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YEAR 2015 FALL PARABLES IN LIFE

CHRISTMAS parable of Heaven> **Dec 25**. Facebook Link: [December 25, 2015](#)

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October 1, 2015 at 9:27pm ·

Truth: Exodus 13:2. God clearly demands-- as a LAW: "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine." ...

Now **consider how many first pregnancies were aborted because "inconvenient" at the time...** AND YET, I shall ALWAYS come back to:

We who comprise God's Church would've saved many lives if we'd have shown compassion & help SEEKING OUT women to help who were desperate... Some of us weren't old enough / born at ROE V WADE... but we can start now...

October 2, 2015 at 1:02am ·

Turns out I was one of last visitors to Virginia State Fair... It had already been a rough week weather wise, so I went yesterday (Sky actually NOT falling for a change) despite knowing I'd have to leave by 3:30 to get to choir practice up north on time.

FIRST EVER: After 15 years of music festivals- watching people eat what smelled so good: got a Blooming Onion! 3/4 still in 'frig... not as great as expected.

FIRST EVER: Got a Funnel Cake... not as great as expected.

LAST EVER: The 2015 State Fair is gone...

closed down this afternoon because of pending storm. FOREVER: Memories we share with family, friends, our LORD ... Time Well Spent even if the house doesn't look perfect. No need to spend time cooking supper anyway, after fried onions & dough!

October 2, 2015 at 10:15am · Photo: The President saying "I think same sex couples should be able to get married." Does NOT matter what "Political Party" >>> Interesting study: Google the phrase 'GOD GAVE THEM the KING THEY DESERVED.'

Because abortion has become taxpayer-funded >>> ALL America shares in the killing of babies. THEIR BLOOD IS UPON US ALL. Surely God Too is nauseated: Perhaps He'll have mercy awhile longer while many of us speak out EZEKIEL 33 warnings: God WILL punish us together as a nation-- Look what He repeatedly did to bring back to Him his own Beloved Israel-- IF we don't turn back to Him. 2nd Chronicles 7:14 quoted SO often keeps going>> "If My People DON'T repent..." I don't post political opinions because **the PERSON God allows in an office is God's business; we just study & make our 1 vote that seems right.**

October 2, 2015 at 10:32am ·

Here's the sad news about the 2015 Virginia State Fair (my last post)...Since at least 1987, the fair has never shut down early. It rained Saturday... Sunday... Monday... Tues... NOT on Wednesday when *I* went (at least until after I left at 3:30 for choir practice at 6... a damp drive: Super high humidity day!).

ANOTHER FIRST: My first time seeing pigs race.

First one, little porkers sailed around track.

2nd race: Medium porkers sailed..

3rd race: The pot bellied pigs wandered out of post about 20 feet... and stopped. And just stood there.

The greater fun was watching the *people* & how long they watched nothing happen! (I drifted next door to buy my **Cowboy 10 Commandments** huge souvenir metal poster for \$10 bucks... a good deal... One example: "Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff".

Actual commandment, Exodus 20:17, "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

I don't think God is offended that I like the Cowboy Wording more: Says same!

October 2, 2015 at 9:13pm ·

PHOTO = history that "Early believers kept Saturday as the Sabbath until March 7, 321 CE when Pope Constantine passed a law requiring believers to worship on Sunday, the day the pagans worshiped the sun-god. Believers still kept Saturday as the Sabbath until another law was passed eleven years later.

This law signed into decree by Pope Constantine forbade believers to worship on the Sabbath (Saturday) and it was punishable by death by the Catholic Church. Many believers were burned to death by the Catholic Church for keeping the Sabbath."

HISTORY:

<https://www.historychannel.com.au/this-day-in-history/constantine-decrees-sun-day-as-day-of-rest/>

POST: We can quote many scriptures where God defines Sabbath (sundown "Friday" to sundown on "Saturday" which starts the 7th Day. No one can find a single quote where God OR Jesus OR Paul or any prophet or other disciple says, "God says it's OK to honor Him by keeping the Sabbath on Sunday now."

No indication that God declared "I've changed My mind now that Jesus came"... so.... Have a peace filled Sabbath time with the LORD today :}

https://www.blueletterbible.org/nkjv/mat/5/18/s_934018

Photo SOURCE at <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/402790760402319522/>

October 3, 2015 at 6:56pm ·

This idea came to me on elliptical machine today... not much else to do but pray & think! >> Riddle: What's the LINK> William Wilberforce of England & the **topic of Sabbath?** W.W. struggled for years to convince British peoples that slavery was wrong. Their common answer: **"But we've always had it"**. >>> Matches a lot of "always have" in History. And... **including re the Sabbath being changed to Sunday**. It's Past Time to STOP BLAMING "The Catholic Church" for something done 1,800 years ago (see history in Oct 2 post): It's OUR turn to teach our children's generation Truth...

It's ok if people don't want to change; Jesus gave free will; it's God's business about them. We speak Truth In Love & move on. For us: SURE-- Many of us find we must go on Sundays to FIND a time and place fellowship with others in worshipping God, to obey God (Hebrews 10:25). But hey, the early Christians worshiped *every* day (Book of Acts).

We CAN still honor Day 7 in God's Way, not working, shopping or going to restaurants (that is, NOT adding to making others to work) if we really want to.

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October 4, 2015 at 8:56am ·

This AM: Opened first bottle I'd bought in a year: Instant I smelled, then tasted, something WEIRD happened: I thought of my dear Grandmother. She died 2 decades ago. Searching my memory for "why?", I figured out: When I was a kid, we couldn't really afford orange juice unless the Salvage Food store had it. But when I lived at HER house in summers... OJ any time of day, & a GALLON bucket of chocolate ice cream to dig into once a day... :) ... So: What's WEIRD?? >>

That some people think it's a "lucky accident" that our brains connect a smell with a past joy-- or sorrow.

Won't believe in a Creator who designed us to hear a song & instantly think of our first love (whether a person or car or guitar.... :) ... to taste a food or smell a fragrance & have memories pour into our minds-- and hearts-- once more.....

Well, I love math. I've studied it: And Statistical Probability says:

"Believing in **a trillion+ things** as being just "**chance**"..... Now **THAT's** Weird!"

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October 5, 2015 at 10:04am ·

As I looked outside early this AM, still very cloudy but no sign yet of this being 11th day in a row of rain on East Coast. But then... a familiar sound: A crash. Yet another tree falling as its weight pulls it over in soaked ground. 100+ year old poplar trees surround us: We repeatedly thank the LORD for all His blessings... including all the ones we don't even know about. God inspired this song last year... before my husband & I discovered that **a light bulb in the attic had caught fire:**

It had to be GOD who blessed us with putting out the fire, because no one else even saw it! NO IDEA BLESSINGS... **We have NO IDEA all that the LORD does for us**, in His Love & Mercy. The free download lyrics & Music sheets are at <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2014.php>

AUDIO LINK (can be saved to PC/device by right clicking on the black screen's play

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October 5, 2015 at 11:18pm · *PHOTO: Row of children holding guns at necks of kneeling other children, looking into the camera..... Caption: ISIS Execution "Game".*

POST: An example of why Jesus said to PRAY FOR your enemies: Only God Almighty knows what each man & each woman have gone thru that got them an "Evil Heart". Jesus does not "ask", He DEMANDS that we forgive members of ISIS if we want God to forgive us (Matt 6:15 etc) ...

NO: We do not condone. NO: We do not keep silent. YES: We share God's Truth in LOVE-- which includes forgiveness. (Ephesians 4:15, 1st Corin 13 "Love Chapter"). Read last verse in Book of Job-- about that Evil "bloody city" (Nahum 3:1) near what we now call MOSUL - whose photos remind us of this pic. God has SUCH pity on people who-- like these children-- have been taught Evil.

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October 6, 2015

As a new college freshman, I walked a mile to church each Sunday August thru Oct before getting mad: No one (I mean NO one) ever spoke to me. When the preacher (big main denom church) shook hands after service: He never made eye contact. EVER: Smiled, but looked to next person. So hey, I had plenty of other things to do... & Quit, despite having gone to a service weekly for 17 years.

Guess it was a New Year's Resolution to go back, so in Jan I picked a Big Baptist church. 1/4 full each week, only one family talked to me-- AND gave me a ride 1 mile back to college each Sunday. Services were a BIT bigger than this cartoon video. But then Easter came: 3 choirs, TV cameras, everyone clapping & singing loud, VERY different from normal.

I wasn't "mad", I was *FURIOUS* at "**The Show**". And I left "Church" for 2 years.

Point: PLEASE look at your church from a Stranger's perspective. You never know when its **coldness** will be the Breaking Point when a visitor decides **to Quit Church...** or drive away a regular come-r like I was.

October 7, 2015 at 10:44pm ·

Listening to YouTube jazz, a new ad popped up: One that's IMPT to TODAY'S World News: November brings an Amazon video of the 1963 Hugo Award Winner ***alternate history novel*** by Philip Dick. "The Man in the High Castle" is set in 1962, 15 years after a 2 years longer World War Two... **And GERMANY & ally JAPAN won...** America was overtaken. **WHAT FEW PEOPLE REALIZE: High School never taught us how CLOSE this came to Reality.** There are MANY "**coincidences**", including an event that stopped Hitler from an attack because it involved his deep superstition. Veteran officers have told many war stories of **What Almost Was....**

Soon after we won WW2: **America supported the new 1948 state of Israel...** And **sent help in the 1967** Six Day War attack against them... And America grew in might, in prestige, in exploding technology knowledge, in financial blessings...

..... God keeps His promises to bless those who bless His people. And like 2nd Chronicles 7:19 that pulpits **don't** preach with verse 14, and Deuteronomy 30, Genesis 12:3 >> God keeps His promise to CURSE nations that don't obey Him & Support His people.

Like any Loving Daddy: YHWH LORD God has the right to punish his own children as needed. But NO ONE ELSE had better TOUCH a Father's children....
PSALM 105: 13 ... When they went from one nation to another,
From one kingdom to another people, 14 **He permitted no one to do them wrong;** Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,
15 Saying, "Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm." .

October 7, 2015 at 9:00pm ·

Being a pianist who preferred Bach's counterpoints & thought Beethoven was boring until I heard "Beethoven's Last Night" hard rock opera by Trans-Siberian Orchestra --I learned that PEANUTS Comic Strip author Charles Schultz insisted on accuracy for the PIANO music and hand motions when Schroeder played the piano in the motion pictures based on Snoopy and Charlie Brown.

And of course many of us can thank Schultz for introducing us to Vince Guaraldi's fun jazz piano for these Peanuts animated TV specials & movies.

October 7, 2015 at 10:05am ·

Have been house sitting almost 2 weeks: Fun living with kittens again! Fast internet, no download limits, so I've gotten a LOT done checking all the music links on my website, up to early 2014. Have to leave tomorrow, so this AM I've packed up the 500 piece puzzle I finished 2/3 of as fun. But realized: That time was lost: I'd have finished my web link checks thru last month if I hadn't goofed off... // ...

Sadly realized: So many of us, incl me, will have same thoughts as the moment comes when this life ends & we realize: "I could have better served God, helped people." Sure, relaxation is imp't to our mental & physical health: But hrs in front of TV & FB etc screens?? Praying apologies to the LORD this AM.... ///

and Oh, SWEETIE >> If you find my missing puzzle pieces, please save them for me: Your kittens love to play soccer.... ;)

October 8, 2015 at 10:41am ·

Working in kitchen one last day housesitting with UN-limited fast internet (YAYyy!), I decided to play hour long YouTube "Simon & Garfunkel's Greatest Hits". Heard band first time as college freshman.

As I washed, I wasn't really listening, until a song ****startled**** me: I realized-- **I HAVE changed so much:** My view on 1 song is **WAY** different now than as a 17 year old. THEN: I couldn't figure out why anyone would declare "I AM A ROCK: I have no need of friendship; friendship causes pain."... I wasn't super popular, but I did have some great friends who "Liked me ANYWAY" :) ... NOW: I fully feel the heartwrenching, painful truth of the lyrics **"If I never loved I never would have cried."** >>>

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But I'm GLAD! Truly THANKING God for bringing me TO as well as THRU the pain over a "few" :) decades of people who seemed true friends drifting away, it seems 'forever', too busy? mad at me & I don't know why? >>>

I'm SO glad-- NOT about losing friends whom I dearly miss & confess still at times weeping over: But Because the LORD God, in His loving grace, will give us the wisdom "to see the Romans 8:28" of painful times in our lives. And, here, by Experience that YOU just might share with me: We can GRIEVE our LORD >>>>

See end of Matthew 23 re the hen: Jesus grieving over people who rejected His love.

Ephesians 4:30, we can cause heart wrenching sorrow:

BUT THE LORD invites us to be friends (John 15 etc)

and LOVES US ANYWAY.

."I AM A ROCK-- I have no need of friendship; friendship causes pain."

.....But even big ocean rocks like in the photo can split.

I AM AN ISLAND -- and an island never cries."
.....Maybe not with wet tears. But "heart-BREAK" can be Real.

I repeatedly use Psalm 56:8 in songs: God puts my tears into His bottle & records them in His book (imagery He inspired David to write) My Facebook feature photo (see it on left) of Revelation 21:4 (also 7:17) was prophesied "way back" in Isaiah 25:8 >> "And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces..."

Life is a process of learning that we BREAK as rocks... and SOAR like an Eagle-- Isaiah 40:31-- when we let The LORD be our ROCK we rest upon.

Remember pattern 2 Samuel 22.. Lot of COMFORT about the LORD as your rock...

"For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?"

No one. No matter what old popular, catchy songs say.

October 9, 2015 at 1:39pm ·

I have a great bassist for when my bass-playing country & slide style doesn't fit a song. He's also my great drummer who records tracks for almost all songs the LORD inspires me with. And I have an astounding lead guitarist <Johnny Kyle> who sadly doesn't have as many available hours as I'd love: My rhythm guitar playing isn't "enough" for heavy rock sounds I love :) ...

So I don't have as many harder rock songs as I'd like on

<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2015.php> --

BUT I'm highly amused when people **assume** that because I'm older, my "style" is sweet, soft praise music. I love their reaction when I say I spend much of my time at music festivals at the hip hop & hard rock stages...

It's SO cool that The LORD knows exactly how we think (& loves us anyway)... But important to remember to not judge others based on our expectations of how people "like that" must think.

October 9, 2015 at 12:54pm ·

Just remember that it's daily dressing as warned in Ephesians 6:10-18; many a power-filled (by the LORD) warrior has fallen because of prideful carelessness after great victories, ignoring God's Truth thru Luke 4:13 ...

"Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him UNTIL an opportune time." ...

The gospels give a **SUMMARY** of Jesus's 3-year ministry:

We can be assured that **Satan kept & kept trying to find chinks where Jesus got tired** & careless with keeping on The Armor of God.

October 10, 2015 at 9:08am ·

Among my greatest joys: In our large family, all our children are great friends even as they've grown into their own Paths of Life. Thanked God again yest AM as I was reminded of that, watching my first TV show in 2 weeks:

Beaver is pretending to drive car while it's parked in driveway; the brakes are released & it drifts down to block empty street. His friend runs away, sees & tells brother Wally-- who comes to rescue: & drives car back up the few feet while a dozen drivers are by then yelling. Policeman comes & Wally accepts all Beaver's blame.

Of course, parable ends there: Jesus will never "lie by omission" to accept OUR blame when we come before the judge as these brothers did..... **But this TV show sure gives a comforting picture** of 2nd Corinthians 5:21, The LORD "made Him [Jesus] who knew NO sin to be Sin for us, that WE might become the righteousness of God in Him." (see also Context)

In a world full of lawyers, we who dearly love the LORD & seek to obey Him-- yet repeatedly find the truth of Romans 7 failures to be obedient to God even when we're trying hard because we LOVE Him--- can find SUCH comfort in God's PROMISE through First John 2:1 >>> "And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

ADVOCATE: "a person who ... pleads for or in behalf of another; intercessor. 4. a person who pleads the cause of another in a court of law." <thefreedictionary>

October 11, 2015 at 7:21am ·

"Polly put the kettle on... Polly put the kettle on & fetch a pail of water." ..

That annoying little ditty was in my head the moment I awoke & thought "I forgot to make coffee last night" (my Sunday AM time saver). Makes no sense: I know from days at Great MawMaw's that Polly better NOT put a dry kettle on the woodstove while she heads outside to the water pump!... Then more memories rushed in: Dad singing this song to wake me & my brother, & the words to the comforting prayer song I'll be singing today, PSALM 61 GOD LISTENING - <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/.../2010.../Psalm61Listening.mp3> (free AUDIO LINK). It's AMAZING how God designed us so that our minds can race thru so many memories & new ideas within moments::: Something to truly, "officially" praise Him for today as we obey His word in Hebrews 10:25 and meet to worship Him, learn more of Him, and support each other in our daily battles against p'raps sad memories & thoughts of the weeks to come.

October 12, 2015 at 1:08pm · PHOTO with this caption: This is the Gulf of Alaska where 2 oceans meet but do not mix. Tell me that there is no God and I'll ask you, "Who commanded the mighty waves and told them they could go no further than this?!" What an absolutely AMAZING God! MY POST with Bible reference to photo: I thought photo quote was from God's WHERE WERE *YOU*!? questions in last chapters of Job: But no... this is **spoken by Wisdom in the poem God inspired** for

Proverbs 8... a CREATION SCIENCE poem: 27 "When [The LORD] prepared the heavens, I was there, When He drew a circle on the face of the deep, 28 When He established the clouds above, When He strengthened the fountains of the deep, 29 When HE ASSIGNED TO THE SEA ITS LIMIT, so that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth, 30 Then I was beside Him... 32 "Now therefore, listen to me, my children, **For blessed are those who keep my ways. 33 Hear instruction & be wise, And DO NOT DISDAIN IT."**

October 13, 2015 at 8:59am ·

A song inspired by Calvin & Hobbes comics book title: THERE'S TREASURE EVERYWHERE. May we live moment by moment THANKING God for LO & BEHOLD BLESSINGS, ©2014 DianaDee Osborne-- Music files and AUDIO LINK >>

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"This morning, I woke up. Put my feet on the floor. &
LO, AND BEHOLD, my legs held me up! ..

This morning, I found that I had enough food & clothes. And
fresh, safe water, some shoes: & a coat. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

LORD -- Help me recognize Your blessings to me! <posted other verses>
CREDIT: Claxton Wilson of Valley Worship & Praise Studio for great drums & bass.

October 16, 2015 at 8:27pm ·

Been thinking a lot on Genesis 32, after 3 weeks of much "discussion" with the LORD in prayers. Been really frustrated, & yes pretty angry at God for not using a speck of His power to "just do something about it-- one bitty thing": ... Yet: Also repeatedly muttering in actual prayers "I know You're right & I'm wrong; this is just how I feel" ... Trusting Romans 8:26 promise that the Holy Spirit will interpret our prayers "rightly" to the LORD. Trusting John 15 words from Jesus that He's our friend if our heart's desire is to obey Him...

With human friends, we may get really frustrated-- yet we prefer honesty. So I figure God knows how I feel, so I may as well communicate-- with respect of course. It seems like what friends do... Not struggling in caring about more blessings for me but yearning for music etc ministries to serve the LORD....

It seems as if God putting into His Bible the story of Jacob wrestling with the LORD is God's way of saying it's **OK to be honest with Him-- while giving respect to Him of course.** And now that I've calmed down some (with thanks to L & T for just listening), I admit:

It DOES seem rather humorously "coincidental" that suddenly in last 2 days, my hip joint has intermittently been very painful... Just a coincidence... right??!

Most of us have been taught either by words or "innuendos" in our faith process (aka church) that having faith means to never question God. So, I was thinking...

maybe sharing my thoughts might help someone else, esp musicians or others seeking to serve the LORD with gifts we know have to have come from Him... Am hoping to not get blasted for "lack of faith" but...

it's worth the risk if it helps someone else. --DD.

October 17, 2015 at 1:53pm - PHOTO: I'm sticking with God because He stuck with me. Goes with yesterday's post.

First John 4:19 truth reminder from the LORD: "We love Him because He first loved us." Psalm 25:9's comfort Promise when the world around us seems crushing... when we have to choose with Deliberation to simply trust God knows More than we do... & loves us: "The humble He guides in justice, & the humble He teaches His Way."

October 20, 2015 at 2:08pm ·

Immanuel: "God is with us"; (Hebrew oft spelled Emmanuel):
A name we seldom hear except near Christmas (Isaiah 7:14- & 9:6- Promise).
We SHOULD have 2 weeks ago for the Feast of Tabernacles... a week of God's people living in TENTS (as the LORD declared, Leviticus 23:34). A Happy Festival re also Exodus 26 TENT built for the LORD as He traveled WITH His people day & night... with Love **choosing to dwell in a dinky human made tent instead of the Glory of His Heavens. IMMANUEL**... our hearts should swell with both Joy & AMAZE-ment: LORD God has wanted ALL ALONG to be 'Immanuel "God With Us" ' who honor Him... and He Is. A "Christmas" thought as we watch decorations rise in the stores.....

October 22, 2015 at 10:47pm ·

Photo: I call my students "my kids" because in our year together, they aren't just kids on my class list – They become part of my heart.... I had some of you high school & college age students for *over* 4 years, and have loved you all SO much, even if we weren't together each week, you stayed & still stay in my thoughts & heart... and on my prayer list, by Name....

Psalm 147, God knows every star's name so He obviously knows yours, too!..

October 25, 2015 at 8:28am ·

This month has SO flown by. Sadly I realized... that means next Sunday is NOT October 32nd... :) ... Today's last Sunday of the annually set Pastor's Appreciation Month... "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" (Isaiah 52:7)

Of course, ANY day is appropriate to just say or send a note: "Truly, I DO appreciate all you do (and endure) in serving our LORD & teaching us more about Him."

October 27, 2015 at 9:01am · PHOTO of gorgeous moon rise.

Moon similar to my view driving from recording studio last nite: Amazed this AM to check internet & find it WASN'T a supermoon (moon near closest to Earth in orbit)! Every church teaches the littlest kids about **how** the LORD created ALL our World incl the sun & moon... but only in last few years have I realized: None ever (in ALL my years of Sunday School & sermons) taught ****WHY****: God didn't "just" give us lovely Lights for Life. He clearly says **He made them "for SIGNS & seasons"**. Luke 21:25 follows thru as both sun & moon show people the LORD's messages.

So.... it's not surprising that God will HIDE the moon when He pulls back His hand of blessing on a world that has rejected Him... as in Jesus's Word of Matt 23:37 thru 24:29 on... SIGNS from the LORD.....

October 28, 2015 at 8:22am ·

Of course it has to be pouring rain while I take two already unhappy kitties to the vet 45 minutes away for their shots. The Maine Coon is psychic, I do declare: She's been staring at me since yesterday morning & won't come even when I shake the treats bag & call..... And **COMPLAIN????**

Dogs can whine 'good' but nothing beats the complaints of two howling cats.

Did I mention the 45 minutes each way thing?! ...

Yet, they will be healthier because of this "trauma". Lea will get medicine to cure her cold. I know what I'm doing, and it's truly in love for them, because

I care more about taking care of them than I do about them

understanding Me & My reason..... Quite a lot of parable points from LORD God in these moments before & after a rain drenched morning.... with 2 howling cats.

October 31, 2015 at 3:30pm ·

As I searched under sofa cushions for my favorite (80 cent) star hole guitar pick this AM, I suddenly remembered a Believers Because youth musical drama Tour, 15 years ago. Our 2 tour buses were ~8 hours from home, at a small mall.

A teen guitarist had asked about all the 100 of us if anyone had a pick... he couldn't find his... He unsuccessfully searched in stores. Sadly he left the mall praying. Just before getting to the bus, he looked down: **A pick was on the ground**...

WHAT ARE THE CHANCES? ..

ZERO in human terms. 100% in God's, that He cares about whatever WE care about. We should be grieving for... not mocking or disliking... atheists & Muslims & any others who have not yet seen (or even heard) this Truth: John 3:16 is the exact OPPOSITE of beliefs that "there's no god that loves ME just for who I am, loves me even if I don't believe....

May we SHARE the exciting Evidences of God's Love... like miracle guitar picks.

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November 3, 2015 at 10:35pm ·

Reading Chip Ingram's THE INVISIBLE WAR... much needed reminders for me. Re Ephesians 6:10 (beginning of Weapons list), pg 26 > "People who suddenly find out that they are in the midst of a cosmic conflict have 1 of 2 extreme reactions: fight or flight."

He compare those who think they CAN'T defeat Satan but flee 'anywhere'..VS.. those who feel strong enough to tackle evil beings with words like "I rebuke you, Satan!" <<often TAUGHT by churches>>...

forgetting Daniel 10:13, Zech 3:1-2, & Jude 1:9-- Even God's angels need help sometimes- Satan is so strong. BEST CHOICE: JAMES 4:7-8> Run **AWAY** from any depression or anger etc thoughts, AND run **TO** God who, like the Prodigal Son's father, will thus run to YOU & me! Another GREAT promise of the LORD!

November 7, 2015 at 10:31am ·

God's PRAYER GUIDE for our Rough Life Battles, thru First Chronicles 29:11-12, the "Old Testament" words of caring that the LORD inspired to be written into His Book to comfort us: >>>

"YOURS, O LORD, is the greatness, the Power & the Glory,
The VICTORY & the majesty; For ALL that is in heaven & in earth is **YOURS.**
YOURS is the kingdom, O LORD, and **YOU** are exalted as HEAD over all.
Both riches & honor come from **YOU**, and **YOU** reign over all.
In **YOUR** hand is Power & Might;
In **YOUR** hand it is to make great & to give STRENGTH to ALL." (New KJV)

November 8, 2015 at 12:58am ·

PHOTO of injured baby elephant, poster for Animal Rights says "Elephants have Feelings Too."
How can we weep- rightly- for hurting animals... but not as much for children, old people, unborn babies, refugees? I think it's partly that we watch the news or read the internet-- and feel overwhelmed. We forget: **PRAYER is indeed something IMPORTANT** we can do to help when we have no other way. James 5:16 "The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much..." (Amplified Bible)-- in the LORD's power! ... Let's take a stand with action when we can... and with Prayers whether there is or isn't anything we can personally do.

November 9, 2015 ·

It's sadly "head-shaking" funny how many people don't want to believe "the Creation Story" so they say the Bible is good literature *except* the first 3 chapters. You know, the ones that explain how it's PRIDE & quest for Knowledge beyond God's that got us in the mess & despair we're in...

Because the LORD inspired writers across centuries to intersperse reminders that Creation Is Not By Chance.

One gem is in **Amos 9**-- seldom read or preached because it shows how God DOES get fed up with us... Rightfully. Verse 6 >

"He who builds His layers in the sky, And has founded His STRATA in the earth <writers had no idea **HOW** much!>; Who calls for the waters of the sea, And pours them out on the face of the earth— The LORD is His name." ... Gorgeous poetry Truths.

November 10, 2015 at 1:47pm

Science info about the intricacies of our amazing human body-- for Pinterest board EVIDENCES OF MORE IN LIFE -

<https://www.pinterest.com/DianaDeeOsborne/evidences-of-more-in-life/> - **God does NOT give undeniable PROOF of Himself because He won't make us puppets**-- He respects us, lets us examine the world around us & reach our conclusions (like end of Romans 1 says). "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1)... which is why it's too late to "have faith" after we die & see LORD God for ourselves. I don't think the same about ALL that's said, but intriguing ideas in <http://www.riseearth.com/2013/10/huge-contradictions-in-scientific.html>

November 14, 2015 at 10:45am

As we read current news, do we ask, "What would *I* say if I had just a few minutes before someone was about to kill me in the name of what he called a god named 'allah' saying "allah wants this!""? ... GOD tells us thru 1st Peter 3:15 that we **SHOULD be Ready in ANY moment** to share the Hope of Him-- to Love our **to-be-killer** & strive to plant a seed that would draw him back to God Who loves him... Most people would answer "John 3:16". But that lovely verse means nothing to people who feel unlovable.....

Consider the last verses of Jonah's book-- Jonah HATES the people of Nineveh (across river from Mosul Turkey where Christians were terrorized). He WANTS God to **destroy** them... as Muslims think "allah' wants them to do. YET God-Named-YHWH speaks of his deep love for this bloodthirsty people described in Nahum 3.

November 15, 2014 at 8:45am

Throughout Charles Swindoll's THE CHURCH AWAKENING is emphasis on Malachi 2... the danger of "social" churches that RIGHT-ly preach loving tolerance of people who do wrong (aka, who sin), but **wrongly overlook** all God's commands to **warn people to change**.

"Repent" means *more* than be sorry: It means to **STOP** it-- to urgently seek God's help in stopping it instead of saying "It's just the way I am" (OR blame God)... Which includes GOSSIP-ing (aka, prayer concerns - often)... "OPEN DOORS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS" is a motto for several denominations.

Really *sounds* great & loving! And CAN be. But as my Dad began declaring to 100s of church people he taught even in the 1970s:... "Some people are so open

minded that their brains fall out.".... God's grace forgives when we disobey... IF we humble ourselves to ask... and strive to change. First John 1: We must ADMIT sin before we can confess it the way God says we must.

November 15, 2014 at 10:17pm ·

Years ago before God led me to "The Practice of the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence (Summary: Instead of "thinking to yourself", instead "think to God")....

I got my first hint of what I was MISSING in my Christian life in this story -- told by a famous writer of books on prayers... Can't remember who (feel free to share)... Not E.M. Bounds, but one of his contemporaries: **A young boy yearned to be able to pray like the old man of the town, whose habit was to wade into river & pray alone.** The boy watched, day after day, unseen. One day the boy went out into the river to the man & begged: "TEACH ME TO PRAY!"

..... **The man took a look, grabbed the boy by the shoulders, and SHOVED** him under the water, and **HELD** him there until bubbles started to rise. Finally he let go. The boy sputtered in pain, trying to catch a breath. When he finally did, he gasped, "WHAT DID YOU DO ****THAT**** FOR?".... The man of God quietly replied, **"When you YEARN for God** as much as you **longed for air... You will know how to pray."**

That story has meant SO much to me, all these years....

November 17, 2015 at 10:53pm ·

What happened on THIS DATE in 1968? NBC infuriated watchers by cutting short its coverage of a NY Jets- Oakland Raiders games just MINUTES before the end--- so HEIDI could start on time. Football fans were enraged to later learn that in those unseen moments, the Raiders came from behind to beat the Jets 43-32. From BEHIND: More than one scoring play! ...

This week we watch the news fighting a fear that ISIS is winning...

But the LORD God is still quite capable of moving "unseen" & bringing us to a Win. We can't give up Hope -- yet with Praying humbly. God's words in First Chronicles 7:14 often quoted alone continues to 19: "BUT IF you turn away & forsake My statutes & My commandments which I have set before you... then I will uproot."

GAME'S NOT OVER. KEEP PRAYING & Trusting God.

November 17, 2015 at 10:38pm

Leviticus 19: 30 (after chapter 18 is full of commandments to OBEY "**for I AM the LORD**"), GOD says "**You shall keep My Sabbaths & reverence My sanctuary:** I am the LORD." ...

In First Kings 6:7, we read of how people obeyed the LORD's command to build His Temple using HAMMER & chisel harsh sounds Elsewhere.

Habakkuk wrote God's Word to us all: "But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him." (2:20). ...

I often think on verses like these as I play the prelude even just moments before a Sunday worship service is to start, distracted by all the (adult) noise... If I could, I'd apologize to my Dad for his frequent angry words on Sunday afternoons -- to a child who, as Dad said, did not show fun seeing friends! **But there comes that time to settle our minds before the LORD into a Heart of Worship....** Photo source:

<http://newsfeed.time.com/2011/10/15/missouri-church-has-prayed-247-for-12-years/>

November 18, 2015 at 10:59am ·

I confess: Often I must apologize to God after glancing at my bedside's row of Wonderful books He inspired to long-ago writers-- ideas on growing more Christ-like: When I have little time to read amid Life's Busy-ness, & so mutter to myself, "of COURSE these men had more time to write for You:

They had SERVANTS (or wives) to clean house...."..That's where the apology comes :)

But, Really: The LORD PROMISES thru Ephesians 3:20-21 >> When you or I truly love Him & Yearn to draw others to His Glory, He WILL enable us "EXCEEDING-ly, ABUNDANT-ly ABOVE all that we ask or think" ... or even can Dream! ... even amid mundane chores.

<<Thanking God literally for an understanding husband who doesn't mind me spending more time writing music!>>

November 18, 2015 at 1:50pm ·

WITH PHOTO of website home page (guitar). Used again in 2017 (BUT with about 525 recorded songs now, 2 years later).

Zephaniah 3:17... "The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." >>

The scripture I "accidentally" found flipping thru Bible searching for guidance on the first night after I became a Christian at 19-- and

"accidentally" on the 2nd night. Who in the world "accidentally" finds the 3 pages of Zephaniah in a thick book unless by GOD?! ...

Didn't know at the time it was a prophecy: He's guided me in putting over 400 new song recordings on Internet in under 8 years.

PHOTO: My first web designer hadn't had time to add strings to photo of my Carvin ... I looked... thought... and excitedly realized that God had provided this delay as time for me to see **THE PARABLE: I told him to keep them off as a Symbol: No way to have done these songs without God empowering as the Strings:** Eph. 3:20-21.

November 19, 2015 at 2:46pm ·

Finally got around to (piece by piece, it seemed) picking up birdseed I dropped heading out the deck door. Only about a tablespoonful... went *Everywhere*. Sunflower seeds were easy, but I'm still finding between floor boards mustard-seed size dots the

doves love so much.

Found myself wondering: HOW do doves find such tiny bits amid grass & rocks, to keep from starving?? **Yet-- A silly question for those** of us who've seen all the **Evidences of a Caring Creator**: When He sees a hungry sparrow etc, He can just speak a Word & food will be somewhere in the path where they are seeking :) - Matthew 6:26... JESUS said God feeds them... & provides for you & me. :)

November 21, 2015 at 11:52am ·

Working in studio on new project this AM - Humor parable song, working title 'NAG NAG WANNA GET PRAYERS' -- I couldn't figure out WHY in the world the Piano track was SO wimpy & weak compared to my program's usual almost real sound. So I added Compression, Reverb... Nope. *Finally* figured out: Oh, I forgot to switch the default sound from 'Piano' to 'GRAND PIANO'.... // ...

Got to thinking: The LORD has given each of us giftings-- I know "my" music is from Him-- YET when we try to serve Him without remembering to (fervently) pray for His Promised added empowering -- Ephesians 3:20-21-- Well, Pun Intended:

The sound people hear of God thru us may be OK,
but it sure ain't so Grand as it'd be WITH Him. :)

November 23, 2015 at 12:04pm

"Others have This! Hey! I NEED This! You have power, so GET IT ... for me! IF You love me, You will get This so that You will make me real happy!
(Get it... for me! Get it for me! Get it for me!)"

That's Verse 2 of "my" (God's) new song (see Nov 21 post) - title changed from "Nag Nag... Prayers" to SPOILED CHILDREN PRAYERS... Full lyrics at this LINK >>
<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/documents/SpoiledChildrenPrayers-LY11-22-2015.pdf> --

**And sure enough: I find myself slipping into such selfish words
as I pray to The LORD of Hosts...**

FAST moving music (160 bpm!) is a free download from my website >>
<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/media/Acctrk/SpoiledChildrenPrayers-GB160bpm.mp3> >>

** May we each GROW to reflect Jesus: 2nd Corinthians 3:18-- with His empowering so that we pray humbly & not like spoiled brats.** ...

Full website: <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Home.php>

November 25, 2015 at 9:37am ·

My dad would share this story from a preacher (sorry don't know name) with children who were afraid of dying (even if at that time quite healthy)... & the listening adults: Dying is like when you fall asleep on the sofa watching TV...

It's not your place of rest. So your Daddy gently picks you up & carries you upstairs to where you belong. When you awake it's as if no time at all has passed to you: Yet you're safe where you have rest. //

(Missing Dad very much this Thanksgiving: whose Heavenly Father "carried him upstairs" quite a few years ago, in our earthly sluggish time...)

November 28, 2015 at 6:41pm ·

Jesus's comforting promise thru John 14:26 reminds of a quote in STAR WARS, 1977 Episode IV. Obi-Wan Kenobi says: "You CAN'T win, Darth. If you strike me down, I shall become MORE powerful than you could possibly imagine."

Exactly what God's Son has shown since His physical death on the Cross...
John 14:25-26, **AFTER Jesus died, He sent His Holy Spirit to be WITHIN ALL of us** (who invite Him) to give wisdom, power against evil:
His *physical* presence NOT needed.

= LOGICAL Evidence that God has power far beyond that angel Satan, who absurdly thought he'd win over God. (See Jesus's "*I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven*" in Luke 10:17-20; and fascinating Ezekiel 28 which can apply to no other.) ...

LOGIC in First John 1:4> "He who is in you [God's Holy Spirit] is GREATER than he who is in the world" > **Satan who is REAL makes the fiction villain**
Darth Vader look like Mary Poppins.

November 30, 2015 at 8:50am -

PHOTO: Video still of police officer at car window (from behind) where woman inside is saying, "**I thought you officers didn't give pretty girls tickets?**"...

Many patrol cars were even on back highways Friday. One was sailing up behind me, lights flashing, but I wasn't the least worried>> I'd been going only "3 over". But of course as he passed, I knew he had the RIGHT to ticket me: "**ONLY 3 OVER**" is still **against the Law.. // ..**

An officer friend told me they can tell when drivers are truly regretting having passed Law's line-- not just "sorry they got caught"... & officers very well may give just a warning instead of punishment. BUT **by their GRACE in not giving us what we *deserved*, they did ***NOT END*** the Law of the Speed Limit....**

Galatians 3:13, "Christ has redeemed us from the **CURSE** of the Law" >> The **DEATH PENALTY = the Curse.**

Just read Psalm 119 to see how **NON-logical it is to call God's Law itself a "curse"**. How can we think anything God said is Evil?

That just *plays into the hands* of God's enemy: Satan whispered thoughts into people's heads from the beginning-- then about God's SINGLE LAW: "Did God REALLY say that?.....Genesis 3:1.

And then Satan CONTRADICTED what God had promised as the **Curse of the Law** (only a few verses later): "You will NOT surely die." ... John 8:44, Satan the Father of Lies called God a Liar-- and people then & now still believe his Propaganda whispers.

How SATAN LAUGHS knowing God DOES keep His word ... DELIGHTS when those God loves- incl Christians-- are not Jesus's friends (John 15) if they

- don't want to obey Him...
- HURT God,
- call Him changeable (Titus 1:2, Numbers 23:19),
- thinking that when God gives the gift of Grace, that means He CHANGED HIS MIND about Laws-- the 'speed limits' that are so GOOD for us, that are GIFT for our protection, health, humbleness before Him that leads to peace, joy.

Simple LOGIC: **Without the Law, a police officer cannot give Grace-- because we didn't do anything wrong.** Easy parable. "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" - Numbers 23:19.

PHOTO SOURCE: The police officer's voice is FUNNY- he's so stunned by the woman's comment that he says in surprise, "Pardon me?" -- and she repeats same sentence! > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPOyub4t2YY>

December 2, 2015 at 8:22 AM ·

Staying overnite at a friend's house, I awoke to hear heavy rainfall outside... and a "ping ping ping" right above my head. First concern that roof was leaking. It quickly gave way to Panic! when I turned on light & saw insects rush over & start bouncing against it: In my experience, HORNETS do that. But, hallelujah!, it was just ladybugs like many houses are being invaded with... INTRIGUING easy to see PARABLE: Stayed 2nd nite. Awoke to find perfectly CALM bugs.. gathered in small groups, still resting after I turned on *2* lights... >>

... EVEN God's World of NATURE repeatedly shows a Peace & Comfort when we're together-- even when there's nothing our friends can do or say that actually frees us... JOY in being with others who *care* about us. And promised Power from the LORD to break thru our life chains (John 8 etc) ... and give Peace as we wait on Him (Psalm 46:10, John 16:33, all of John 14, etc).

JESUS: "For where two or three are gathered together in MY name, I AM there in the midst of them." -- Matthew 18:20 (& see Exodus 3:14). God's **#CHRISTMAS** Promise of Jesus's **#Reason** for the **#Season** -- Luke 1:79, "To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."

Exodus 3:14, easy to remember location, as the short math number for PI: And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Photo of ladybugs gathered without any protection but each other on a jagged hard rock. Source: abc17news on 20 Oct 2014, which warns of Asian Beetles: "... the very similar orange and black bugs that we're seeing all across the state in high amounts are something you definitely do not want to touch. These bugs can even bite you." Photo of 4 joined with the One in Prayer: ChurchNet USA com

December 2, 2015 at 9:17am ·

Would you trust a nurse who'd never done a Practicum-- who got Straight A's in Knowledge, but **never worked with patients** with an experienced nurse beside him/her?? of COURSE not... Related Q - really :)

CONSIDER: Jesus took 3 years to not only teach but also to give 12 men PRACTICE.

BUT HOW MANY CHURCHES TEACH- TRAIN people to go TELL GOD'S WORD?

WHY does it appear that 95% of church activities seem so self focused?-- "Activity" defined as individual members DOING somethings besides coming to services; not simply easy things like bring food for baskets--

My personal theory: I think it's **honest FEAR caused by LACK OF INFO...** Oh, Sure -- there's the lazy Christians (Revelation 2-3 shows)... But Many Christians are good hearted, DEARLY love the LORD-- but are truly FEARFUL to serve, of being a poor reflection of the LORD (2nd Corinthians 3:18) because Churches in general aren't teaching our KEY: (1) Ezekiel 33 -- we do NOT have to CONVINCe anyone to believe!
(2) John 14:26 & James 1:5 & Ephesians 6:10-end & etc: God promises Wisdom & power as we reach out. Jeremiah 1:17, we prepare with study BUT we arise trusting God to give us Words to warn (1:16). Church doesn't even teach that JESUS said to trust God for words as we share His Message & serve Him... Luke 21:15 (but read earlier verses of encouragement too!)

That 2nd Corinthians 3:18 shows TWO promises of God:
If we turn to Him, seek to obey Him, trust Him,

- (3) we'll grow to MORE & MORE ****reflect**** our Lord; and (fantastic!)
- (4) The Holy Spirit Himself WILL HELP us to grow to do that!

December 3, 2015 at 11:23am ·

Our Family Holiday for this year included watching that famous Christmas movie, GREMLINS. (Not kidding!) Hadn't seen it since our 2nd child was too tiny to be terrified like our oldest at the Church Choir Christmas party. (Not kidding!) ...

But it DID make me laugh this AM to look down & see that our Maine Coon cat had left a chunk of fur by her dish- and realize I was thinking it was **big enough to grow into a kitten!**

Wonder if that's how Ronald Dahl got his idea in 1943?! //

Amazing how God created our minds to LEAP from 1 thought to another that has

a common thread but is completely different! Parables! ... As end of Romans 1 says: All His Creation can give our minds Leaps to Remember God: IF we don't reject His evidences all around us...

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December 3, 2015 at 2:25pm ·

Ever notice? Right between the comforts of Psalm 147:3 and vss 5-6, the LORD inspired the psalmist to **Suddenly Write**

"He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.."..
HUH?? In English class that was called a Non Sequitur... it doesn't follow, makes no sense in this place. BUT GOD: But **God comforts us**: "Hey, I know every star's name: so I SURE know **YOURS!**" whoaaa, Amazing Love!

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December 4, 2015 at 8:13pm

PHOTO: Each of us is an INNKEEPER who decides if there is room for JESUS! --
Neal A. Maxwell

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December 5, 2015 at 8:07pm · *PHOTO: "a parametric plot of a mobius strip" in shades of pinks purples oranges.*

Something a few hours ago Terrified meAND--quick note: I'm fine but abashed: Most people wouldn't have been scared, but I'm still shaking. Puzzling thru tonite as I pray, I'm thinking of **MOBIUS strips**.

Ever struggled with a concept that seemed to change each time you thought thru it, even within minutes?

Good ol' KJV version-- Jesus's repeated sentence makes me feel ashamed:

"O YE OF LITTLE FAITH!"

Yet... a **MOBIUS**...

I *do* have absolute faith in God.

Absolutely not scared of death- though hoping it's not by doing something 'embarrassingly stupid' like brushing my teeth while I blow dry my hair :) ...

But... **MOBIUS**:

. It's **ME** I don't have faith in, to trust God as I should...

Yet.... **MOBIUS**

Comfort: Among my favorite verses of God's Word: Mark 9:23-24, Jesus said unto him, "If thou canst believe, ALL things are possible to him that believeth." 24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears,

"Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

I'm ashamed of my terror feelings tonight... but that's all they are: **Feelings**.

Jesus honored that man's faith and answered his prayer--

without scolding him for the feelings that led him to pray for help...

What an amazing LORD we can trust!

December 6, 2015 at 5:24pm · PHOTO: solid color rainbow little records.

When I was a little girl, this actually WAS the color of plastic vinyl records for children & our little record players. This is a photo off my [#Pinterest](#) board <https://www.pinterest.com/DianaDeeOsbo.../instruments-for-joy/> - because for me, these *were* INSTRUMENTS FOR JOY, the start of music in my life around age 4.

By the way: *Yellow Rose of Texas* was on a Yellow record, & *Jingle Bells* was on Green. I couldn't read, so I had to guess which side. Had a 50/50 chance of being right! Eventually I got smart and put a crayon mark on my favorite sides! **It's ODD to be able to remember not being able to read....** May we find it **JUST AS ODD** to wonder how in the world we lived immature, not being able to TRUST our Trust-worthy God!

December 7, 2015 at 9:19am · PHOTO Psalm 3:1-3, God is a SHIELD:

2 Many *are* they who say of me, "*There is no help for him in God.*" Selah (*a THINK break*)
3 But You, O LORD, *are* a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.

Have always liked this one.... not just "for me", but because it shows the character of our LORD GOD- His COMPASSION toward us >>>> How the LORD understands us, as **He guided David to write out prayers centuries ago that STILL comfort & encourage us today....** the psalm continues, to comfort you thru your days IF God is truly your LORD (John 14, 15): >>

5 "I lay down and SLEPT; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.

6 I will NOT be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around. Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your blessing is upon Your people. SELAH." <= Think On This Truth.>

May the LORD Guide your words you write & speak to also comfort others during this holy remembrance season of Christ-mas.

December 7, 2015 at 3:40pm ·

There are some TV series we've watched so long that we tend to yell during the new episode, "***DON'T follow the blind man into the alley!*** He did it! ***He's not really Blind!***" ... EVEN though we've never before seen it: Turns out we're right..

Our experience led us right.... IF ONLY that were as true in "real life".

We already know what's probably going to happen, based on experience, if we go into that store full of sales despite our tight budget, walk to the back corner of "that place", or even just go down Candy Aisle Alley while hungry...

God PROMISES to protect us from temptations when we sincerely ask Him (1st Corin 10:13; James 1:12-15)...

But it's really DUMB to blindly follow our tempting thoughts down our Life alleys.....

December 9, 2015 at 11:54am ·

MORE that a "cute saying" >> "**Wise Men Still Seek Him.**" >>
God clearly, Repeatedly says seeking Him is **MORE** than a way to make us *happier* & more joy filled... for NOT seeking Him is a *SIN* that incurs His *wrath*:

Zephaniah 1: 4-6 (a Prophecy of Jesus's coming book), the LORD angrily declares: "I will stretch out My hand **against... Those who have turned back** from following the LORD, AND HAVE NOT SOUGHT the LORD, NOR inquired of Him." ..//..

I've used James 4:7-8 in a lot of songs to show the Peace of rejecting the Evil One AND "drawing near to God." But it's MORE than a way to be happier: It's God's COMMAND. Wise men & women seek the LORD daily, hourly.... And not just in the Christ-mas season.

December 10, 2015 at 8:50pm ·

Waking thru nite coughing for a week, I've learned a trick: If I put in a 4-hour MONK series DVD, the plot usually lulls me back to sleep faster :)

Awoke this AM to hear him lamenting how unpopular he was in 6th grade.

Familiar. My mind leapt to my **Missed Moment of Popularity** :

The 5 POPULAR girls asked me to join their 6-person 7th Grade cheerleading squad!!! ... **I was tempted**... but I said NO: REASON: There were only 10 girls in our class: Without me, the spot would be filled by a black girl, which the PGs didn't want... I realized, they did not want **ME** ... they just didn't want any of the beautiful black skinned girls on the Cheer Leading Squad. ...//.....

I've never been as smart as I'd like... but I find myself pleased that in That Moment of Choice, I realized the Unkindness (nice word) of their invitation. God helped me choose right. Had to be God... for I surely had been wishing to be more popular, & **cheerleading could've changed my life**.....

So would've Prejudice. ... Suppose I had chosen wrongly and been REWARDED by popularity for the rest of school -- which MIGHT have happened: Cheerleaders are considered popular just because they're Cheerleaders..... I surely HOPE I'd think back and be ashamed... But I don't know. Thanking God for guiding me even though I never prayed, Sorta Believed in God (as demons do -- James 2:19)..... Oh but so sad for all those OTHER girls, the popular ones. What **EVIL** the parents of these girls & so many others taught their children to carry into adulthood!

December 16, 2015 at 8:54am ·

Right between the comforts of Psalm 147:3 and vs 5-6, the LORD inspired the psalmist to Suddenly Write

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

But God is COMFORTING us with this seeming subject change:

"Hey, I know every star's name: so I SURE know YOURS!" ... , Amazing Love! ...

SEE THE PHOTO. This is called a COSMIC WREATH, from Nature World News 12-18-2013: Hubble image of God's Creation shows RS Puppis-- a type of **variable star** known as a Cepheid variable. As variable stars go, Cepheids have comparatively **long periods. Something to think upon as we consider The Bethlehem Star that God sent to guide worshipers AKA Wise Men.**

Wise men who came from the area of Chaldea... Babylon area...
where DANIEL TAUGHT the wise men of that day centuries before Jesus was born in Bethlehem. (Daniel 2 on, esp verses 12-13)

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December 20, 2015 at 6:07pm ·

(1) Where did the wise men / Magi come from? Daniel 5:11's descriptions of wise men & astrologers lead many to believe these ancient astronomers were from **Chaldea.**

(2) AND that Daniel, who was grouped as a "Wise Man" to be killed for not knowing the King's Dream, SHOWED these astronomers the statistical improbability that ANYTHING other than God-Named-YHWH saved THEM. Who KEPT teaching... passing this onto generations of wise men to come... incl. the Bethlehem ones!

(3) Where did Abram's family clan come from? **CHALDEA....**
Genesis 11:26-28.... THOUGHT: Is it not cool that the LORD God would return to the family roots of the human father of the Children of Israel to share the news of the Messiah sent for ALL the World? Luke 2:10... From the START, God sent His angels to say Jesus was being sent for ALL people.

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December 22, 2015 at 10:39pm ·

I keep my 2006 waiting-for-the-rain-to-stop Music Festival- written list of **25 Music related prayers** in a poster frame in my prayer closet. This AM, I was again praying them:

Suddenly laughed in Joy with our LORD at #16: To learn to use my drum machine.... And I did: by 2007 was using it to share ideas with drummer on Praise Band beats that I didn't have the words to describe, esp re Back Beats...

a PERFECT example of Ephesians 3:20 >> I'd never even heard of music recording programs in 2006 when I wrote this list of prayers.... & only 3 years later, the LORD gave me wisdom (& two dif studios I still work with) to create sample drum ideas for "my" music's drummer..... & oboe & flute & ev else in my home studio. Talk about God answering prayers BEYOND our imagination to even dream!

Verse 21: For HIS Glory! With amazed thanks.....!
LINK to several HUNDRED songs for FREE downloads of MP3s and music sheets:
<http://www.dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Resources.php>

December 25, 2015 at 8:20pm ·

CHRISTMAS STOCKING PARABLE of HEAVEN

My brother & I have passed on a few generations' of our family tradition: We Children were allowed to (after 7 AM!) on Christmas morning, open & play with **anything** in our Stocking. Mom usually packed in some great little toys-- and of course, we set aside the orange & dug into the chocolates :) ...

We KNEW More & Better was to come! ... But we weren't allowed even a Hint of More **until Daddy came and said "It's Time!"** Christmas mornings are our reminders: Jesus came wrapped as our Heavenly Father's Gift, and we've been able to enjoy His Wondrous **gifts of Salvation**, of **Weapons against Evil** (Ephesians 6:10-), of **Love / Joy / Peace** (Gal. 5:22-23)...

And one day God Our Father will say "It's Time!", and we'll see More & Better when Jesus Returns to bring us (who truly love the LORD) to Him --- Forever !!!

December 26, 2015 at 7:52pm · PHOTO: Cartoon strip where Calvin by his Christmas tree is holding up just one of the many presents & declaring to the sky,

"Ha ha! Acquittal on all charges! **Complete exoneration!** (Credit Bill Watterson)

Poor Calvin has struggled all year to fight temptations to clobber Suzie with snowballs, stay out of the Principal's office, endure Roslyn his babysitter, not drive his parents crazy... But by mid December, **he's pretty sure his failures will result in NO gifts** under the Christmas Tree.

Cartoonist Bill Watterson deliberately included many Christian truths in his CALVIN AND HOBBS strips. This panel is a **Picture of Grace**. Sadly-- like for Calvin-- **most of us fool ourselves into thinking we managed to "be good enough"** when we're **Surprised By Blessings**..... Insulting God's Goodness who offers gifts.... EVEN WHEN we don't deserve them! Yet Salvation is free gift that we choose whether to accept: "...NOT of works, lest anyone should boast." (Eph. 2:8-9).

December 27, 2015 at 3:05pm ·

"The LORD sat enthroned at the **FLOOD**, And the LORD sits as King forever. -- Psalm 29:10... Beautiful worship song; AND verse 9, "And in His temple everyone says, 'Glory!'"

I pray that was **your** joy in God's church fellowship somewhere this morning. NOTICE: No one doubted David's sanity of "**believing myths**" as he wrote this bit of **History**: The LORD **engineered** the world-wide Flood that almost every culture around this earth STILL talks about even if they do not credit God-Named-YHWH... as repeatedly said thru the Bible incl by Jesus Himself (Matthew 24, Luke 17:27).....

December 29, 2015 at 7:35pm ·

I confess: I smile when I see "yet another" post complaining that Facebook "hates Christians" & "hides their posts".

Simple math: If you had only 50 friends posting tonight & FB put ALL those posts in your feed, you still would not notice some as you read an individual's. Simple math: FB uses an algorithm (equation) programming that avoids overwhelming your feed by putting only the "most popular" posts or writers in your feed.

Even if you don't like FB's method>> Simple LOGIC: If you REALLY want to know what a friend is thinking: Click on "Friends" >> "Search for your friends" & type in a name to quickly see someone's ideas.... **Reminds me of people who complain that they want to know God's thoughts--- yet they won't take time to truly pray & truly read God's Bible.**

December 30, 2015 at 11:26am ·

In NUMBERS, TV Season 4, Disk 3 Episode 4; the math genius does what he shouldn't've--- He tells TV reporter he can probably solve the case.

Thus the kidnapper learns that the ordinary looking guy is a threat to his scheme, and begins to try to scare off, then destroy him.

Same thing in real life. Satan's just a created angel- **doesn't know the future** or how we fit into God's Plan (giving us & others Joy). Satan's goal is to destroy everyone whether or not they believe in him or God (JESUS said- John 10:10; John 8:44; via 1st Peter 5:8).

But as soon as we start doing things (incl praying) to serve God, we catch Satan's attention and his special efforts to trick, thwart, discourage us.

Cool thing is.. **James 4:7-8**, we're safe if we stay on guard (having put on the weapons God offers though Ephesians 6:10-end)-- Satan & demons **have** to run away from God's presence, so when we pray & draw near to God....

We run FROM, to us God **COMES**, Demons **RUN**. (2013)

December 31, 2015 at 8:57am ·

PHOTO: Claims that Satan KNOWS God's thoughts ::

Actually this poster is **NOT true... It is a FALSE teaching to say>**

"The Enemy always fights the HARDEST when he knows God has something GREAT in store for you." WHY is this FALSE? >>

NO!! Satan does NOT have omniscience like God...

* does NOT know the Future,

- * Satan can NOT know God's Plan
- * Satan can NOT specific times that he & his demons need in order to come fight the hardest against you...

What "principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this age, spiritual hosts of wickedness {Ephesians 6:12} ***DO*** know & too many Christians forget:

The LORD NEVER breaks His Promise: Including that God has a special exciting Purpose for ***EVERY*** person to decide upon accepting.

THUS: In reality, Satan doesn't work at hurting you other than for a bit of **"fun"** til you start to truly BELIEVE GOD's WORD >>

Jeremiah 29:11-14, Psalm 139.God MADE you with a Special Plan in mind.... you as an individual and you as part of His fellowship, grafted in with His beloved children of Israel -- if you so choose.
Romans 11..

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