win...

but Colonel Jack's crew **always does** in the end. ...//....

A nice PARABLE reminder of Peace as world news becomes more horrifying: We've read the end of the book. GOD WINS. Thus, if we *choose* to be in His crew: WE win. Deuteronomy 8.. A REAL "If." A

"You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you. Therefore you shall keep the command-ments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. 7 For the LORD your God is bringing you.. good..." in Deuteronomy 8.

July 21, 2014 at 8:56am ·

People have often over the years come to confide in me & ask my thoughts about things that upset them. **They seem to know I don't bother sharing anything beyond just us...** I love that Jesus told Peter to mind his own business re someone (see John 21:22). And that God often says gossip as a sin. Sometimes I wish people didn't confide about church upsets..

Ignorance isn't bliss, but can feel like it! So yesterday when the preacher at the church I've served as musician a number of years highly recommended fasting along with prayer & shared that he does a lot (to **encourage us to do the same**, not to brag), my first thought was: **WONDER IF THAT'S WHY I never ever hear or know of gossip in this church?** Intriguing.

July 23, 2014 · ONLY MONTHS before God fulfilled Prophecy to make Israel a NATION IN A DAY (Isaiah 66:8) God guided the fascinating "ACCIDENTAL" find of the Dead Sea scrolls that CONFIRM the accuracy of old manuscripts of the original Bible books -- especially Isaiah which is FULL of prophecies of End Times Coming.

The Dead Sea Scrolls "accidental" finds that God guided in the 1940s support the accuracy of the Torah & Tenach ('Old Testament' of Bible).

Unlike the 66 Bible books that have an ongoing consistent theme across the CENTURIES in which individual books were written by 40 different named authors (not counting additions like "The sons of Korah" for some psalms that included prophecies).....

the QUR'AN is short and has many contradictions, which obviously is confusing if you try to make it The Authority.... And, **exactly as people do to the Bible,**

people of the Muslim faith, or those trying to confirm Islam as a Peaceful religion, quote "favorite" parts of the Qur'an and omit what doesn't support their opinions.

..... **Edited** 6/16/2018: The following link **USED to** contain the FULL KORAN / QUR'AN, useful for people who quote a bit of Muslim scriptures saying Islam loves peace--- omitting much longer key commands-- also includes a bit of the history of how Islam started with violence, killing non-believers by Mohammed's command when they listened but did not convert. Though he waited until he had sufficient numbers of followers to win in battle. (One command re Peace = to make peace if the enemy outpowers you, for now.) >> THIS SITE was taken down by 2018..... One of its tabs was named "Contra peace"... pretending peace.

<http://www.answering-islam.org/Bailey/jihad.html>

EXAMPLE: Qur'an's Chapter 4, Sura 4:80 'Muhammad said, "Allah welcomes two men with a smile. One of whom kills the other and both of them enter Paradise. One fights in Allah's cause and gets killed. Later on Allah forgives the killer (i.e. he embraces Islam) who also get martyred (in Allah's cause)."

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July 24, 2014 at 8:59pm ·

"Telling lies about others (or in modern days, hinting that "maybe...") is as harmful as hitting them with an ax, wounding them with a sword, or shooting them with a sharp arrow." - Proverbs 25: 18 NLT: Descriptive.

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July 24, 2014 at 10:45am · poster:

NO MATTER HOW MANY STEPS YOU'VE TAKEN AWAY FROM GOD,
IT TAKES ONLY ONE STEP TO GET BACK.....

An applicable promise from God for those of us who, on some days, can't quite believe God's grace: James 4:7-8. Verse 8 says (but read actual words for the exciting promises) what the poster does: One step to draw near to God, and HE draws to you.

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July 26, 2014 at 9:11pm · re Caleb

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

On Friday, I taught a 3 year old to see chickens & jellyfish in the billowing white clouds... He laughed! I taught him to pretend gravel rocks were train cars + pairs of sticks could be turned into their long tracks. He laughed & later showed his mom his new 'toys'.

Once upon a time, my main toys were little plastic animals in 'farmyards' that I made under mossy oak trees. Now my toys are guitars & basses &... but I still laugh at falling maple tree "helicopters" & fingernail sized flowers under grass blades. God's

World continues to make great play things! Romans 1: 20... they always have

July 26, 2014 at 8:58pm ·

Really sad class study on Genesis 4:10 today. Almost every translation uses common phrase "*your brother's blood cries out...*" Well-known teacher Skip Moen shows that the Hebrew is kol demei (voice of **bloods**) -- the word is PLURAL: BloodS. 'VOICE' = subject & 'bloods' is plural. Reasonable conclusions:

When Cain killed Abel, he also ended the lives of all Abel's children & grandchildren "&"-- for generations to come. BloodS.

AND- when each child whose name God knows (Psalm 147)

is aborted today... How can truly kind, compassionate Christians not see that-- yes-- mothers DO need loving help- but without killing! See The Lies: John 8:44 & 10:10. <http://skipmoen.com/2008/07/24/generational-homicide/>

July 27, 2014 at 2:28pm ·

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

PHOTO of wanting Jesus to return now, asking "Type "YES" if you want to see Jesus return !!!!! "

My answer to the photo's Q is "**NOT YET!**"... See parable of farmer waiting for more to be saved (Matt 13). So many more people would die forever if God listened to self-centered prayers that Jesus would return soon. Thank God that He's waiting, giving people more time... and honors us with continuing to urgently pray and share His Word with others. If you look at this pic and think "ho hum" or "that's too dramatic & we don't want to drive people away".... please prayerfully re-think.

My PERSONAL HISTORY as a parable:

At the World's Fair in NY, I saw the displays of the Mormon Pavilion exhibit's huge paintings of The Second Coming, when Jesus returns to Earth.

I was young & had gone to church weekly... but that painting **literally** was **the first time I really thought about Jesus**, or if the Bible still mattered,... or about Jesus saying hell is real >>> The mural showed people there, too. I still think upon that day. I'm convinced God used it as a KEY step in the 19 year journey before I finally believed more than demons do... see James 2:19.

GREAT PARABLE !

July 27, 2014 at 1:37pm · **Stupid Housefly story:**

Ever had a fly in your car that just *kept* landing on your face, your hair, even

your nose while you tried to drive? I had one today.. 20-minute challenge not lose the joy of worship time! I rolled down both front windows most of way, both back windows all the way. The thing KEPT bopping me in the face. I muttered (mouth mostly closed, lest I eat the fly),

"I **GAVE** you a way to escape! Just go **OUT** thru it!" It didn't... so got locked in car. Probably dead now. But...

Doesn't God tell us Exactly the Same Thing in 1st Corinthians 10:13?

He *GAVE* us the way to escape sin's temptation. All we have to do: Get out thru it.

July 28, 2014 at 11:28am · Is there a famous restaurant that "everyone" (it seems) says is wonderful... so you go with great expectation- & leave with (very) deep disappointment? That's happened to me so often that I've become convinced that people think they "love" the restaurants because **they trust others' opinions more than their own perceptions.** That's how I feel "the morning after" watching the movie ***GOD'S NOT DEAD.... I feel deep SORROW thinking its formula conclusion will actually turn off the seekers*** who may have gone sorta hoping to be proven wrong in their doubts about God.

..... The reason for my sorrow: **I've 'been there' & know how close I was to "giving up" openness to concept of God caring about me.** Before I "became a Christian" (believed the Bible), I did (a few times) truly pray & seek to know God... and frequently got weary in the search when "nothing happened".

Logically (my way), I figured that since people answer direct questions, God should-- at least answering one Q out of many that were prayed. Each time, I'd Quit seeking awhile (sadly, measured in years).

..... It's easy to see the good intent of the movie producers, and ways to use it (praying for James 1:5 wisdom). The movie's first 2/3rd was OK, as I kept anticipating. But it's actually insulting to very intellectual people who honestly use logic to support current beliefs as well as logic to keep seeking new conclusions.

God INVITES people who doubt to Respectfully reason with Him: Isaiah 1:18.

..... **Many mathematically statistical evidences of God *DO* exist within science itself. None were even mentioned-- amid over-use of 'feelings'.** Even my ordinary mind could see flawed logic flows that the very intellectual people that I (and God) care

about so much will immediately laugh off...

And the conclusion was almost hatefully formulaic. It even turned ME off. I easily see it actually turning away people from seeking Truth using the scientific method, knowing evidence proves that presuming a conclusion automatically puts a taint on the study's results.

..... This movie worth seeing for interest & maybe some *ideas*. But not for True History. Anyone who wants to obey God in 1st Peter 3:15 ("...and if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it") needs to STUDY books like those by the formerly intensely- atheist, Lee Strobel. Study with the Holy Spirit's help of course... Jesus said in John 14:26 that this is God's gift to those who seek to obey (John 15), including Matthew 28:20--, to spread His Truth thru the world. Including via Facebook.

July 28, 2014 at 3:56pm ·

Leonard Ravenhill wrote in 2-22-2007 a list a world wars & tragedies. **Then:**
"These are horrible things to contemplate, and **yet I think there is one thing infinitely worse. It is a sick Church in a dying world.**

"Never has the great U.S. ever been more broken than today. Broken marriages, leaving millions of broken homes. Thousands and thousands of teenagers whose minds are broken with drugs. The people's confidence and trust in the government is broken. The economy is broken - the once-mighty dollar is broken. **All is broken except the hearts of the believers.**

"We need **broken hearts** to face this colossal mess. **Weeping** is not only in order **in the pulpit-- it is commanded!** "Let the priests weep between the porch and the altar . . . let them howl." (Joel 2:17, 1:13) Jeremiah wept over the sin of Israel. David wept. Paul wept. John wept. **Shall we remain dry-eyed in the most crucial chapter in world history and in our own?"**

..... SOURCE on this anniversary of Christian Music Pioneer Keith Green's death:
<http://www.keithgreen.com> > tab ARTICLES > by Leonard Ravenhill > ZEAL: LOVE ABLAZE

July 29, 2014 at 9:19pm ·

Is there a joy for writing songs within you?
Here are some hints I've developed in my journey as a songwriter that might give you even more fun as you explore your own music adventures.
To create MUSIC tracks, check out my blog, dianadeegarageband.blogspot.com/

July 29, 2014 at 9:54am ·

After almost 6 yrs working with sound engineers, I hear the sounds of movies & TV differently. Last night, watched 2008 DVD I hadn't seen for ages... So this time I noticed & grumbled to myself about how easy it would have been to fix the many times the "dramatic moment" had people speaking so quietly that even straining to hear, I couldn't understand in 3 tries. Finally turned on close captioning & read their words.

In curiosity, this AM, I looked up phrase "listen hear" on BlueLetterBible. Many intriguing verses! Esp loved God's Isaiah 32:3 promise, "The eyes of those who see will not be dim, And the ears of those who hear will listen." But the rest of the chapter was very, very sad... beginning with this proven-true prophecy:

"For the foolish person will speak foolishness,
And his heart will work iniquity: To practice ungodliness,
To utter error against the LORD, < mis-teaching His Bible words>
To keep the hungry unsatisfied, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail."
< Matthew 24:12>

July 30, 2014 at 10:20pm ·

I always loved Bach but **not** Beethoven until I heard Trans-Siberian Orchestra add a rock twist in "Beethoven's Last Night" CD and then amazing live concerts.... This link (via a guitarist:) is pretty amazing, too.

July 30, 2014 at 2:21pm ·

This AM I was laughingly thanking God that our kids survived all those yrs of my cooking. I didn't think I was *too* bad.. but honest enough that my recipe board on Pinterest always has the same cover: A woman saying "I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and think 'well THAT'S not going to happen.'" Yesterday I was cooking only for me, and felt lazy: So I opened a box for 'loaded scalloped potatoes'. I glanced at instructions & added right amount of milk, butter. Obediently cooked it right amount of time. BUT potatoes looked & tasted awful-- AWFUL. This AM: I found behind bowl on kitchen counter the potato powder mix that I did not add. **PARABLE:** Don't we tend to do the same with Bible?

Assume we know what God wants, obey some commands, and don't obey a few others? Christians keep scolding OTHER Christians for declaring the truth that we people, not God, changed Sabbath "to honor God for Resurrection Day"-- GOD did not change His oft-repeated commandment. There's not a SINGLE scripture that supports God's approval of a change to "honor him"...

Read Leviticus 23 (full chapter) where feasts & sabbath are said to have "appointed times" - compared to Daniel 7:25 where the AntiChrist figure tries to change God's "times and law" - and persecutes saints who refuse.

Colossians 2:17-18, So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or

a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ." It does NOT say these are a "shadow" with no meaning. It says these foreshadow what SHALL come.... But people use this scripture to support beliefs they inherited... Jeremiah 16: 19.

..... FOR CONSIDERATION: **Jesus had THREE years to tell us He'd changed His mind about Sabbath** being sundown of 6th day (Friday) to sundown of 7th day (Saturday). **Instead** He spoke

- (1) John 15:10 "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love." .. AND ..
- (2 & more) Jesus spoke Matthew 5:19 to every preacher, teacher... every one of us who teach about what God wants. "'Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven..."
- (3) He told people to pray that they not need to flee to the mountains "ON THE SABBATH" (Matthew 24: 20)

Assuredly God would be pleased by the hearts of all who praise & worship Him at church on Sundays also (as in Book of Acts etc). But we need to think on this: ARE WE AFRAID to agree that the Sabbath commandment needs to be obeyed, even with Sunday Worship? ... In **Amos 2:4**, God spoke of His own beloved people, the nation of Judah, "I will not turn away its punishment, Because **they have despised the law of the LORD, And have not kept His commandments. Their lies lead them astray, Lies which their fathers followed.**" **Same as Jeremiah 16:19.**

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July 31, 2014 at 1:04pm ·

For amusement, I sometimes play by looking at FB's "*Click on books you've read*" **marketing ploy**. I use PINTEREST -- not only for fun & a place to pin some of my songs, but also to "*keep Google guessing*" about what I like. My research on the universe, ocean, flowers, architecture, & etc incl of course musical instruments Does seem to stump'em. Though it's a bit disturbing when FB suggests I might like Justin Bieber & gory movies (together?!)... But I did discover a book I'd like-- THE PHYSICS OF STAR TREK. Great FUNNY preface: "... the number of people in U.S. who would not recognize the phrase '**Beam me up, Scotty**' is roughly comparable to number of people who have never heard of *ketchup*." (page xvi).

August 1, 2014 at 12:51am ·

I'm working later than I should, to finish prep for tomorrow's studio. So just noticed the computer calendar turned over. Took a moment to realize no, today is not SEPT 1. And then I finally realized a major reason why I've been so bummed out last 2 weeks: Today is anniversary of when Dad died. It sneaks up each year... seems to

subconsciously make me deeply sad. I think it was SO wonderful of God to include in His Bible Truth this simple sentence: **Jesus wept.** Jesus knew OF COURSE that Lazarus would be ok... as I know Dad is... knew they'd (we'll) meet again. But Jesus shows in this simple honesty: He understands our "**tears in His bottle**" (**Psalm 56:8**).

August 3, 2014 at 2:20pm ·

What happens when someone wrongly accuses you, then tells 'everyone' the lies and as the number of people questioning your integrity grows, the number of listeners grows because people assume statistically 'it must be true'? If you say nothing, people presume you're guilty.

If you declare your innocence-- even present strong evidence-- people mock, "**methinks he doth protest too much**" & accuse you of "photoshopping" or whatever, your valid evidences.

Unless this has happened to you, you haven't a clue of the years of agonizing pain-- even though you honestly not only forgive but understand why the first person did that.... Hebrews 12:3 ... JESUS understands how you feel. YET: Tells you to forgive.

NOW CONSIDER, on the WORLD SCENE:

Israel. For 60 years this super-tiny nation has survived repeated physical attacks so often it makes one wonder, "Miracles?" The number of Jews with patents & awards as a percentage of the world's population getting these is so astoundingly large, it can make one wonder, "God answering prayers for wisdom?" ... Without blaming but simply observing:

..... Perhaps as we watch world news reports, we should also wonder if those many populations who openly admit that they despise Israel have also observed this effective new kind of attack: World opinion. Taking advantage of most people's tendency to 'take sides'. With the Internet, it's easy to get well-meaning people to believe untrue reports & innuendos. Most don't even consider checking websites like snopes before blasting the accusation **further** on Facebook and Pinterest, for example.

..... If you've ever been, or known, someone wrongly accused, you've seen: It's easy for us humans to believe in the numbers of accusations & to dismiss evidences to the contrary. After all, in American politics we've certainly seen plenty of examples of "guilty til proven innocent & doubted even after that."

Don't believe all the WORLD NEWS you hear. **Including about Israel who BY BIBLE PROPHECIES IS HATED BY ALL THE NATIONS.**

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4 August 2014.

IMPT POST: At sunset tonight begins the NINTH OF AV on Israel's calendar (year 5774) - a day historically when very bad things have happened. Sure, there seems 'only' a ~1/365th chance statistically. But 9th of Av, Tisha b'Av has been the date of a list of catastrophes so severe that Jewish historians write, "it's clearly a day

specially cursed by G_d."

WHY? ... WHY would God make sure Jews remember today's date?

Because Jews keep VERY detailed date records--- and know for a fact that this is the anniversary of the date when Israel REFUSED to TRUST God when He told them "Today's the day to cross the Jordan River into the land I promised you." (Numbers 13-14)

..... In other words: The peoples whom God had brought safely out of Egypt despite the power of that nation NOW were saying "We don't believe You" -- calling God a Liar. Like yesterday's post noted-- It's painful when people question your integrity. QUESTION: DO WE NOT ALSO so very often do this to God today-- worrying about problems instead of trusting His Love and Help?

..... So from tonight's sunset until tomorrow's, Jews who STILL care about God-- and like in America, many USE His name (like Christian) but don't honor & seek to obey Him-- those who do will fast and pray fervently that God will forgive their sins. And get them through another 9th of Av safely.

..... Considering the world news since July 8th, wouldn't it be a good idea for us ALL to humble ourselves before God, as battles rage around Israel, as hatred for Jews rises worldwide?

- (1) **STATISTICS**: More happened than "Columbus sailing the ocean blues" in 1492 -- Ferdinand & Isabella in Spain did EXACTLY what Mosul (former name = Nineveh of Assyria) did only 2 weeks ago-- told God's people to either leave, convert, or expect to DIE. It was on the NINTH OF AV in 1492 AD.
- (2) **STATISTICS**: All Jews living in England were expelled by King Edward First in the same way as Mosul just did to Christians-- On the NINTH OF AV in 1290 AD.
- (3) **STATISTICS**: 580,000 Jews were killed by starvation-- On the NINTH OF AV in 133 AD, only 100 years after Christ died.
- (4) **STATISTICS**: The beautiful Temple where Jesus often went was destroyed in 69 AD - On the NINTH of AV.
- (5) **STATISTICS**: The beautiful Temple of Solomon was destroyed in 423 BC - On the NINTH of AV. And Jews were exiled by God (not enemies, but by God punishing them for lack of faith in Him) from the Land of Israel after this date.
- **STATISTICS** logically FAR beyond mere coincidence when compiled together-- and there are more historical events-- indicate: There's good reason for Jews to pray all day & fast & weeping-ly beg God for forgiveness so He'll give GRACE on this 9th of Av and on. God has PROVEN He'll do that for OTHER countries also; **including for America**-- if we as a Nation follow Israel's example on the NINTH OF AV.

Example:

SPEAKING OF MOSUL: Present-day Mosul encompasses the site of the ancient

Assyrian capital of Nineveh, where, the Bible teaches, the Prophet Jonah preached.

When Jonah gave God's FAIR WARNING that He'd destroy the city if they didn't stop the violence that left bodies and streams of blood flowing in its streets--- "The people of Nineveh believed God's message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow...

When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened." (see Jonah 3) AND followed God for 150 years; and what's now Mosul was a safe haven for Jews in the "Christian" Crusades.

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August 5, 2014 ·

It is *SO* cool to have an ALL ACCESS pass hanging around your neck at big music festivals! The huge burly guards see you coming and Quit frowning, but Smile wide as you walk past them to go backstage. Tech crew members nod greetings to you. After a band's concert, you can chat with band members in their private lounge/ practice area-- like friends! **NO PASS: YOU DON'T DARE** go "behind the curtain", backstage.

PARABLE: Compare to God's stringent Laws (punishment was instant Death) in Leviticus 16... **NO ONE** except the high priest ONCE a year dared even 'walk onstage', much less go back behind the Tabernacle's or (later) Temple's Curtain to be right there in God's Holy Presence.

ENTER JESUS, GOD'S SON:

On the cross He paid the impossible- for- anyone- else-to-pay perfect sacrifice price for an **ALL ACCESS PASS to God**--- and holds it out to you... to each person:

24/7 ability to enter God's presence and talk with Him as a friend--- but only if you reach out and accept the gift as you agree to follow Jesus -- who after all is the only High Priest ever to be the Way to God. Jesus who paid for your ALL ACCESS so that God ripped down the curtain between Him and you. (Hebrews 2, Matthew 27:51)
..... with deep thanks to LORD Jehovah for His deep mercies thru another year.

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August 7, 2014 at 8:20am ·

People say with a bit of a smirk, "Well, nothin' happened on the **Ninth of Av** so all you just prayed for nothin'."

And then smile mockingly, waiting to hear how you'll answer THAT one.

We need prayers for wisdom... not in coming up with an answer, but in how to do so in a way that draws the cynical person to keep seeking the Truth of God. Because the answer is easy:

Last verse in Jonah's book, God says: "And **SHOULD** I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than 120,000 who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?"...

God answered Nineveh's people's many fervent prayers for forgiveness and mercy. He still does. Thanking Him. And ah by the way..

JESUS said Jonah was real: Matthew 12:40. THUS it cannot be Fiction -- Can't be an "allegory" lest Jesus be saying his future death & resurrection was fake too.

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August 7, 2014 at 6:28pm ·

My parents made us watch "Green Acres" when we were little. Made us have family time around the 1 TV. It's a bit less boring in color TV, with all the outfits Lisa wears; I think I was in college before Dad decided the B&W was dead enough to replace... Anyway... that was back when Mom & Dad provided for all our needs, helped us learn how to avoid snakes (literal ones:} & kissed our ouchy *boo boos*.

Back when we didn't have a clue what Europe was-- much less politics.

Today I figured out that this is probably why I wearily plopped in front of a still rather boring "Green Acres marathon".

Trying to feel like the peace of those days (minus the snakes). Apologizing to God. But still sitting here.

COMMENT 8--2014 on a post of a popularly shared picture asking what we'd give President Obama for his (2014) birthday; my reply (Unusual; I don't bother with politics comments on Facebook) after 2 people who suggested rat poison or a grenade or gun:

*"I'd give a prayer group which actually fervently prays for the man to open his heart to God's many Truths..... Romans 13 (Be subject to government leaders because God ALLOWED them there) and, Matthew 5:44 **ORDER** from Jesus..... And no, not a criticism: We get into habits of joking... "*

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August 8, 2014 ·

About 1 to 3 hrs before church worship time (paid musician), I'll go to my instrument just to "brush up" all the music I already know well. Quick run-thru a song, then quickly thru the next.

But some songs... ahhh, it's so hard to stop playing them over & over, they touch my heart so. This morning it's hard to leave the pounding deep D minor chords that vibrate my soul with **"WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS, o my soul...** that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul. For MY soul. **To bear the dreadful curse for MY soul...." ...**

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." - Jesus. John 15:13. Thanking Him, from the depths...

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August 9, 2014 at 3:30pm ·

UPDATE 2018: Still have a copy of my van!

At the 2009 CREATION music festival, I bought multiple copies of a bumper sticker, and I have been replacing it on my van each time an old one wears out (or gets clobbered by falling trees in ice storms like January 2014, which put me on copy #3 :

It quotes Booker T. Washington,

"I shall allow no man to belittle my soul by making me hate him."

Research shows this a paraphrase -- but its meaning is the same as the original.

TODAY as I opened my trunk to toss in a few store bags including one item that rang up \$4 more than the shelf price, I muttered,

"But I reserve the right to sometimes be annoyed; even Jesus did that."

I suddenly realized my thoughts!!... sorta laughed, but quickly apologized to God.... But p'raps He laughed too.

August 9, 2014 at 9:55am ·

Why would super-religious leaders be furious at Jesus about such a simple story as the parable of **"The Prodigal Son"**?

Read Exodus 10:16. Today we hear lotsa sermons about

- how repentant the younger son seems to have gotten--
- realizing he'd hurt his dad,
- practicing his planned words, wall the way going home to say "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son." (Luke 15:21).
- But never ACTUALLY PROVING that he was not "putting on a show" of sorrow.

AS PHARISEES DID.

The Pharisees knew God's Word "backward & forward" (pun intended for those who know how Torah studies are done). They knew Jesus meant ***THEM*** as being like evil PHARAOH-- who repeatedly said the **parallel words,**

"I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you."

Not in true sorrow, but to try to manipulate events in his favor.....

Within the LORD's song lyrics thru me, I repeatedly use the actual Bible reference along with God's words of **Romans 10:9** so people can *remember* it through a melody: "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." BUT we who yearningly pray for God's help to draw people to see His truth need to realize:::

We often use "shorthand" -- WE understand, but nonbelievers do NOT:

It's not just "the right words" to the Father but true repentance-- which includes "turning around" AND stopping the sin-- that is required to be saved. Do a search on the phrase "have sinned against" in some Bible resource like BlueLetterBible.org. What you'll find is ****fascinating****.

August 10, 2014 at 6:49am ·

"Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." Job's words (13:15) encourage us to trust that LORD God not only knows what He's doing-- He's our Friend (with the condition in John 15) whose LOVE (unconditional) we can trust. Same words of 3 teens facing death in a scorching furnace, "our God whom we serve is able to deliver us"

(Daniel 3)....

Early this AM my knees had barely hit the floor when those words came
Pounding into my head - "Though He slay me, YET will I trust Him...."

Resounding into my head - The story of Abraham sacrificing Isaac is a parallel that God calls US to: Think of this: ISAAC COULD'VE overpowered his father and run away-- he NOT a little boy. Doing the years' math, most scholars believe Isaac was in his late teens or early 20s. Isaac agreed to be a LIVING SACRIFICE... Romans 12. Said of his father:
"Though he slay me, yet will I trust him."

Will we stop whining about our (yes, very real) troubles **& say the same of God?**

We know God uses Isaac's willingness to parallel Jesus doing ANYTHING to save all the rest of us... good ol' John 3:16-17. Are you & I willing to do "whatever it takes" for God to save others?

To "... present your bodies a sacrifice -- living, sanctified, acceptable to God -- your intelligent service." - Romans 12:1, [Robert] Young's Literal Translation, showing that other translations' word "reasonable" actually is more of "reasoning" - by our thought-thru choice. *Seems so SIMPLE a sacrifice compared to other types....*

August 10, 2014 at 2:16pm ·

One of my favorite old movies is "The Incredible Shrinking Woman" with Lily Tomlin. This Sci Fi comedy was "ahead of its time" -- everyday chemicals made her gradually at first, then quickly shrink. 33 years ago when this movie came out, few people had heard of asthma, of what's now called ADHD, or of many other diseases.

AND the long grocery aisle was not full of air freshener choices; foods weren't as full of unpronounce-able ingredients; & many people still ignored or mocked Rachel Carson's 1961 book SILENT SPRING.....

Now 1 out of every 10 children has asthma.

What happened in 33 years?.... Us.

People often declare "I won't believe in a God who makes children sick." Time to stop blaming God for what we people do.

August 11, 2014 at 7:49am

AUTOBIOGRAPHY - GOSSIP

Know how old memories suddenly surface at odd times? A number of years ago, someone started excitedly thanking God during the worship service's Prayer & Praise time-- he'd lost 10 pounds! After the service was a fellowship dinner. I overheard a leader of the church laughingly whisper to some people toward the end, "He's going to gain it all back if he keeps eating like that!"....

I happened to know that, with physical metabolic issues, he ate almost all of his daily calories at lunch to give his body time to burn them off before bedtime... This was so many years ago-- Yet that ugliness right after the beauty of Worship got trapped in

one of my brain wrinkles.

There's a book named "Loving God When You Don't Love the Church: Opening the Door to Healing" by Chris Jackson." Another book is "They Like Jesus But Not The Church" by Dan Kimball. **IS IT NOT HORRIFICALLY SAD that so many books like this are being written...** in the Truth of Ephesians 4:15 and First John 3:18?

We can say and sing **all the words of love** that we want in church service... but God calls to us, DEMANDS of us, **"love one another fervently with a pure heart."** **First Peter 1:22.**

August 11, 2014 at 9:57pm ·

LOTS OF RIVERS around me, so a lot of boats. This is intriguing-- Boatmaking 101 in the Bible: "And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be 300 cubits, its width 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits," said God to Noah in Genesis 6:15. TAKE OFF the final zeroes and you get a ratio of ... 30:5:3. Any guesses what builders call the 'GOLDEN MEAN FOR STABILITY" for boats that can endure pounding ocean storms? It is.....

..... Six times longer than its width (so a 50 ft wide boat x 6 = ___ long?).
And 3x the height.

IN FACT-- pretty current news: CruiseLawNews.com published on March 29, 2012 concerns that luxury cruise ships are becoming dangerously high.

**But not Noah's Ark, according to the Golden Mean (aka 'Golden Ratio').
Obviously, it's a lot more accurate to call it "God's Ark".**

August 12, 2014 at 7:04am ·

The mother of Sisera: I've never heard a sermon even mention her.

Judges 5:28-- she "looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?" This man was EVIL to God's people. But each & every person who does evil has had a mother. And MANY are loved by someone. Many persons who hate & cause harm or even kill do so because DECEIVED into trusting an evil person saying these are good deeds- "serving God". Do not dare to hate them: God was sad for the bloodthirsty people of Nineveh (end of Jonah, Aug 7 post). Jesus wept over the entire city of people who approved killing prophets (end of Matt 23). God gives us NO EXCUSE to hate Muslims or ISIS or anyone else while we hate the evil that they do:

Hatred = unforgiveness. **Unforgiveness BY us = unforgiveness FOR us.**
JESUS said this ... keep reading after "The Lord's Prayer." (Matt 6:15, Mark 11:26).

***** And I TRULY believe Jesus is heartbroken by all the Christians begging Him to return soon*** -- to *reduce* the time left for people to turn to Him as LORD. FOR:**

**Each person who doesn't believe IN Jesus as Savior at that defining moment will be cast into what Jesus called a place of outer darkness, a "furnace of fire... wailing & gnashing of teeth" (Matt 8; 13; 22-25; Luke 13).
..... Is it not a kind of hatred to NOT care-- to want our comfort sooner? .**

August 13, 2014 at 4:53pm ·

Prayed fervently today for a miracle: That God will cure my 'self-centered selfishness'... Really needs a miracle. The kind God calls us to partner Him with, since He won't take away the free will He gives us--

Just as Naaman (of Syria) had to partner with God to accomplish his miracle of healing from leprosy (2nd Kings 5:1)-- had to go all the way to Jordan River & dip 7 times in water. (All that money in vs 5 wasn't God's way.)

So I pray for what I cannot do alone, & have hope in Philippians 4:13-- which should amuse my music students, since I make them all memorize it :) Oh yeah, I do pray for the miracle of healing too. But between the 2 prayers: God would stop more pain **by healing my selfish heart.**

August 15, 2014 at 12:10pm ·

Hebrews 2:1-4 HELL vs SALVATION-- GOES WITH THE POST ABOVE: "So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished.

So WHAT MAKES US THINK WE CAN ESCAPE IF WE IGNORE THIS GREAT SALVATION that was first announced by the Lord JESUS Himself & then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? And God CONFIRMED the message [of Jesus- Acts 2:22 PATTERN & men, like Acts 8:13, 19:11:] by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever He chose."

August 15, 2014 at 12:11pm ·

- It starts with an awareness that something's horribly wrong.
- Grows into fear-- you can't figure out what's happening that's like slamming ocean waves about to drown you.
- Then it becomes a TERROR that you're trapped, & NOTHING you do will make this terror **stop**.... Like wandering through a nightmare.

That's the common reaction many people have to general anesthesia. You awake shaking for an hour+, fearful of slipping back into sleep. My Dad who dearly loved LORD God, had absolutely no fear of death knowing that he'd go to be with Jesus, YET dreaded each surgery only because of this HELL EXPERIENCE of "morphine dreams"... which I had had earlier & could explain to him as comfort. And THIS terror lasts only a few hours. Just think of The Real Thing that Jesus called "weeping and gnashing of teeth" -- HELL. The real thing NEVER stops.

..... Don't expect a follow-up movie called "HELL IS FOR REAL" to the current "Heaven" one. But it is. Jesus said so. LOGIC says so: There's no justice without hell for those enjoying this life while destroying others emotionally if not physically.

YET GOD..... Yet God loves each person so much that from the beginning He begs, "CHOOSE LIFE"! - Deuteronomy 30:19. Vs 20 includes the How: "...love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life..." Jesus said He didn't change his mind: Matt 5:17-19.

..... Just a short while of HELL on earth, of whatever kind, should **RAISE OUR **FERVENCY** to join our LORD in PRAYING FOR people to not experience hell...** in begging people for their sakes to choose Life Eternal that Jesus only provides...NOT caring if they mock us. Logical that because Jesus only IS God (Isaiah 9:6 as well as John 10:30), thus He's the only way TO god. How unbelievable that many Christians are scared to URGENTLY obey Jesus's COMMAND at the end of Matthew- GO AND TELL OF HELL.

The TERROR you're trapped in, & NOTHING you do will make this terror stop.... See <https://www.facebook.com/dianadee.osborne/posts/568838336577231> for description of **HELL** recorded by Dr. Maurice Rawlings when patients were brought back to life.

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August 15, 2014 at 3:18pm ·

Some REALLY BAD posts re Robin Williams after he committed suicide..... I know an experience that I seldom share exc with youth, in prayer that it'll help them:...

People who've never been there don't realize: When already having Faith in God, love of family & friends, even meds-- yet still in a dark dark place: It feels **even more** hope-less with guilt thrown in that you don't want people to think you have so little faith in God..... It's like spiraling into a black hole... **Prayers against the powers of darkness for those we hear of struggling to not drown in depression can't be wimpy 30-second prayers.**

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August 17, 2014 at 9:06pm ·

I'm re-watching Seasons 1-4 of the old MONK series- a humor filled "mindless" way to drift to sleep during recuperation. I confess: This week I was thinking, "I could easily quit watching 'live TV' with scary Breaking News; I barely have time for newspaper now, so could easily stop reading; love CD music, don't need radio. **It would**

be enjoyable to be oblivious to World News... even local news with all the evil being done.".... YET GOD... Yet God calls us Now as He did to Esther way back then: **"Do not think in your heart that you will escape" if you don't share God's loving Warnings** to people. Matthew 28's end Command matches Esther 4: God has called me, you, for "such a Time as this." And God's Ezekiel 33 warning if we won't Warn.

August 18, 2014 at 10:57am ·

Really feeling worn down & weary by 'something stupid'... a raccoon destroying the royal blue porcelain bird bath ONLY a month after this new purchase. (See July 14 post for first story of my excitement). It was very cheap, but I loved watching the birds only a few feet from my chair finding joy there. I joke with friends on lots of things that "There's a parable in there somewhere". They laugh back, knowing how I love writing parable songs & FB posts. So....

There's a parable in HERE somewhere & with God's help, I'll find it later when not weary and very very sad. After all, it doesn't seem quite fair *even* to raccoons to compare them to Jesus's warning in John 10:10 that Satan's nature is to destroy... Hey, raccoons are as God made'em, no evil intended.... :}

August 18, 2014 at 4:44pm ·

A truth via C.S. Lewis: He said it on BBC radio & put it at end of book THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE: "When Christ died, He died for you individually just as much as if you'd been the only man in the world."...

If you were the only person, Jesus still would have been willing to die for YOU... Can't get any more valuable than the Son of God loving you that much >>>>>>>>>>

NO MATTER HOW YOU FEEL.

..... (honestly posted from 'the dumps' & not a pulpit! Trusting in "Yet God..")

August 19, 2014 ·

As school begins today (& radio whines about traffic jams), I'm thinking of a sermon that helped explain "Be ye perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect". Which always scared me. Sermon: **Perfect not="without error"**, but **complete for your level**. Example given:

- Kindergartener who can count to 100 is perfect in math at that age, but
- by 3rd grade should be able to multiply by 100.
- 9th grader should be able to do early algebra- multiplying isn't enough.

PARABLE: Our definition of "perfect" / complete grows as we mature... and a TEST determines whether we've become perfect at that level, ready to move to next level

maturing in faith. A simple example of Matt 5:48- not perfect :) But a tool as Jesus keeps His promise of John 14:26... the verse before the famous one about PEACE.

August 20, 2014 at 8:13am · Some book titles, by themselves, touch our thoughts concerning God. Here are 3 found while I sorted thru copies of old "Books & Culture" magazines:

- "A GOD-SIZED VISION; REVIVAL STORIES THAT STRETCH AND STIR", by Hansen & Woodbridge - accounts of classic American revivals from Jonathan Edwards to Billy Graham.
- "GOD HIDES IN PLAIN SIGHT".... a fact given in a title by Dean Nelson. Romans 1:20 for example. "Thru everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God." (20b)
- GOD DOES NOT ENTERTAIN, PLAY "MATCHMAKER", HURRY, DEMAND BLOOD, CURE EVERY ILLNESS, edited by D. Brent Laytham.

No idea of how these books are developed, or even if they follow Bible... but these are very thought provoking titles.

August 20, 2014 at 9:29am ·

Some book titles, by themselves, sound fake- no hint of the treasures within their pages. For such books, I buy many copies to loan or give away.

One is "**BEYOND DEATH'S DOOR**" - written in the late 1970s- long before this current popular film & book interest in Heaven. A cardiologist who not only was an **atheist** but dearly wanted to **STAY** one describes the HELL experiences of people yelling "Save Me!" while Doctor struggled to resuscitate--

so horrible **they never can remember anything at all afterward**. While those with heaven experiences described in detail what they saw. Book by Maurice Rawlings (that I gave ~50 paperback copies of) is finally BACK in print after decades.

August 20, 2014 at 3:09pm ·

We read Jesus's prophecy in Matthew 24, "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold." We nod, thinking of ISIS & Hamas & other hatred-filled people.....

It SELDOM dawns on us: **Jesus NEVER says that the love of **only NON-Christians will grow cold****..... Do we remember that each violent person

was once a little boy that Christ dearly loved... a person STILL Beloved? John 3:16-17, God did NOT put any nice adjectives in the phrase **"So loved the ____ world"**.

GOD has seen many **Facebook posts praying for horrible evil to befall these persons.....** First Peter 5:8-- Don't let Satan get yet *another* win by convincing YOU to move from *Forgiving Enemies* to "normal". Guard your heart. Ephesians 4:27, Don't give a place to Satan! That means:

Don't let your heart grow cold against people in ISIS, Hamas, etc. And.....
THE ONLY WAY to accomplish this: Asking Jesus to love them through you as you PRAY FOR THEM and, **unlike** Jonah at **Nineveh (present day MOSUL)**, truly hope they'll listen to God.

Jesus answers our fervent prayers in His will (John 14-16). Obviously, logically, prayers that we'll love evil people and reflect Christ with the Holy Spirit's help (2nd Corinthians 3:18) WILL be answered. If we're sincere.

August 20, 2014 at 10:46pm ·

Jesus gave the "command" in Matthew 5: "if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you." Now we KNOW that Jesus was speaking a way that was not literally a command but an emphasized hyperbole... a COMMON teaching method for Jews. Well... Remember this when people start declaring God no longer honors His commands-- despite Matthew 5:17-18; the world hasn't ended, so neither has God's Law, says Jesus.

People try to prove their point by **mockingly** quoting Exodus 21:15,17 incl "He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death" - which Jesus DID REPEAT in Matthew 15:4, beginning with "For God commanded, saying, ...".

Few of us who are not Jews **have been taught: In Jewish tradition**, the justice system WAS followed as established by God--

- (1) It was a shame to parents to bring charges against children,
- (2) so they never really brought a child to the sentencing point,
- (3) so children didn't receive a death sentence. AND...

..... **These scriptures are in the MIDDLE of 35 verses of GOOD- as- we-understand them commands.** (2nd Timothy 3:16, GOD say's they're all good.)

Simple Logic says "we're missing something" to think God stuck a cruel command in the middle of so many laws that demanded kindness among people.

August 21, 2014 at 9:48am ·

Awoke this AM to 2 blasts from smoke detector & blaring electronic voice "Fire! Fire"... and then silence. No problems detected.. It's 4 months old.. Can't find a detector that really works. (Suggestions welcome!)

With heart pounding for 1/2 hr, decided 'gotta get some parable outta this'... sorta a 'Romans 8:28' resolution for the moment's terror. Here 'tis:

We pretty much ignore smoke alarms blasts now **because of so many false alarms for 10 years. 2 Peter 3:4** <EASY PATTERN 234 > "...**scoffers** will come in the last days... saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming?... all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."

THOUGH: These days they scoff too much to even admit to "Creation."

August 21, 2014 at 8:30am ·

Did'ya know? Many commandments can-NOT be obeyed.

Why? Because related to the Temple, which does not Currently exist, hasn't since 70 AD perhaps as God's Way to show Israel that keeping all the Laws to obtain salvation is indeed IMpossible-

Other laws were a sign of covenant between God & The Children of Israel AKA Jews only- **not for Gentiles**- obvious example of circumcision (a great controversy in NT). NO act can earn salvation: Only Jesus's sacrifice on the Cross is sufficient to save us... hence Jesus is THE Savior, not an option. LOGIC: Since Jesus is God (Isaiah 9:6), He's the perfect sacrifice- our deeds can't save.

Yet God wants *everyone* to keep laws "applicable to them" (i.e. depending on if Temple exists or not; on whether person is one of "children of Israel"/Jew or not). HOW DO WE KNOW (besides the obvious, Jesus in Matthew 5:17-19)?.... Exodus 12, esp 19, 48-49 where "stranger" = nonJew, Gentile. Exodus 20:10 the SABBATH 7th day is for Gentiles 'grafted into Israel' (Romans 11) as well as Jews. Lev 16:29, the UPCOMING DAY OF ATONEMENT on Oct 3rd sundown to Oct 4 (Yom Kippur)... see comment.

NO--..... Keeping laws does not "save".

YES--..... God's never said to stop; Jesus said opposite.

LOGIC--- AND...>>>

..... when we dearly love our earthly Dad, **we try to do what he likes**. SO When we dearly love our Heavenly Father-- *DO we? Really, now >>>* **What's the harm** in obeying commands we **can**? Even though they're not "the way to heaven"? Even if doing so is "a sacrifice" to our pleasure? ... to SHOW love to our heavenly Father who clearly says in His Bible what He likes?....

WHY DO WE REBEL so we can keep our sausage & Pepperoni pizza and our beloved shrimp and crab dip and "BACON BACON" (TV commercial) **???**

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HUMOR - MIRACLE August 22, 2014 at 5:53am ·

A rough 24 hours for sleeping. Today's 4 AM Cardiac Exercise = a huge bat in the bedroom. Not the baseball kind.

We figure it came into garage & thru inner house door while we loaded trash- 2 days ago; it hid well til making a run for the window by my head at 4 A.M.

My husband got the broom, I got a sweatshirt & flashlight.
I snuck over to window & lowered top.

After a lot of bat flying in that 10 x 10 bedroom, we stopped to pray!

Bat got *almost* out- then was "stuck" in space between window panels.

My sweet husband gently guided it up & out. And we prayed thanks which I'm sure God understood despite our laughter. >>

THIS IS SO COOL: Even in our small house, there are plenty of hiding places- EXCEPT in this one room. **AND: Of all windows in our house, ONLY this one had a half screen on bottom with escape route on top.** Our sweet LORD gently guided his creature into the one place where it could get out unharmed. Oh... praise Him...!

August 23, 2014 ·

"FIRST INSTANCE" is a common, detailed study method by Jews pouring thru God's Word in the TORAH (first 5 books). Why? Repeated studies show the first time God mentions something, it seems especially significant.

FIRST INSTANCE of the Hebrew word 'ahab (Strong's H157) which is translated into English as "LOVE" in NKJV (or the similar "lovest" in KJV) is here: ..."Then GOD said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

NOT UNTIL Genesis 22:2 is **LOVE** mentioned.... **FIRST INSTANCE.**

**** And it's in context with the history that God Almighty paralleled after preparing us with Isaiah 9:6... in sacrificing HIS Beloved Son, Jesus.... as an offering that saves us who accept Him. WOW.**

August 24, 2014 at 4:53pm ·

PARABLE

Relaxing in front of PBS movie BLACK STALLION, happily remembering one of the H.S./College Age S.S. Class's favorite lessons I taught. It was about... PARABLE of **"Evangelism."** SCENE:

- A terrified huge horse is starving on the rocky island after a shipwreck.
- Alec gathers underwater seaweed & gently, patiently draws the horse that's been badly beaten all its life to slowly start trusting that this boy REALLY cares....

Much gentle patience is needed to draw to Jesus persons who have been "badly beaten all their lives" by religious people using Christ's Name.

But- unlike Alec who had to guess how to show love to a scared horse- WE have God's promised **wisdom** for **how** to speak... & **when** not speak... to show God's Love.

25 August 2014 COMMENT.

Thru James 4:7-8, God CLEARLY gives us a **one-step answer when Satan tries** to terrify us like a skin-ripping wild cat, as 1 Peter 3:8 describes: **RUN TO GOD!**

August 25, 2014 at 10:13am ·

I am experienced & skillful in crocheting... but occasionally find a pattern I must struggle to "work through" & figure out, with some ripping out and re-work 'til I understand pattern. When I get bored with SUDOKU brain exercises, I get algebra tests off H.S. math internet sites. Sometimes a Q is so hard for me that I struggle to work it for a week, study examples, even ask a H.S. teacher's help. WE UNDERSTAND "work through" and "work it"... common expressions.

So why are we so confused by Philemon 2:12, which in English usually is translated "work out your own salvation" ?? This does NOT mean we work FOR salvation. The Greek word for "work out" is katergazomai-- It has 2 roots: kata (toward) & ergazomai (to work, labour, do work -- remember ergonomics?!). EASIEST

EXAMPLE: 1 Peter 3:15b - "always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you."

..... How do we prepare? We WORK THROUGH our story to share: (1) pray for wisdom, (2) organize our words, (3) study to find relevant words from God, and (4) practice sharing in front of mirror and other people.

..... TOWARD (kata) our goal of sharing our Hope, we WORK THROUGH (ergazomai). The work is *not* done to earn salvation, but to prepare toward a goal. We CAN'T earn salvation--- God said this Way back in Jeremiah 2:22 (PATTERN): God clearly said it's impossible to cleanse ourselves EVEN with acid (lye / potash) and soap; we need a Savior to cleanse us from our sins to be saved.

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August 26, 2014 at 9:29am ·

We have a Royal Empress trees (AKA Princess tree) by front porch-- fastest growing tree in world, with leaves so big that Adam & Eve could've used 'em. In fall, leaves often curl inward like a scroll as they dry. Must've had wind last night: Looked on deck this AM & was startled to see a large squirrel dead on its back with feet up... until I walked closer & realized ahha... just a leaf.... It's a pleasure to realize that something you thought dead or with ebbing life is really alive....

It was, still is, so amazing how the LORD brought into my years of pretty solid faith in Him a JOY that truly can't be described. WHAT HAPPENED?

- (1) **The LORD guided me to "accidentally" find a tiny old book, "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence. Instead of talking to ourselves: Talk to GOD through the day.**

- (2) I'm convinced the deep joy began when I became convinced of the **need to pray humbly, on my knees, for longer than a few minutes, and sometimes silently.... Listening.**

..... shared *not* as a 'brag' but as an encouragement of the JOY of First Thessalonians 5:17... pray always. And the Peace Beyond Understanding.

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August 26, 2014 at 8:29pm ·

'They' scrubbed down the whole gym yest. Today the smell + basketball court echoes suddenly reminded me of my college Karate class. Passed the test for green (3rd) belt, up to the final point of The Cinder Block. Instructor said, "You shouldn't try if you don't THINK you can; **success depends on believing!**" My mind responded to my hands, "*So exactly WHEN do you expect to be attacked by a vicious board that you'll need to split?*"..... My yellow belt is still hanging in full sight each time I enter the closet-- reminding me:

..... **In Karate, I fight alone.**

..... **In Christ, I fight having the Creator of the universe fighting at my side.**

When you think about it-- these really are unfair fights that God describes through Ephesians 6:12 against actual rulers of the darkness & spiritual hosts of wickedness--> unfair to the enemies...

Because we have God's weapons (Ephesians 6:10-18) and empowering (3:20) on our side when we Ask God's help in this battle for Truth & God's Glory (3:21).

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August 26, 2014 at 9:32pm ·

Photo: Why do you think pastors are afraid to preach what the Bible says about controversial political issues?

POST: Churches should decide NOW to discuss & vote within their administrative councils / deacon meetings to present to congregations a vote on this: If the government decides to withdraw non-profit status (& ability to deduct donations on 1040-Schedule A) from any church that honestly discusses govt-related matters, **this** church will choose to TRUST God and give up non-profit status.".... We church leaders need to **plan ahead like chess players** to be ready-- **for we know the question is coming.**

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August 27, 2014 at 10:17am ·

- "God loves you" is TRUE as a sentence alone--- **But people need to hear the full sentence with another 3 words, "...NO MATTER WHAT."**
- **"God FORGIVES you" is FALSE as a sentence alone, because people need to hear the full sentence with another 3 words, "... IF YOU**

REPENT." ___ Repent, defined as "to change one's mind" about it being OK, sorrowful for your wrong: NO forgiveness until you

1. admit guilt,
2. fervently yearn to not repeat sin; and
3. STOP doing it.

..... **This is why some churches are leading some people to DEATH FOREVER-- by telling them "God loves you anyway" (TRUE!) but NOT sharing God's warnings.**

And yes, God SHALL hold every such church & church leader accountable - EZEKIEL 33 warning to Preach Warnings or suffer SAME death.... Revelation 2 & 3 give examples. Ezekiel 3:16-18 (Bible Reference 3:16 paralleling God's LOVE of John 3:16-18, need all 3 verses for Complete Truth) warns with Love:

"and give them warning from Me: 18 When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.

..... Ezekiel 14

Not every promise of God is a "happy" one, as with LOVE God warns people who won't repent.

- Vs 7 includes Gentiles-- ALL "who separates himself from Me".
- "when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it..." -
- Verse 13's promise says "A" land; a warning for the USA too.

God even gives an example by specifying that NOAH & JOB WERE REAL -- verses 14 AND 20 (and in Hebrew, repeating anything means EMPHASIZED).

.... Our God who Truthfully declares "I love you" and weeps over cities full of sinful people [see end of Jonah & Matthew 23] concludes: " ' I have done nothing without cause...." Because God is also The God of **mercy** yet **Justice**.

August 27, 2014 at 6:19pm

What is done with little babies' bodies, not-yet born children murdered usually because "inconvenient" to idols of "Me" lifestyle & personal plans? They're burned in an incinerator.....

God was furious at His children of Israel because they mixed with the non-believing people of the lands in trying to worship both Him and **the horrific practices of the others-- including " they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods."** Deuteronomy 12:31. WHY? Thinking to get financial gain, blessings from fake gods.

..... People who blame God for killing idol worshiping residents of lands do not realize: THIS is a very loving reason-- to stop the burning of their babies & other evils against people. Watch out, America. God withdrew His hand of protection from Israel

REPEATEDLY to teach them to turn back to His compassionate Laws. (See Ezekiel 14 post below.)

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August 27, 2014 at 11:50pm ·

Need to watch Joyce Meyer's good "Pity Party" sermon again, I guess (a few times). Back in that miry quandary:

If God likes it wouldn't God bless it so if God doesn't bless it does that mean I should stop it but suppose God's just waiting to see if I am willing to do it in the hope that God will bless it even with no sign that God might ... bless it.....

One would think that one's mind would be unable to spin so fast in a miry quandary! :}

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POST August 28, 2014 at 11:34am ·

Do you pray for the nation... or assume your little prayers can't do much?

Do you pray for your CITY, your town, your neighbors ... or assume.....

Elijah whined to God as if thinking "only I am left to serve You."

God declared to Elijah, "I have 7,000 you don't know about" (1 Kings 19)

Nehemiah grieved when he saw the broken city of Jerusalem where The LORD was no longer worshiped "and mourned for many days... fasting & praying before the God of heaven" (Neh 1:4). Encouraging words from Pastor Aoexey Ledyaez of Riga, Latvia last night down into VA at Strong Tower Ministries, with the crowd eagerly waiting for each sentence thru the translator:

"DO WE **SEE** THE SLIPPING-WALLS CHURCH AND WEEP, GRIEVED?
DO WE **WEEP**, FAST, BEG GOD'S STRENGTH working toward HIS work >
Zech. 4:6 famous "'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,'
Says the LORD of hosts." ??

DO WE **KEEP** WORKING DESPITE OPPOSITION & MOCKING?"

<my addition> **or DO WE SLEEP LAZY?**

"O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of YOUR Great Mercies. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

-- Daniel 9: 17-18. Psalm 122: 6a: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem"

..... Psalm 122: 6b: "May they prosper who love you."

August 28, 2014 at 1:36pm ·

song YOU ARE NEVER ALONE, you are never "just one" (restaurant Q). Free audio MP3 link >> <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/.../YouAreNeverAlone10-9-12jk...>
-- Free music sheets @safe site (click FOLLOW LINK) at BOTTOM of >
<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2013.php>

August 30, 2014 at 9:13am

Which one of these Words when Jesus answered direct Q as being a "sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age" (Matthew 24) is ****NOT* happening?** >
6,7- Wars among nations,
7- famines, pestilences, "earthquakes in various places" - the "beginning of sorrows"? Anyone remember 30 yrs ago, plenty of earthquakes already? -
13-14, Jesus said "this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in ALL the world as a witness to all the nations..."

..... Answer: EVERY ONE of Jesus's prophecies is being fulfilled as you read. We should be EXCITED! (And reminded to stop wasting our gift of Time in the name of 'recreation' so much... to URGENTLY pray & share His Gospel) > And just LOOK AT OUR TECHNOLOGY!... We have been GIFTED by God not just for "fun" but with TOOLS to share His Word! We can take tiny tablets with MiFi internet into any city or field & pull up dozens of Bible versions, subject references....

LINK: <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2013.php>

.... One of God's song gifts thru me is **TELESCOPIC EVIDENCE OF GOD** shares my firm conviction: God is deliberately, now- in the 20th & 21st century, rapidly expanding evidences that He is real with new technologies "to see My creation, guide archeologists to find evidences that what the Bible teaches was right despite centuries of opinions that people just "made up" its history because no one could find "proof". SONG THEME:

..... "In these Latter Days, God seems to say, **"I'll AMAZE human brains with all My Creation: Things they've not yet seen: Microscopes and telescopes.... Tools to see more. Computers, math, satellites... God is Expanding Our Knowledge!"**
"The evidence described in Romans 1 is growing proof that God created what we see --- and all that's hidden, too."

With background bits from the public domain song, *"This Is My Father's World."*

August 31, 2014 at 11:58pm ·

2 Timothy 2. 17 "And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, 18 who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some." **PHOTO SAYS:**
Satan is **not fighting** churches;

He is joining them.

He does more harm by sowing tares than by pulling up wheat.

He accomplishes more by imitation than by outright opposition.

PHOTO SHOWS: a wolf-face-and-ears on white animal shaped like and with tail like a sheep... standing in the **calm** and un-alarmed herd of sheep.

September 1, 2014 at 10:12am ·

How do we dishonor LORD God?... = reason for David/Goliath the Palestinian story + story of Elijah/850 false prophets (whose worship included throwing babies onto altars of fire). 2nd COMMON LINK of the 2, related to today's times: REJECTING GOD'S WORD aka Commandments. 1 Samuel 15:13-- King Saul declared he was obeying God; when confronted, blamed people God gave him to be Leader of (vs 20). WHY did God Reject Saul? Vs 11- " ...has not performed My commandments." ...

..... **1st King 18, WHY did God Reject Ahab? Vs 18- "you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD." ...**

John 15, Jesus said, " I have kept My Father's commandments." WHY would Jesus reject us (you, me) as friends? Vs 14, "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you." REMEMBERING of course that Jesus IS God - John 10:30, Isaiah 9:6.

God's AMAZING GRACE forgives us when we sin & humbly repent. But see Matthew 5:17-19. LOGIC: God's Law DEFINES what a sin IS. To the woman Jesus saved from being stoned & to a man He healed, He said "Go and sin no more" referring to deliberate sin- "iniquity"- no excuses allowed by God (John 5:14, 8:11).

A world without Law is Anarchy... Satan's Joy: Defiance of & DISHONOR TO our LORD God whose Laws are Gifts- Matt 11:29-30. God's Law endures as long as this world does. JESUS ain't no liar. Titus 1:2 & Numbers 23:19, for anyone who really wants a couple of Bible refs for that Logic.

September 1, 2014 at 1:05pm · PHOTO of Albert Einstein with this quote:

"As a child I received instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene. No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth if filled with such life." – Albert Einstein, SATURDAY EVENING POST, October 26, 1929..... >> **My Post:**

I researched 1929 source. *Don't believe what you see on any poster as "proof" it is accurate.* See comments for info. SUMMARY: Yes, does reflect Einstein's words. >>

MY COMMENTS: (1) I'm not going to believe something just because a poster quotes a reference-- so I looked it up. couldn't find 1929 issue online but here is S.E. Post's 2010 summary of 1929 interview that very much reflects the same THOUGH above quote wasn't presented as one paragraph. Longer quote of Einstein: QUOTED:

"Practically, I am nevertheless, compelled to act as if freedom of the will existed. If I wish to live in a civilized community, I must act as if man is a responsible being."

MY COMMENT: (2) Somehow, despite all his genius, Einstein's quotes indicate that he didn't catch the truth that although God gifts to humans free will, nevertheless God DOES hold each human to Einstein's description: " man is a responsible being." That's entire message of full Bible. First John 1:8 is good start: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

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COMMENT BY 2010 WRITER Jeff Nilsson in 3/20/2010 recap of the 1929 interview >>
He never expressed any belief in a personal God, but he believed in the historical Jesus — not the popularized prophet such as appeared in a best-selling biography by Emil Ludwig.

1929 interview article QUOTED: "Ludwig's Jesus," Einstein replied, "is shallow. Jesus is too colossal for the pen of phrasemongers, however artful. No man can dispose of Christianity with a bon mot."
<witty remark or joke>

"You accept the historical existence of Jesus?"

"Unquestionably. No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life. How different, for instance, is the impression which we receive from an account of legendary heroes of antiquity like Theseus. Theseus and other heroes of his type lack the authentic vitality of Jesus." ----

LINK to original 1929 **INTERVIEW with Albert Einstein**

<http://www.saturdayeveningpost.com/2010/03/20/history/post-perspective/imagination-important-knowledge.html>

September 1, 2014 at 7:37pm ·

Astonishing how many are entangled into "Replacement Theology" unBiblical concept ("God replaced Jews with Christians"). **WHAT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND** about Romans 11: 1 and 2a. Paul: "I say then, has God cast away His people? **Certainly not!** For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. **God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew...."**

SO many of God's Words show that Replacement Theory -- used by the church in ancient history that **ALSO killed anyone who put scriptures in the modern language** so people could READ this LIE.

Romans 11 brings Joy to Gentiles.

We're wrong in using terms "Jews" & "Christians" as if the 2 sets of worshipers for LORD YHWH are separate.

Christians (little Christs) are either '*Jewish* Christians' or '*Gentile* Christians' once they're **Followers of Christ**, THE Way (Acts 9:2).

Let's start teaching this instead of throwing a name-calling wall of "Christian" in front of seeking Jews who are studying about Yeshua/ Jesus ... seeking God's Promised Messiah who can save them.

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September 2, 2014 ·

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

I co-taught a high school / college age Sunday School class with an ivy league type college's math professor. At one point in a lesson on Romans 1:19-20, I told the youth, "**Scientists believe that...**" After class members left, he kindly told me that **he's** a scientist, but **he** doesn't believe "that" -- & I must be careful to not lump people into groups.

I remember that lesson which I got a lot more than many that I taught... especially about rejecting "group assumptions" such as what I often see on Facebook about "church people".

CONTINUED September 3, 2014 at 11:56am :

The following Sunday, I confessed my error to the class, & even youth that usually lounged on sofas listening & only occasionally inserting very astute observations into discussions sat up & joined in the enthused fast talking.

Each SS Lesson began with a parable (such as playing marbles [Heb 10:25] or a video clip- with CVLI license of course; then the co-teacher's deep Bible studies-- we did *entire* OT up to the middle of minor prophets in 3 yrs, which his research often including asking 2 Jewish professors for input--- & ended with youth discussing my

"SO WHAT? does this have to do with YOU in your little town & H.S???"

We found a lot of **SO WHAT** answers that day!... I still pray including at altar for "my kids" over the years... by name... including that they remember lessons like this one about how God treats us each as individuals, by Name -- Psalm 147. Teaching H.S. & college youth was such a joy, which I dearly miss. I thank our LORD so very often, for honoring me with this fun time with youth for almost 10 yrs.

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September 2, 2014 at 10:12am ·

UNCLEAR ANTECEDENT. As a Technical Writer helping govt scientists write manuals, this was a Really Big Deal. If the User Manual's Step 17 described a Green STANDBY switch and a Red FIRING switch... and then Step 18 said "Turn it on."

Well, **you can imagine the slight panic for a person in training on the real**

board trying to figure out which "it" to turn on- was "it" for Firing a defense weapon?!

UNCLEAR ANTECEDENTS are a **Really Big Deal in God's Bible also.**
Don't take God's Word out of context-- James 1:5, John 14:26-- If you really want to know what God says..... Really are willing to See if your ideas are wrong: Ask Him for wisdom as you study. AND Listen.

September 3, 2014 at 11:53am ·

God treats us each as individuals, by Name. THAT'S why God inspired David to insert that odd 'non sequitur' ['it does not follow'] verse 4 after Psalm 147: **3 >>>**

3 He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by NAME.".....

LOGICAL CONCLUSION: The LORD who created & knows by name far more stars that you see overhead also created & knows YOU by name... as He'd already taught in Psalm 139. Since before your birth.

September 3, 2014 at 8:48pm ·

CREATION HUMOR

It's a safe guess that you don't know that each [nasty little biting] black fly along the seashore contains **6 calories**. Or that each seagull eats about 60 a day when its feast is "in season". I'm always amazed by little science notes like this... thinking on what the world would be like if God hadn't designed a predator who loves these snacks. Just one more tidbit ... (pun intended) ... of Evidence described in Romans 1: 19-20.

Source: "EarthFlight". Romans 1:20 bits: ... Him ... creation of the world ... clearly seen His eternal power & Godhead ... they are without excuse. Edited for 2017 use.

September 4, 2014 ·

Exodus 4:31 - A pattern for us, as we see all the LORD's Love for us. "...When they heard that the Lord was concerned about them & had seen their misery, they bowed down & worshiped." (NIV).

"..... when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel & that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their heads & worshiped." (NKJV).

September 4, 2014 at 1:51pm · **about our son who died mid-way thru pregnancy: Sometimes I think long about Paul Joseph & his *would've-been friend* via my friends: Rose Marie [who died at birth the next year], who also died before normal birth.**

The thoughts slammed me unexpectedly today with radio preacher's words: "It's been said that we'll find there's more children in heaven than persons who grew to be adults." His statistics: Millions die in first months of starvation & poor sanitation, or of the abortion 'holocaust' killing babes. Sermon topic: Disciples' REBUKE = "Get OUTTA here!" when children came to Jesus...

..... reflecting a society that didn't value children (often killed girls to save \$\$), and a RELIGION of Pharisees that thought that-- because people must earn salvation-- thus children are useless to them & YHWH Lord God.... ignoring the Torah & Writings like Psalm 139 and 127:3 -> "Children are an heritage of the LORD: & the fruit of the womb is his reward." I used to dream about Paul & wake up laughing... Although he died before birth, I'd "see" him with such light brown hair that I'd be dreaming of laughing with my husband that "he must've gotten our mothers' blonde genes! Sometimes I think long about Paul & Rose with a smile, **imagining them & children as far as the 'eye' can see playing games in a green grassy field, running around the One who said "LET the little children COME to Me!"**

PHOTO CREDIT: a clip of "In the Arms of Joseph" by Simon Dewey via altusfineart.com/home/afa/smartlist_108/in_the_arms_of_joseph.html

September 5, 2014 at 10:42am ·

TWO INTERESTING FACTS THAT FIT TOGETHER:

- (1) "Although Jews make up only 0.2 percent of the world's population, they win an astonishing 22 percent of Nobel Prizes." - [which benefit many peoples] - Jewish Journal, 9 Oct 2013 ...
- (2) YHWH LORD God speaking to Abraham re Israel: Genesis 12:2-3a, "I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you;.." That 22% of Nobel Prizes (850+) benefits MANY peoples of many nations.

September 5, 2014 at 4:47pm ·

Absolutely Loved BIKE WEEK near Daytona a couple of yrs back.. walked around looking at 100s of MOTORCYCLE bikes, fun talking w people & chatting re tats;} Today, was delighted to see a VA biker go by in leather jacket with cross & words "Sons **and Daughters** of Thunder"... This post= another example: Anything we do can literally be used for God's Glory- IF we ask His help & Follow... Eph 3:20-21. Even words on the back of leather jackets seen by 100s of drivers most days.

September 5, 2014 at 11:50pm ·

Amazing how many people think the Bible is old-fashioned & irrelevant today. Isaiah 5:20-

- "Woe to those who call evil good, & good evil;
- Who substitute darkness for light & light for darkness;
- Who substitute bitter for sweet & sweet for bitter!" - NASB.

People love to quote Jesus's **Beatitudes**... but not all those times He said "WOE!" - like Matt 18:7 > "**Woe** to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but **woe** to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!

September 6, 2014 at 10:52am ·

In this season of plenteous acorns & nuts in woods, I finally found a feeder to better 'feed the Birds and / not the Squirrels'. Only problem: Even if you keep your hand around open grating as you refill it, many seeds fall to ground. My daughter's solution for hers was good: Just refill over the bag. But her bag's by her front door; mine is the length of the house away. I'm not 'into' vacuuming. So... It was really cool when I suddenly remembered (a John 14:26 event gift?!) God's welfare system exemplified in Ruth-- Lev. 19:10 - farmers had to leave whatever food they didn't glean the first time around the field so poor people could work to get food.... And I've found delight in seeing that doves come under the feeder to get spilled seed... peacefully beside the grounded squirrels.

..... Yet, though Lev 19:10 often is quoted along with 2nd Thess. 3:10,12 by people arguing against today's welfare system ("if any would not work, neither should he eat"), this too is God's Word as we remember... not everyone lived near a farm where they could glean; not everyone has yet found a job though they've searched hard:

..... "He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker -- But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy." - Proverbs 14:31, words spoken thru a man to US by LORD YHWH Jehovah Jireh, our Provider who calls us to join in His acts of Love. Micah 6:8, "...and what does the LORD require of you > But to do Justly, To love Mercy, And to walk Humbly with your God?"

September 7, 2014 at 11:54pm · PHOTO: Israel Embassy entrance with this caption (and photo is NOT fake- was in many sources)...

U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel raised a rainbow flag beside the American flag to celebrate gay pride week for LGBT. MY COMMENT with photo:

Not one church mentioned this.

Bible studies are great... but APPLICATION to the 21st Century is essential, too.

Either we believe God's Bible-- or we do NOT.

It's NOT a menu.

2nd Timothy 3:16 ALL Scripture is inspired by God... and since He managed to create the Universe, we can presume that what we don't understand is "on us" and **not** because God was wrong or couldn't control translators!!!

September 7, 2014 at 8:09pm ·

Stan Gerlach was giving a eulogy, telling mourners to accept Jesus so they too will be prepared at any moment-- since they never know when "it" will be. Suddenly Stan collapsed- and died. His family sorrowed, yet joyed in knowing Matthew 10:32-3's promise from Jesus: "...whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven..."

QUOTE by Francis Chan as he tells story on pg 49 of CRAZY LOVE: "One moment, he was at a memorial service saying to a crowd, '*This is who Jesus is!*' The

next, he was before God hearing **Jesus** say, '*This is who Stan Gerlach is*' "Exciting truth!
-- *First Corinthians 15 + "Psalm 49 GRAVE RAISING"* (recorded Summer 2020)

September 7, 2014 at 8:35pm ·

Can you quote First Corinthians 10:13? I joke that it's the Dieter's Promise-- "The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful... When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure" (NLT, same meaning as translations).

But, really... WHATEVER the temptation, it is MUCH easier to remember to truly ask God's help if we remember the inverse verse number that tells us WHY we fight to do what pleases God... 10:31 - "...whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." WHY? To show Love & Honor to your Heavenly Father.

September 8, 2014 at 2:24pm ·

Suggestion for spontaneous songwriting as you worship "on the road" -

Always keep an old flute, guitar, etc in the vehicle... or (as I also do :) a Thomas the Train keyboard book so you can plunk out a melody, even simple chords!

September 8, 2014 at 9:14am ·

Don't YOU want someone to become your own friend when you see that person being an ABSOLUTE CARING FRIEND to other people-- even those who cause hurt? ... a related Q: Why is MOSES a friend of God, allowed to see His Glory?

My idea is to link Moses's words to the people in Deut 9:24-25- "You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you. Thus I prostrated myself before the LORD; 40 days & 40 nights I kept prostrating myself, because the LORD had said He would destroy you." -

..... PLUS Exodus 32:30-32 where Moses told YHWH, "if You will, forgive their sin— BUT if not, I pray, blot ME out of Your book which You have written."...//

..... **Surely God LOVED this loving heart of Moses**, caring about **the very people** who caused him such grief. This FRIEND who didn't selfishly accept God's offer to simply destroy the Jewish people (as with Flood) and start over again with the righteous man Moses. (Exodus 32:9-10)

September 8, 2014 at 1:52am ·

A quote from course taught by Rico Cortes at the Quantico Marine Corps base on 30 August: "You talk to a Marine officer and to a king in a respectful way. You don't go demanding stuff and blessings.

Even Muslims & Hindus keep RESPECT for their false gods. But Christians? Many of us DECLARE - DECREE - DEMAND that God do something for US."

September 9, 2014 at 9:06am · NOTE in 2016: LINK has changed to delete "Newsongs". 2013.

LYRICS to "HIDING FROM FIRE" that goes with my last post: Free MP3 link at this SAFE link:
<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/.../Newson.../HidingFromFire.mp3> - Free music sheets in
2nd 1/2 of my site tab: <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2013.php> - "I reached under
that old dresser. Hurt my shoulder, yet kept reaching on. Grabbed their legs. Smoke getting
thick. They kicked me. STILL THEY HID. Beat me, hit at me, and cursed at me. Yelled, "Mind
your own business!" Spit at me. Would not see Death coming....
..... Called me names: "Prejudiced."

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"You will die!" I cried to them. They spat, back, "Leave us the Hell alone....
It's our right to THINK what we want. Go away, we'll think what we want."

4

"Fire is coming!" I cried again. They mocked me: "Leave us the Hell alone....
It's our right to DO what we want. You're prejudiced and just plain wrong.

CHORUS PRAYER

What to do? .. Reality brings sure death when people won't believe.

Do we choose to walk away saying, "Hey we warned you." What do we say?

God, we pray: HELP YOUR CHURCH. God help ME to speak only Truth.

.....Your Church chooses to speak of Your Way, saying

"God's Word warns, WITH LOVE about hell."

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TIME LINE for this song's history - written & on WwW in 16 HOURS -

GOD'S song..... Ephesians 3:20. For HIS glory, Eph 3:21 >>

1. I awoke with the dream exactly as described in this song, even to the antique dresser.

2. At 8:30, I went to gym and wrote the lyrics (all of them) in 1/2 hour on the elliptical machine.

3. At 11:15, I went to the church to pray at the altar as usual -- which I share, not to brag but to
demonstrate the amazing wonders God has done from there. I asked God to give me great
music for this song as yet more EVIDENCE that it is HIM gifting these songs... not me. After
lawhile I got off my knees and walked to the piano... a few moments after I wrote in my journal,
"God, I haven't the SLIGHTEST idea for music for this song."

4. I sat at the piano at 12:05 and finished the song music at 12:30.

5. I came home and recorded all the main musical instrument tracks.... oboe, flute, clavichord,
and of course piano. I typed the music sheet.

6. At 5:30 the professional studio J&T Productions recorded my vocals - singing and scriptures.
Then did mixing. We finished in 90 minutes. Later, some "filler" tracks were added, & Claxton at
Valley Worship & Praise Studio near DC added lively bass & drums.

7. As I posted the song to the World Wide Web, I can truthfully say that GOD answered my
prayers from June 2006 to write songs for HIM, for HIS glory. God provided this -- HIS -- song to
HIS world in **16 hours**. It's beyond me.

NOTE added 9 Sept 2014.... **EVERY song on my website DianaDeeOsborneSongs.com is from GOD... *FAR* beyond my skills.** Read the **ABOUT US** tab to see HIS credits

September 9, 2014 at 8:26am ·

Quirky things keep happening that I ask, "*a parable here?*" This week: Stores near my house didn't have brand salad dressing needed for a recipe, so while on travel, I stopped in a Walmart. A young man & I had just gotten out of our cars when a fire truck roared in. It stopped by food center door.

I joked to this stranger, "Ya suppose we should be worried?" We watched few more minutes. "Well, it IS by the food prep ovens," we joked. He said "Well, I was going to the other side anyway."

We laughed & both went in. But... **Have you seen this attitude?> "I'm saved, my children are saved".. & many Christians shrug-- not *weeping* as Jesus did over **those who refuse to leave their burning lives** (Matthew 23 end).**

September 10, 2014 at 9:04pm ·

A tiny sentence deep in newspaper should '**alarm**' anyone who truly believes God Never Changes: Hebrews 13:8, Malachi 3:6> "For I am the LORD, I do not change..." AND He's made His Actions about specific things quite clear as examples that should warn... We thought we had a few yrs before other ~20 states made America "unanimous". NEWS> "Both sides in the gay marriage debate agree on one thing: It's time for the Supreme Court to settle the matter."

America could become 'Sodom' in weeks.

Even though **JESUS** repeatedly spoke of Sodom as being **REAL--** and **JUDGED.**

Some Christians **try to "explain" God,**

to say that He wasn't judging anything but 'inhospitality' etc. Jude 1:7 makes clear WHAT God judged: "as Sodom & Gomorrah, & the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality & gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Greek (Strong's1608) ekporneuō = "fornication."

September 10, 2014 at 1:56pm ·

Can you quote First Corinthians 10:13? I joke that it's the Dieter's Promise-- "The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is FAITHFUL... When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure" (NLT). But, Really.....

WHATEVER the temptation, it is MUCH easier to remember to truly ask God's help when remembering to invert the verse number.

10:31 tells *WHY* to fight to do what pleases God... 10:31 - "...whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, **do all to the GLORY of God.**" And WHY have that goal? To show Love & Honor to our Heavenly Father Who's done So Much in Love for us.

September 11, 2014 at 8:17am ·

Some years ago, I was a youth leader in a ~100-member touring music group. My main job was to teach the boys their harmony lines for 6+ months before we took a couple of huge buses thru several states on tour. So I had a long time to talk individually with, share ideas, show I cared. One night, there was such a complicated change in schedule that all other adults had taken the other bus's youth and 1/2 of mine into a gym bldg for showers, leaving me on my bus with about a dozen boys age 17-19, most of them sleeping.

Tired, suddenly two *huge* boys started arguing from their ends of the bus. It got heated and each headed toward the other. I jumped up from my seat, got in middle with by-then inches between us, and quickly calmed them down since they respected me.

..... However, one of the *sleeping* boys in the back suddenly awoke from deep sleep as the yelling "sunk in", realized two huge guys were surrounding me. I glanced up just in time to see him Sailing across the back of about 8 seats- some with other boys who'd just been watching- and jump in beside me in the tiny space... ready to fight to protect me.

.... That was a dozen years ago... but after this past 2 weeks of "somehow" hearing *repeated* sermons on radio & in churches ('revival') about how **David was alone fighting Goliath and trusting God**.... this memory flotsam surfaced this morning.

.... When such odd memories arise, I ask "why", ask for wisdom... Does God have a message specially in this? (James 1:5). THIS IS THE MESSAGE, I BELIEVE:

.... YES-- DAVID WAS ALONE with Goliath-- and **God helped him win while alone.** BUT OFTEN GOD SENDS HELP. And... the LORD who sent ravens-- who RAVENously eat anything-- to NOT eat that food but bring it to feed Elijah...

The same LORD can and WILL send you & me help when we cry to Him.

In Hebrew Roots class, I've learned that CRY OUT to your King involves a **LEGAL CONTRACT that means the King must answer and come save his subject... and God never breaks His own Law.** .

September 12, 2014 at 9:29am ·

It's not fun to awaken, glance in the mirror, and instantly think of **Mad Madam Mim** -- Disney character you haven't thought of in so many years that you have to google the movie title: "The Sword in the Stone" :(.. THANK God He GUARANTEES "

For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart*." ...

Thank GOD He PROMISES that if we choose to allow Him, the Holy Spirit will HELP us to reflect Him more & more as we grow in obedience & faith> 2nd Corin 3:18, the theme verse of DiDoReflections .com (Die to Self; DO for Christ, REFLECT God-- all with the Holy Spirit's help. The mirror reflection like MMM doesn't hurt so much when we think on the joy of growing in Love with our Loving LORD.

* 1st Samuel 16:7b quoted above... starts: "But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature....." A comfort for us when we feel like we're ugly. A WARNING for us when we proudly think we look better than someone Else.

September 13, 2014 at 1:12am ·

"CHAOS THEORY is the branch of mathematics that attempts to account for the fact that many systems are not successfully described by the linear equations used in traditional math and physics. The 'chaos' in Chaos Theory doesn't mean messy or disorganized; it just means non-linear and, hence, **virtually impossible to predict**"... *END QUOTE*. [Examples weather, pool table ricochets, Butterfly Effect from tiny decimal rounding error]...

QUOTE, continued: "Many important systems are now thought to be nonlinear. For example, the evolution of life on Earth may be such a system. A tiny change in, say, the percentage of oxygen in the atmosphere a billion years ago might have resulted in an unrecognizably different collection of living creatures today." -SOURCE: Daily Dose of Knowledge, pg 31, West Side Publishing.

..... **OBVIOUS APPLICATION** of Chaos Theory: Considering how much weather affects everything & has changed in only 100 years,

FOR EVOLUTION THEORY: how can mathematicians **extrapolate conditions across centuries that would affect carbon content / carbon dating?** LOGICAL ANSWER: THEY CANNOT.

Even peoples across the world who don't believe in God recognize that a huge flood happened-- based on 'empty' layers with no artifacts in once-populated and later-populated areas. **Weather including floods alone mess up the linear math presumptions of carbon dating extrapolations based on today's math.**

September 14, 2014 at 7:14am ·

CAT PARABLE

My daughter's fluffy Maine Coon cat Melee (which she pronounced "mel-LAY", sounding French-ishly pretty) kept being bullied by her other cats. So she brought it to me. **Like many BULLY victims, Melee turned Aggressor, to my cats.** My daughter was pretty annoyed that I agreed to adoption on one condition: ***I'd rename cat Emily.***

I informed the cat that her old name meant "fighting", and her new name had happy meaning: to Strive Or Excel... Now, of course, any parable loses

a bit here--- no way any cat changes her behavior with a new name. BUT... ahaa, back to "So What?" mode>>

.... Hebrew Roots class teaches that **ADOPTION is "solidified" when the new father NAMES the child.** The child is then HIS.. and NO adopted child can EVER be disinherited in the LORD's Law, Torah (aka Old Testament first 5 bks)... ALSO in the Code of Hammurabi-- Gentile set of laws in the ancient Near East. If the child later leaves: If the child returns, he MUST be accepted back. The "real father" has NO claim on the child while the adopting father lives.

..... **Thus when Pharaoh's daughter NAMED Moses, he forever was part of royal family** (until Moses choose to leave that family & left for the desert).

When Jesus was NAMED by Joseph, he was officially Joseph's child... and notice that God did not publicly, vocally NAME Jesus as His Son until Jesus's baptism-- a time period by which scholars are certain adoptive father Joseph was deceased.

..... SO WHAT to YOU? IT'S EXCITING! Now read verses like Galatians 4:5 and Ephesians 1:5 with THIS Joy!... **God CANNOT break His own Laws (e.g. seen in Numbers 23:20). Thus... He can NOT abandon you... LEGALLY, By His Own Law! Hebrews 13:5. BUT >> but.....**

Our Loving LORD gives you free will to choose *to abandon Him as Moses did to Pharaoh's daughter.*

By the way: God had great plans to give YOU joy, before your birth (Jeremiah 29:11-14, Psalm 139) .. Obviously including knowing your name... See a cool subtle hint in Psalm 147 where He inspired the Psalmist to *suddenly* insert an odd fact: That He knows each star's name. And... have you ever wondered-- How did my parents think up my name???..... Some by dream, some by Divine Inspiration....

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September 14, 2014 at 8:38pm ·

While reading "The Physics of Star Trek", I've been thinking of a realistic original episode: The Enemy can read minds & puts constant hallucinations into the crew's heads, based on what most terrifies each. (I empathize with the Bug World one!)

WHY? Just because the Enemy enjoys & feeds off fear. CAPTAIN KIRK'S SOLUTION: Order everyone to LAUGH at the alien...Refuse to accept feelings of fears. We too have an Enemy, says Jesus: John 8:44, 10:10.

. Satan who loves to put in our heads the fear that we cannot trust God (Genesis 3:1) & are on our own. GOD'S Solution ~the same: 2 steps in James 4:7-8. Refuse Lying Thoughts & Run to God whose power Mocks our Enemy. God Whose LOVE for

you conquers the Fake Fears.

September 15, 2014 at 8:43am ·

I've sorta-watched "Most Wonderful Time of the Year" at least 150x. My relaxing go-to-sleep movie; an insomnia cure- I awaken thru the night w/o "white noise". Laughed a THANKS! to God this AM as I woke realizing that I'd zonked out before the 3rd scene ended. But- after 150x- I "saw" mistake for first time: Morgan hands Henry Winkler's character his airplane ticket, but moments later at the gate, Morgan pulls BOTH tickets out of his own pocket. Oops. // I've had same AHA! moment often reading scriptures- praying "Why did I never see this before?" And I had it mid-June 2014:

After 30 yrs- praying hard on my 12 hrs-"alone" trip to Music Festival 1: I dearly DEARLY love Father God. WHAT'S SO HARD about just doing anything I can that He's already said He likes? Even tho obeying the Law doesn't 'earn heaven' & only accepting Jesus's gift does-- which SHOULD make me want all the more to give my life gift BACK to Him.... in loving Thanks.

One scripture explanation is Hebrews 9-- especially 22a and 27-28 (Judgment for each of us; salvation for those who accept Him as LORD, also Romans 10 esp 9). Rico Cortes teaches (see post 9/14) that HEBREWS is about only ONE DAY - THE DAY OF ATONEMENT, which is days away- sundown Oct 3 to sundown Oct 4. As First John 1 says... focusing on & sorrowing for our sins... grieving & asking forgiveness. AND RECEIVING Jesus's Gift Payment of Blood for our sins... Hebrews 9:22.

..... **so what's so hard about seeking to show God loving thanks** by doing what God wants-- which Jesus already said is easy ("My Burden/Law is Light- Matt 11:30)? Besides, SCIENCE is increasingly showing the Law to be for our good (like shellfish cleaning our waters, occasional fasts + resting 1 day a week great for our bodies, fallow fields 1 year of each 7 great for our ecology....!

September 15, 2014 at 3:40pm ·

PHOTO: Human eye with collage inside.

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him" (NLT). HEAVEN'S JOY.

Look close into Green eye to see birds, ocean waves at the beach, more in overlay composition. EVIDENCES OF MORE IN LIFE.

<http://www.pinterest.com/DianaDee.../evidences-of-more-in-life/> - also Isaiah 64:4 promise from God that applies to the RAPTURE of those who LOVE the Lord - see 1 Corinthians 15, Matthew 24.

September 15, 2014 at 4:47pm ·

As we watch news about actions taken against Christians who STAND against politically correct "modifications" of God's Truth- "Tolerance" ...Let's never forget History, incl in other countries-- Like when people who loved God & dared translate God's Word into the common people's language were Threatened, Beaten, often Killed after being accused as Traitor to God...

by some leaders who read Jesus's command in Matt 28:19-20, to teach His Truth, Word to the World. People today don't seem to realize: Being a HERETIC can be a very GOOD thing in God's eyes! Even if, sadly, in a specific church family's eyes. May we each STAND in His Truth & promised wisdom (James 1:5)...

even when people call us **Heretic: "A person HOLDING a belief that is at odds with what is generally accepted."** **Jeremiah 16:19 INCLUDING what has been taught to us for centuries in churches. That's GOD's wording for Gentiles.**

September 15, 2014 at 9:39am ·

PHOTO OF JESUS PULLING OUT WHIP AND OVERTURNING TABLES.

I *love* this! - John 2:15, **this was no unplanned "temper tantrum"** as some people (Christians) claim-- **Jesus took time to MAKE "a whip of cords."**...

An AHA! moment in my Bible studying! REMINDER: By definition, Jesus was a Heretic. He didn't go along with synagogue (church) leaders' wrong opinions of God's Truth.

September 16, 2014 at 8:44pm ·

PHOTO **Israel's** memorial (in Israel) for America re 9/11 terror attacks on our country.....

Acquaintances share a few quick words to say "I'm sorry you were hurt". Friends grieve with you & try to find ways to comfort you. Time for America's leaders (of ANY party) to recognize & confirm **who's a friend..... and who is Not.**

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September 16, 2014 ·

Awoke VERY cold this AM, even under blankets. Caught myself mid-gripe, remembering at least "under a roof", unlike dozens of people a few miles away. Unlike 1000s & 1000s an ocean away who are fleeing for their lives... where "lucky ones" have a tent.. or maybe a box.

My next thought: Jesus's warning to "pray ahead" for the End Times (literally): "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' [Daniel 11:31; 12:11]... then let

those who are in Judea [a REGION, not just city] flee to the mountains....And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath." -Matthew 24.

We who don't live there are NOT "off the hook" in God's eyes re praying: Psalm 122:6 is a COMMAND that God inspired the Psalmist to write for us in 21st century: Pray for His people's peace.

September 17, 2014 ·

As I walked into the busy Insurance office to pay my 6-month bill, the receptionist looked up & immediately said "Hello Mrs. Osborne! We take Amex now." I was surprised that someone I barely remember had remembered not only me but a Q I'd asked 6 months ago. I'm torn between pleasure at being known in a big company and concern--

Was I nice before? Or was I impatient & That's why she remembers me?? Lord, help me truly reflect Jesus even in the 'bitty' moments of my life... and I assuredly need Your help to reflect You accurately-- 2nd Corinthians 3:18.

September 17, 2014 at 8:26am · ARTICLE saying our Time Scale is a guess.

IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER: <http://creation.com/Did-god-create-over-billions-of-years> -

ARTICLE TITLE: Did God Create Over Billions of Years? QUOTE: *The timescale in and of itself is not the important issue. So why does <we> emphasize it? It's important because the issue ultimately **comes down to, "Does the Bible actually mean what it plainly says?"** It therefore goes to the heart of the trustworthiness of Scripture. As such, compromising with long ages also **severely undermines the whole Gospel message**, thus creating crises of faith for many as well as huge problems with evangelism.*

MY POST:

Exactly: Death came AFTER Genesis 3's repeated **lies** about God's Word & Truthfulness. If you ever want to hear defensive- heated- long- circular- illogical- out of Bible Context conversations---- mention this link's info to **Christians who firmly believe human theories of evolution** that call God's inspired (2nd Tim. 3:16) Bible Word "an allegory", NOT literal....They WILL mockingly quote *out of context* (see it below*) 2nd Peter 3:8, "Well one day is a 1000 years to God..." .. WHICH of course Satan LOVES, because it makes God's people quit thinking about rushing to serve Him & share His Gospel (Matt 28 End) before it's too late....

..... MATH: **There were ~4000 yrs before Christ, about 2000 yrs after-- so, Hey, we're only a few human years away from GOD's 7th day "MILLENNIAL REST"...** when He locks up Satan for 1,000 years (see Revelation 20). **(Another reason Satan loves humans changing the "Sabbath Day": So few people SEE this** -- besides which it drives away God's Commandments- following Jews from respecting Christ, based on what Christians say & History did.) IMPT- 1st Corinthians 15 to the end (Pun Intended:}... AND don't miss verse 21, "...since by man came death..."

..... * And now for the CONTEXT of 2nd Peter 3:8's "1,000 years" verse-- It's NO WONDER Satan joys in deceiving Christians here. **Entire Chapter 2 warns "false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies"**. THEN Chapter 3 warns that "scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?" SOUND FAMILIAR?

..... "They willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

BY GOD'S GRACE & MERCY, Jesus has not yet returned as describe in Matthew 24, 1st Corin 15, and more. If you knew you were going to die in one day, what would you do differently? ... KNOWING that people around you will die forever to the Hell JESUS describes in MULTIPLE verses as "wailing, weeping & Gnashing of teeth" etc (see link) IN ONLY A FEW HOURS MAYBE of God's Time.... what will you do differently today, this week, this month.....???????

September 17, 2014 at 4:43pm ·

Sometimes a single word doesn't translate well into a single word. Example from Titus 1:9, God's command for each church leader to be: "...holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict." ...

Last word in Greek = Strong's G483 - antilegō "to gainsay". I have good vocab- but not of that word. Looked it up:

God is telling church leaders to ENCOURAGE (exhort) & CONVICT (tell them they're wrong vs God's Word) ALL who gainsay/ oppose someone (like Christ) = decline to obey him, declare one's self against him if not agreeing with Christ.... In 21st century: God does NOT say to tolerantly understand the feelings of those who oppose His clear Words like 1st Corinthians 6:9-11.

September 18, 2014 at 2:08pm ·

First Peter 5:8, Satan is a ROARING LION seeking who he can devour... yearning to destroy, kill forever YOU, according to Jesus - John 10:10. We've seen how Satan is training up his own helpers in Fighting God's Truth & people. <John 8:44,

Satan has children too.

Jesus told Pharisees so, about themselves.... >>>

September 18, 2014 at 7:51am ·

A dozen tall people in dark Halloween-ish dress were standing outside the door. I only saw one when I peeked thru window, though. WHY was I not cautious? My cat meowing at door would've gone back under parked car til later.

But no... I had to open not only the door but slightly opened screen door to let Samson in. And of course the scary men tried to get in. My heart was racing as I awoke & made myself instantly "finish the dream" ->

God gave me strength to shut & bolt the door against Evil in time! **But I was really... REALLY stupid to not Be Alert... Cautious.... 1st Peter 5:8** - Be VIGILANT; Satan seeks to enter cracks you allow. Proverbs 4:23, "Above all else, guard your heart..." (NIV). "Keep thy heart with all diligence" (KJV).

September 19, 2014 at 10:17pm ·

After working on music til 3:40 this AM, the poor alarm clock got a workout at 7:30. But Mom's call not only fully awoke me... it fully encouraged me. She tells me God will work out things and it's ok when I'm not seeing hoped-for results on anything. If I've made mistakes & never shared details, somehow she still has the right words...

Lifting Words from people like Mom & 'the Cathys & Alices & Michelles & etc" whom God has gifted to be part of my life really help thru dark thoughts... exactly the way God has called us to be:

Supporting each other. Not gossiping. Not preaching. Not ignoring hurtful things that should be changed-- yet not being critical in speaking... Ephesians 4:15-16, Truth In Love, joined & knit together. Thank y'all.

September 19, 2014 at 10:57am · PHOTO:

**People will NOT be in Hell because God did not WANT them,
but because THEY did not want GOD.**

SAD words-- for God who loves us SO much... **"They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things..."** - Psalm 106: 21 (& all history in Psalms 105-7):

"Oh, that men would give thanks to The LORD for His goodness... Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted... Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He SAVED them out of their distresses!

He sent His ****WORD**** and healed them [PROPHECY! See Isaiah 53], And DELIVERED them from their destructions." (in Ps 107). YET GOD... Yet God.... still loves us when we too forget, disRespect Him, act like 18th vs of John 3.... wow....

September 19, 2014 at 3:00am ·

Yesterday: Someone flicked a burning cigarette out a car window while driving past our house. A fire caught. It was heading into trees beside our house. (Anyone ever wonder why it's so hard to light a Kindling-filled woodstove without firestarter but not a forest fire?) Passersby stopped to hold back flames until fire engine arrived. Now: I was

home typing music sheets, did NOT know all this til my husband got home... He'd watched fire by our road from his spot in the line of stopped cars.... I found it interesting to realize that I had, as usual, automatically prayed "for whoever needs help and those who are going to give help" when I heard the siren.

NOT knowing I was praying for ME.

Maybe we'd obey 1st Thessalonians 5:17 more if we remembered that praying constantly also helps us.... Peace etc. when we PRAY CONSTANTLY.

September 20, 2014 at 9:22am ·

Jeremiah 29:8-9, "thus says the LORD of hosts.. Do not let your prophets.. in your midst DECEIVE you, nor listen to YOUR dreams which YOU cause to be dreamed. After [My Fatherly discipline to teach you/ Heb 12:5 and on],

I will VISIT you AND perform My good word toward you..."

A double-PROPHECY: of JESUS The WORD Coming. Comfort right before God's "*SEEK & FIND 'cause I Got Great Plans for You'*" Promise of verses 11-14.

September 20, 2014 at 6:49pm ·

Isn't it *EXCITING* that Jehovah God is so far beyond what we can imagine? It's like we're **2D cartoon stick figures** trying to figure out the **3D artist who drew us!** ...Like... say, the concept of God as "Trinity".

Most cults come from people unable to explain this, & are unwilling to accept that God is un-explainable! All 3 persons, Father-Son-Holy Spirit, chose to show The Person of **God The I AM** simultaneously at Jesus's baptism

(*Matthew 3:16-17; Mark 1:10-11; Luke 3:21-22-- THREE witnesses' accounts*)....

God The I AM (Exodus 3) also prophesied Himself as Trinity later sending Jesus as a man; see Isaiah 9:6 (remember Handel's 'Messiah?').

By the way: "Counselor" = Advocate/ Caring Lawyer (remember Perry Mason?!), THE Holy Spirit - see Jesus's promises to SEND Him > John 14:16-26, 15:26. Etc.

September 20, 2014 at 7:03pm ·

SCRIPTURES THAT GO WITH the post above >> Jesus:
"He who hates Me hates My Father also. If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father [2/3 the TRINITY]. But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me" [3/3 of the TRINITY]. -- John 15: 23-26.

Jesus the Son said He would send the Holy Spirit after His death: John 14:26-27 to HELP us remember Jesus's words.... and to bring us Peace.

September 21, 2014 ·

QUOTE: Ask yourself, 'How did God bless me today?' If you do that long enough and with faith, you will find yourself remembering blessings." -- **Henry B. Eyring** ...//.....
When a person starts griping about being too busy, every once in awhile I'll mention that people in the nursing home have PLENTY of time... Usually the person laughs & agrees that being busy can indeed be among God's blessings....

September 23, 2014 at 9:44pm ·

Saving \$\$ by buying outdated cereal has risks beyond blah taste... So tonite I've been thinking of a scene in one of the few still-made TV shows I like: In BONES, Hodgins is joyfully *vacuuming up beetles* off the crime scene (which he'll of course set free in his lab glass) while laughing, "**LOOK- BUG RAPTURE!**"... And so, as I vacuum the cereal's pantry moths off walls.. & ceilings.. I've been wondering: **Just HOW will people explain the sudden disappearance of those who Dearly Love Jesus as their LORD?**... TV shows about **aliens** coming to capture humans will give a way to avoid saying Bible is true: Claim that Aliens took Christians. Fiction like 1938's WAR OF THE WORLDS. But it's not really a Fictitious War.

VICTIMS of "the god of this world" named Satan, referred to by Jesus many times incl. John 10:10 & 8:44 (Destroyer who Lies, wanting our death) and Luke 10:18 (Called a Serpent in verse 19).... they are victims by their own choice-- not WANTING to believe and thus will be blinded to Truth... **2nd Corinthians 4:4 war of 2 worlds.**

September 24, 2014 at 1:52pm ·

Have you ever been SO frustrated by God Not Doing something? Prayed, "God, it would be SO easy for You to just do this one thing to provide my need... to be a sign that I'm on the Right Track!"?...

For example Musicians can be easily tempted to pray "God, if You arranged the sale of 1 single song- why, we'd not have to ask for more recording \$\$ for months!"....

BUT (when feeling empathetic to these thoughts) >> Luke 4:3 like Genesis 3:1 hints at the same: a "suggestion" in our heads that **God may not keep His Word.**

Where's the Answer? One easy to find place is In That very Word:

James 4: 7-8. CHOOSE to smack down such thoughts and Run To God. He guarantees: "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you..."

September 25, 2014 at 12:20pm ·

Today= FAR more exciting date than most people realize! It starts **Year 5775**. Ponder: Why would Satan work so hard to convince people to believe that Genesis 1 is not literal? CONSIDER: Ac to 2nd Peter 3:8, one day = 1,000 years to God. THUS we are rapidly approaching SABBATH The 7th Day when God will rest... NOT my

'prophecy' >> but Jesus DID say to watch the Signs (Matt 16) & WATCH for Bridegroom (Matt 25 Ten Virgins parable right after warning that NOAH was REAL)! ...

If YOU were Satan, wouldn't your strategy = **Convince people there's Plenty of Time to share Gospel (obey Jesus)?...** "Just go party, work for that mansion, vacation... // aish. com: "The High Holy days are the time for serious consideration of our life's direction." Let's SERIOUSLY pray, sorrow for our sins, seek forgiveness & Thank God for His mercy that WAITED this long.

September 25, 2014 at 9:46am · :

REMEMBER... Just as not all Germans approved of Hitler's evil, not all Russians approved of Stalins, NOT ALL CHICAGO-ans approve of gang killings... So also some Muslims truly believe the faith & Allah info they've been taught. God judges HEARTS and will have compassion on all who truly seek. But this article is about people whose hearts are evil, in this case using the name of a god called Allah to excuse the evil they really enjoy doing. Jeremiah 16:19.... We have ALL inherited religious ideas..... 3y · Like

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READ 2nd Peter 2 from top: "... false teachers AMONG you, who will SECRETLY bring in ... destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the Way of Truth will be blasphemed. 3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words...."

Jesus said to WATCH for signs even tho won't know exact date of end times (Matt 16:3)... The ENTIRE MESSAGE of the parable of the Ten awaiting the Bridegroom. NOTE- This parable in Matthew 25 comes RIGHT after Jesus's vivid description of End Times.

September 26, 2014 at 10:11am ·

TWO SOCCER TEAMS: **TEAM 1* >> The **Middle School team**: Advertising = Telling the Date, time, place for tryouts. No one is called: Kids who want to be on the team must show up & try out. Coach tests them. Then Coach chooses who will be allowed on Team 1. Other kids are nicely told to "try out again next year."

TEAM 2* >> The **Parks & Rec team: Advertising = Telling the Date, time, place to sign up. Coach's ad CALLS EVERY Kid to be on the team-- **just show up & ask...** no need to wait 'til more skilled, 'til next year. Who is NOT on Team 2? Only ones not chosen are those who Coach called but they refused his offer to play on Team 2.

In a simple way: Team 1 describes the RELIGIOUS definition of "Pre-Destination"-- saying that God has "picked, chosen some people for His Salvation team" and-- by definition-- God chose the rest of people to go to Hell's team. **SIMPLE LOGIC:**

THIS **DOESN'T MATCH** JOHN 3:16-17. Jesus came to save THE WORLD...

It *does not matter* that Yes, admittedly the word TRINITY itself is hard to figure out---

What matters is that it *IS easy* to see God's Goodness, Fairness, & PROMISE that He wants all people on His team.

RELIGIOUS "PRE-DESTINATION" IS A LIE. God's ad-- His Bible (including "Old Testament" words about desiring people to be saved), clearly says this.

Genesis 3:1 remix... a hint that John 3:16 surely can't REALLY say that God would call EVERY person to choose Him... John 8:44, Do we not remember that Jesus said Satan is still a liar out to destroy us (John 10:10) while JESUS wants "abundant Life" for EVERY person? Satan whispers, "but what about that word 'pre-destination'.....?"

..... Here is how you know this is a lie--- Logic-ally:

..... Team 2 describes Jesus's Wording for PRE-DESTINATION in Matthew 20:16, 22:14>> "...For many are called, but few chosen." John 3:16-17 already says God's desired DESTINATION' set PRE-Time Itself, was for you to be with Him. John 3:16-17 already is a CALL to everyone, to you, to accept Jesus as LORD, Coach. But John 3:18 (which almost no one quotes) clearly says: You will NOT be chosen if you reject the Call of our Loving God.

..... A great example of how TEAM 2 describes called people who ****rejected**** Jesus's call and thus were not chosen to be saved, by THEIR own choice, **Not God's:** Matthew 23's end... Jesus is almost weeping as He looks on Jerusalem and says of the 1,000s of people, "**How often I wanted to gather your children together**, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"

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September 26, 2014 at 9:52pm · *[a trip coming home from Music Studio recording]* -

You know how sometimes you're driving back at night from a long trip, suddenly realize you're so exhausted you're not sure you can make it home... but there's no safe place to stop.

So you turn the radio/CD to blasting & pray loudly to God for strength to make it... Happened to me tonight, coming back late from playing music for big nursing home crowd. God brought this thought to mind:

Many old people have the same exhaustion-- often praying, "God, I'm exhausted- Just take me now."

The LORD gives many encouraging PROMISE Words for us to share with them... & our self: Matt 9:36, Jesus "was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary." 11:28, "**Come to Me, all you who labor & are heavy laden, and I will give you REST.**"

September 27, 2014 at 11:04am ·

From the far end of our little house, I could hear my cat padding thru a door I forgot to close. I called sweetly, "Jesse, WHAT are you doing?..." & laughed to hear paws quickly padding out even though I was nowhere near to swat at her. AND laughed to remember how often my children whispered, "How did Mom KNOW?"

And then thought of Adam & Eve. They were So Silly to think they God wouldn't know a fruit was gone.... BUT then I thought about that ahhh-Frappe I didn't tell my hubby that I'd bought... and about that ohhh-so-nice long straight road with no one in sight to see me... We all forget: ABBA our father God WILL KNOW.

AND we forget: Our sins GRIEVE God- not the details sometimes (nothing about Frappes in Bible- I think), but to see our DIS-respect for Him. Look at Genesis 6:6. That phrase "it grieved Him at His heart" is Hebrew#6087 in Strong's Concordance.

Definition:

..... It literally means **TORTURED, WRESTED**. The description of Genesis 6:6 that our Hebrew instructor gave: God grieved-- like a tiny baby screaming in agony so hard that she can't catch her breath..... We call God a LIAR when we're saying His commandments (needed because they define what actions ARE "sins") are not good for us like JESUS said in Matthew 11:30 (My Burden/Law is light.)....

..... We grieve, torture our Abba GOD Who loved us So Much that He gave.....

September 27, 2014 at 11:25am ·

Each seed of comfort that you plant is one that might lay hidden in 'their' minds a long time... You never know when God might use it to remind them: Someone- you-cared enough to talk. I'm middle-aged (horrid phrase but at least I've gotten here, by God's blessings!)....

But every once in awhile I think about Brenda-- the only girl in High School who noticed & came to chat when I was feeling low. No way to tell *her now*, so I'll share with you all:

God knows **when you share your caring**; have joy in knowing that. Great Bible verse to look up on computer concordances:"COMFORTS COMFORT COMFORTS" ... God's PROMISE in 2nd Corinthians 1:4 to ALL of us who take the time to share words of encouragement with others.

September 27, 2014 at 7:12pm ·

It's like a game, isn't it?- Looking for the "product placements" in the background of TV scenes these days... the glass of Coke on the table, the Dawn soap by the sink, the name brand dogfood bag on the floor.

Sorta 'Where's Waldo' except you never know when he's there to be find-**able**.

Saw another "placement" on PBS's British "Inspector Morse" as I walked by TV just in time to see end: He's drinking liquor out on the patio to calm himself after an all-nighter

solving gruesome serial murders. He looks at the gorgeous sun peaking above the horizon & flippantly asks, **"With a sunrise like that, who needs God?" ... umhmmm. Carefully placed mocking.**

September 29, 2014 at 9:56am ·

Frequently I speak of the COMFORT & almost weeping LOVE Jesus shows for EVERY person as He sat above Jerusalem in His last hours and cried out of how He LONGED to draw all people under His wing "as a mother hen protecting her chicks." (End of Matt 23)... Few people realize that **Jesus was SAYING He was God there: "He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge..."** - Psalm 91:4a.

Second half of verse 4 Names God's Promise thru Jesus: "His truth shall be your shield and buckler." BUCKLE - the thing that holds you together.

September 30, 2014 at 1:24am ·

Time slips by as we wash things and earn a living... but Living Here won't always be 'here'. Ahhh.... so many "Romans 8:28's" God has brought out from disaster... as he did for my daughter in a similar wreck (in hospital 5 wks); in protecting my husband Christmas Eve 2012... And so many times He's saved us from something that would REQUIRE a "Romans 8:28", God bringing Good out of Bad..... Thanking God.

September 30, 2014 at 9:34am ·

Hallmark will soon publicize Christmas Movies All Day... thought of that this AM as I awoke during scene in my "sleeper" movie that I've "seen" 3 dozen+ times. Re the amusing "Product Placement" game I mentioned Sept 27- Apparently my strategy for insomnia works-

I'd always before been asleep when the guy pulls out & carefully angles the velvet **NameBrand Jewelers diamond ring box** & proposes during Christmas Mass (& bells start ringing!).... PARABLE:

I'm finding more & more the surprise, & Joy, of suddenly finding **Unseen-Before things in God's Word.**

Like- as heard for years in Handel's Messiah- the UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, Isaiah 9:6. God clearly says He is indeed a 3-in-one God... we just **trip up on that vocabulary word "Trinity"**. And don't see what we thought we were seeing. John 14:26, Help in understanding His Word, IF we ask for His Vision.

END of 2014 SUMMER PARABLES

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