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## **YEAR 2018      WINTER PARABLES IN LIFE**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY, 2018** .... 1 January at 12:10 A.M. 5 mins ·

First post of the Year: This summer I was stopped at a light after 2 hours of driving north when a huge SUV pulled up beside me in the left lane. Nice vehicle, so I looked... and all the way thru both its rear, tinted windows I could see a huge brilliant sun shining in the West as it neared the horizon: Beautiful round orb that I'd pretty much ignored all day... As one of my fav book titles says: **THERE'S TREASURE EVERYwhere!!!**... We just have to look to see God's blessings that Amaze us when we're Aware....

**MAY YOU SEE ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS THIS 2018 NEW YEAR!** #DianaDee 😊

*<Photo: Book cover of Calvin & Hobbes digging Treasure, by Bill Watterson>*

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**1 January 2018 11:30 A.M.** 2 hrs · 4 Photos – See description below.

Funny to wonder if sequel writers ever have a light bulb moment, after their story's in finished production, & suddenly tell themselves, "OH, I hope no one remembered THAT" from the original movie..... Amazing that Jesus, born about 2,000 years ago, was able to explain how prophets who lived HUNDREDS of years earlier had described Him To Come. Luke 24:44, which the BEREANS studied AGAINST ALL scriptures-- and accepted as TRUTH despite their Right Initial Doubts... Acts 17:11.....

**PHOTO:** The Bible is a collection of **66** books and letters written by **40** authors over a period of about **1,600** years. The books **fit together perfectly** to tell **one** complete, cohesive and amazing story of the Savior of the world. These astounding writings were penned in **3 different languages** by people living on **3 different continents**, people of diverse personality, occupation, culture and situation with differing perspectives and unique styles.

**2 January 2018. 9:30 AM.** 23 hrs ·

Excellent WARNING below. Jesus WARNED about False Teachers-- so did all the Bible books starting with "T" -- but you'd think Christians would do at least a TINY bit of Bible study to see how SATAN is USING THIS to convince Seekers to STOP seeking & call Jesus's followers 'FOOLS'. I've been saying this as FB comments for 2 years: Like DANCING thru a MINE FIELD, it's \*AMAZING\* how Ignorant some Christ\*ians

\*LET\* themselves be of all Satan's strategies to either fool Christians or SHOW them to BE as fools with obvious false teachings... the Poetry of Job & Psalms (like "four corners of the earth" meaning EVERYWHERE, Isaiah 11:12, 40:22 "Circle of the earth") & of Jesus calling Himself a door, for example.... Who thinks Jesus meant He was made of wood?!!...

**3 January 2018. 8:28 AM. Just now** ·

Imagine being HUGGED by God... leaning into Him with His powerful arms enfolding you in a Safety & Love thru which nothing evil can ever touch you.... A SAFE Place amid Life's sorrows. Yes, He's a KING, God, to revere: But He Himself invites us to His Very Throne in prayer! (Hebrews 4:16).

Jesus HIMSELF spoke of LONGING to enfold even a city full of people who had \*refused\* His Love, had rejected Him... Matthew 23:37 gives a True Picture of The LORD's Love for you.... EVEN if you're still choosing self-sufficiency. 2nd Corinthians 1:2-4 = the "COMFORT COMFORT COMFORTS" verse that gives \*such\* peace. Even when things around us look scary & powerful against us.....

**4 January 2018. 6:30 AM** - soon after awakening from Dream, then re-posted at 9:13 since no impacts yet; *added photo for Ephesians 2:1-10 of 3 persons on Earth as seen from space, with words "God's Glorious Plan Includes YOU!"* **20 mins**

Odd **meaning filled** dream: A man was mocking me for the ancient book I have by **G. Morgan Campbell**: So I told him how "in those days" preachers would "re-use" sermons to different audiences... How GMC was **so gifted** that his sermons were more filled than seminary lectures & no one could argue him & win as he preached about God... how people left with pages of notes they could barely understand...

how he *loved* God, but one day came to **\*\*LOVE\*\*** God.. And AFTER that day, he still preached the same sermons, **but they were FAR different** despite the same words. And people went forth still full of notes... but also with a LOVE for telling everyone about This Great God.... Ephesians 2, He MAKES ALIVE!

"Not academically trained, [**Gordon Campbell**] even failed in his "trial sermon" (he was told he showed "no promise"). Yet he was, eventually, acclaimed "the most outstanding preacher this country (the United States) has heard." 1 Between 1886 and his Diamond Jubilee [60 years], he preached some 23,390 times and wrote over 70 books. He was an ideal husband and father, whose four sons followed him into the ministry (what higher tribute could be paid to a preacher?). No breath of scandal ever touched his life. He loved children and was loved by them." --

<https://www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/2000/05/man-of-the-word-the-ministry-of-g.-campbell-morgan>

**January 5 at 11:40am**

The birds seem "irked" when I go out on "their" deck in AM to scatter more seed in the snow. They'd been scratching & finding bits of yesterday's blessings... and here I come seeming to take AWAY their gift as I walk out & they fly away. Yet once they get courage to return, they're HAPPY again!..//..

**PARABLE:** So often it seems God has TAKEN AWAY His blessings. We sympathize with Job, "*Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him? who will say unto him, What doest thou?*" (9:12)... YET GOD... **YET GOD** has The Best planned for His Children. And like a Good Father, He knows the BEST TIME is sometimes = **Not Now**. Proverbs 3:5-7, ***Trust Him***.

1-5-2018. DianaDee Osborne answered a question. 9 mins · PROVIDED Question:  
***If I could make one rule that everyone had to follow...*** ME:

**Speak the WHOLE Truth at ALL times...  
without mumbling or excuses... with Love for everyone, including God.**

COMMENT 1-5-2018, 9:10 PM · 1m .

**The Scientific Method** was taught or 500 years UNTIL only 30 years ago as **REQUIRING that scientists NOT have a pre-conceived idea** of what experiment results would be **LEST** they **CONTAMINATE** the process & get slanted conclusions. One of First uses of this Method that's been around well over 200 years:

CELL THEORY experiments to **FIGHT** belief in "spontaneous generation of cells"..... **the VERY thing evolutionists teach today.** >>

<https://science.howstuffworks.com/.../scientific-method4.htm>

**6 January 2018. at 12:48pm**

Another Amazing DESIGN of the universe is revealed in one of my fav DVDs: THE MUSICAL BRAIN... a SCIENCE study: How music helps children's IQ grow; awakens part of an Alzheimer's victim's memories; gives physical joy with increased **Endorphins-- without the calories of Chocolate!** The musician STING let them do brain scans on him as dif kinds of music were played. I was pleased to see, there's a REASON why I like weird notes like flat-5's! FUNNY:

Brain scans of Sting (Gordon Sumner) listening to MUZAK (aka Elevator Music) showed almost zip activity! Sting joked that he likes exploring dif patterns but thinks Muzak is a curse pretending to be music :) DVD based on musician-turned-neuroscientist Daniel Levitin's book (I also love!) >> **PHOTO: This Is Your Brain on Music: The Science of a Human Obsession** by "rocker-turned-neuroscientist Daniel J. Levitin" who "explores the connection between music—its performance, its composition, how we listen to it, why we enjoy it—and the human brain."

**7 January 2018 2:24 PM 17 mins ·**

What it SAID: "Five ways to make a resolution successful."

What I READ: Five ways to make a resolution STRESS-ful."...

I'm thinking my mind was more realistic. ;) ... I'm amazed by my google search result that implies ONLY 60% of people GAVE UP on bothering to make New Year's Resolutions. Of the 40% who do, 8% report they actually succeeded??? (Doubting if 1 resolution was to be truthful to poll takers!) ...

Most of us realize that BEST WAY TO AVOID STRESS OF RESOLUTIONS: Don't make any. Romans 7 = We always fail eventually. YET GOD PROMISES HELP when we really WANT it! Romans 7's Failures Report is always followed by Romans 8, HOPE & Success with God!... And: Forgiveness when we fail..... Forgive yourself, my friends: It's the Keeping ON that = Success.

January 7 at 8:47pm ·

Among WORST sermons I've heard: BLAMING JOB for all his children dying. THEORY: 5th verse of the book: Job made sacrifices for his children in case THEY had sinned, so by THINKING this, Job CAUSED. APPLICATION of such a "sermon": Telling us Christians that we must NAME-IT-AND-CLAIM-IT the blessings we want, and DON'T DARE even THINK of anything bad happening or else God may CAUSE it....//...

This False Teaching is **like teaching "magic"**:

It claims a Formula Prayer that -- if said right-- will **control** God. God's Word CLEARLY says curses don't work against us & HE doesn't curse us based on what our parents/ancestors did. (SEE COMMENTS)... So to all False Teachers:... QUIT BLAMING JOB with "formula faith": REMEMBER God's anger at Job's "friends".

COMMENT 1 (later) >> Thru Ezekiel 18:20 God tells us we each are responsible for our own sins, and we must bear the punishment for them. We cannot share our guilt with another, nor can another be held responsible for our transgressions. NO GENERATIONAL CURSES to those who ARE HIS.... who have chosen to accept Him as our Abba, Father God. · 4d

COMMENT 2 >> Amazing Grace: The exception is 2nd Corinthians 5:21... "in our favor" when we accept Him....

COMMENT 3 >> (QUOTE from article, "*What does the Bible Say About Breaking Generational Curses?*") >>

"The CURE for a generational curse has ALWAYS been REPENTANCE. When Israel turned from idols to serve the living God, THE "CURSE" WAS BROKEN and God saved them (Judges 3:9, 15; 1 Samuel 12:10- 11). Yes, God promised to visit Israel's sin upon the 3rd & 4th generations, BUT IN THE VERY NEXT VERSES, He promised that He would show "love to a thousand [generations] of those who love Me and **KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS**"

(Exodus 20:6). >> <https://www.gotquestions.org/generational-curses.html>

**POST** January 8 at 8:18am ·

This AM a friend told me today's new weather prediction = MORE wet stuff... and it's so cold that the roads will get icy fast. As I muttered to myself complaining, I \*immediately\* remembered all the refugees who've fled for their lives from burning fires in CA and 12 months ago, Pigeon Forge & Gatlinburg & etc... all who've fled first from evil men with guns & now live homeless & hated overseas. Yes, I apologized to God for my ungratefulness. And thanked Him for His reminder.

**COMMENT** 1-8-2018 · 1m 1-7-2018 to "Songwriting" Group <with formal URL address <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SongScriptors/> question,

***"How many of you are looking to change the world with music? How so?"***

**ME:** An individual person is as Important as "The World"... It's hard to remember where to find all the promises of Help, Peace, etc. in the Bible... **My goal is to help as many individual persons as I can** by setting Bible Promises and words of Prophets, and Encouragement scriptures, **to Music** to help people remember them when needed: <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/PSALMS-and-Prophets.php>

**POST** January 9 at 9:33am - 18 mins · One of my fav True Parables: A couple was walking along sidewalk of busy small town street & let their little dog trot ahead-- no leash. In this pleasant town, police didn't care. Pup was well-trained: Came back if they called that it was too far ahead. BUT... had a \*squirrel\* suddenly dashed in front & thru fast cars?... Pup surely would've raced after it into street. Being on a loose leash is a sign of LOVE... // ...

2nd Tim 3:16, ONLY the Torah existed as Timothy wrote, "ALL Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine (**LAW**)... reproof (thru **PROPHETS**)... correction, for **INSTRUCTION** in **RIGHT**eousness (= LAW). **Do we dare say God's Law is bad?** It's His Loving "leash" & NOT a burden, Jesus said: Matt 11:29-30. Even science (Nutrition, Sanitation, BLACK MOLD, shellfish poisoning) shows God's laws Protect us.

**COMMENT** 1-9-2018 on Songwriting Group, answering question ***How do you write your songs ?? with instrumentals or without??***

**ME:** Sometimes you wake up with "a song in your head". Once you carefully examine & figure it's really yours (not some commercial jingle ;) then you write it out on your main instrument...And, Sometimes, You sit at your main instrument and just let your hands have fun wandering through an universe of possibilities to finish on...

January 10 at 11:19am · **PHOTO:** Snoopy hugging a heart: When my arms can't reach people who are close to my heart... I always hug them with my prayers.

Yesterday I was delighted to find the "perfect" valentine for Mom & some others at the grocery store... I'd forgotten I had only 2 days for the Post Office to deliver them in time for Valentine's Day... THIS MORNING I suddenly realized: It's January. I have 4 more weeks... **DECISION:**

Hey, I'm gonna mail them this week anyway! It's never too early to say "I LOVE YOU" and as I learned in Dec 2016, we never know if we'll BE here in 4 weeks to Speak Love... Exactly what God thru James 4:13-15 warned: "You do not know what will happen tomorrow.... Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.'" THANKING GOD for the gift of over a year Bonus to send valentines... by paper or by words, any day.

**January 12 at 2:07pm 2018**

Few know how the Story of Jonah "played out"...a **\*\*KEY question TODAY\*\***, after hearing Ben Carson's speech at noon. **Jonah** prayed (4:2) "You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger & abundant in loving-kindness"; Psalms & 2nd Peter 3:9 declare same. THE NATION MOURNED THEIR SINS & *GOD FORGAVE*... Held back His \*promised, declared\* punishment. AND God watched as, across 150 years, the people grew more & more evil until the time of Nahum when the ancestors of today's MOSUL (Nineveh) again filled their land with "harlotries" and "countless corpses"...//.... Nahum 3 gives details that sound like something out of this century's news reports.

Our COUNTRY'S FOUNDERS' words begin "WE the People"... giving God our Creator credit for America.... May God give us the grace of More Time to reach His Truth to more people... including all the un-caring people in His own Israel who are just as rebellious against God as most Americans.

**2nd Chronicles 7:14 (Happy Promise) thru 19-22 (SCARY also-promise!)** was NOT written ABOUT America: But God-Named-YHWH (Ex. 3:14) who never changes does KEEP His Patterns: John 3:16 is about the WORLD, ANY person or Nation who returns to God humbly.

**January 12 at 11:25pm**

Many people admit to being depressed.... and that a key cause of their depression is that they don't know WHY they feel that way when God has so blessed their life... Step 1: Psalm 46:10. BE STILL. Listen, wait on God. George MacDonald's definition of "perfect faith" **EVEN IF DEPRESSED**, (he inspired C.S. Lewis):

"That man is perfect in faith who can come to God in the utter DEARTH of his feelings and desires, WITHOUT a glow or an aspiration, [pride, self-hope] WITH the weight of low thoughts, failures, neglects, & wandering forgetfulness, AND [STILL CONFIDENTLY]

SAY to Him, **"Thou ART my refuge"**. [Anthology Quote I ]

COMMENT 1-13-2018 on Songwriter Group to posted question, **"Sad songs are better than happy ones, agree?"**

ME: Sad songs are "realistic" of life, but happy songs give Hope... so nope, I disagree: Sad songs in MOVEMENT 1 that evolve into words of Peace, Joy despite the sorrow (in Movement 2) are the songs that many people love. BESIDES: It gives us songwriters the FUN of designing both Major & Minor color chords to bring our listeners thru our Song Journey. ;)

Consider GOD'S SONG GUIDELINES that He inspired written: Practically every Psalm (incl. those NOT in *THAT* book) opens with Sorrow & **ends declaring HOPE** as we **TRUST** God: **Including Psalm 22 that Jesus quoted... that EVERY listener KNEW by heart ended with JOY...** like Resurrection brought.

14 January 2018 at 7:32am ·

Quote from Eddie Rickenbacker, American fighter pilot ace in World War I and Medal of Honor recipient: QUOTE >> "Courage is doing what you ARE afraid to do. There can be **\*\*NO courage UNLESS\*\*** you are scared." ...// ... Our Encouraging God REPEATEDLY encourages us saying the same thing about Faith, about Trusting His Goodness even when feelings tell you "Be scared"... Joshua Chapter 1 is His Promise over & Over! EXCITING list of Bible Promises at this scriptures link >>

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm...>

COMMENT: Psalm 27:14, "Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!"

January 15 at 9:14am ·

Song idea that just came while praying-- may as well write notes here first, journal later: In 4/4: **"WHAT MAKES GOD LAUGH (WITH JOY)?"** ...

What makes God laugh/	___ in (Joy-ful)ness? /
___ we know /	this: ___ /
God in- deed _/	loves to laugh: We're/
made in His im-/	age! ___ /
What can I do,/	LORD, I pray to /
give You (pleasure) and/	joy? ___ /
Help me please You/	out of love _/
You de-serve _/	(Laughter) and Joy! _ //

..... Sadly, my January 13th post is true: It's **EASY to take any happy song and turn its chords to Minor for a "companion song"** >>>>

**"WHAT MAKES GOD LAUGH (MOCKING)?"** ....

Based on Psalm 2, people & nations thinking they can be evil **without God ever stopping them.** A 2013 song, "**Psalm 2 God Deriding**" >>

<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/PSALMS-and-Prophets.php>

16 January 2018. 8:25 AM 2 mins ·

**THE BISHOP'S WIFE** = my "sleeper movie" this week: I'm asleep in 5-10 min. Finally saw Angel Dudley come to rich lady's house-- & he did NOT MAKE butler let him in: Just talked sweetly ...//..

Glad to see a movie that does NOT teach lies about angels/ Satan.

People believe SUCH NONSENSE "learned" in movies & books... & \*church leaders\* (1) see "**no harm**" OR (2) **think they shouldn't "get involved"** in what their members start TEACHING-- even in church. I got in \*big\* trouble, angrily arguing how Peretti's books weren't *MEANT* as Biblical (yrs ago- still popular):: Church people *\*believed\** his *FICTION* that "demons CAN force drivers off a road so they're killed."...//... With FB we have ops to PRESENT LOGIC & Scriptures when others are deceived... And Jesus said we're His friend (John 15) when we obey & teach His Truth. Even when FB people... & even church people... UN-Friend us. :(

January 17 at 10:58pm ·

6 AM, got 2 text messages, 2 minutes apart.

#1: My husband's workplace closed today for Snow Emergency.

#2: Employees should report at 10 AM. **Which to believe?** The popular County-wide Reporting system Message #1?... **No-- obviously #2 which was sent by his workplace...** A writer of 30 books who's believed because "popular" puts out "happy" posters like, "Ask your angels for help" & "The angels say, your loved ones are all in Heaven." **But... the Creator of ALL writers & angels clearly declared in His Bible that we must NOT seek out angels: that Jesus is ONLY mediator between us and God (Colos 2:18; 1 Tim 2:5). And that SOME angels seek to DESTROY you with Lies etc (John 10:10, John 8:44, Luke 10:18). We must CHOOSE the Authoritative Message Sender.**

COMMENT ADDED LATER: Consider if someone you dearly loved has died, & you are "comforted" with these words: ""God wanted another angel, so He took \_\_\_ to be with Him." That lie is FREQUENTLY said. And anyone who really believes it will understandably be furious at God... Which of course **Satan loves**. · 1w

**POST** January 17 at 11:31pm ·

Don't you weary of people telling you how wrong your belief is?... LIKE: "We can't wear cross necklaces because God said to *not make any graven images* & the cross was really shaped like a T anyway!"...//... So here's my response:: NO Apologies... >>



I wear a stone cross because of Joshua 4: 20-24. **By God-Named-YHWH's command (vs 1) the 12 stones were "discussion starters" so "all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever." ...**

People ASK me & I talk about God... & I often handle mine during day to remind ME to seek His pleasure & not be self focused... Similar to "evil" symbols??> Just means Satan's created another Fake. And it's not an "idol" that, by definition, is worshiped. Sure, some disagree... We all pray for wisdom "as we go" and reach conclusions that often don't match someone else's...

The added "RULE" is that God forbade wearing jewelry after that incident with the Golden Calf.... **Huhhh???**..... More FAKE rules....God even inspired Isaiah (61:10) to use His **OK** for jewelry in this comparison: "I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."

And when people come at us with First Timothy 2:9, "...;in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing...">> ?? . Ok....

If you take this LITERAL & not about Paul by his own words ["I desire" in vs 8] **clearly not creating a new commandment**, BUT emphasizing a humble HEART>> **THEN** since verse 8 begins "In like manner", thus **you'd have to ALSO be LITERAL with verse 8: that men MUST pray EVERYWHERE with their hands UP... "held high". "No other way to pray" if you invent this rule.**

**No WONDER** so many people TURN AWAY from God when people using His Name keep arguing about unimportant things.  
**No WONDER** Satan is laughing at us as he gets **win** after win in his DIVIDE & CONQUER strategies.

January 18 at 1:09pm ·

Ask anyone-- not just a "Sunday School" child-- what the Book of Jonah is about. Most likely the answer will be "A **Great** Fish"..

**NOPE:** It's about **GREAT God** who had **GREAT Mercy** for a **GREAT CITY** full of people, who He **GREAT-ly loved** (John 3:16 didn't start in 30 AD)... and **God's GREAT Plan** to use an ordinary person to GO & just SPEAK.  
Jonah didn't even need wisdom:

God gave him the words (see John 14:26 too)...//... So, about that Truth that "God never changes" >> **He gives each of us a Nineveh to GO to, & just SPEAK in.** And yeahhh... It's usually not a Disney World. But the resulting fireworks are a JOY because our GREAT LORD is a Friend who gives Peace to all who obey... John 15.

COMMENT 1-18-2018 RE God in time, physics, omnipresence, etc.

ME: I love studying science & math, and seeing all God's "parables" in them... But sometimes when my brain is tired & I am afraid I'll get tired of the search for truth, I just rest on this image: **Of a master artist painting his masterpiece.... FOR**

**the greatest creation never has as much  
beauty & power & Dimensions as its Creator.**

COMMENT 1-18-2018. **I have often expressed my anger at churches that never teach James 2:19--** that *"even devils believe one God and tremble"*.

**"Anger" sounds like a bad word--** but just think of all the church pews filled every week with people like I was, who **think** that just because they fervently BELIEVE in God (Romans 1's end-- no logical person would look at nature at NOT believe), that this does not mean they've accepted the Truth of all Jesus did & taught. <Anger that church leaders/ preachers don't SEE that they're NOT telling people what they need to know to avoid hell: THAT **BELIEVING IS WHAT EVEN DEMONS BOUND FOR HELL FOREVER DO.**

**God TEACHES that anger is sometimes right: "Be angry but sin not."** Psalm 4:4, which God repeats in Ephesians 4:26... Righteous anger like Jesus had at moneychangers who were cheating poor people.

January 20 at 10:36am · PHOTO: Older lady in crowd at the stage fence watching band – while EVERYONE around her is looking thru a smart phone.

For a decade, I've laughed at outdoors music festivals to see how MANY people are **watching the huge screens BESIDE the stage instead of the musicians ON stage!**... But it's sad to realize how it reflects us rushing thru life >> Trying to Gather Memories as if a precious coin collection to tuck in a drawer & look at later... Fretting **whether** we "got everything"... without just Enjoying... Psalm 46:10, God invites us to rest, to BE STILL with Him. To Relax. To Enjoy His 3D gifts all around us that are Real and not just captured 2-dimensional photos to save up....

James 1: 14 is still true today: "... you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." -- but Today is Here as God's Gift! · 5d

January 21 at 7:23am ·

If I leave D.C. for Iowa & go to MacDonald's there... I \*know\* the salad I like will taste the same. If I go to New Mexico...

BUT NOT true of Taco Bell 20 years ago: 'Locals' in NM "enjoy the show" watching tourists learn about SPICE difs between DC & NM!..//..

This is my **PARABLE** when people mock Christians for "denominations": When traveling, we want to know we won't be sickened by what we hear preached "in New Mexico"..... LIKE the

nausea as I walked into spare room this AM & glanced into GOODWILL box: A preacher's \*GOOD\* devotion book that my prayer group decided to use for 6 wks. **He CHANGED: NOW** this writer-preacher says God OK's a specific sin (that his son fell into & stays)...

But unless people "keep up", **they don't know when a True Teacher becomes a False one...** :( ... so I weepingly moved his old GOOD book into the trash, lest I forget and lend his lying books out -- and maybe lead someone to trust **ALL** he teaches....

January 22 at 1:50pm ·

Good PARABLE about Love from Tim <Tebow> below... I do **\*\*NOT\*\*** laugh at that often-told joke of the old married couple: After 50 years, she goes to the preacher & says "I want a divorce"-- even though they never fought etc. Husband, dragged into Couples Counseling, declares he doesn't understand. Wife: "For 50 years you've never told me you love me, and I'm TIRED of being hurt!" Husband (grinning to preacher): "Well, I TOLD you the day we got married that I love you-- If I ever change my mind, I'll let you know."...//..

I've noticed that ONLY MEN laugh at this "joke".... though I'm sure many husbands also feel no love because No Love is Spoken back...//... God isn't amused, either, when we people excitedly tell Him "I love You" after first 'saved'... but gradually take God for granted despite His Love.

PHOTO quote of Tim Tebow:

Newspaper clipping in 2015: A day after a former Denver Broncos quarterback said in a radio interview that he wished the man currently taking the snaps in Denver, Tim Tebow, would curb his references to Jesus Christ and his faith, Tebow responded. On ESPN's FIRST TAKE, Tebow said:

**"If you're married, and you really love your wife,  
is it good enough to only say to your wife 'I love her' the day you get married?  
Or should you tell her every single day when you wake up and every opportunity?**

**My relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important thing in my life.  
So any time I get an opportunity to tell Him that I love Him or  
get an opportunity to shout Him out on national TV, I'm gonna take that opportunity."**

January 23 at 8:20am ·

COMFORT PRAYER I found this AM while cleaning: 5-14-2002 journal entry

"This is the prayer I'd want at my funeral."

Obviously God had plans for me another 15 years after terrible mammogram amazed docs when they did re-test & found Nothing:) >>

From William Penn (as in, the State of Pennsylvania):

"We give back to you, O God, those whom You gave to us.  
YOU DID NOT LOSE THEM when you gave them to us, and  
WE DO NOT LOSE THEM by their return to You. Your Dear Son has  
taught us that life is eternal and love cannot die, so

**DEATH IS ONLY A HORIZON, and a  
horizon is ONLY THE LIMIT OF OUR SIGHT.**

Open our eyes to see more clearly and draw us close to You...." ..!..

*Source: "2000 Years of Classic Christian Prayers, c1999, page 191 edited by Owen Collins. Photo credit: TheDailyKickstand*

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January 24 at 9:08am · PHOTO described below.

Heard Jesse / JeSuis my old cat crying & **crying**. Only a 1-floor small house but had to search AND search... Found her in large cabinet under bathroom sink-- that I'd bungee-corded shut to keep her out: PROTECT her. This old cat figured out a new trick> She could STRETCH the cord to squeeze in> But forgot that trick for getting out :)

... Feels like I'm forever trying to protect 2 cats **from their own ideas**;  
Lea's = to sail out of a door for fun-- but dogs & fast cars await her...!..

God too must get weary of **warning & warning us BOTH in His scriptures & by what we call "Well, I THOUGHT about that but...."** We can THANK GOD for His GRACE when we do dumb things. But we still often suffer the natural consequences. Sometimes just an hour of fear like Jesse's. Sometimes permanent like my beloved Samson who sailed out a door one day...

Sometimes we think we're smarter than God. We try to run ahead of Him. We try to run around Him. We try to run without Him. **All of those things are pure foolishness.** The Bible warns us:

Proverbs 3:7 "Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil."

COMMENT 1-24-2018 on post asking if it's a sin to listen to secular music.

ME: Sin is nauseating to God... If the words of a song are nauseating to us, we won't keep listening. If they reflect what God's word calls evil, we should have been nauseated and so..... But otherwise plenty of music seems inspired & lifts our hearts even if not "about God". \_

January 25 at 10:02am · PHOTO of Charlie Brown smiling, sitting by Snoopy asleep in his doghouse, with words NOT from Charles Schultz: *The less your respond to rude, critical, argumentative people, the more peaceful your life will become.*

I enjoy some FB groups, carefully selected, related to music. Love learning new ideas, meeting people-- made some Real friends over last 5 years though I'll never meet them this side of heaven. BUT OHHHH...

SOME people just HAVE to insert an opinion, often critical, about everything they read... and often drifting off subject. One yest turned into a "Look how much \*I\* know more than ALL of \*you\* series of insults...//....

Finally, I posted this comment to the original person expressing HURT over JUST wanting some music ideas: >> A PERSON WHO WRITES A POST IN A GROUP can-- like in timeline posts-- DELETE comments from argumentative or insulting persons... or those who completely drift from your topic ("squirrel squirrel!" people ;) - Hover over 3 dots on the right to select DELETE. Rest of us can click *Hide*.

January 25 at 8:40pm - Photo of Blah Blah Blah surrounding girl who's happily listening to music in her headphones and does NOT hear the Blah.

This is one of my favorite posters, titled "THIS IS WHAT MUSIC DOES for me...". I don't know about you, but sometimes I get \*SO\* tired of people. John Donne wrote the famous NO MAN IS AN ISLAND poem -- 450 years ago-- but with headphones & our favorite music, we can try! :)

Not just "canned music," but playing our own creations of music, pull out a guitar, hum music, listen to rippling Waters & leaves of Trees rustling in the Wind while the limbs clatter Drum Riffs against each other in a beat... & Birds singing their many kinds of music... PEACE... Psalm 46:10, Just Being Still, listening for God & His creation.....  
Photo credit: Meta Picture com

26 January 2018. 10:25 AM. 21 hrs ·

This AM, guard told me the reader rejected my badge, but I could go thru & check it later. Went to Security Head after gym. He figured out problem. I was afraid the guard would get in trouble for having let me thru, so I said "He knew me because I go to gym so much." The Head said "I started working the gates in 2003 and we \*ALL\* know you because you go to gym so much!"..//..

We laughed, but I gotta tell you: Started thinking about how SCARY it is to know that for over a decade, if I'd been grumpy when feeling bad or rushed or etc during the few minutes these people saw me many days, they'd think that's the way I \*always\* am... AND it's SCARY to know that when we call ourselves "Christ-ian" meaning "Little Christs", people will think that's the way God's people \*always\* are & want nothing to do with Him.

LATER COMMENT: My van license plate is based on 2nd Corinthians 3:18... Telling us to REFLECT Christ... and, giving Hope! >> Telling us that the Holy Spirit will help us grow more & more able to reflect Him as we mature. · [12h](#)

**27 January 2018. 8:20 AM. [2 mins](#)** ·

Can't \*believe\* I correctly guessed "Pippi Longstocking" as answer to Jeopardy last night. How in the world did THAT kid's book get stuck in a brain wrinkle? (Of course, I DID teach the kids to have fun helping me wet-mop floors with towels fastened to their feet and "skating" like Pippi ;) - ages ago!) ... John 14:26 is a cool promise from Jesus >> that **The Holy Spirit will be beside us** (para-) as **Helper** (-kletos) **so we can remember God's Word scriptures when we need**. Of course, it's natural that we should be gladly PUTTING those Words in our brain wrinkles by studying God's Love Letter Bible with Joy..... and though it's \*always\* taken out of context: Result = NEXT verse, 14:27, of utter Peace & Freedom from Fear.

**28 January 2018. 6 P.M. [14 hrs](#)**

Hmm... Did Kurt Kaiser think of Smoky The Bear when he wrote about the first contemporary praise song -- "PASS IT ON" -- in 1969? ... **It's sure NOT true in woodstoves** that *"It only takes a spark To get a fire going"!!* 3 matches & a firestarter later, I'm thinking: SUPPOSE THE KINDLING IS DAMP?...

- Does God think THIS about some **churches**?
- Are we AFRAID to be a roaring fire for Him?
- Reluctant for others to see us respond with excited PASSION to God's Amazing Grace??...

CHOOSING to stay Damp-- discouraging pastors & SS teachers & seekers?...

SONG OMITTS A KEY ELEMENT: In a woodstove, there's no wind: We must let air in to burn. In the Church, there is no Wind of the Holy Spirit-- unless we eagerly invite Him there. So that "All those around Can warm up in HIS glowing...."

COMMENT 1-28-2018. When I was 12, my dad said "When you love God, you can do ANYTHING you want." My young "sense of justice" argued for about a week without him saying anything more: No verse quotes. Just same sentence. Finally Dad said sentence #2 and I've been awed ever since: "When you really love God you DON'T WANT to do anything He dislikes...//.. Same for the silly "Works VS Faith" argument that ignores John 14, 15: When we're awed by God's Grace, we WANT to do "good deeds" to please the One we Love... It's **not "either-or"**... · [1m](#)

ADDED LATER, definition: "WANT" as in "YEARN" with a wrenching heart desire as Paul described all through Romans 7, yearning with our mind, our Will, to please God. The true "we" of our soul is far different from the self-centered brat child of our body, also called our "flesh". · [1m](#)

COMMENT 1-28-2018.

If a child were lying in the ditch by the road, even if looking dead, who wouldn't stop to see if she could be saved?..//.. One day God will be talking to a LOT of people who decided to pass by, decided that "looking dead" = life-less, who decided that the driver of some car had the right to throw out an unwanted child.... · 1m

**29 January 2018.** 8:36 AM 6 mins ·

**It's been a month.** The gifts put up. Some we forgot... even what WE gave. What about for "The Birthday Boy"? Do we remember Him each day, now that the Christmas carols have stopped? **Do we remember what we GAVE Him?** Or is it back to "Normal"... Deep prayer focused on CHRIST-mas/ worship only an hour each Sunday? or.... Hey it's Monday-- Back to "real life"??

**30 January 2018.** 10:13 AM 9 mins ·

Some days lately I'm \*so\* cold that I "just can't wait" for the 10-cup coffee pot to finish. Like Indiana Jones, I've developed a knack for doing a super quick switch of an empty cup to catch still-dripping coffee while I smugly seize the coffee pot & pour a cup... yet I never remember til that first sip-- Incomplete-d coffee is SO STRONG- harsh. Waiting would've been a far better choice...//...

I have some goals in my **ever-shorten-ing life** that I want SO much to happen "Now". Urgently don't want to "wait on God's timing". But I've gotten enough smarter as I age to see from sad experience, repeatedly: God's Timing is ALWAYS worth waiting for. If I push thru shortcuts, my results will be Acid-y. And more permanent than this coffee I'm sipping... Proverbs 3:5-7, Trust God's Timing.

COMMENT 1-31-2018. Jeremiah 16:19 is GOD's prophecy inspired that shows the RESULTS of CENTURIES of an "official **church**" **\*\*KILLING\*\* people who tried to read God's Word in their own language**-- God's word that clearly says DAILY study His words.. (Deut 6:4-9). Jer 16:19 = "LORD YHWH... The Gentiles shall come to You From the ends of the earth and say, "Surely our fathers have INHERITED LIES..." Romans 11 God clearly inspired to say Gentiles will be Grafted IN to His people... not start their own new Orchard. Meanwhile in Deuteronomy 6, God REQUIRED that His word be read morning & night.....

**1 February 2018.** 9:48 AM. 1 min ·

"We're NOT DESIGNED for retirement."...

I expected radio speaker to continue by saying how it's healthier to keep working, how statistics show> People without goals often die soon after. Instead he pointed out that God gave Adam the HONOR of working > Name 1000s of animals, Tend the Garden Gift (not created til AFTER Adam was made). That God guided the prayer of Psalm 20:4, "May God grant you according to your heart's desire, and fulfill all your

PURPOSE." Jesus's command to ALL us in Matthew 28:19 (TELL) won't expire because we hit a specific age... Retirement from a job doesn't mean 100% Life of "Self" now! It is GOD'S GIFT of more Hours available for Joy in serving Him!

**COMMENT 2-1-2018** *"The Ten Commandments begin: "I am the LORD your God, **who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.**" (Yes, God-Named-YHWH is the Creator of heaven and earth (Gen. 1:1), but picked THIS description of Himself to go with His laws..... He already saved that way. Will we keep following Him to the destination He wants for us?"*

This is also parallel to how the GENTILES... **the inhabitants of Jericho** were still identifying God-Named-YHWH **after over 4 decades**: As a terrifying powerful God they feared >> "For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt,"... Joshua 2:9-11.

**2 February 2018. 7:49 AM. 14 mins** ·

Usually birds hide in bushes & trees until I close the deck door after tossing out seed. In this week's sub-freezing wind & cold, even timid sparrows flew to get my gifts so quickly that I accidentally bounced seed off one's wing.

Sorta like our natural tendency to wait before timidly coming for God's blessings... unless we're desperately in need & decide to 'risk' coming nearer to Him. James 4:7-8, God's Promised Protection & Care: Just DRAW NEAR & like the prodigal son's father, God RUNS to us, with Love....

**February 3 at 11:53am**

"We can start to type a question into Google & watch the question auto-fill. In that moment we know someone ELSE asked the same Q: The gift of knowing you're NOT ALONE is incredibly Powerful." --Brandon Specktor, Reader's Digest Sept 2004, pg 29...//..

For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."... -- Hebrews 13:5, Deuteronomy 31:6, 8; Joshua 1:5 -- God's gift of knowing you're NOT ALONE is incredibly Peaceful.

**February 5 at 9:18am**

Fascinating yet scary-if-you-think-it thru.... That short, bitty SuperBowl Commercial created NEW use of ancient word: Turning "Family" into a Verb... "Sweet" seeming commercial encourages us that "You should family the way you WANT to family." Sounds nice, doesn't it? Wonder how many people realize the Rebellion, the Doublespeak potential in there..... in George Orwell's book, those new uses of old words-- which "sounded good"-- led to terrible Evil. In God's book, too.

**PHOTO**: DOUBLESPEAK IS NEWSPEAK DOUBLETHINK: In "1984", Orwell introduced us to the words doublethink and newspeak. A word he DIDN'T use but which



combines the two is doublespeak. Doublespeak is saying one thing and meaning another, usually its opposite.

Added on 6 February as comment: AND Doublespeak is used to con people into thinking something to be GOOD that is-- if you think it through logically-- really evil or can LEAD to evil..... ALSO ADDED BUT THEN DELETED >>> Such as "freedom of dignity" actually being used in other countries to encourage old people to choose euthanasia and "get out of the way". **<This week's news, of Netherlands adult children encouraging parents to choose "Death with Dignity" even if older parents don't really have great pain and do not WANT to.**

February 6 at 11:05pm ·

I confess: Sometimes I sigh longingly as a giant pickup passes, & dream of being up there driving: And think of if it having the Power of Stick Shift... ahhhh... BUT: **a Giant Pickup itself has NO power: It's a VEHICLE** to power (Pun Intended), but **can do nothing without one of us hitting the right switch** (ON) & accelerator etc. (So far :) to \*access\* the truck maker's supplied Powers... **SO ALSO: Prayer itself has NO power. It's a VEHICLE (yep, pun) to \*access\* our Maker's supplied Powers:** James 5:16. If we choose to be Right-eous, following His Way that He gives.

COMMENT 2-6-2018 to someone mocking people who go to a Songwriting group as being too uncreative to write since creativity can't be learned.... *"ENOUGH! People come into this group thinking you will learn how to play guitar or write a song within several minutes/hours. I am very sorry to break it to you but this ain't happening , the only advice a decent player, writer or singer can give is, play around, find your own style, feel it through."*

**ME:** Knowledge is a tool, whether music theory we studied or asking a musician how he/she was inspired to write. **Anyone satisfied with the collection of ideas in his/her toolbelt already isn't going to bother seeking ideas** from a group like this. **Anyone open to new inspirations is. Simple.**

February 7 at 1:59pm ·

I'm very surprised >> Not feeling great, so watching GlobeTrekker on PBS mid-day > Southeast France. As the guide walks thru towns & stores, I find I understand most of the signs & short conversations before she translates them. HOW CAN THIS BE? It's been 2 decades since my year of college French (I preferred German & loved Latin)...//.. Has me thinking of Jesus's promise in John 14:26, that He will send us the Holy Spirit to help us remember all Jesus taught: The Gospels we read AND the "Old Testament" since Jesus taught those too.... Luke 24:27.

February 8 at 8:14am · PHOTO: Jeremiah 17:14, "Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; Save me, and I shall be saved, For You are my praise."

I'm convinced God worked a Gift Miracle for me:: SO IS the DENTIST >> 3 days ago when I bit on a chip with hummus, I got excruciating pain in a back tooth-- so much I couldn't at first tell WHICH one (radiating pain). It soon improved but I scheduled a checkup yest. No X-rays or Pressure tests revealed any crack or decay. Dentist agrees with me: Only thing we can figure is logical, is that when I did a quick prayer for God's help >> He HEALED! ... Thanking Him for "Seen and Unseen Blessings"!

COMMENT (1) later: I love this modern usage of Jeremiah 17:14, which fits God's promises of Psalm 124 and 147, that He will heal the BROKENNESS in our Life.

COMMENT (2) Feb 9: COMPASSION: The word in the event just before Jesus provides food for hungry followers. Matthew 14:14, "When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick." · 8m

February 9 at 8:54am

Pollyanna Faith. Disney's 1960 movie added a great word to our common vocabulary, using Eleanor Porter's 1913 book. "POLLYANNA: An EXCESSIVELY CHEERFUL person"... Don't you feel that way About a chirpy person telling you "Just have faith!" or "Just count God's blessings!" when you're exhausted, your heart is broken, you realize what a FAILURE you've been with No Hope in Sight of ever again having Energy.... of not hurting... of being any better than your current failure status? SURE: We CAN have faith in God despite \_\_\_ ... But Even Jesus took time alone to recuperate. Let's not carelessly preach at others-- or ourselves-- until we've prayed for God's wisdom to know WHAT to say-- if anything-- and When. 1st Thes. 5:18 says "Joy"... not Feel Guilty unless you're "Happy" Always.

February 10 at 9:53am

Brad had a rough night on Wheel of Fortune this week. After mis-speaking "Millennium Pier" instead of Park, he KNEW answer to the 4-word crossword!! >> Line #1: B L A C \_ \_ A \_ \_ S..... Line #2: B \_ L L S ..... Line #3: B E A R S .... Column: C \_ B S

PROBLEM WAS: Brad said "Blackhawks, Bulls, Bears and Cubs."...//...

Because he added 3 little letters ("and"), he lost \$\$\$\$.

In the Gospel of John, Verse 1 we see that "Word" refers to Jesus:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." AND the following sentences described Jesus coming after he was announced.

Jehovah's Witnesses add a single letter to the end about Jesus:

**"... and the Word was \*\*\*a\*\*\* god." ....**

Losing \$\$\$\$ is infinitely better than losing access to Forgiveness & eternal life thru Grace possible only from God-named-YHWH come to us (Zech 2:10-11) as God The Son named Yeshua/ Jesus..... Don't be fooled by people who SOUND like they believe scriptures but have actually changed "some" of them to popular belief.

COMMENT 2-10-2018 on a friend's post of suddenly wondering about the OLD EARTH arguments after all – maybe having good points. **ME:** You might be interested in the **MOUNT ST. HELENS** geography discussions in the relatively new movie **"IS GENESIS HISTORY?"**... Well worth the cost of buying the DVD (Amazon has it) to watch over & over if you don't have it on Netflix.... Notice something new each time, it's so packed with science info. · [1m](#)

February 11 at 4:56pm · PHOTO of beach at orange sunset

RESTLESS... Don't want to be where I am, can't think of where else I'd want to be. Maybe sitting by a beach--alone-- hoping the pounding waves will block out my pounding restless thoughts... CS Lewis quote making more sense:

"What Satan put into the heads of <Adam & Eve>... was the idea that they could 'be like gods'—could set up on their own as if they had created themselves—... be their own masters— invent some sort of happiness for themselves outside God... the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy... It can never succeed.. <Cars are designed to run on gas>.. God designed the human machine to run on Himself.

**He Himself is the FUEL our spirits were DESIGNED to burn... There is No other."**

MERE CHRISTIANITY, pp 49-50.

February 12 at 10:53am ·

POUNDING, drenching rains for 36 hours (continued today) had a short break... but I knew from Radar that they'd soon resume. My Cat DESPERATELY tried to get out, over & over. Screaming at me as a mad cat can do. I was getting mad enough to consider saying "SURE, Have it YOUR WAY! Go On!"... But, In love, I did not...//....

Among our many prayers **should include our thanks that God DOES often "thwart our wishes"**... and a prayer that we NEVER become like the increasingly common persons described at the end of Romans 1: So Rebellious that even a Loving Father eventually says "Sure... have it.... YOUR way.".... With His deep sorrow for our deadly choice of how to use our free will.

February 13 at 9:17am

Decided this AM to take down a poster of lovely butterflies-- many varieties-- emerging from a rainbow, flowing toward heaven....It makes me SAD now>> A decade ago, got extra one for my house as I filled the H.S./ College age Sunday School classroom with inviting, encouraging posters-- & 2 soft sofas. ;) Youth don't need a place that looks like "school" to explore God's invitations to seek Him!..//..

But in only a decade, the Great Imitator AKA Liar (John 8:44) has once AGAIN twisted something GOOD of God into EVIL. So sad for God, after all His Love & all He's done to make it POSSIBLE for us to Be with Him forever... where rainbow Prisms are from His Diamonds & not dim colors from IMITATION stones.....

February 14 at 10:19am · PHOTO: Boy of Glowing Orange Fire arms, from

[http://4rapture.com/baptize\\_by\\_blazing\\_fire](http://4rapture.com/baptize_by_blazing_fire)

"EVERY FIRE eventually goes out." = A movie line excusing 2 people for letting their marriage drift into "housemates". GREAT RESPONSE by God's angel: "So, how do you keep a fire going?" >> You WORK, to add fuel, & stir the embers, & gently fan the dying flames until the Blaze returns."...//.....

Jesus says the same thing about CHURCHES -- Revelation 2 & 3. He gives NO EXCUSES when we're too lazy to keep the Flames of our Love for Him going even when it requires work... & truly seeking His scriptures... & Prayer >> The Holy Spirit gladly helps us REVIVE the FIRE of LOVE FOR GOD in churches-- and in our hearts-- BUT Only when He's Invited.... a good VALENTINE'S DAY reminder: What are we giving our LORD?? What am \*I\*..?? ..... Photo CREDIT: 4rapture;com

February 14 at 10:54am ·

Description of someone's vision of hell... and his good, kind grandmother who had died being there >> "I resumed praying diligently. I could not stop thinking about my maternal grandmother who is suffering in hell, and I burst into tears. I was in so much distress & pain, I cried out kicking & screaming, "Lord, what am I going to do? My grandmother died because of me. This pains my heart so bad... I rarely cry, but I could not believe the tears that flowed for 2 hours, 3 hours, & then 4 hours. The first prayer session finished, but still I could not contain my sorrow. -- Pastor Yong-Doo Kim, <http://4rapture;com> >>>>

If we REALLY thought of the Future Jesus sadly promised (Matt 8,13,25 etc & story of Lazarus+Rich man), would we be so scared of "hurting feelings" by sharing the reason for HOPE to all who accept Jesus? (1 Peter 3:15)....

COMMENT Proverbs 3:11-12 repeated in Hebrews 12:6. **True love warns.** Ezekiel 33, God in HIS True love orders US to warn. But just thinking about Jesus' description of hell should DRIVE us to yearn to warn. Research Jesus's key word GNASHING of teeth (in agony, in the dark of hell). 1d

February 15 at 9:33pm

If you were playing chess, you'd have a TREMENDOUS advantage if you prepared for a Major Game **by spreading rumors of your GREAT skills...** so that before Game Time, your opponent believes you'll win...//...

C.S. Lewis said that **other than** convincing people that he's *a myth*, **Satan's Best STRATEGY tactic is to SCARE us into thinking he's all powerful** -- to feel defeated that "if we don't pray right" then God won't help us.... 1st John 4:4, Satan wants us to think that since good is the opposite of evil, then Satan is equally opposite to God. LOGIC: God CREATED Satan. And easily can overpower His creations, and dearly loves all who honor Him.

**\*WE\*** are not Satan's chess opponent:

**GOD** is, when we ask Him to be. John 10:10 >>

## God defeats the Destroyer for us.....

COMMENT 2-15-2018 to post asking "Since when has finger pointing been a Christian attribute?" Me: Dad often told the story of a preacher just assigned to a new church. After his first sermon encouraging people to use their gifts, a member came up & told him that God gave him a Gift of Criticism to help people see where they're wrong. The preacher thought a moment, then asked "Do you remember Jesus's parable of the man who got only one talent?" The member, proud that he wasn't like that, replied "Of course: He went & buried it." The preacher replied, "I suggest that you Go and Do Likewise." · 1m

**16 February 2018.** Yesterday at 6:33pm ·

I accidentally discovered that Amazon has a quick-topics category named "Ancient & Controversial Knowledge". Lot of Conspiracy Theorists books... & a few we might wish were true, like "Manifesting Miracles and Money: How to Achieve Peace, Purpose and Plenty." .... Jesus gives a much shorter answer on "how to" in John 10:10... Turn to Him who has all power & yearns to give you a Life of Abundance. VS first half of same verse, turning to Satan whose goal is to destroy everyone God loves... which is EVERY person. Whether or not they believe in God.

**17 February 2018.** 7 AM Sabbath 16 hrs ·

Yesterday was the 8th day in a row of GLOOMy skies: Only a bit of sun here & there. My new little passion plant & arrowhead vine are faltering... so I wrapped some aluminum foil around & bent above their pots like 2/3 of a tent, then put a 60 watt desk lamp on them to give light & warmth all day for last few days: Looking Better!...

We all "wilt" in heart in repeated gloom. Sometimes the "daylight" around us keeps us alive, but **Bright Light brings us to thrive! John 10:10** >> Jesus offers to be our bright Light. Reading His Word is like the foil, bringing that Light & warmth closer. But Jesus gives us the freedom to walk away. Plants are stuck where I put them.

February 18 at 8:57am ·

DUPONT CIRCLE PRAYING. To get to Zoo going thru D.C., we'd take this multi-lane traffic circle that cars SPEED around, switching lanes fast. We'd stay in outer lane searching street signs (pre-GPS days) but didn't go enough to avoid utter confusion: Map SAID Connecticut Ave that Zoo's on connected to the circle... but no signs said so!

We had choices: (1) Stay in the circle forever,  
(2) Get off ANY-where & then check map again to search from THAT point, or (3) If #2 didn't work, ask directions...//...

Great parable for Struggling to figure out the Way God wants us to go: Keep praying, keep moving, keep checking map (Bible), ask advice... Above all: DON'T stay frustrated in any "Dupont Circle" of your life. Prov. 3:5-7. ;) ....

February 19 at 1:39pm ·

A 3-1/2 by 5 FOOT mirror came with our house in the tiny bathroom. That's a LOT of area to collect smudges: But of COURSE when I'm in a rush, I peer into the very place-- as I'm trying to see if I look ok-- that has spots & blemishes, keeping me from seeing my true self. BUT: I'm in a rush... so I just move to another place where I can look between the dirt, telling myself I'll clean the mirror later. But then I forget-- until NEXT time I need to see me. AND am in a rush...//..

James 1:23 (Easy Pattern) warns us of this: While warning us that as we see our "spots & blemishes"-- actual phrase for SIN all thru OT-- we must NOT walk away & forget, but must do WHAT? Return to obeying God's "WORD", His "perfect LAW [Nomos] that SETS you FREE. Quote. >>

February 20 at 8:47am ·

We can no longer comfortably trust messages of even great pastors & speakers. **Like dominoes they're falling for Lies of Satan (John 8:44) that were deep-fried in Comfort Words of "Love"** (John 10:10a). Even their old books (when we know they Stood Fast on God's Word, tho like Bereans we still tested against Bible> Acts 17) can**NOT** be fully trusted because we don't know WHEN they started drifting. SO: I'VE TURNED to LEARN more of God thru classic writers like J.C. Ryle: His 1879 words have been QUITE tested... and test US still. Like "HOLINESS: Its Nature, Hindrances, Difficulties, and Roots". Page 72 tells his GOAL: "I cannot read the Bible without DESIRING to see many believers more spiritual, more holy, more single-eyed... WHERE is our ZEAL?... We are MORE than HALF ASLEEP!"

February 20 at 8:46pm ·

August 2017 Consumer Reports has article "Antennas make a comeback" with suggestion: "Get amplified antenna". Back in 2009, my husband set up the "gift" direct box sent by the govt just before shutting down analog TV... we still use that same box with the same roof-top antenna-- with a motor so we can turn toward a new direction & get better reception when the weather is bad. The SIGNALS are always there, but sometimes we must work to RECEIVE them.....//....

A pretty obvious parable about our relationship with God: He doesn't just "pour down wisdom" on us... We must talk to Him (aka Pray) & read His Word (aka The Whole Bible) & seek truth with others who Follow Him (Counselors: Proverbs 11:14, 15:22, 24:6).... Amplify our eagerness to RECEIVE God's Signals.

February 21 at 4:18pm ·

In today's warmth after cold winds, I'm sweeping birdseed husks off deck. Found a PUTT PUTT game: Using broom to try to hit gumballs thru the little squares of the wire fencing we put between deck posts to protect our toddlers years ago. AND found: It's fun-- even "at my age"! **My 14-year-old cat still chases her tail (& loses her game :)**

... Nature TV shows have us laughing at old animals like bears playing "hockey" & "soccer". **YET: It took convincing to show my teen S.S students how to PLAY to turns rocks & moss & sticks into toys...** and now even LITTLE kids hardly every play with the Toys God gives AND their imagination.... **How can we teach to pray for Wisdom when people are learning to depend on Man-Made ideas by other people?** James 1:5, 1 Tim 6:17. Zechariah 8:5> God calls watching Play "marvelous"!

**February 2018.** Yesterday at 8:26am ·

I was joking with my daughter that I still remember as a child \*struggling\* to memorizes the "9 Times Table". She taught me this trick, where you bend down the finger of whatever you're multiplying against 9.

People often ask how I remember so many scripture REFERENCES: Not just words: **We need to know WHERE "God said It" to prove WE didn't mis-quote God.**

My memory's not great, so I look for Patterns. Example: Check out all the 3:16's in multiple Bible books>> QUITE often, it's a key verse! Same for 1:21 in NT bks. Or Chapter 11 in Bible bks. Or Verses 10-15-20 in First John. SO cool when God helps us remember! Isaiah 55:11 (5 to 1 ratio), God's Word will NOT return to Him void but will PROSPER as He wills: And He willingly guides us to it.

February 23 at 10:44am

Another evidence to DON'T trust "research" no matter how "authoritative" its source sounds: PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE did a study ~2014 that tells us "The longer you know someone, the more attractive they become... As you get to know someone, their inner qualities have chance to shine...." // ...

God's Word has a lot advice about the OPPOSITE, which we see QUITE often (not even counting politicians! :) !

Many people (incl. me & probably you) **know how to LOOK super friendly & agreeable to convince others:** But over time, people's true self slip thru. That's NOT always bad: But always requires wisdom (that God offers, James 1:5)... We must decide if these are just faults as everyone has or a "deceitful heart" as God describes -- and gives us a Model Prayer for protection in Psalm 120.

COMMENT 2-23-2018: A preliminary to the science seeking is this simple **logic**: If God's Bible repeatedly called **having blue eyes a sin**, we'd quickly have a lot to say about Him \*punishing\* people for genes they couldn't avoid having. It's good to keep seeking Truth... as long as we pray to not be blinded to it. James 1: 5.

February 23 at 9:42pm · (second post)

Flicked on TV near end of a Disney movie I've never seen, "Wreck-It Ralph"-- just when Ralph is being told that if little Vanellope races in the cart he helped her build & learn to drive, she'll be destroyed: Her flickering light will be noticed more, & thus the

video game unplugged, trapping her in it forever. In love, Ralph wrecks the child's kart-- and heart-- because she doesn't believe he did it for her good...//.....

We easily understand such plots.

We see it in "real life" all the time when a more informed person takes a Stand even when unpopular.

YET: How often do we get furious at God for not answering our prayers? Which is how... sadly... we often define God's "love". Psalm 30, God turns our mourning into GLADNESS.

February 24 at 1:31pm ·

### **SONGWRITING HINTS**

Have song ideas but not sure what to do with them until you have time/ \$\$ to produce them? IDEA: Create a website that has a tab for FUTURE songs. To EASILY ID DRAFTS from finished songs as you type songs from journal notes before writing the music: ID by filename as well as computer folder, adding to the Title like this:

(1) for lyrics: Song Title -LYDRAFT;

(2) In music setup form: Song Title -MUSSET; and

(3) once you start adding melody notes & chords: Song Title -MUDRAFT 2-24-2018. Put your copyright statement in the header so it shows on every page. I also put the date in the -MU file's footer, so printouts show which is the latest edit of the Music Sheet. Has been a great organization idea from God! ... EXAMPLES (free downloads) >> <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/FUTURE--P-R.php>

February 25 at 6:31pm ·

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I keep hearing what sounds like thunder in the darkness. We did have (un-predicted) POURING rain today... No Stars in sight. But the National Weather Service radar is down.... and the Weather.com LOOP shows cloud movement for last 3 hours: NOT what's to come....//.....

Sometimes re weather, I'd rather not know. Sometimes re all the horrible news we see in the media, I'd rather not know. Sometimes re all God's prophecies that look like they're falling into place like a huge castle, I'd rather not know.... There's much PEACE in going thru the hours just trusting God. Even though we often must pray for help fighting our fears inspired by the news. And thunderstorms.....

February 27 at 5:16pm

### **AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

I would "trade days off" watching my friend's 4 children age 3,4,7,8 along with all my own brood whose ages fit under, over & in between. One day I left a store with all the well behaved children "in tow" when some smart aleck walked a fair distance to get to me & say, "You know, there IS such a thing as family planning!".... I sweetly responded to her... loudly so all the other people around would hear my answer to this rude woman: **"YES, I KNOW -- AND WE'RE SO EXCITED AT HOW WELL IT'S WORKED!"** ... :) (yes, we DID use natural family planning, for all our little blessings



from God.) ... And my husband & I are SO thankful for God's gifts. Though I dearly miss little Paul Joseph, our last child, who died before birth.....

February 28 at 12:55pm ·

### **AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

On this day of a single man being remembered in a memorial in the Capitol City of a huge Nation, who had spoken in capitals around the world..... I am so blessed by God that Billy Graham didn't consider our little city "too little" to send his colleagues to come bring Revival news years ago -- when I was in college.... When I who had ALWAYS believed in God & thought I was "a Christian" (James 2:19) became a real Christ Follower after hearing the Truth.

February 28 at 8:37pm ·

Took a 6 year old to feed bagel crumbs to the little fish at the subdivision lake. I pointed out to him that many fish had different size or location for their spots, & dif stripe patterns... Then taught him that scientists have examined 1,000s of zebras & found that not one had identical stripe patterns to others... They can all be identified by their stripes, just as we can be ID'd by our unique fingerprints... AND 100s of black bears examined (under anesthesia!) were found to have unique nose prints..... NOT ONE is alike. God is a GREAT Creative designer! If we will look, there are "adventures everywhere" --- like watching the tree full of buzzards across the lake, & watching rows of ducks come sailing down to the water to prepare for evening sleep

March 1 at 9:58am PHOTO: Calvin and Hobbes At top of huge sliding board.

Awoke from a lovely dream of doing many fun adventures that me ended with me sitting at the top of a huge sliding board and "Someone" asking to my mind: **WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAD NO FEAR OF DYING?**... I who used to be terrified of sliding boards was happily ready to go... am sorry I awoke too soon!...//...

But it's a question for ALL of us to consider: Billy Graham's final witness may very well be thru all the radio commentators who've been quoting BG saying "When you hear "Billy Graham is dead" DON'T BELIEVE IT! Only my body died; \*I\* will be more alive than I've ever been!"...//... WE don't have to wait til death to be "MORE ALIVE". We just have to start TRULY giving God our life now-- willing to risk Failure & Mocking & yes even death to Fully Serve & Worship Him.

**2 March 2018.** at 8:42am

**God has NOT given us a spirit of FEAR, but of power & of love & of a sound mind.** - 2nd Timothy 1:7. **NEEDED** in today's **WIND**. (40 mph **ALL** day AND night... "down" to 20 mph on Saturday/ next day.)

COMMENT 3-2-2018, someone asked what's a Scripture verse that has greatly influenced our life. **My Answer:**

James 2:19 that would change MILLIONS of "Christians" if churches would just teach it: "You believe in God? GOOD FOR YOU. Even DEMONS believe -- and TREMBLE." 23h - a good reply comment added that people "take any scripture out of context because then the true meaning of the scripture is lost and people can make the scripture mean whatever they want it to mean. That's why there is so much false teaching..." I replied (3/3) **Laziness** seems to explain how some people grab "memes" out of Bible verses "they like" without reading the context (sometimes including not just surrounding verses but entire book, like letter to the Hebrews).

March 3 at 8:54am · with 2 photos, 1 of how TALL bridge is; 1 from 2011 photo of UPS truck cab pushed to be hanging far over wrong side of bridge's rail.

The 1.7 mile Harry Nice bridge between Maryland & Virginia closed yesterday at 2:30... and stayed closed until after midnight for high winds. If travelers drive to the bridge not knowing the truth, it's a **\*\* 120 MILE DETOUR \*\*** - From MD, go all the way back to 495 beltway, down I-95 (51 miles) to Fredericksburg, then cross country east another 30 miles to return to 301-S. BUT the danger of winds slamming cars around up was PROVEN in 2011 (photo 2 by Fredericksburg;com)..... //..... When we pray for God's guidance, are we super annoyed or even ANGRY when He lets us know our planned route is Dangerous-- and even shuts off our plans with a Detour Block so we can't choose to say "I'll risk it"??.... **That "THY WILL BE DONE" line we pray... How much do we really WANT it?**

March 4 at 9:14am

When God says "I love you to the ends of the Earth", thankfully He means East-to-West, NOT "North Pole to South Pole"! Psalm 103:12... and He CASTS away, that far, all our sins that we GRIEVE about & confess to Him: see First John 1.....

ENDS OF THE EARTH scriptures >

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm...> > include Isaiah 45:22's invitation from God LONG before "John 3:16" was fulfilled >>

"Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! <ALL people!> For I am God, and there is NO other." 98:3, "ALL the ends of the earth have seen the SALVATION of our God." ... and His Name-- impt because people give ANOTHER name as "god" -- is YHWH (Yahweh). See Exodus 3:14-15 (2x), Isaiah 42:8, and 6,510 times you see the 4 letters "LORD" in the Old Testament-- Starting in Genesis 2:4 as He began Creation.

**COMMENT:** Here are the 6,510 times LORD appears in the Bible... where it is the translation of the Hebrew letters YHWH (we insert vowels for pronunciation) in what we call the Old Testament & is actually the First Testament. >>

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm...>

March 4 at 9:00pm

People separately quote Philippians 4:8 (for whatever is good, Think on & PRAISE)... tend to avoid quoting 4:12 (be satisfied in abundance & suffering both), & then quote 4:13 ("I can do all things thru Christ who strengthens me")... See how amazing God's Truth is as a WHOLE. :) ... along with James 4:7-8 promise: Run FROM Satan & TO God, and HE draws to you! -- rather like the Prodigal Son's Father went a-runnin'.

March 5 at 10:01am

God used Charles Spurgeon to CLEARLY state His Truth: If you have truly found Jesus, you excitedly TELL others about him. We see this ALL the time>> Telling people about Winning \$\$, about huge sales, about being HEALED (whether or not believing God did it)... Like the woman who went to the well in the heat of day to AVOID people & suddenly didn't CARE about their opinion as she told everyone Jesus's Good news >> Quit fretting about Churchese "right words to evangelize"...

Pray for Wisdom & God GIVES it, plus His empowering. He promises, Keeps promises! Gospel truly means: GOOD NEWS! ..... John 4; John 14:26 scripture knowledge; Ephesians 3:20-21 power to serve God for His Glory.

March 6 at 9:41am

The boy suddenly started ripping out pages of the special old book I'd given him- & tore each into 4 pieces while his mother just sat by smiling. I was furious (glad it was a dream-- I'm not usually) & declared, "You KNEW this book was special to me. I'm taking it back!" And the mom got mad at ME... The boy left room, came back quietly told me: "I thought the book was telling me to go & do bad things." Immediately I had compassion & forgave him- NOT for his words trying to explain, but because I could tell he was truly sorry & not "making excuses"....//...

GOD is like this dream shows... He already KNOWS our mental reasoning but is still furious when we're destructive in ANY way: But is compassionate & forgiving when we humbly come to Him without excusing what we did. First John 1.....

COMMENT: Fascinating observation by a dad about teaching a child to NOT tear books was that he had at first let the child tear up junk mail for fun... but realized the child assumed ANY paper was both fun AND Ok... God understand when we innocently sin... Despite consequences. Jesus had compassion even hanging on the cross as He prayed for people, "they know not what they do."... Amazing Grace. · 2w

COMMENT 3-6-2018 9 AM 3m · to post about people who “**don’t believe in satellites**” **and think they were all faked:** Great parable. A decade ago (before today's foolish "Flat Earth" arguments) people (incl teens) rationally understood my teaching that "Antarctica does not exist, & how do I know? Because \*I\* have never seen it and "know"

people just Photoshopped pictures."...//.. Romans 1:21, refusing to believe in God because we don't WANT to and think we're always right & more wise....

March 7 at 4:14pm ·

DID YOU KNOW? Many of the Egyptians in Pharaoh's army chasing Israelites **WANTED to TURN AROUND & let them go!**... Exodus 14:25, "And He [LORD YHWH] took off [put a stiff binding on] their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, 'Let us FLEE from the face of Israel, for the LORD YHWH fights FOR them against the Egyptians!'" - a logical fear after TEN threatened plagues came. //....

BUT: They chose to follow the Egyptian leaders-- despite the Instinct God had put into their hearts.... **Living in more fear of a HUMAN's power over them, than fear of THE GOD who had beaten ALL their gods with miracles....** A lesson from ~1200 B.C. that's been forgotten in Today's World, too... We must THINK FOR OURSELVES, & listen to the convictions God puts into our minds. EVEN when it's HARD to fight our leaders

March 8 at 9:42am ·

Found an old bubbles wand outside near the woods edge today... SAD to reminisce on Why: I used to make my children LEARN to play outside: To pretend tall grass clumps were trees, to make roads & rivers & lakes: a HALCYON time that was idyllically happy & (mostly!) peaceful... Intriguing God Thing? that I'd find this wand 18 hours after beginning music tracks for new song **HALCYON DAYS ENDING** ...

Its theme, as we watch news & know of much testing of weapons in U.S.: War IS coming--already here for many nations. **We'll look back on 2016 as Halcyon Days** despite the turmoil in comparison to Matthew 24 etc's promises of Bad.

YET: WITH GOD'S PEACE (John 14:26-7, 16:33 etc), \*every\* day can one day be looked back upon as Halcyon. We "just" have to trust Him, honor Him who helps ALL who honor Him.

March 8 at 6:26pm ·

**SAD AUTOBIOGRAPHY but STARTED SONGWRITING**

Yesterday was the **10th anniversary of the worst day in my life**, not counting "health issues" of anyone... when I was completely blind-sided by horrendous accusations that still sicken me... rolling stomach, dizzying Nausea sickness. **Each year I dread the March 7-10 three-day stretch--** remembering a year of trying to prove them wrong. YET: I also rejoice: Not only do I better understand why Jesus quit speaking (scriptures below), but I've better learned to examine evidence, and NOT believe everything I hear just because there's "no absolute proof". Comes in handy watching the news!... AND: March 10 will be the 10th anniversary of God's very first song gift to me: ABOVE MY SORROW SEA. He's been honoring me with amazing gifts! AUDIO (free) >> <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/media/AboveMySorrowSea.mp3>

Click on LINK >>> [March 8, 2014](#) · See also the last March 10th post below.

6 years ago yesterday was also a Friday.. drenching noon storm. On this anniversary weekend, I've been thinking a lot on a Q I used to ponder about so much. Luke 23:9, Herod was excited when Jesus was brought to Him; he wanted to see "some miracle" and to ask lots of Qs. But Jesus "answered him nothing." I used to think, why did Jesus not use this op to talk with the head political leader? Experiences in life bring us to a deeper understanding of God's Word, with His James 1:5 promised wisdom. Like the 400 yrs of God's Silence after Book of Malachi: If people won't listen, why keep talking?

LINK added: With thanks to Claxton Sticks Wilson of Valley Worship & Praise Studio for his excellent drumming on this first song and the 99% of other songs on my website that have live drums >> <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Home.php> .....  
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COMMENT 3-8-2018. ME: The Bereans are always a good "Go To" discussion when people start declaring Jesus / Paul & disciples said to stop doing God's Laws. Acts 17, the Bereans did NOT auto-believe Paul & studied the scriptures (only the Torah back then) "diligently"... and would've gone NO WAY had Paul been teaching what he's accused of. · 1m

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March 9 at 10:33am ·

As you listen to your fav Christian bands, do you ever PRAY for the singers, guitarists, drummers, Producers, ETC? >> SATAN ALSO knows God's Word well (quoting it at Jesus!)... Satan KNOWS Isaiah 55:11 declaration by God that His words that we put into music "shall not return to [Him] void, But it shall accomplish what [He] please[s]"...//..

So Satan works HARD to shift God's musicians into Selfish-ness & Sin-- and Discouragement.... From AUDIO ADRENALINE's UNDERDOG album... 2 decades later they're STILL drawing people to GOD's Word thru music, & one of their earliest songs taught this: "It's six A.M. I'm so tired. The alarm sounds and the new day begins. Before I go and disturb this peaceful moment, I look to YOU. I want to say a prayer Before my feet can hit the ground. Lord I give this day to You."

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March 10 at 8:58am ·

**Racism is an absolutely ridiculous, FOOLISH idea... We see God's creativity all thru His plant and animal kingdom... No one has EVER thought, "Hey, gray spotted horses are smarter & more valuable than brown spotted ones" ...** Just a different beautiful color with different amounts of the melanin pigments eumelanin & pheomelanin. Romans 1:21-22, People KNOW from Nature that Nothing comes from Nothing... they KNOW there's God but don't want to be thankful & glorify Him: SO, People CHOOSE to have foolish, dark hearts that believe evil things like Racism.

March 10 at 9:14am ·

Amazed by God's song gifts... not "counting" except couple of times year updating the spreadsheet of titles from which I create the RESOURCES files for topics, scriptures, and the INDEX... but well above the number posted 4 years ago... and very Honored that God will use me to put His scriptures "back into music" including dozens of Psalms. >> <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/PSALMS-and-Prophets.php> .....

TODAY is the 10th Anniversary since God gifted me with **His first song, ABOVE MY SORROW SEA...** after the deep sorrow of March 7 -- See March 8's 6:26 post. I'm amazedly thanking Him daily, so I guess that's why the Important Ten Year mark slipped by without me noticing. Not that I'd be bragging anyway ;) >>

<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2008-2012.php> >> **This is GOD's**

**Creative Work; I just provide the hands & voice, with Joy!**

March 11 at 8:19am ·

### SONGWRITING HINTS

RECORDING MUSIC HINT: If I take all my home studio instrument tracks to 1 of my 2 professional studios & don't have enough TIME for the producer to balance (pre-master) each track to the others for EVERY song before he records me singing vocals & he plays drums (+ often bass) to complete the song >> TRICK GOD gave idea for: I sing to the FULL track I brought, & studio masters song after I leave. BUT: Sometimes I can't clearly hear the Melody thru all the flute, oboe, swirling or (for harder rock!) crashing &tc background tracks>> So WITH the solo'd full track, he adds the instrument track that gives me Guidance...//...

*Amid Life's NOISE*, often **we can't quite hear GOD's guidance**. So WITH the Word He puts in our heart, God often adds Believers who share ideas of Guidance / directs us to "happen" to find scriptures we had forgotten or never noticed / Etc. When we REALLY want to hear God's True 'Melody' >> He provides the Way for us to hear it.

See also yesterday's post, about GOD's giftings of songs.  
More hints for recording the vocals (words) of songs >>

March 11 at 8:56pm ·

I love the music of dozens of bands, but seldom learn members' names. I go to a lot of MUSIC FESTIVALS to watch & learn, like Ohio's ALIVE Festival each June: Big, but you can still "get close" to musicians. During dinner break some years ago, I was near the booth watching a guy set up soundboard for the AA concert. He started talking to me about his settings.

After a bit, I commented on cool **tattoo** on his left hand ring finger & he said "That's my wedding band". **I laughingly said, "Now THAT's commitment!" & he laughingly agreed.** Learned an hour later: It was a band member of Audio Adrenaline...//...And THAT's the kind of FIRM commitment that our LORD God wants from us!

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March 12 at 9:36am ·

Mom told me this week how, when she was a girl living at Aunt Grace's house every summer, she'd go outside & pick all the figs she wanted. Mom laughed, was so peaceful sharing this memory. One of her **HALCYON** days (see my earlier post)...//...

**Ever wonder if GOD ever has those, thinking upon those Lovely Days walking "in the cool of the evening" with Adam? It is **\*\*SO\*\*** very sad for God that, unlike for us, even Amid His Halcyon days back then, **He already knew** what Adam would do, rejecting His one single law, His authority... and what we people would do rebelling against Him for CENTURIES to Come... and what \*I\* would do on my rebellions days.... **How can we NOT grieve for the grief we cause such a Caring Creator?** For He CAN feel grief, deeper than we humans do. Genesis 6:6 (note the #) in Hebrew can be translated: God SUFFERED...**

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March 13 at 5:10pm ·

For some odd reason, last year, Verizon didn't get phones to update to Daylight Savings Time until AFTER \*10\* AM...

Which I did not figure out until 10 AM that Sunday when I finally realized my Wake Up alarm hadn't Clanged to get me out of bed...

YET: **If I HAD been late to my job at 10:15, it STILL would have been \*my\* fault....** Not Verizon's.... and I still would have caused great inconvenience, disturbing others' special worship moments with God....

Like for the "10 virgins" who had lamps for the wedding: God calls us to be prepared with "extra oil" or Planning... or a 2nd alarm clock :) ... to better serve Him & help others... To be Ready At All Times to share to others the "Hope that is Within us" -- 1st Peter 3:15..... with post from last year:

March 12, 2017 ·

Morning came "too early" after a late night in music studio PLUS start of Daylight Savings Time... Finally turned off my Every-2-Minutes Warning on my "Sunday-UP!" calendar event since a year ago, I realized: I had ignored the little chime-y alarm \*38\* times. No Kidding...//... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XO91FwBf9VQ>  
>> Yep I enjoyed the extra sleep but now I have to "race toward Worship" without my usual relaxed time talking with our LORD as I prepare..

SO MANY people are ignoring God's kind-ly only soft-so-far Warnings that Time is "racing toward"... The First Song that "awoke" me to God's warnings: Larry Norman & DC Talk - I Wish We'd All Been Ready [Live 1994]... SO: I changed my phone alarm to be louder. But NOT "Happy Samba"!

March 13 at 9:29pm ·

On my first day of piano lessons with a Conservatory of Music teacher, she took one look at my hands & said "Your fingers are too short to ever play the piano well." At that point after getting better than my other teachers, I was **already** playing 5th year level -- beyond my previous teacher's ability (so she recommended this new teacher)....

Mrs. Smith found in the next few years how wrong she'd been... but as a very shy 14 year old, I've gotta say that I REALLY almost believed her & quit...//... Praying for wisdom (James 1:5) is essential. Grandmom was Right On when she taught "**If you can't say anything nice, keep quiet.**" ... We never know how much Words Can hurt.

COMMENT ADDED LATER: Some people have expressed surprise that I can play bass & guitar with such small hands, George Heil.... When God doesn't give physical capabilities, He OFTEN gives wisdom for "work arounds"... I play slide bass with ease & fun (and leave my songs' funk/ pop bass to my producer), and actually help other guitarists publishing my "tricks" on my website, like substitute chords for those long stretches. 4d

March 14 at 11:51am ·

A parable taught: Whether true or legend, it's cool to ponder upon >> That in Jesus's day, the disciples of every rabbi would feel Honored if they were physically walking so close to the rabbi that mud from his sandals would splash up onto their robes... So: Instead of calling ourselves by the bland label of "Christian", would we be more accurate as a "Christ Follower"? ... But even then:

How \*closely\* do we want to follow Jesus? ... To "powder yourself in dust" is a phrase from Rabbi Yose ben Yoezer ~200 B.C.-- based on Mishnah, Avot 1:4. (The Mishnah = collection of rabbinic thought 200 BC to 200 AD, mentioned by Jesus as "traditions of men" re handwashing. It still forms the core of Jewish belief today.)

March 15 at 9:47am ·

In the "**OH, COME ON!**" category of critical Christian magazine articles> This complaint against song "HUNGRY" by Joy Williams. **QUOTE:** "Problem line: 'I'm falling on my knees, Offering all of me...' Many of us struggle with songs such as this. What exactly are we supposed to do? Do we take the lyrics literally <& pray on knees?... Songs that show our total commitment to God express something significant. But this line may promote guilty feelings in the worshiper as we ask ourselves, 'Am I the only one who has failed to attain this higher level of commitment?' - **END QUOTE** of "music leader expert" - who is NOT. See tomorrow's post; same FOOLISH "so called "expert".

**MY FIRM belief** >> What's WRONG with songs that urge us to SERIOUSLY worship God & **Offer our All??** Are we going to "write off" all God's SCRIPTURES that "**may promote guilty feelings...**"?...//... Oh, wait---- **That \*\*IS\*\* exactly what MANY churches are doing as they claim that "Love = Tolerance" of sins.**

Reference: <https://www.premierchristianity.com/home/theology-test-your-worship-songs/3652.article>



March 16 at 11:15am ·

Next in the **"OH, COME ON!" category** = same "expert" as yesterday's post, who complains re Matt Redman's song *"Let My Words Be Few"* whose Theme = LISTEN to God instead of doing all the TALKING in your prayers.

Guy proclaims that he thinks it's a "problem line" >> *"Jesus, I am so in love with You..."* He continues, "This is actually a beautiful song, **BUT how many of us are really comfortable with the idea of being 'so in love' with Jesus?"** ....//... imho-- **NO!** In my FIRM belief!>>

**What's WRONG with songs that urge us to DEARLY LOVE Jesus, after all He's done for US?**... Are we going to write off all God's scriptures that TELL us to literally RESPECT, oft QUIET (Psalm 46:10) & falling to knees (DANIEL 6:10) in humble HONOR????!! .. See yest's post .

March 16 at 3:49pm · re movie A WRINKLE IN TIME.

Filmmakers changed ~90% of key words-- Madeleine L'Engle's heirs must have signed contract without demanding final say over plot edits OR cared more about \$\$ than honoring her Faith she built into all her books-- Film shows Antagonism against Faith of author who died in 2007: In her book, Earth's great fighters against Darkness gives Jesus first place & includes artists & scientists (DaVinci, Shakespeare, Bach, Curie, Einstein) + religious persons (e.g. Buddha, Saint Francis, Gandhi). Movie has racial diversity (GOOD adds of Nelson Mandela, Maya Angelou) BUT DROPPED all religious people- incl. Jesus- fighting a Darkness as Satan is described in Bible... & makes the 3 women almost as gods, not Created Beings as L'Engle has guided 1000s of children to see as comfort from a loving Creator who Protects all Innocents & those who turn to Him.

LATER 2 COMMENTS I ADDED: I already knew from the book & movie The Shack that some churches will praise the movie that's completely dif from the author's WRINKLE... so sometimes, we go where we don't want just to prepare by getting info, so we can Take a Stand ..... More & more I think of the parable of "slowly boiling frogs"

COMMENT 3-16-2018 It is so sad \*for God\*, how many people believe the Evil GOSSIP that "The God of the Old Testament is an angry God" & think He changed to "loving" ~4,000 years later when Jesus came.....

**POST** March 17 at 8:19am ·

I take laptop to studio sessions to update website while my producer finishes mixes. 2 years ago he had so many completed tracks to deliver that he suggested: Instead of putting them on a flash drive to hand me, I could just give him my laptop's user name & PASSWORD.... I did: AND, In moments, he'd inserted a LOT of files. **\*\*PARABLE\*\***>> I trust him (of course!), but was nervous re process-- Slow Internet at home, so I go to a lot of WiFi cafes. He assured: NO one can "invade" my computer

unless I give them an OK & access - incl by CARELESS exploring of sites.... God warned the SAME centuries ago: People & Satan have NO ACCESS to control our minds-- unless we give it. Proverbs 4:23 > "GUARD your heart /mind... with ALL diligence." 2 Corin 10:3-5, DESTROY wrong thoughts that come into your mind. God gives US control: 1st Peter 1:13.

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March 18 at 8:51am ·

Awoke, rejoiced in Furnace Heat as I threw off warm blankets, found pleasure in electric lights & warm water "there with a flick of my hand", took meds that God guided Drs to prescribe to help heal me, & of COURSE, rejoice in freshly brewed coffee-- with milk!...//... Then less "happy">> Thought of all the refugees of war who WERE "in the news" but no longer are: Yet still in flimsy shelters, cold, little water, no pretty bathrooms, depending on people like thru churches to provide food. Sure, we give \$\$ to "Missions". Sure, we can't GO help. But do we at least PRAY for those in need-- and those who do GO to help? ...

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**19 March 2018.** Yesterday at 10:40am · PHOTO: **Any concept of grace that lets us feel more comfortable sinning is NOT biblical grace.** God's grace never encourages us to live in sin, on the contrary, it empowers us to say NO to sin and YES to truth." -- Randy Alcorn (QUOTE)

This AM, praying, I'm terribly disappointed in myself, in the time I've wasted this past week-- though it did help me relax..... Frustrated with my lack of skills in music creativity even when I firmly believe Ephesians 3:20-- that it's GOD's Holy Spirit empowering, for HIS Glory-- of anything I do (vs 21)...THOUGHT: But we CAN'T disappoint God! He's always known from before Creation Day 1... Yet that's MORE sad: The God we (I) say we love has always known that in the week of March 12, 2018, I would do or not do things hurtful to Him despite saying how much I love Him.... CHEAP GRACE = when people don't fret about hurting God "because He loves & Will Forgive".

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**20 March 2018 morning.** 14 hrs ·

"TRUST & OBEY"... one of my fav hymns since childhood. We \*love\* its encouraging guide on how "to be happy" (with Jesus)... Hymn reflects Proverbs 3:5-6 that we love to Quote: TRUST in the LORD (named YHWH, Ex. 3:14) with ALL your heart-- though we prefer vs 6: "and He shall direct your paths". (No one likes feeling Utterly Lost, though temp times are Adventures often ALSO guided by God...)... But that **2ND half of Hymn Title?** ALSO from Proverbs 3:1 ... God guided the writer to share HIS Word: "Do not forget my law, But let your heart KEEP my commands." John 15, def of how to be HAPPY WITH/ FRIENDS with Jesus>> Keep His Commands... TRUST, & **OBEY.** (1st John 1:1, 2:7, 2:24 AND John 1:1 WORD from the BEGINNING)

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**20 March 2018 evening. 1 hr .**

Reviewing a bass track before taking it to the studio for song production ("Andrew Bonar PRAYER Song").... there are a couple of places with "color chords" in piano that it seems no bass note "really worked".... an EXCELLENT parable for that "old saying" that really came from God's wisdom in Proverbs (17:28) >>> Better to be silent and thought a fool, than to be loud & remove all doubt :) .... Or, in this case: Better to let my bass stay silent in the spots with those piano chords than to show the world that I couldn't figure out what note works!

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COMMENT 3-20-2018.

Quite often people have pre-decided what to believe before studying. Ezekiel 34: 11 on clearly identifies YHWH the Shepherd as coming to dwell among us. Zech 2:10- on convinced me that YHWH who can do anything whether we understand "trinity" or not has come Himself as prophesied: *Dwell* being same word as physical.. not just a symbol. Be encouraged as you serve Him sharing ideas. :)

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**21 March 2018** written during huge snowstorm! 21 mins .

Those SPAM phone calls you get from the same area code as your own phone??? That's called SPOOFING >> **trying to FOOL you to accept them.** The movie WRINKLE IN TIME might be "fun to watch" but we need to stay aware... in MANY places, it SPOOFS what the author actually wrote. EXAMPLE of **leaving out her words about author's faith >>**

The "women" (1 = a star who had sacrificed herself & lost that joy) spoke of Fighters for Truth thru earth's history. "Who have our fighters been?" Calvin asked. "Oh, you must know them, dear," Mrs. Whatsit said. Mrs. WHO's spectacles shone out at them triumphantly, "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." <John 1:5>. "Jesus!" Charles Wallace said. "Why of course, Jesus!" "OF COURSE!" Mrs. Whatsit said.

**WRINKLE - my comment #1.** ALSO quoting God's word in her book that was **banned in many schools for being "too religious"** (which is NOT a problem for the new movie -- though IT is a DIFFERENT RELIGION -- one of ATHEISM, or more like PANTHEISM where ANY thing can be "a god") >>

"God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty." —

**Madeleine L'Engle**, A Wrinkle in Time, **quoting First Corinthians 1:27.** MODERN= >> 26 Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. 27 Instead, **God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful.** 28 God chose things despised by the world, things counted as

nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. 29 As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.

**WRINKLE - my comment #4. 1m** I have often wondered if I'm wrong to "in a way" feel SORRY for Satan for his choice to GIVE UP so much that God had offered him, incl Joy, Peace, Friendship... **L'ENGLE too offered this concept in A WRINKLE IN TIME >> "If she could give love to IT perhaps it would shrivel up and die, for she was sure that IT could not withstand love."** — Madeleine L'Engle, A Wrinkle in Time

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**COMMENT 3-21-2018.** I often think of 1 line from a 12-season series of people using science to find killers... and a key character at the end, after "success", depressedly considers quitting with the line **"What's the point? There's always going to be another killer"**.

The quiet reply: **"But THIS one won't kill anyone else."...**  
I understand that kind of sadness... and God's **that we are not rid of evil.**  
But we pray against it & fight wherever we can. 1m

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**21 March 2018 2:19 PM 9 mins ·**

Flipping channels, came across ANDROMEDA (2000-2005) & said in surprise, "Noah!"... 22 years ago (yes, 22), fans were sad when Keith Cobb left ALL MY CHILDREN (soap) to be Tyr in Kevin Sorbo's Sci-Fi series...//... We often joke about weird things we suddenly remember (like our HS locker combination)... YET don't seem to fully believe John 14:26.

If we REALLY believed Jesus's promise that He sent the Holy Spirit to "help you remember all that I taught", **then we'd have NO fear in sharing our Faith...** Because fear of "being stumped" by a challenging doubter serves Satan well by stopping us from speaking. NEXT verse after 14:26? Jesus's oft quoted promise:

We will have PEACE, NO FEAR. \*IMPT\* Greek for "another" in 14:16 is ALLOS (of the same sort), \*NOT\* Hetero (different).

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**22 March 2018 2 PM. 1 hr ·**

It's been over a year since I've been this sick... Yet I'm pleased to realize that I was focused on the blessing of "healthy for over a year" -- not whining about my day..

Small movements forward as we grow... It's easy to focus on our failures & not see our small movements toward growth...//... "God makes us more & more like him as we are changed into his glorious image." - 2nd Corinthians 3:18b... the Greek word = Metamorphose, & like as for caterpillars to butterflies, it can be a slow but Wondrous process.

COMMENT 3-22-2018 on photo of a manual typewriter asking "Do you know what this is? **ME** >> . Something fast typists don't miss. Many don't know that the reason even our computer keyboards have the QWERTY design (top left letters) instead of ABC order was to separate the vowels and other frequently used typewriters keys that would "catch" on each other when a fast typist wasn't giving the key arm time to get out of the way before the next arm came up to type a letter.

March 22 at 9:06pm 2018 1:45 PM.

**Family Christian Bookstores closed last year.**

**Claim = "Books are becoming obsolete." >>**

**NEVER! Paper Bibles MUST not become obsolete--** even while we enjoy online/ "Digital format" scriptures. **WHY:** It's EASY TO CHANGE A FILE, hit SAVE, & hardly anyone notices.

Paper copies are **PROTECTION** from people who choose Evil > including **changing Bible quotes to DECEIVE people.** 2nd Timothy 2:17, "Their message will spread like cancer".... using Greek word *gagrainā* - like GANGRENE. Paper = our BASELINE:

God blessed us with the **Dead Sea Scrolls AND Isaiah scroll** being found by archaeologists; both CONFIRM ancient texts as accurate: Found at exactly the Time He set up for Israel to again become a nation. And Isaiah 53 alone prophesies the Messiah, while 66 reflects Revelation CLEAR-ly....

Photo:

<http://www.bibleanswershow.com/2015/01/why-are-there-so-many-different-bible.html>

March 23 at 11:00am

Imagine facing on your journey a huge cliff in front of you... but you cannot turn around & go back. Then with Hope you see a huge crevice that might "Go thru". But you realize: It looks long, utter darkness, fearsome. As you stop in fear not knowing what to do, you hear a familiar voice calling you by name: Encouraging you, "I'm already here! Come follow my voice! I've seen a lovely green valley with peaceful streams on the other side!"...//...

And, without "seeing", you joyfully enter the darkness WITHOUT fear: Your friend WILL come meet you if you need... You can TRUST His word...//... Today I'm very sad. But I know my friend Sandy knows her friend Jesus, & has now SAFELY passed thru Death's crevice to live with Him. Psalm 23.

March 24 at 11:44pm ·

Here's an joy-filling Experiment for you: A wren built a nest in my Christmas wreath beside front door (yes it's still up!) & I see her often. 2 dozen wrens come to my feeding deck daily - they all look alike to me. Yet I have no idea WHICH one has that wreath nest. But \*GOD\* does! ...

**AS YOU SIT AT STOP LIGHTS, actually quickly look at other drivers & Consider: God knows the Name of each driver, what s/he loves & hates, his or her dreams.**

And He truly Cares. And... You are more than just one more 'wren' to God, too. PSALM 124: God who knows the name of EVERY star knows YOUR name, & you!

March 25 at 8:53am ·

My alarm went off right on time this Sunday as always (pre-set for a year) :) ... But I'd left phone in other room: alarm rang unheard... And time STILL marched on for an hour: I got up in time to be only "almost late"-- but missed the Peace I find in that extra time... //....

A few days ago, I asked a dear friend, who's becoming tangled in fears watching media news & politics, if he still reads the Bible. He said "sure". I asked how often. **He said "every Sunday in church"**. From experience there, I responded, "You mean the few verses in the Bulletin that you all quote back?" He smiled a bit & nodded..

God's Word gives us plenty of warnings AND ENCOURAGEMENT! PEACE amid the media yelling "Be Scared!" at us. But it does no good if we leave it on the shelf. And time STILL marches on: One day will be too late.

March 25 at 10:50pm ·

"Who feels like Life is a roller coaster?" asked the preacher. A teen near the front row eagerly raised her hand and waved it back and forth energetically. Most of us looked a bit confused amid being amused. Then I figured it out: She thought the preacher asked "Who LIKES roller coasters?" ..//..

But she really had an EXCITED attitude that we should ALL have for the actual question! It's often only when our lives are like roller coasters that we even \*notice\* God is helping us! And the noticing brings \*such\* joy that God cares! 1 Peter 5:7, "Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He CARES for you!" .... with the confession: I'm copy-pasting this one into tonight's journal....

**26 March 2018.** Yesterday at 10:10am ·

Last night brought a MAJOR problem in music recording computer resources.... But hey, God's Will is my yearning; I'll Wait on Him, Psalm 46:10. And pray (and pray!) for wisdom on how to fix. Yet meanwhile, this cartoon always makes me laugh when I "feel weary" :) And nope, I'm not giving Satan the pleasure of "throwing in the towel". SILLY for us to do, when there are so many exciting possibilities that God may yet provide for us! John 10:10 Abundance! >>

**27 March 2018.** at 9 PM; used 9 AM spot. 12 hrs ·

In a phone call today, someone I love asked "How are you?" I answered honestly, beginning with all the things that have quit working incl. my laptop battery & the system I need to record music... even my mouse battery joined the crowd... and I concluded with "It's been a ROUGHHHhhh week."..... Pause..... Then we laughed to realize we were saying in unison, "And it's ONLY Tuesday!"..... Great joke for rough days: The Bible says "It came to pass" -- not "It came to stay."

**27 March 2018.** at 9 AM; changed to 9 PM spot.

It's not a good sign when you awaken to what you think is the refrigerator fan going bad, & **realize it's your cat purring with a sore throat. Poor Lea!**

We all care deeply for our pets. Most of us even are sad to see a dead bird.

**How is it we're so Surprised, so Disbelieving-almost, that the Creator of All things deeply cares for "ME"??**

Can you hear the frustration in Jesus's voice as He declares that "NOT EVEN A SPARROW falls to the ground without God caring? **YOU are worth FAR more....**" ... **\*\*\*TAKE COMFORT TODAY\*\*\***, whatever happens: God CARES & will listen... to ANY one who respectfully talks to Him-- even Seekers who do not yet quite believe.....  
Photo credit: Bill Watterson 19 Sep 1993, Calvin & Hobbes. Words credit: Jesus, Matthew 10 (2x), Luke 12 (2x).

COMMENT 3-27-2018 to someone suffering nightmares: With my prayers, <Name>, for peace. We cannot control our dreams, but in our waking moments can **pray** what I often do: **That when it's our time to die, we will honor & trust God even thru that.** TRICK I TAUGHT MY CHILDREN that worked well: FINISH the dream: Go back and fill in a GOOD ending..... even if you're not asleep.\_

**28 March 2018 8:30 AM.** 15 mins · *With 2013 post saying Hobby Lobby may close all its stores because they refuse to provide Health Insurance that pays for abortions or pills that cause them & Govt (led by Obama) threatens heavy daily fines.*

Can you believe it's been 5 years? And in that time Hobby Lobby-- after STANDING for God's Word-- **flourishes!** Another example of how God blesses those who honor Him... as illustrated in the movie CHARIOTS OF FIRE, based on 1st Samuel 2:30, "those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed." Which SOUNDS NICE UNTIL you read the whole passage and realize: God is telling someone-- Eli the priest who He'd blessed-- that He is now TAKING AWAY His blessings because Eli refuses to honor Him First now.

March 28 at 9:17am · **Proverbs 13:12 (NIV). "Hope deferred makes the heart sick..." //.. True heartbreak: When you know that if you quit..... no one would even notice. sAd today**

**March 29 post.**

Isaiah 41:10: "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand." .... NLT

Isaiah 41:10 **LITERAL** Hebrew:  
"Do not fear for **I AM** with you.  
Do **NOT** anxiously look about you, for **I AM** your God.  
I will strengthen you, SURELY.  
I will help you, SURELY.  
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."  
- promises God named **YHWH the I AM**  
(Exodus 3:14-15, Isaiah 42:6-8 & most places translated LORD in OT)

**29 March 2018** 11:45 PM 11 hrs

Psalms 23 astonishes with more & more colors as we learn. Verse 5, "Thou preparest a table before me..." THIS IS NO ORDINARY DINNER TABLE! >> The Hebrew is "shulchan". That word is used ONLY for a KING'S table...for private & sacred use -- like in the Temple. Like for the showbread's dedicated table in God's Presence (Exodus 25:30)..... And the King of Creation is preparing it for YOU, me, all who accept His invitation?? Wow. Amazing Grace..... TOMORROW: ANOTHER table....

Hebrew data source >> <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strong's=H7979&t=NKJV>

**30 March 2018** 10:30 AM with two photos: a seating chart, and a photo of a nine-seat table setting in the customer style for Jewish special dinners. 44 mins

Today = Day after we esp remember The Last Supper. DID YOU KNOW? Jesus put JUDAS in the SEAT OF HONOR!.. Giving "the bread of sop" to a guest is an ACT OF HONOR!... Jesus left Judas NO excuse to hate him, to feel "left out of the 12" like many people CLAIM as a logical reason to betray Jesus..... Yet like us people even today: Hebrews 12:3, God tells us to TAKE HEART when others hurt you.

EVIDENCE: Seating Chart + Bible. QUOTE:

"The host of the feast would NOT sit in the middle... but instead 2nd to the left, with the guest of honor on his left, and a trusted friend to his right... If this seating arrangement was followed by Jesus, and from the scriptures it seems to BE the case, ... John 13:23 indicates that John the beloved was seated to Jesus' right, as John had to lean on the bosom of Christ to ask of the identity of the betrayer.

"Matthew 26:23 indicates that JUDAS was seated to the left of Christ, in the **SEAT OF HONOR**, as both Jesus and Judas were able to eat from the same bowl.

"John 13:24 indicates that Peter was across from John, on the right side, as he had to signal to John to ask Jesus who would betray him."

SOURCE (ALL one quoted paragraph) >>  
<http://www.redeemerofisrael.org/2012/04/setting-of-last-supper-triclinium.html>



March 31 at 8:43am ·

GOD'S PARABLE OF THE LAMB:

Did you know??

God REQUIRED His people to keep that sweet little innocent lamb **inside their house for 4 days...** walking about, bleating at first s a scared baby does, being fed by hand perhaps like a beloved PET.... before it was **slaughtered** for the Passover meal. (Exodus 12:3-6). WHY? .....

THE Obvious reason = Ensure it was healthy & kept safe- ONLY a Perfect Sacrifice met God's method for Forgiveness of Sins required.

But ALSO, considering God's heart of Love: People (especially children) might perhaps, after being with this baby, **see how Terrible their sins were TO GOD, how HE GRIEVES over our SINS** -- .....

..... so much that an innocent little creature must die.....  
so maybe we will STOP before we say "Yes" to each sin??..... >>>

.....and then 100s of years later after God made His Law >>> SHOW so much that God's Kind & Loving son Jesus who HEALED & FED thousands with His Mercy & Compassion -- who NEVER sinned at all (like an innocent lamb) must die as our Perfect Sacrifice for --now (in 2018) 1948 years after-- the Temple was destroyed & lambs CAN'T be sacrificed: God REALLY forgives those who honor Him.

Passover begins at sundown tonight.

May you ind much peace knowing that several 1,000 years ago,  
God named YHWH was preparing His message of Mercy & Forgiveness  
for YOU to know today.

1,948 years from Temple destruction in 70 AD til 2018.  
1948 AD, year when God again let His people have Israel.  
Intriguing PATTERN to Ponder.

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**END of 2018 WINTER PARABLES**

*A 2018 ENCOURAGEMENT:*

We never hear about  
**The Battle BEFORE David's battle with Goliath :**

Dealing with his brother LYING about him,  
calling him INSOLENT in heart.

*"Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "...  
I know your pride and the INSOLENT of your heart,  
for you have come down to see the battle." <1 Samuel 17:28>.*

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**Don't be discouraged** if "brothers" berate you...  
Only the LORD's opinion matters.  
James 1:5 -- Ask & He'll tell you when comments are out of  
ignorance... or even malice.

***Suppose David had let critical comments  
distract him from Standing Up for God's Honor?  
GOLIATH would have won.  
Satan's guy would have won.***

*Hebrews 12:3, take COURAGE my friends: "For consider Him who  
endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become  
weary and discouraged in your souls." (NKJV)  
-- DianaDee :)*