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YEAR 2015 WINTER PARABLES IN LIFE

January 2, 2015 at 10:23am ·

<Part 2 posted on January 3>

Few people realize Maureen O'Hara was *FURIOUS* when informed that American film producer/ studio executive Darryl F. Zanuck wanted her to return & make "*some movie about Santa Claus*". She'd just finished a movie in U.S. & "Finally Escaped" (her words in an interview) & returned home to celebrate with family in Ireland after the U.S. finally again allowed foreigners to leave after World War 2 was declared.

She WANTED to go do a movie in France: Plans were already set. "BUT"- She said in the interview about the producer: "When you got word that Zanuck said 'Go Left' you **WENT** Left-- not a bit another way."..//...

WE HAVE ALL SORTS OF PARABLES ABOUT GOD in our lives.....

Maureen O'Hara while talking about the producer who "owned" her as an actress reflects God's Word when HE says "do" or "don't".... Far more people once respected Authority of the Word: 2nd Tim 3:16 > and obeyed even when "not what I want".) World War 2-weary & Life-weary people have rejoiced in the "Romans 8:28" good that came **ONLY because O'Hara obeyed her boss...**

AND despite this not being HER plans, Maureen O'Hara came to love "***Miracle on 34th Street***", released in 1947.... a movie about kindness & hope at a time when people were seeing Evil & Ongoing Fear. A movie about WILLINGNESS to risk your job and lose your way of living, even your REPUTATION to help someone who's been abandoned to injustice & mocking.

January 3, 2015 at 9:57am ·

So many people have no idea how crucial this is.

So many **churches never mention it - OR that this is God's command that** He inspired David to write ~**979 B.C.**: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem..." And Psalm 122:6 ends with this prayer for those who obey: "...May they prosper who love you." Verse 4: This is where people go "To give thanks to the name of the LORD." [NKJV]

January 3, 2015 at 9:36am ·

From **979 B.C** 'til now:: After Maureen O'Hara's character realized that Kris Kringle had listed 9 reindeer names as NEXT OF KIN on his Macy's application, she was upset. Her co-worker "calmed" her: "*I don't care if he thinks he's the Easter Bunny... But... But maybe he's only a LITTLE crazy --- like painters... or composers...*

or... or some of those men in Washington." ...//.... An intriguing line in MIRACLE ON 34th STREET that we especially notice 67 years later, during weeks when a nation's leaders who kept calm as

"The overall figure of 51.2 **million** [refugees worldwide] is 6 million higher than the year before" ...

and now take war-like stands on behalf of a motion picture company that SHOULD have had the sense to know in reverse what the U.S. would be saying if North Korea had a "fun movie" about assassination of its leader..... Psalm 2 written in **979 B.C** says of God watching world leaders, "HE who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision."

Psalms date source: GREAT chart by BibleHub at <http://biblehub.com/timeline/psalms/1.htm> Statistics source: BBC News 20 June 2014: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-27921938> Psalms Bible Timeline

January 5, 2015 at 10:19am ·

"GLORIOUS!" ... Not a Declaration Word heard now. Maybe 'stupendous' / 'magnificent' / the FAR over-used "GREAT" & Awesome.

A dream of A Place last night reminded me of C.S. Lewis's description of "Aslan's Land" (aka heaven) - a place **Beyond Words**. While reading letters on book page, you can almost hear characters gasping for breath at the beauty & peace, joy & amazement. Even in my dream, I laughed to remember how often I've thought that **a good artist would "critique" God's Heaven by saying it had Over-Saturated colors-- so Vivid, so Pure & Intense that "It's Unreal".** :)

..... As 2015 continues with the usual Gray Darkness of not just 'evil people', but also of our own selfish hearts, it's amazing to think upon God's Promises of the future to come for all who truly love, adore, worship Him--- in our drab human ways seeking to glorify Him -- Ephesians 3:21, humbly helped by His empowering (vs 20). >>

..... Exodus 15 & Revelation 15 (number pattern) Song of Moses -- also in Psalm 90:

- "Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? [= nations/ peoples- vss 4 to 10]
- Who is like You, **GLORIOUS** in holiness,
- Fearful in praises, doing **wonders**? THE LORD is my strength & song,
- And He has become my **salvation**; He is my God, & I will praise Him;
- My father's God, & I will **exalt** Him." - Exodus 15:11, 2 nkjv

..... The song continues with God's GLORIOUS promise of things to follow, 2015+ joys to come if if we truly love Him & yearn to obey (Jesus, John 15):

Prayer of thanks:

"You will bring them in and plant them In the mountain of Your inheritance,

In the place, O LORD, which You have made ** For Your own dwelling** ,
The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established." - Exodus 15:17.

January 6, 2015 at 9:56am ·

With a low Internet- download limit, I 'share' to my FB page videos to watch later at coffee shop. Usually post as "only me" but this one is IMPT. I'm devastated at how many Christians believe the TRUTH that GOD NEVER CHANGES (Malachi 3:6 & Logic)

BUT YET CANNOT SEE >> EVERY thing that God has said is Essential... IS.

Example:

God hasn't stopped wanting Leviticus 25 obeyed- as He shows in 2 Chronicles 36:21: God kept track but in His mercy gave 400 years for people to believe Him & obey. But as a good parent, eventually God must punish rebellious ones to show He's LORD.... Matt 24 etc: In mercy He's waited thru at least 2014...

LINK >> <https://vimeo.com/78483376>

COMMENT 1

Many persons take some verses of God handwritten by Paul out of context, to say God stopped His laws, instead of God GAVE GRACE to forgive us when we sorrow for (repent) breaking them. NT Sabbath Chapter: Hebrews 4, esp 9-11

COMMENT 2 provides the scriptures:

Hebrews 4: 9-11 "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of **DISOBEDIENCE**." .. Summary: :12 "For the word of

God is living and powerful.... **we must give account."**

January 8, 2015 at 11:23am ·

DANDELIONS.... Some people love'em. Some... well... Yet it's a bit amusing to consider how many would love, on this cold January day, to be seeing little dots of yellow popping up in their lawns today, instead of a blanket of freezing white SNOW.

Or of freezing cold dead brown.

And it's bemusing to consider how we completely overlook God's "little" blessings while focused on big ones. We get so focused praying for new clothes & better cars & bigger incomes & & &... that we don't see His Dandelions of Life: **A roof above the white or brown cold land** (however small), coats (however old), **food** in the kitchen, even if we can't afford the fancy restaurant... **and most of all: HIM.**

January 8, 2015 at 6:55pm ·

My tiny cat knows better... yet she still slipped thru the couple of inches space of sliding door I'd left open (my phobia of being locked out!) as I refilled the birdfeeders. In the super-low temps, it took her all of 10 seconds to decide that, well, THAT "sin" was

pretty stupid & painful to her paws... and she quickly sailed back into the house!...//.....
Now, if only I would recognize & respond as quickly after the things I do that I know as well as Lea knew are NOT what is right..... or good for me, according to GOD who **wants** what's **best** for me **far more than even I do.**

January 9, 2015 at 10:33pm ·

A thought about the many churches where I visit to worship our LORD {not re the one where I work/ serve;} HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED how often many preachers say in sermons "*The Bible says that...*" or, "*In Romans, God says that...*" (a BIG book!)... And thus people **cannot** easily look up God's Word for themselves to remember (or check) what preacher said. I jokingly told a friend- pastor last year that I enjoyed his sermons because they were fun like *Jeopardy*. He gave me a blank look. I mildly continued, "When you say "*The Bible says that...*", I test myself whether I know exactly where, or if I can find it within a few minutes." He gave me a thoughtful look :}

January 12, 2015 at 9:14pm ·

Traveling west on 8-lane highway, I saw that 3 of 4 east bound lanes had just become blocked by 2 separate accidents 1/4 mile apart. Within 2 miles, I saw cars approaching at normal speeds, their drivers having no idea of the huge delay & potentially dangerous brake slamming just ahead of them. I was sad for them, **wishing I could somehow give a message: Exits they were about to pass would provide easy alternate routes to escape sorrow!** Yet I had no way... and being "just 1 person", probably would've been ignored or mocked EVEN if I could've... // ...

Over & Over God has shown how **He yearns to help people escape blocks & dangers ahead if they keep going.** Matthew 23:37 is an example, how Jesus sorrowed as people ignore Danger & God's offered warnings that always came with promises of Salvation-- if people exited from the 'bad way'.

January 13, 2015 at 9:12am · POWER OF ONE+ .. Yesterday, I noted that most people ignore me.. And you.. **as "just 1 person"**. Obvious "Sunday School Answer" =

To God, there's no such thing as Just One Person.

'Psychology' says much evil is done by someone fearful of dying without ever being noticed, **believing the lie of "just 1"**, thinking that 'making the news' is the answer. Even killing other people just to get their own name known.

Many examples in God's Word show the **POWER OF 1+God**. Moses and David were each "just 1 more" shepherd (Exodus 3; 1st Samuel 16> long after the Goliath event). **"Just 1 SS teacher"** served God reaching to Dwight L Moody who shared God to 1,000s. "Just 1 H.S. teacher" chose to help Chuck Swindoll overcome severe stuttering to share God to 1000s. FOR YOU: Ephesians 3:20- May The LORD empower you, For His Glory only, vs 21:) = HIS Power+One... **you.**

January 13, 2015 at 4:48pm

People demanding Tolerance imply that "everyone" should be allowed to do & believe what they want and that no one should be permitted to force their viewpoint on others. But then they abusively, **Intolerantly** lambast & accuse anyone with different convictions. Including of what has been taught in the Bible for 1000s of years.

January 13, 2015 at 11:28pm

Just read article with some good observations about why people "leave The Church". But it entirely misses the main valid observations about many church families: John 15:5, Jesus: "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

Most churches (that is, church-persons) pray briefly
& then set plans
& then ask God to bless them....

Barely any prayers for wisdom or resources after the initial humble requests (James 1:5, Ephesians 3:20-21), much less praying for protection from Satan the Liar's attempts to divide churches (John 8:44, Ephesians 6:10-18).

A few years ago, an area church decided to end its early morning prayer time for commuters, giving 2 "reasons": (1) "Almost no one comes anyway", and (2) "We can pray at home & in our cars." *sigh*.....

January 14, 2015 at 9:02am

This was a Downer this morning: Went to sign up for a weather alert system: One security Q choices was "Name of your favorite childhood friend."

I didn't have one. We kept moving. To houses with neighbors too far away to walk to a friend's house. With a one-car family so Mom couldn't take me to visit a friend. The only friend I can think of... NO idea how to spell Lorelee... Laralie?... Lauralee?... Lorally?... Hey, didn't know what even an L was then! Had to crayon a black dot onto correct red plastic record disk to know which one / side held Jingle Bells!....

This was an Upper this AM: God has gifted me with friends who care about & pray for me. (Thank you!) Of course, I still struggle to correctly spell some names. Sorry 'bout that! (You know who I mean!) -DD

January 14, 2015 at 12:13pm

We're EACH in danger unless we pray Ephesians 6:10-18 AND act on the safety weapons our LORD offers... Pride thinking that fervent prayers are silly is always a danger..... Charles Templeton, famous evangelist, accepted truth about Jesus in 1936 and quickly drew people to the LORD. In 1945 he became friends with Billy Graham. In 1957: Declared he'd become an agnostic, no longer believing in Jesus. WHAT HAPPENED? Can it happen to **us**? See below.

At 80, affected by Alzheimer's, he was still able to converse with Lee Strobel (THE CASE FOR FAITH) and praised Jesus as the greatest human ever. Then, Strobel wrote, "That's when Templeton uttered the words I never expected to hear from him.

'And if I may put it this way,' he said as his voice began to crack, 'I . . . miss . . . Him!' <God> With that tears flooded his eyes. He turned his head and looked downward, raising his left hand to shield his face from me. His shoulders bobbed as he wept. . . ."

WHAT HAPPENED? Years earlier, Templeton had told Billy Graham that the Bible could not be trusted because scientists showed how the Creation story could not be right: "People no longer accept the Bible as inspired."

Genesis 3:1 is still in motion... Satan whispering into our thoughts THIS very week, perhaps today: "Hath God REALLY said....?"

I'm so saddened by people who TRULY love the LORD God, but keep studying & *studying* & getting **confused** in word studies until they conclude that Jesus might not really be God who can control storms (Mark 4:39 showing Psalm 107:28-29). SO sad: 2nd Timothy 3: 7, **"always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth"** deciding to stop believing 3:16, ALL scripture is inspired by The Creator who managed to create the Universe & can handle anyone who puts lies into His Bible.

January 15, 2015 at 4:50pm ·

A weird musing... Pinterest and Facebook both tell you when someone starts following you. Neither later says "___ has de-friended you." **Wouldn't it be nice...** incl especially for pastors who already are Satan's targets for discouragement to keep them from serving the LORD they so much love... **if people didn't share unkind thoughts?**

Like Grandmom always said, *"If you don't have anything nice to say....." //* James 1:5, God's promised wisdom includes knowing what to say and when..... & when to keep silent.

January 15, 2015 at 10:37am ·

Re-watching an old episode of BONES last night, was startled by a statement by a new character offering info re his Muslim beliefs. Research this AM included a site saying it **quotes** from Qur'an:

"The **JINN** we know as **Satan** was created from fire. Before his obedience and sincerity were tested through Adam, he had been in the company of angels, acting and worshipping as they did. Unlike angels, however, who cannot rebel against God (At-Tahrim 66:6), Satan was free to choose his own path of conduct. When God tested him and the angels by commanding them to prostrate before Adam, the seeds of his self-conceit and disobedience blossomed and swallowed him. He replied in his vanity, "I am better than him. You created me from fire, whilst him you did create of clay." (QUR'AN Saad 38:76)." -from *Satan and Humanity*, by Fethullah Gulen. <end quote>

..... Well THAT certainly doesn't come close to Jesus's words thru Luke 10: "12 But I

say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city... [note Jesus saying SODOM Really Happened]... 17 Then the 70 returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on **serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy** [a group of wordings implying Satan & demons-- not reptiles], and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (NKJV)

..... Article's intriguing ideas DO need to be "taken with a grain of salt": Credit says "Excerpted with some modifications from: <http://en.fgulen.com> -- THAT IS: Edited; & edits for grammar etc can be affected by publisher's thoughts.

..... AUTHOR RESEARCH, fast on good ol' Wikipedia ("buyer beware", "you get whatcha paid for?" - I seem to be amused by a cliché mood this AM :) >> Muhammad Fethullah Gülen is a Turkish preacher, former imam, writer, and Islamic opinion leader. He is the founder of the Gülen movement. He currently lives in a self-imposed exile in Saylorsburg, PA, U.S.

<http://www.islamawareness.net/Jinn/satan.html>

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January 16, 2015 at 9:40am ·

Part 2 of yesterday's post: End of Gülen's opinion article PROVES how *MARVELOUS* our LORD YHWH is-- FAR beyond any 'gods' believed-in by ANY other religion: *ALL* thru God's writings of the Torah, Prophets & History, & writings-- not just in "New Testament"-- we see AGAIN & AGAIN:

THE Lord ***CHERISHES*** you... you as an individual. NO other religion's 'god' does. Psalm 139 - there's no one like you, so Gülen's quote in Para 4 is *utter* nonsense. EVEN modern SCIENCE (even OLD studies of DNA) supports this fact, despite so many scientists refusing to choose to apply that knowledge to Wisdom...

..... Jesus CLEARLY showed thru his life on this earth that there's no such thing as "worthless" people - word used by Muslim "preacher" below. Jesus CHERISHED blind and lame people, young dead children (just as shown when Elijah was sent raise the widow's son, 1 Kings 17)... women with medical issues making them even more so-called-useless than most females (Matt 9). Jesus WEPT over a city full of people including the individuals who as leaders killed God's prophets sent by God seeking to draw them to salvation. (See end of Matthew 23.)

A TERRIBLE PARABLE is used BY Muslims to EXPLAIN what ISLAM SAYS: **WHERE IS THE HOPE??** of Islam beliefs like this by Muhammad Fethullah Gülen -- a Turkish preacher, former imam, Islamic opinion leader. A TERRIBLE parable of Belief:

His QUOTE: "I think all of us can agree that it is wholly good to have 20 trees in exchange for 100 seeds, since 20 trees will produce 20,000 seeds.

Again, 100 peacock eggs may be worth a couple of dollars. But if only 20 eggs hatch

and the rest do not, who will say that it is wrong to risk 80 eggs being spoiled in return for 20 peacocks? On the contrary, it is wholly good to have 20 peacocks at the expense of 80 eggs, for those 20 peacocks will lay even more eggs. >> Conclusion:

(QUOTE cont.): It is the same with humanity. By fighting Satan and their evil-commanding selves, **many "worthless" people have been lost in exchange for thousands of prophets, millions of saints**, and billions of men and women of wisdom and knowledge, sincerity and good morals. All of these people are the sun, moon, and stars of the human world." END QUOTE; And his words "all of these" refers to only **what this Muslim leader calls the "non-worthless people". As if SOME ARE "worthless". NOT AT ALL what God-Named-YHWH says.** (Ex. 3:14-5)

January 17, 2015 at 9:19am ·

When a child won't listen, what does the parent first do? REPEAT words. Then REPEAT again.... and maybe REPEAT again.... True Love of course may include discipline.... or may also include REPEAT & REPEAT & REPEAT....//.....

God's TRUE LOVE includes disciple.... AND REPEAT & REPEAT: 16 x here: **Psalm 31:24**, "Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the LORD." God knows our hearts: Knows our weaknesses: Knows our need for reassurance that there IS hope.

And... thus... SIXTEEN times, God guided the NKJV to translate into English His Word: "Be of good courage!" ... I love the old King James encouraging translation of Joshua 1:9... QUOTING GOD: "Have not I commanded thee? BE strong and of A good courage; BE NOT afraid, NEITHER BE thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God IS with thee whithersoever thou goest." Just like Jesus said in the last verse of Matthew. Quoting God.... "Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the earth." Earth still here.

January 19, 2015 at 11:51am ·

Over 7 yrs later: Re-watched history movie we taught in High School/ College Age Sunday School Class. Over 7 yrs after AMAZING GRACE, I'm still wondering:

A dozen youth and 2 adults discussed how people in Britain ADMITTED knowing slavery there in Britain was wrong--

- yet were afraid to speak up and be un-popular.
- Afraid to declare firm beliefs that it was wrong for a slave ship that left with 600 people to arrive with only 200 still alive a few weeks later.
- "Church people" who "went every week", who said they believed GOD EMPOWERS, who said God is Real.... stayed SILENT.

So here we are 218 years after William Wilberforce. Still watching movies like GOD IS REAL.... but what are we doing about our "firm beliefs"?

..... A Q for you, yourself, each "you" among us all: How often have you heard church people declaring & acting on Truth that we as God's UNITED CHURCH of whatever flavor *SHALL* STAND for God's Truth:

1-- Racism (in any direction) is stupidly evil, and

2-- Slavery is still rampant but "softened" with the euphemism "human trafficking".

3-- Abortion leaves 0% of babies alive a few weeks after God created them. Bible studies and sermons about the End Times upon us are useful... but...

..... Do we not hear the same voices in Jonah 1:6... persons about to die, crying out **"What do you mean, Sleeper? Arise, call on your God;** perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish.".... **Are we at least daily, fervently**

PRAYING for God's wisdom on how He might use us to fight Evil? James 1:5... Are we not (at least often) praying for wisdom because we don't really want to act when we hear Guidance? What are we teaching our church YOUTH by our examples? Titus 2:4... Does my daily schedule remember Jesus "who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, **ZEALOUS for good works.**" ???

January 19, 2015 at 2:18pm ·

"There is a sacredness in tears. They are not a mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition and of unspeakable love." -- Washington Irving....

Psalm 56:4, "In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?.. 8 You number my wanderings; put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book?"

..... Genesis 21: So Abraham rose early in the morning, & took bread & a skin of water... gave it and the boy to Hagar, & sent her away. Then she departed & wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba. And the water in the skin was used up, & she placed the boy under one of the shrubs. Then she went & sat down across from him at a distance.... she said to herself, "Let me not see the death of the boy." So she sat opposite him, & lifted her voice & wept." >>

VERSE 17-- "AND GOD HEARD...."

..... We who are Gentiles were NOT the "Children of Israel" that God chose to be the "Light to the Gentiles" to show ALL people God (Isaiah 42, 49, 60). Genesis 21: 18-19.

We share this with those who became the lineage thru Hagar that's become Islam. That does NOT mean God hated non-Jews... OR that He now loves only Jews & Christians. Only that Gentiles were not called to be a Light to the World showing God.

..... Jesus clearly showed that religious Leaders led people away from what the True God YHWH wanted, into other religions, including those who followed the Muslim trail of history. YET: Matthew 23's end: It GRIEVES the LORD God... Jesus... when those who use His name ("Christian") claim they wish harm for other people -- including Muslims.

When did we forget??>> Jesus who wept over Jerusalem ORDERED those who follow Him: "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do

good to those who hate you, and PRAY FOR those who spitefully use you and persecute you, **that** you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil & on the good, & sends rain on the just and on the unjust...."
--Matthew 5:44 on.

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January 20, 2015 at 9:13am ·

According to "Crayola Crayon Colors Timeline" (quote): In "1962 -- Partly in response to the civil rights movement, Crayola decides to change the name of the 'flesh' crayon to 'peach.' **Renaming this crayon was a way of recognizing that skin comes in a variety of shades.**"...//..... AND IT'S STUPID - FOOLS ONLY think that God made people with a particular shade of skin (melanin amount) any better than others.

A Fun Reference website, tho I had to look up "cerulean" & "cerise"... and I'm not sure I WANT to find out what is 2003's "inch worm" color. For a fun moment, check out weird names of 16 colors added in 1993 & '98. Including "Timber wolf". (Huhh??) :

SOURCE LINK: <https://www.factmonster.com/cool-stuff/art/crayola-crayon-colors>

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January 21, 2015 at 8:35am ·

This morning, I woke up: Turned the faucet on-- and LO AND BEHOLD: Out gushed fresh safe water to wash, to sanitize dishes, to enjoy thirst quenching water with a couple of medicines that God guided doctors to discover that can help our bodies heal.... PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW... Thanking The LORD for His love even when I hurt Him by ingratitude and complaints ("Rain AGAIN???") barely if at all noticing all His blessings.

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January 21, 2015 at 1:39pm ·

I'm so excited! Last week I was sadly telling someone that I keep replacing my thistle birdseed to be sure it's fresh, but for months, no songbirds ever go there-- even tho beside the other 4 feeders. Suddenly as snowflakes begin falling, that feeder is *covered* with yellow, red finches- & the huge rosebush is full of waiting finches...

But it's not birdwatching that excites me::: It is that, this very morning, I was sadly praying about 2 specific ways I've really wanted to serve the LORD... wondering if I'm wrong since I "*see no results*"... pondering if He cares, since (I think) I'm open to His answers but am not 'hearing' either a *yea* or a *nay*. The 'silly non-prayer' re songbirds reminds: **God cares about what we, whom He loves, care about.** Something I've often taught but need to keep re-learning.

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January 22, 2015 at 10:39pm ·

I love to sit with my guitar and "play anything"... but most weird chords I 'find', I'd have to calculate their names based on notes before naming chord on my music sheets. This free website used to be a fast CHORD FINDER- just click on the fretboard for each note in chord til its circle shows, leaving X for muted strings. Name(s) popped up almost instantly.

(For a 2nd lookup, it was easier to refresh page than try to change earlier notes.)
I haven't figured out new website, but it's still fun for exploring chords using the dropdown menu to select "colors" to try. Here's a sample for G diminished chord triad with the root on bottom; click on Variations 2 to see another version high on fretboard:
<http://www.all-guitar-chords.com/index.php?ch=G&mm=dim&get=Get>

January 23, 2015 at 8:55am ·

Psalm 86, NOT an "old fashioned" or "history" prayer: " 11 Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name. 12 I will praise You, O Lord my God, with ****ALL**** my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore. 13 For great is Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol." (nkjv) and from the depths of depression, if I'll (we'll) let Him.

January 26, 2015 at 7:49am ·

"DID THE / MAN GOD PLANT-ED..... / FOLLOW GOD'S HEART?" ... Extremely odd ending question to a super-long DREAM. Topic: **Popularity**-- looking at a ballot full of names of recording artists With statistics of their numbers of famous songs, awards, various totals. A dream of thinking popularity (or not popular, for those with few stats) **would affect who could serve God, getting His word out to the world thru music. ///**

Awoke thinking, the literal interpretation is silly: Ephesians 3:20-- we have a LORD God who easily empowers those with a heart to glorify Him (vs 21). But that last line (and last usually = Key):

Only 1 usual meaning for "*God planted*"... Usually refers to in a Ministry or a Church. May we each be a man or woman who can answer YES to the question,

"God has planted me... Do I Follow God's Heart above All... including ABOVE concerns about popularity?"

January 26, 2015 at 10:18am ·

Quote from Eddie Rickenbacker, American fighter pilot ace in World War I and Medal of Honor recipient:

**"Courage is doing what you ARE afraid to do.
There can be NO courage UNLESS you are scared."**

Amazingly, God REPEATEDLY encourages us to trust Him:

An encouraging, EXCITING list of Bible Promises at this scriptures link:

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

[Criteria=courage&t=NKJV#s=s_primary_0_1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm?Criteria=courage&t=NKJV#s=s_primary_0_1)

January 27, 2015 at 11:02pm ·

Does anyone else wonder why church planners seem to think the service isn't "friendly" unless we shake hands with greeters going in & again shake hands in the service: As if just friendly smiles and a few words aren't enough? One hand > dozens of people?

This past Sunday, the guy beside me sneezed into his hand just before "that time". I confess: I lied-- smiled at him & said "I don't want to give you my germs". Well, that was halfway true. Sitting around house in pajamas all day today wondering where I got germs ***this* time** got me to-a-ponderin' this pretty logical -I- think question.

Maybe I'll bring women's Sunday gloves back into 'fashion'....

January 27, 2015 at 9:00am ·

The TV sheriff accepted the alibi of the 40-years-long folk guitarist in famous reunion band: "At neighboring town's repair shop to fix a broken string." I just shook my head & said "He did it." **LONG** before Perry Mason did: Even if age hindered hand twisting, he'd've just asked the other guitarist in his band to replace string//.....

You'd think with all the \$\$ TV writers, producers, actors etc get, that *someone* would've bothered checking how guitar players deal with broken strings. Instead: All just presumed their "knowledge" was sufficient, correct.. //.. I've noticed the similar tendency among many of us studying God's Word: **Easy to presume our "knowledge" is correct about some scriptures for so long, that we see no need to test it, ask others, & be open to God's guidance, whether to confirm-- or change.**

January 28, 2015 at 10:32am ·

I love watching not just the football games- but also watching the excited people in the stadium. Really looking forward to Superbowl! Just imagine if God were as exciting as football, soccer..... **But wait!----**

What can be more thrilling than a God, THE God who Created the Universe, conquers death, & Loves each person in the World so deeply (Matt 23:37), that He wants to save each from death and give Abundant Life right now??! (John 10:10)....

How odd that, if we're honest, **even those of us who dearly love The LORD tend to be more excited by a ball game than by eagerly sharing all the evidences of God's HOPE and joy to people.**

-- First Peter 3:15, different kind of Defense than in football: "always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you..."

January 29, 2015 at 11:17am ·

<Very popular post>

How odd to suddenly consider: That richly red cardinal now sitting in the distant rose bush **has no idea how beautiful it is** even this far away. How odd that ordinary looking people **seldom realize how beautiful they are to their Maker Artist.**

January 30, 2015 at 10:01am ·

God cannot be fooled.

Our response to those 4 words should be *DUHHhhh*. God knows who is actually following Him. And repeatedly He has directed the writing of 4 more words:

YOU HAVE FORSAKEN ME.

Yet how often have we heard it said that "There's no such thing as backsliding:

Anyone who does never really followed God to start off with."

These are NOT God's Words. Simple example provided by Billy Graham about his pastor friend who actually served God MORE -- at first. See my January 12 post about Charles Templeton's story and ADMITTED REJECTION of God's existence, of Jesus as LORD, in <https://www.facebook.com/dianadee.osborne/posts/648587371935660>

Amid Jeremiah 2:19, God says BACKSLIDING is Real >>

"...And your backslidings will rebuke you. Know therefore and see that it is an evil and bitter thing That you have forsaken the LORD your God..." God's not fooled; just because by His grace we can be forgiven does not mean we cannot will-fully backslide. Scriptures just on "**forsaken Me**": <http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm...>

January 31, 2015 at 9:50am · *2018 update: 541 songs recorded & free in May 2018.*

95% of almost 400 free download MP3 songs contain Bible SCRIPTURE REFERENCES INSIDE their Lyrics so you can find God's Promises set to music. Each has audio and music sheets for church choirs & praise bands- are gifts from God thru me, available at no charge on DianaDeeOsborneSongs.com -. LINK: <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Resources.php> --

The link includes topics guide and an ALBUM LIST- incl Amazing Holy Spirit 'n' Church. This ministry honor from God began on March 10th, 2008, when after heartbreak, I wrote in 20 minutes His Comfort song, for you free: ABOVE MY SORROW SEA. Find it on the 2008 tab. Churches welcome to use even if not with CCLI (But please report to CCLI if you are). Non-church singers/ bands welcome to contact me re use; Officially copyrighted with U.S. Copyright Office not for \$\$ but to ensure lyrics aren't changed to non-Biblical wording.

OLD HYMNS that are public domain are ALSO recorded and on a website tab, HYMNS.... To sing with or even play during church services if a pianist / musician is not available. Again: All is free to download... or even to play from a phone hooked to any type of amplifier / speaker that will reach people.

February 1, 2015 at 6:53pm ·

What an exciting moment in 2015 American History! Probably wasn't even realized by many who saw: Not just John Legend's wonderful rendition of "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies" (and I've always found he IS fun to watch as well as listen to with his face & music expressing emotions incl joy)... but that this was the FIRST song of the SuperBowl-- before the Star Spangled Banner.....

And that it quite deliberately PRAYS TO GOD asking Him to bless America.....

Not avoided, not catering to people who choose to ***not*** believe all the evidences of God in our history, in world history AND to reject other people's rights to publicly express their own beliefs in our Creator God named Yahweh / YHWH / Jehovah (Exodus 3: 14-15, Isaiah 42:6)..... May the LORD God also richly bless those who determinedly chose to present America with a song that acknowledges: America needs God if we are to survive 2015 on.

February 3, 2015 at 9:17am ·

I very much love following some of the discussions about "God things" on one of my music groups... Many people's comments 'open new ideas' to consider. A bit ago, Bill started a thread with this post Q: "In your OWN personal walk with JESUS, what have you felt led to abstain from or lay down? Just YOUR everyday things, like music and the arts..." // I *really* want to remember, each day, the answer I shared from my heart... LEST in my carelessness I forget. So I figured I'd see it here as a reminder :) >>>> Wasting time. A far more serious sin than we [-I-] realize, selfishly using time God gifted to us for sharing His Word & His Help to others. (Hands & Feet...)

February 3, 2015 at 9:25am ·

A professor friend has worked with medical scientists to study MRI images of the brains of people who have to memorize a lot, including musicians & (obviously in pre-GPS days) taxi drivers who had to know all those tiny streets in London. There's a physical enlargement indication...! Conclusion at <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-16086233> = "This offers encouragement for adults who want to learn new skills later in life." - **NO MORE EXCUSES of "I'm too old to learn guitar"** (etc:)

February 3, 2015 at 9:30am ·

Today's news from Great Britain's governing body:
"MPs have begun debating whether to allow the creation of babies using DNA from three people."
As Grandmom often said, "Now THAT opens a whole new ball of wax."
[whatever that meant... but it seems to fit the weird plan!] Info Source 9 AM today:

February 4, 2015 at 1:17pm ·

**I can't grasp a bit of calculus,
but I don't bother doubting the TRUTHFULNESS
of the math professor who knows more than I do.**

So many parables can be found in this world

that should make us wonder about John 6:66-- people turning away from Jesus--
thinking Him a liar-- simply because they couldn't understand Him...// ...

Genesis 1: Jews & Christians who follow God believe God's Word spoke this universe into being.

John 1: Some Jews & all (actual) Christians believe "Jesus is The Word".

So how is it that so many true seekers can be entangled in word studies about "Trinity" to the extent they don't quite believe Hebrews 1:2, that Jesus God's Son is the Word who "made the worlds"? This is just ONE example; Add in Ezekiel 34 + Zechariah 2:10, God-YHWH saying HE and ONLY HE is The Good Shepherd who will come DWELL WITH His people.... as Jesus is & did..... Plus many more, like Miracles & controlling weather without praying to God, as prophets did..... Of course, blaming words gives a good excuse to choose preferred paths & stop going Jesus's Way.

February 5, 2015 at 1:35pm ·

Despite how it's usually taught, Matthew's last 2 verses are more than just Jesus's TO DO list, nicknamed The Great Commission. It's Jesus showing Who He really is. Compare with Isaiah 43:

- Jesus says we're Witnesses (43:10 & 12) for Him-The I-AM (vss 10-11-12); ...
- that only God/ He (Jesus) is Savior (Isaiah 43:11, Luke 2:11 from God)
- that only He is Redeemer (43:14. Titus 2:14), ...
- that only HE can forgive by blotting out sins (43:25; Matt 9:6)...
- And there in Isaiah 43:10 are the words that Jesus referenced, infuriating religious people: John 8:58 > "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I AM.**" ...

Such intriguing, Exciting! words of God: Isaiah 43, among prophecy chapters, especially Chapters 42 and 53. Which GOD-NAMED-YHWH (Exodus 3:14-15, Isaiah 42:6) ARRANGED to be verified by ANOTHER witness >> The "Isaiah scrolls" found in Qumran just a few months before fulfilling the prophecy to bring ISRAEL to once again be BIRTHED AS A NATION IN ONE SINGLE DAY: May 14, 1948. Per Isaiah 66!

February 6, 2015 at 9:58pm ·

Article published TODAY at 3:33 ... God's Number :) // "Best theory" for age of universe = math: speed of light across millions of miles used to calculate how long it takes light to cross that distance: Hence, minimum age of the star.

BUT: Genesis 1: God Spoke, and each star came into existence showing its light to Earth **in that very moment**. Just as a painter can fast splash paint from a brush across the air to a canvas... The paint bits are, by Design, quickly "just there"
<http://www.nbcnews.com/science/space/oldest-stars-are-lot-younger-we-thought-n301776>

February 6, 2015 at 7:14am ·

We can't forever avoid dealing with most problems; so often, God "brings up the subject" til we face it & our need to just trust Him & 'deal'. As He has in history: God mentions JERICHO a dozen times before the day Joshua & God's people approached it. The first generation **feared** the peoples across the Jordan River, but God repeatedly reminded them then... and for generations after:

Each male Jew required to memorize the Pentateuch (Genesis thru Deuteronomy): and many memorized others, such as PSALM 22 which Jesus quoted from the cross.... so like many modern congregations, any listener would be able to keep quoting the rest of the Psalm, knowing the end that Jesus was reminding them of was truly a BEGINNING. Reminded for generations after.

A dozen reminders of human powers trying to stop their progress toward a homeland. A dozen reminders of how God, in the end, rewarded obedience-- no matter how silly it had seemed to simply silently circle a fortified city for a week-- of LORD

YHWH's power to not just guide but protect those who "Trust and Obey", as the old hymn says.

February 7, 2015

Thanking God that His Daniel 12:4 prophecy ("knowledge shall increase") includes much GOOD: Fellowship & sharing of His Word around the World (Mark 16:15, Matthew 24:14)... Making real Friends we never meet in person! -- DianaDee

PHOTO WORDS: "I have never met some of my best friends in person. I know them only through FACEBOOK but that's okay. FRIENDSHIP is not about touching the hand of another but it is rather touching their heart and soul."

February 7, 2015 at 8:30am ·

I love the puzzles of 'Vanity plates'. With many miles of travel, license plates entertain me when I have to watch vehicles more closely than God's enjoyable scenery. Seldom do I pay attn to the driver, but last week I did: **LIV4ME** the car's owner declared. Passing the slow car, I glanced over- really expecting to see some young teen cautious with a new license, or a 20-something chatting on a phone. Nope. 'Twas a lady at least mid-50s. And I felt **SAD4HER**. We're supposed to grow mature--

I've loved getting older's lessons in trusting God, with Confidence that doesn't care when people criticize (after praying for wisdom of Do They Have a Point?). But where's the JOY in LIVE4ME? None, really. That's why many of us love to GIVE gifts: JOY in GIV2THM. 2nd Corinthians 3:18... True joy as we reflect God. Whose plates could be **GAVE2U** -- or: -- **DIED4U**.

February 10, 2015 at 9:13pm ·

Hints for fast-scanning books without first buying: I don't have a Kindle, & don't want to download files to my computer, so I click ADD TO WISH LIST when I find an Amazon book that has a **LOOK INSIDE** link... then later as I have waiting time, I can quickly find what I wanted to review.

The two Worship History books links I'm looking forward to scanning more later, both by K.M. Haddad: **WORSHIP THE FIRST CENTURY WAY**
http://www.amazon.com/.../B00M8HNAIW/ref=wl_it_dp_o_pC_nS_ttl...
and **WORSHIP CHANGES SINCE THE 1st CENTURY**

February 10, 2015 at 9:10am ·

EXCITING news: "Judicial defiance in Alabama"-- taking a stand to refuse "legalized" same-sex marriage that's clearly Sin-- both in Bible AND in the hearts/instinct of most people.. "SCARY" news: As early as June, Supreme Court may decide for EACH state... & without God's Miracle touching hearts, we know where this will lead..//..

God's true-parable could be STORY OF A NATION: Judges 16:9... The man who once followed God became careless, SELF-indulgent. Despite previous attempts (that God gave him wisdom to see thru): "Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees,

and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of [Samson's] head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him." Story of a "man of God". Will it also be Story of a Nation that **once gave God credit for its strength??**

February 13, 2015 at 12:37am · photo credit: notafan.com

There is no way to follow Jesus without Him interfering with your life. Following Jesus will always cost you something.

MY POST: ... and it will "WIN" you everything! - Love, joy, peace, patience... etc (Galatians 5).. and most of all: Your Best Friend (which He is only when we yearn to obey Him: John 15, His words. But the 'cost' of showing our love to Him is worth it!). James 1:5, but we need God's wisdom to just grasp that cost....

February 15, 2015 at 8:32am ·

Walked to the deck door as soon as I got up & of course every feeder was empty in this frigid DC area's temp that 'the north' would love to have. Dozens of birds huddled around the squirrel trap... that I've never had the heart to use on the annoying critters, so I put feed *IN* there where little birds happily can eat. And I LAUGHED...//....

Have you ever made a mistake so DUMB that you laughed at it for years? Journaling in church cemetery in 2013, I watched birds hopping all over seeking food in grass, and thought, Does God guide birds to find food?.. Instant reply... beyond my wisdom!... **"Cannot God who created the Universe manage to put some seeds in bird paths, yet leaving them the joy of discovery that He DOES provide?"**... Same Q for you & me. Well... beyond seeds

February 16, 2015 at 8:24am ·

Who but a caring, big-hearted God would "heal a laptop" without humans touching it, after weeks of problems that couldn't be identified? No... I'm not kidding. Sure, maybe it's "coincidence" that my 4-yr-old portable workhorse that supplements my older Mac home studio workstation and kept crashing for weeks suddenly began working fine 2 months ago: Long enough to call "healed"... We've all had blessings that even those who believe in God would call "coincidence". But I learned in GEOMETRY: You can't prove a line by 2 points (dots connected). You can stay suspicious of the calculated points if there are only 5 (events). But if there are 10, 20... You have an assured LINE.

.... Like: when my low mileage van dies exactly at the safest place on road but engine lasts long enough to get UP-hill into a public lot... Or my car spins on black ice even at 25 mph, & slowly comes to rest against ONLY hill between 2 deep drop-offs (yrs ago)... Or doctors says for some reason he can't do the usual checkup test that worked fine for me last time-- so he has to do a substitute test for plain checkup which shows a softball cyst that the usual test never would have (last Aug)... Hey, there's 4 points right there in my life LINE:

.... We EACH have a caring, BIG-hearted God as our VALENTINE: Not just John 3:16&17 assurances of His love... or Jonah 4:11 (check THAT book's last line

Valentine!) or the many etc's. First John 4: "THIS is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." (verse 10 of many).

COMMENT later: *another* of God's miracles: Years ago, I left my well-worn Bible full of margin notes on top of van while I buckled in a baby... then drove off. That night a complete stranger came to my door & asked if it was mine. NO idea how he knew: **No name on our mailbox.**

February 16, 2015 at 12:04am ·

As black clouds appeared in distant west, we rushed all our children to walk faster... not easy toward end of a 7-mile state park hike ending w steep hill.. & backpacking a toddler. We prayed aloud as winds began crashing & whitecaps filled the river by beach. Knowing danger too would be in van under swaying pines, we herded them all into a bathhouse... with 2 dozen other refugees.

Years later, every kid remembers that day- how we rushed down final hill & God helped us get into block building moments before thundering winds (later ID'd as a small tornado) hit. In MY memory: **The 2 youngest huddling their faces deep into their Mom's & Dad's arms, knowing we couldn't stop the storm, but comforted by our voices** as we told them to ignore all the fear around us: **That God would take care of them. He did. He still does. With Power Beyond us.**

February 17, 2015 at 9:04am ·

As I sit at home wondering if I'll be able to get down my long driveway by Sunday church time thru the snow with temps below freezing til Monday), I'm trying hard not to fret about how to get to work (lead musician) since our road is one of last plowed in the area, and worst than most of area. A comfort: In 3 months I will barely remember this struggle to not fret. In a year, I will remember.... for a moment as Facebook reminds me of what I've posted... and then forget for another year or 2 or forever.....

Jesus said DON'T FRET. "Birds of the air" verses (like Matthew 6). Well, that's not the nice King James version.

But maybe I'll keep thinking of the words and FINALLY trust God.

February 17, 2015 at 10:49am ·

PHOTO: **"I need to spend time with God even when I**

do not know what to pray." -- Andrew Murray

Jesus's PEACE promise of John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Vs *26*: Jesus promises the Holy Spirit will help us REMEMBER God's Word. // Pattern, Romans 8:*26* > The Holy Spirit prays on our behalf when we're bowed, unable to even think "what to say" to our Father God... He "makes intercession for us". What to pray includes joyful "Thank you!"s.

February 18, 2015 at 7:57am ·

The title alone, on a shelf at eye level, can be a daily reminder-- unless, like re many things, & sometimes re God Himself, we drift into ignoring the Always There: **DESIRING GOD, by John Piper.**

"**DESIRING** [italics] God"... **Yearning**, Craving, Longing For--- more than "wanting". Piper describes the Joy Of Worship on page 95... and NOT as a "good thing" when it's our goal. Surprising words of comfort during a week when I've felt "I can't do ANY-thing right for God": (pg 95) ... "It is PrECISELY in confessing our frustrated, hopeless condition Without Him . that we Honor Him."

February 19, 2015 at 12:45pm ·

"The ultimate measure of a man is **not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.**" - Martin Luther King, Jr. >> <my research>: FROM "Strength to Love" -- a collection of King's sermons & speeches published in 1963, the same year he was named Time's Man of the Year.

February 19, 2015 ·

Rainbow colors glitter off that hard work snow bank by the somewhat cleared driveway... The wren is happily munching seed she found by the front door... that God & not I provided, for she has a nest in Christmas wreath of porch wall & I never put seed near porch-- it may attract other birds that make her fear for her nest. On deck: several pairs of my favorite birds: pinkish gray mourning doves, amid yellow finches & brown sparrows. Blue skies above trees & lessening wind amid their huge limbs...

Early morning & already the LORD God has filled my day with joyful little blessings. And the comforting evidences that He Cares. First Peter 5:7, "...casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

February 20, 2015 at 8:37am ·

Half-watching a 1970s sitcom DVD, my attn was suddenly grabbed by kitchen scene: I thought, "*Jiffy Pop! I FORGOT about Jiffy Pop!*" / That was Mom's 'treat' to us... amusingly marketed "...offers a fresh homemade taste that no microwave popcorn can match." / Sure, **NOW** we know it's not especially healthy!... But the sight of this snack long forgotten brings back to many of us fond memories of eagerly watching the foil rise, impatiently waiting as the aroma wafts out (assuming you figured out trick on how to NOT burn it!), laughingly munching with your family...//...

Somehow, **in the BusyNess of Life, we often forget things that once brought much joy**-- that we stopped doing: Like all the time spent on our knees Alone with God, joy-ing in Psalm 46:10's Love Command: Be Still & Know that I AM God.

February 21, 2015 at 4:32pm ·

Ephesians 3:20's promise from God to empower us 'beyond our dreams' should **NEVER** be quoted without verse 21: For GOD's Glory. Only. As long as your attempts at ministry are about you, then you will completely lack fruit and power from God! >>

Beware of deceiving spirits that **exalt the self-life** and not the life of God (The Holy Spirit) Who is able to work mightily in you and through you! Jesus declared in John 15:5 (NKJV), "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

February 21, 2015 at 7:47am ·

For the Tech-Savvy- Enough-To-Be- **Paranoid** among us (and the "just because I'm paranoid doesn't mean I'm wrong" people!) >> an interesting read under Google's Privacy & Terms page; a small bit: (QUOTE)

"Beyond facial detection technology, Google also uses facial recognition in certain features. Facial recognition, like the name suggests, can help a computer to compare known faces against a new face and see if there is a probable match or similarity. For example, facial recognition helps users of the Find my Face feature to see suggestions about who they might want to tag in a photo or video they've uploaded and would like to share." ... (So Find My Face is actually also Find Their Face...) ...

..... ooohh, and don't forget a journey down "Types of Location Data" >> "Implicit location information is information that does not actually tell us where your device is located, but allows us to infer that you are either interested in the place or that you might be at the place." ...

... But still: COMPUTERS ARE TRULY A GIFT FROM GOD that He can guide us to use powerfully in spreading His Truth to any who are seeking... and WILL find if they truly seek, He promises. Just because, like about anything, evil thinking people can invent evil uses does not mean God can't give humble people who ask the ability to use computer or smart phones or "xxxxx" for good, to serve Him & help others....
Ephesians 3:20-21 -- empowering for His glory.

John 14:26, Jesus's promise of wisdom, remembering His Word (also James 1:5) SEEK-FIND Bible search (incl warnings that God eventually hides His face from those who refuse to listen to Him): Deut 4:29, Proverbs 8:17, Jeremiah 29:13(12-14) >> Not just in New Testament.... like Matthew 6:33 & easy-pattern 7:7.

February 22, 2015 at 8:32am · re SHEPHERD.

People tend to forget Jesus wasn't "meek & Mild" saying "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves." ... He commanded people to go out anyway (out beyond church walls) >> to "be wise as serpents". (Matthew 7:17, 10:16). James 1:5, God helps us know HOW...

February 22, 2015 at 7:31am · COLD COLD COLD

A friend posted comment, wishing Aslan would hurry up and bind the White Witch & bring spring back. Well, it's warmed up from slammin' snow to beating sleet... As I watch the coldness fall, I consider that the world will feel far worse when Aslan does begin THE LAST BATTLE (C.S. Lewis's final title in his Narnia Series).

But... as the fictional children of those books found: **We can trust Aslan. God is not a tame lion... but He's a righteous one.** Fancy church-ese word for: "God always

does what is right." And continues to care about wicked people, inviting them to RETURN to Him: "But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die." - Ezekiel 18:21-17.

February 23, 2015 at 8:03pm ·

Society says there IS NO wrong. That's the entire meaning of the title of the book/ movie "Fifty Shades Of Grey"... RESEARCH: According to Yareah Magazine, author E.L. James STATED that for her book character, QUOTE **"she chose the surname of Grey because nothing is black or white; it depends on your point of view."** 50: "has magical powers". //

WHY aren't more church leaders seeing it & TEACHING what this popular book is telling people? TEACHING that this rebellion attitude is far more important than the book's plot:..... Think on it: **God's Bible states that Truth IS "black or white"** > absolute. But Society not just "tickles the ears" (2nd Timothy 3's details) --- it offers an excuse to justify "whatever you want to believe">> Says there IS no truth, just SHADES OF GRAY.

Or, as Pontius Pilate tried to evade & John 8:44 lies suggest: "What is Truth?"

February 23, 2015 at 10:12am - PHOTO:

EINSTEIN AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY. Only 60 miles from Princeton U in 1946, the long-ill renowned physicist genius broke his 20-year 'just say no' policy re invites to universities, calling honorary degrees "ostentatious". BUT Einstein clearly intended to send a message to a wider audience, in saying YES to "the first institution found anywhere in the world to provide a higher education in the arts and sciences for male youth of African descent."

AS IS DONE NOW:

- The media ignored whoever they didn't like & didn't want to promote----- and racism was both rampant and "accepted".
- ALSO AS NOW: The media wanted \$\$\$ & big audience----- and all of Einstein's public speeches were NEWS.
- **So Einstein went to lecture on the Theory of Relativity: BUT he began, in front of ALL the news media-- who published his words throughout the World-- speaking about... **the disease of Racism.** EINSTEIN TOOK A STAND.**

God calls us **ALL** to TAKE A STAND & *STAND*. God calls us EACH to stand against Injustice.... More examples, perhaps inspiring ideas God may be nudging you Trust Him in, at <https://www.pinterest.com/DianaDeeOsbor.../take-a-stand-stand/> Einstein DETERMINED to stand against the stupidity & evil of Racism. More info: http://www.theeinsteinfile.com/.../.../tabid__3341/default.aspx

February 24, 2015 at 6:01pm ·

I've NEVER before seen a robin on my worm-free deck: Til today. The ground everywhere is not just snow covered-- An ice layer is on top. Guess robins that can't peck thru ice came over for seeds. Maybe the South was so cold that they thought their compass was wrong & returned north too soon :) ...//...

Thru miracles & thru people, God provides for sparrows & robins-- & us. EXCITING reminder from Psalm 147, inspired by God "Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain <and snow!> for the earth... He gives to the beast its food, and to the young ravens that cry." _____ How can we **NOT** be excited about our LORD who says like in Luke 12, "Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." And many robins.

February 25, 2015 at 10:46am ·

My husband "happened" to leave TV on 66.1/ D.C. Sat night. When I turned TV on to check weather report at 7:30AM, was surprised to see Dr. Michael Youssef: I always listen to him on radio, didn't know station has him. He described what I call "Fervently Following God" Christians or FFG's (vs Sunday Christians):

- (1) RENEWED character (2 Corin 3:18, reflecting God);
- (2) Alert & RADICAL conduct, walking by faith.
- (3) Fully trusting God & His Word, NO matter what the world says--- EVEN when it doesn't make sense TO US... //

First Thessalonians 5: 9-10 - God WANTS us each "to obtain salvation thru our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him." ... Fervently Following God" FFG Christians... not just Name Only ones Jesus described in Matthew 7; Luke 6:46 - "*Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"*

February 26, 2015 at 7:19am ·

One of my favorite cartoons shows a man reading his Bible, & wryly commenting to his wife "It would be just our luck that Jesus returns right after we make the last mortgage payment". (Yes, I apologize to God for laughing... but I'm thinking He understands!)... // ..

What has me thinking on it today: I'm reading **Andrew Bonar's DIARY**. I'd read a lot of the book's pages on Amazon before deciding I *need* my own copy of this encouragement from a 'man of God' whose recorded prayers are great patterns for me when I 'can't find the words I want'. (The Holy Spirit helps us pray: Romans 8:26.)

In his journal, Bonar frequently described all the signs then that Jesus may return soon... 1-1/2 centuries ago. 2nd Tim 4:8, God will give a Crown of Righteousness to all who look forward to Jesus's return. **Still True 20 centuries after written.**

February 28, 2015 at 6:49am ·

Finally figured out why i DETEST them so much. They walk on TOP of seed to come eat in middle of deck-- scaring off little birds. // For days, an ice sheet has covered my deck. Remembering my Country Girl roots, I broadcast seed to the far end, knowing none is wasted: Cracks built between planks are 'gone'. As my hubby says, "Even the POOR squirrels are hungry!" ...WHAT A MAN! > to have such a KIND heart!! ... //

This AM I was thinking on yesterday's post: How can Christians say "God in the OT was an angry God, but in the NT..."?? (What, "mellowed out"?!)> In Levy-19 (Leviticus 19:9-10) God COMMANDS Acts of Kindness in letting the poor get food at the edge of the field. ...WHAT A GOD! > to have such a KIND heart!!

So: I shall feel guilty for my annoyance, & shall welcome squirrels on the far corners: As long as they don't chase off the finches & doves.

February 28, 2015 at 7:43am ·

God COMMANDS His people Israel to be kind to strangers-- and the word is used same as by the Amish: Gentiles who are not "one of us". (See Lev. 19: 33-34, **"..you shall LOVE him as yourself."**

Islam says that what they call god allah divides people into 2 categories: Us and NOT-US, & many of its Qur'an scriptures refer to convert-or-kill.... and permission to lie to NOT-US. Yet some Christians TEACH that the God-Named-YHWH (Exodus 3:14-15) of Israel who IS ONE God, and who HAS A SON..... is the same as allah. Makes NO sense.

February 28, 2015 at 7:25am ·

Good info for us who love hard rock... & see the Symbols & hand motions band members use as 'secret code' to communicate a message to 'those in the know' (yet hide it from others they want to avoid offending... so they can sell more)..... //

In pre-Internet days, those who joined the Masons were taught **little** at first, but "rewarded" with being told "more secrets" as they earned higher degrees. Many pastors joined Masons as if a "social club" to be friendly with the community men, never having time to earn enough degrees to learn much beyond all the good deeds done by the Society. Not in article: Even a 30 degree Mason wouldn't know nearly as much as this author who's at highest> 32, other than the Head who is 33. // Now using Internet, we can research Truth shared by people who have been in the group and are willing to break its laws to reveal its truth..... We can find out: IF we want to. SAME for people who have been saying that "Allah is just another name for God", YHWH Jehovah, God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob..... Isaiah 42:6 just one more ref.

March 1, 2015 at 8:59am ·

Absolutely a God thing unplanned even by a great pastor:

I'd just turned on ION TV to hear 1 of Michael Youssef's 2015-related real-life sermons. The station introduced his show.

THEN the TV screen began fast video clips of many TV shows:
Cold Case, The Closer, The Listener, Flashpoint, and LEVERAGE
whose theme matched the lines spoken in EVERY clip:
No matter what people do, & (quote)
"even if we have to stand against our boss,
we WILL fight for Justice", for what's Right..."

I was thinking Cool, I always loved opening HS/College Sunday School classes with clips like these as **PARABLES** to God's topic of day.

Then: Michael Youssef began preaching on that very topic of Standing..... And I suddenly realized: Those were just commercials for the actual TV shows of those names. Another Evidence of God's working to help us understand His Word.

March 1, 2015 at 11:19am ·

FACEDOWN PRAYER: Numbers 20:6. Hardest "saying of God" for me HAD been for years: WHY did God punish Moses so much 'for one sin' after all Moses' suffering to SERVE the LORD: to lead complaining threatening (Ex 17:4) people?... Seems UNFAIR for God to say Moses couldn't enter Promised Land because he HIT the rock instead of speaking only, like God commanded (Numbers 20:8 vs 11.. TWICE hitting: Not a mistake). // ..

With God's James 1:5 wisdom Gift Answer, finally realized:

- (1) People could've thought MOSES had **magic**, since they saw him hit the rock.
- (2) If God let Moses get away with a very PUBLIC display of trying to do a miracle without God, people would follow example: False gods & self- attempts to power... Acts 9: 9-11 human Simon doing magic & enjoying popularity, seeking Power (see verses 19-21)...

like some modern preachers act, with 2nd Peter 2 , 2-Peter-2 style.

LINKS: FACEDOWN PRAYERS FOR GUIDANCE >TO> Disobeying what God said as answer to that very same prayer, with Aaron as a witness that it was God's answer: <http://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm...> (Numbers 20, nkjv)

SEEKING POWER FOR PERSONAL GAIN > Story of Simon, a POPULAR magician: <http://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm...> (Acts 8:9 to Simon's realization of true Power / vs 24)

March 1, 2015 at 9:40pm ·

To share Charles H. Spurgeon's concept: If you have truly found Jesus, you excitedly tell others about him. Like the woman who went to the well in the heat of day to avoid people & eagerly sought them out to tell about Jesus when she met Him... we can't HELP but Pray For Ways --

For His wisdom & provided opportunities, to share what the churchese word Gospel truly means: GOOD NEWS! John 4; John 14:26 scripture knowledge; Ephesians 3:20-21 power to serve God for His Glory.

March 2, 2015 at 9:52am · 2 PHOTOS of MONUMENT Israel built on her own land to express sorrow with United States after 9/11 attack of 2001... and article about how U.S. is not supporting her only truly supportive ally. My post:

Is anyone else thinking of the elementary school playground?:

Some kids declare "Play our way or we're taking our ball home!" ... Sure there are Q's re plans for Israel's top leader coming to D.C. But as Howard Kohr (CE of Aipac) said: "WHEN THE LEADER OF OUR GREATEST ALLY in that region comes to Washington to talk about the greatest challenge of our time, we urge members of Congress to hear what he has to say." ...**WHERE'S THE NEWS?..> Reminding us that **after 9/11 in 2001, America MOURNED & Israel MOURNED** (*and* built a 30-foot high bronze monument as permanent reminder to their Nation's people)... **YET other nations including IRAN that want Israel destroyed were DANCING in the streets & partying over our despair.** >>>>>>

NO other nation incl Great Britain showed such DEEP grief with us. Only a few yrs later, Israel's Leaders had built the intricate Jerusalem monument (2009) with metal from OUR wreckage to mourn with us. It's not just 1 of first major international memorials to that evil attack on American soil & to honor the memory of our victims -- It's the ONLY site outside of America to recognize the NAMES of each of us who was murdered here in our homeland... and Israel cared enough to collect metal from OUR wreckage to build a memorial on her land.

Israel has been a TrustWorthy ally from the first day if her once-again inception as One Nation Under God on 14 May 1948. How 'bout us?

MATURITY: .. Listening with respect - even if you don't expect to agree.

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March 3, 2015 at 4:38pm ·

Usually I dearly enjoy being "alone with God"... esp driving. But (#1) sometimes I yearn to talk with someone "with skin on", as the joke goes about the little kid who was scared in the storm, when Dad said God was with him in the bedroom. But (#2) I don't want to worry anyone... just want to air out thoughts, feelings. Pretty cool how often "coincidentally" during those times, suddenly I have an unexpected meeting of some sorts with someone & can talk. Matthew 28's end, Hebrews 13:5, Deut 4:31, Psalm 37:28...

God Keeps His Promise to NEVER forsake those who love Him. But (Exciting #3!) He understands & provides when we really Need to talk to "someone with skin on."

March 3, 2015 at 6:03pm ·

People quote GOD's words in Joshua 1:5 > "I will not leave you nor forsake you." They quote 1:6 > "Be strong and of good courage." And 1:7 < ONLY be strong and very courageous. THEN they skip to 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

SO: What's in 1:7b and 1:8 that people SKIP in their ENCOURAGEMENT quotes? God's COMMAND that ===

a PreRequisite: 7b, "**Observe to do according to ALL the law** which Moses My servant commanded you... that you may prosper wherever you go".

AND then 1:8, "**This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it.** For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

So... YES, God DOES have "Health & Wealth" good news... but it's not always by our definition -- see Philipians 4 & Hebrews 11:13 on, and the entirety of Book of Job that God thru James 5:11 specified as REAL among those counted "blessed who endure". AND H&W comes with PreRequisites:

.....Trust & Obey, as the old hymn goes. Grace gives us forgiveness when we disobey. God's Law (Matthew 5:18-19, Jesus didn't end it) gives us the measuring stick to know WHAT to obey.

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March 4, 2015 at 8:07am ·

People separately quote Philipians 4:8 (Think on & PRAISE for whatever is good),
4:12 (be satisfied in abundance & suffering both), &
4:13 ("I can do all things thru Christ who strengthens me")...
God's puts them ALL TOGETHER as a Whole. :)

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March 4, 2015 at 7:52am

HALCYON DAYS: A relatively happy time. Like the TV series WONDER YEARS: Moments of misery (so the plot isn't boring) always concluding with rather peacefulness (and fun music). Last 2-inch Ice layer finally melted off deck yest. More snow predicted tomorrow. I'm afraid to complain: We'll look back on this winter as halcyon days if spring & summer's tornadoes & hurricanes keep increasing with pattern... Just "the beginning of sorrows", Jesus described re them & plagues & earthquakes in Matt 24:8 on.

HALCYON DAYS: When Birth Pangs first begin, we can almost ignore them, joke about them, go on with everyday living. But always in the back of our minds: Evidence shows they won't go away even if we try to ignore them.

God speaks of Birth Pangs a lot... always as HALCYON DAYS at first when people ignore Him, but increasingly severe pains ending in a worse judgment.... But ALSO, so very often, preceded by CHAPTERS of the LORD God expressing His LOVE, His *yearning* like Jesus described at the end of Matthew 23 (re the Hen & Chicks, just

a few verses before!) for people to just repent and re-turn to Him, to seek to again do what He who is Right-eous says is Right.

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March 5, 2015 at 11:13am · Washington ·

Feeling really annoyed from my comfy home workstation: Just got text message that library is closing in 5 minutes. NOT annoyed because it affects me. But this ice that began falling hours ago at 35 deg was predicted Over & OVER to get horrendous by noon... and we've had coated roads for 3 hrs now >>

Library didn't even open til usual time 55 minutes ago.

Decision makers have Endangered employees, requiring them to open library etc, just to get in a few more minutes of "service" (for citizens mostly smart enough to NOT endanger themselves on roads). ...

All of you even as far as CA & TX have heard repeated warnings that DC area would have dangerous roads this AM... //.. Matthew 23's end thru 24: Many people won't listen to those repeated warnings either. **Endangering THEIR lives and OTHERS** they could've helped. FOREVER.

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March 5, 2015 at 3:03pm ·

Ohhhhh.... what a Marvelous Parable idea via a DC snowplow driver! News reporter just asked the driver beside the ditch why he HAD been on road. Apparently not an "essential personnel" reason, the way he sorta smiled & dodged the Q. Then she held her mic to the plow driver there: He looked straight into camera & said,

"I know you may have places to go; stay off the road so we can do our job and you can go there tomorrow."

Parable! > Psalm 46:10, just one place where God tells us to **WAIT on His timing, & then our lives will get better!** NOTE TO SELF: Just trust God to do "His job" & stay out of His way 'til He tells me it's safe to get going again."

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March 6, 2015 at 7:42am

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR DAILY DIETERS, March 6: Sudoku Puzzles Parable. LINK: <http://dailydevotionsdiet.blogspot.com/2013/03/sudoku-puzzles-dieting-parable-by.html>

>> Back in 2005, I suddenly decided that I'd like to learn how to do what someone was doing on a long trip.... a Sudoku puzzle. First test: Could I learn to spell the word. Kept saying Soduko?

Reached a point where I could get about 2/3rd the way through a Level 3.... and then I "Lost It." Realized I'd made a mistake somewhere, and absolutely couldn't figure out where. Decided to exercise my brains on something less frustrating..... <see blog for details> **HERE'S A HINT:** When you know for certain that a number is correct, **CIRCLE** it after you write it in. Then if you later realize you've made a mistake somewhere, you can ignore the circled numbers and look elsewhere for the place to fix.

HERE'S A PARABLE:

When we read God's Bible, it pretty much is a puzzle.
Only arrogance would say that any human can figure out God.

But there are some things we can easily figure out----
even before we learn the truth that God WANTS to
help us, and offers His Spirit's wisdom (James 1: 5-6).
We can sort of "circle" them as truth we understand.
Then the more we delve into God's Word,
the more we see where OTHER pieces fit, like Sudoku numbers.

Here's a COOL thing!

Proverbs 25: 2 [It is] the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings [is] to
search out a matter. Some people mis-read that to say that God is keeping secrets from
people.... TRYING to be hard to know. How ridiculous! God sent His SON to explain His
word to us... see Luke 24: 25 - 32 of how Jesus had mercy even on their inability or
unwillingness to search out the truth.

It's like God giving us fun **EASTER EGGS** to hunt for.... there's a JOY in the
SEARCH.... not just the Find! And as we search, we find that God has had grace and
mercy on us.... even when we deliberately give in to sins of any kind.... since 1,000s of
years before Jesus came.

It was that very loving mercy that sent Jesus to do WHAT WE COULD NOT ---
pay the price of our sins so that we can live in heaven with God forever if we humbly
repent of them and ask Him to. NO -- we don't understand it all.

BUT GOD OFFERS US a joy in the SEARCH! And HELP:

**** John 14:26, Jesus said He'd send the Holy Spirit to help us remember the
scriptures through which we hear what Jesus taught.

**** James 1:5-6, God says He gladly gives (WHEN we humbly ask) wisdom to
UNDERSTAND what the Holy Spirit helps us to remember, scriptures, etc.

PRAYER >>

LORD GOD, I dearly do love You. Am amazed by You.
Am so weary of not being able to work out the puzzles I see in Your Word....
and yet excited that You understand this and offer Your help!
Please give me wisdom and.... in Your timing....
all the answers I need to fully serve You whom I do dearly love.
And to REFLECT you... 2nd Corinthians 3:18. Which doesn't include
any kinds of selfishness, including gluttony or gossiping or complaining.

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Additional encouraging resources at <http://DianaDeeSongStories.blogspot.com>

March 7, 2015 at 6:36pm ·

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR DAILY DIETERS, March 7: ICY Diet Parable. LINK:

<http://dailydevotionsdiet.blogspot.com/.../icy-diet-parable-b...> >>

Woke up 2 mornings ago early... but slowly....

Gradually aware of a tinkling sound outside the window. Looked out. Exclaimed "Oh NO!" Sleet. Lots of sleet... Beautiful but really annoying. I have places to go! Things I want to do! .. Like to see friends. Already have had several "snow days" this winter: but now ready to go see people!! Can't leave home when the road is slick. I have places to go! Things I want to do!

Psalm 46:10: "Be still, and know that I AM God," God tells me in the first half of that verse. Easy to do when ICE has me stuck at home.

James 4:8: "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you," God tells me in the first half of that verse. Easy to do when ICE has me stuck at home. (Ever notice how we quote 1/2 verses when the rest isn't what we like?)

Hebrews 7:19 words from God give more comfort --For the law never made anything perfect. But now we have confidence in a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

LORD, I Come to You. I forget so easily. I get my focus so easily on important YET LESS important things, like dieting to look better or be healthy, versus the true need to Reflect you in my choices including dieting. Help me remember: I rest in You. I trust in You. Help me, I pray.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Psalm 145: 18-21: The LORD [is] near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and SAVE them. The LORD preserves all who love Him, But all the wicked He will destroy. My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD, And all flesh shall bless His holy name Forever and ever.

March 8, 2015 at 8:58am ·

"KEEP _ praying on your knees, but / KEEP _ looking to the sea to /

SEE what God may answer. __ // KEEP _ praying fervently, but /

KEEP looking expectantly, with / FAITH that God shall answer. __ //vs 2a//

Tennis players can hit fast but / miss their mark if they won't act on / what their teacher taught: _ FOLLOW THROUGH! ----- "**Praying Through**" (song in 4/4), based on Elijah following what God taught his heart about prayers..... First Kings 18:42-3, "And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, and he said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And 7 times he said, "Go again." ... The continuing story >> **First Kings 18:**

41-end, " 41 Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain." 42 So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his

*knees, 43 and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again." 44 Then it came to pass the **seventh time**, that he said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!" So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.'" 45 Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel. 46 Then the hand of the LORD came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.*

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March 9, 2015 at 10:27pm ·

FEEDING THE CAT TV Dieting Parable: (1) I love my 2 cats. (2) I love to watch God's birds dance on the deck. (#) Combine the two... I make my cats happy by "feeding their TV"... throwing out bird food & enjoying watching cats enjoy their 'show' inches beyond their noses, outside the glass. But I've noticed something: They love my gift a few hours-- then get bored, wander away. If they fall asleep in front of glass & a bird starts pecking by their nose, they'll open one eye- & snooze more. SO WHAT ?? // I've noticed something about me:

..... I get all excited when God answers a prayer, provides a prayed-for OR an unexpected blessing. But like an overwhelmed child at Christmas, I lose the excitement. Then I start looking for something else 'fun'. For me, the "something else" is a New Guitar-- But obviously can't afford but a couple! So then there's different kinds of food. Or a shopping trip for new stuff. Others may use alcohol, too much internet, or..... whatever.

..... Like CATS, we get tired of God's blessings sometimes.... start looking for something new or start making our own plans without God. When we're bored and start planning more food or stuff in our day, that's a good time to especially focus on getting God's help...FOR THE LORD is our GREATEST BLESSING EVER.... ALMIGHTY GOD Who actually loves 'me' even when I ____ (fill in the blank).

PRAYER -- LORD GOD, help me to stop treating you so care-less-ly. Help me to stop taking Your love and Your forgiveness and help for granted. I am SO amazed by even the multitude of promises You have made in Your original Testament of words.... <details in blog>.... Psalm 106 and 107 CLEARLY describe your anger at complaints. Help me to NOT get bored with You to be Thankful & Trusting. To fight the temptation to eat & shop etc seeking JOY that is waiting as soon as I come back to talk with You.
<http://dailydevotionsdiet.blogspot.com/.../feeding-cat-tv-die...>

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March 9, 2015 at 9:14am · How do you write a hymn when nothing much rhymes with "Hallelujah" that "Glad I knew ya" and "Hullabaloo.... ya." ?

Paul Baloche used to teach the funniest mini-seminars on Song Writing at the ALIVE Festivals etc, & he'd often start the lyrics section by getting the audience to chime in on "What rhymes with 'love'?" Didn't take us long to learn about the necessity for pseudo-rhymes! ... not quite a perfect rhyme!

March 10, 2015 at 3:28pm ·

John 10:10 PLUS 8:44, Satan's reality, & the lying thoughts he puts in our heads as if they're our ideas>> seeking to destroy. **Smith Wigglesworth said in "THE ANOINTING" that-- for GOD's Glory-- >>**

.... "we will see the RISING TIDE of blessing and divine healing go forth with greater power. But Satan will always try to hinder the real work of God.

*Whenever the power of God is being manifested, >>> Satan will be there trying to upset it. **Satanic forces will be there, but God is greater."***

(pg 129); First John 4:4

THRU GOD, our JOY IS THIS: It becomes actually **fun** to fight self-centeredness & compulsions like too much Internet, TV, shopping, food, even gym & other good things (and all these can be good, which prevents simple Avoid-It solutions), **when we consider it like revenge:**.... Satan like any terrorist just ENJOYS causing pain (John 10:10), but is especially threatened by & thus fights against anyone seeking to glorify God. So: James 1:2, Satan's Annoyed, and We can consider it JOY as we refuse our individual compulsive thoughts. After all>> we have Creator God offering us His Clothing of Victory, if we just put it on! ... Ephesians 6:10-end.

March 11, 2015 at 3:20pm ·

Today = 2nd day of incessant rain... but, hey, 6 days ago we were watching the snow-bounding flakes pile up yet again (& shoveling it on Friday). And it Smells Like Spring! Yet, of course, people are griping "It's wet!" ...

Poor God... Seems like we people are always griping to Him about something: Often re what turns out to = blessing. Sudden memory this AM: All the years I was a preschooler & early school, Mom would go around house singing "April Showers Bring May Flowers.".... Not a real song, I now realize. Just making up a melody as she prayed aloud & worked her hands to raise us. I'd never thought about that. I pray that I've taught my kids the same Joy In The Lord Even In Rain.... Pretty cool vivid memory flotsam to suddenly arise. Thank You, LORD!

March 12, 2015 at 7:52am ·

When a family has several children, figuring out what an argument is about can make the parent wish Perry Mason was around to take over.... Or stare them all down. Six children can yield six versions.... so parents say "WHAT'S MISSING?" as they put pieces together...//...

Same when trying to figure out what REALLY happened as we watch a News Report / bit of GOSSIP-- WHAT'S **THE WHOLE STORY?** And ALSO as we read scriptures.... as written in detail on March 3: People start quoting GOD's HAPPY words in Joshua 1:5, 6, 7 > "I will not leave you nor forsake you.... //... BUT then they SKIP 1-1/2 verses to get to *happy words* in 1:9 -- ignoring God's IF statement in 1:7b & 1:8 requiring us to observe all His Law..... Just as false teachers STOP in the middle of Hebrews 11.. mid-verse 35 after "**raised to life**" and never continue to **delayed**

blessings beginning at 35b, "Others were tortured." A gallon of water with 3 drops of poison is Poison. Half a truth is a Lie. Whether it's among six bickering children or among people quoting God's Bible "their way".

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March 12, 2015 at 12:35pm ·

4 SINGLE SENTENCES. For those who will spend hours preparing outfits & candy baskets & Easter hams expecting the world has 20, 30+ more years to celebrate The Day of Resurrection:

- "We are no longer scattered among the nations, powerless to defend ourselves.
- We restored our sovereignty in our ancient home.
- And the soldiers who defend our home have boundless courage.
- For the first time in 100 generations, we, the Jewish people, can defend ourselves."

FOUR single, simple sentences nestled in middle of Israel's leader's speech to American Congress on 3 March this year, 2015. GATHERING, God said: Jeremiah 23:3 has NEVER happened in world history, til 1948's new Pasture for God's people He chose to represent Him to the World. And worldwide persecution of Jews even in Western Europe is driving them Home.

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March 12, 2015 at 10:27pm

"DISMISSED *WITH* PREJUDICE" Dieting Parable (Fri March 13). That phrase SOUNDS bad! Who likes word "prejudice"? YET-- It's a GREAT legal term that describes exactly what God does for all who cry out to Jesus as Savior, sorry for a sin. Jesus declared on the Cross, "It is Finished!" The Plan that God has had since before Creation (1 Peter 1:20+) was fulfilled- PAID IN FULL: & there's not 1 thing you or I can do to "pay a bit of our debt"... // ...

DISMISSED *without* Prejudice means that at ANY time, an Accuser can come Back At you for SAME sin. God our Righteous Judge just scoffs when Satan tries to dredge up any sin we've confessed. PAID IN FULL. Complete Devotion:
<http://dailydevotionsdiet.blogspot.com/2015/03/dismisshed-without-prejudice-dieting.html>
-- Wonderful Promises of Forgiveness: Psalm 103:12, Isaiah 43:25 >
<http://biblehub.com/isaiah/43-25.htm>

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March 13, 2015 at 8:08am ·

Bought a \$4.99 DVD "You've Got Mail" since I hadn't seen VHS for yrs & remembered it as "fun." Had time for 15 minutes of movie watching last night: LAUGHed&& at it! Oh, **NOT** at plot: But at all **their joy in discovering E-mail**. 1998.

First time I've heard "that modem sound" for yrs! ... Got me to thinking how fast Tech has changed in just a few short years. Got my first cell phone ~1999: Big as a walkie talkie. Now we laugh at our old Excitements. There's HOPE in this parable, like 1 Peter 2; or Romans 7 living becoming 8's >> Just as I'm frustrated to be limited by MiFi in my cable- inaccessible zone, I deal with it & see>> Better Tech is sure to come. I'm

frustrated by all my faults, the things I keep doing that hurt God: But His Romans 7-8 Promises assure me that--- if I let Him help me 'deal with it'>> Better is sure to come.

March 13, 2015 at 11:25pm ·

A test I give early on to new guitar students goes something like "Show me all the places you can find this B" (which I play once). I teach them beside a piano, so I next ask the same Q of them there: Few people think about fact that... there is ONLY one key that matches "that B"... We're each one of God's "piano keys" that has not a single match in the World Thru History (OR the Future)....

I LOVE Joey West's quote re Nehemiah 6 >>

- "You are the only 'you' that has ever existed.
- Out of every human that has lived since the beginning of time, the 7 billion people that are currently living on Earth, and all of the people who will exist until the end of time, you are unique and specifically made to be you."

... A Psalm 139 parable. A Psalm 147 parable: God knows the name of each, unique star: **And He knows yours.**

March 14, 2015 at 10:29am ·

<Re pastor's unfounded accusation of me being immoral>

Just realized! 7 days ago on the 7th was the first time in 7 years that I didn't mourn on that date for what I've dearly loved & lost in church. Three 7's. Greatly rejoicing in God as I ponder how significant both 3 & 7 are in His Word... symbols of Completion. And Freedom. Looking eagerly ahead with Him

March 14, 2015 at 8:57am ·

CHAIN LETTER word game: Start with one word and change one letter at a time to get to a 2nd word: DIET > DIRT > DIRE > TIRE

Only 4 quick steps from DIET >> TIRE. So before we know it, what started as a dedication to DIET & following God's plan for health turns to us deciding that we TIRE of even trying, because we begin looking at others and wondering why WE aren't blessed with as much success as others.

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God's PARABLE Supporting Word : 1 Samuel 18:7 >> **King Saul did NOT have to "disintegrate" as he did. HE made the choices to become bitter** against David when "the women sang as they danced, and said: "Saul has slain his 1,000s, and David his 10,000s."

Think about it! >> KING Saul's goal was supposedly the Good of his nation. And it was indeed PRAISE he got when women chanted a song that recognized the 1,000s of enemies God had blessed him with being able to stop from hurting his country.

CHAIN LETTER GAME style of CHOSEN BITTERNESS led Saul *step by step* into becoming angry at GOD and give up obeying. A WARNING TO ME... to each of us: If I become bitter that others SEEM MORE BLESSED in anything-- including seeming able to lose weight easily or to eat all they want without dieting >>>>

that removes my focus from the Only One Who Can Help Me to >>> me. And "me" is a very bad helper.

FULL "Daily Devotions for Daily Dieters", 14 March 2015, with supporting scriptures >>
LINK: <http://dailydevotionsdiet.blogspot.com/.../chain-letter-dieti...>

March 15, 2015 at 9:55am ·

I resisted yelling this morning. Barely.

- Printer died 'dead'.
- Got Copyright Office's midnight message questioning same process I've done for a dozen song packages since 2009...//...

Technically: It's not much practice in TRUST when everything is going swell 'n' well. Time for me to grow up & remember: It's my job, not God's, to smack down Anxiety & to ACCEPT the peace He's holding out to me: Amid all these problems that flood over my life...

But not over my SOUL, thanks to God keeping Every Promise. Like John 16:33 PROMISE from Jesus... right before He went to the Cross.... with Peace: "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; **BUT be of good CHEER, I have *OVERCOME* the world.**"

March 16, 2015 at 3:02pm ·

How much difference do 2 little letters make?

Well, obviously "**UN**" completely changes the meaning.

Often "**EX**" does.

But I mean that tiny little preposition, **TO**.

This AM, I was speed-reading a book AD in the back of Norman Geisler's & Joseph Holden's book "...ARCHAEOLOGY & THE BIBLE: Discoveries That Confirm the Reliability of Scripture".... Reading so fast that I missed the word **TO** at end of the ad's sentence: >>

"A comprehensive overview of church history and its key turning points from Acts 2 **TO** today." >>>

Now, re-read that sentence without "TO"... Wow. Immeasurably grievous to our LORD, when that's TRUE: When He sees some churches using His Name but **re-writing His Bible -- to leave out even what might seem like just little words,** making ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

March 17, 2015 at 10:06am ·

A new exercise bicycle being advertised on TV: "Many adjustable weights so you can pick what you want-- **no effort needed! You can even set the resistance to zero!**" ... Not much point, huh? ... Some people pick what they'd like to believe about God the same way... pretend they can set God's Resistance Level to sin, to EASY.

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March 17, 2015 at 11:19pm ·

From Earth's "Lifetime" to Earth's "Lifetime" >> Genesis 8:22... "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease."/TO/.... "For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by NO means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven.." --Jesus (who continues with the "happy ending" for those who still Believe Psalm 119... that God's entire Word is JOY, Truth)
<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Resources.php>

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March 18, 2015 at 3:48pm ·

My family traces to Elkhardt Indiana, but I never went there until 10 years go. My childhood was in towns where people's race or income level was described by their housing... such as: 'They're from the wrong side of the tracks'.

In Elkhardt, there is "no such thing". It's a hub for many trains, and train tracks criss-cross ALL thru town, at odd angles until it's easy to see: 'These tracks don't even HAVE sides! ... Train tracks go in many directions-- many that are RIGHT. We just decide: Which one do we believe God is leading us to take? A James 1:5 Q.

One Absolute Truth: God-- who said that He (HE) made ALL His Creation good-- is gonna have one helluva discussion with people who stupidly declare He was wrong... that poor people & some colors of people are "from the wrong side of the tracks".

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March 19, 2015 at 11:00pm ·

What *IS* it with cats??! Literally, for 5 minutes I walk away forgetting to close the closet door that's above stairwell space: It's like a waist-high shelf and up, so I keep my many boxes of greeting cards in there. Took out the address book to go make a quick phone call-- & then there's a CRASH.

Lea *knows* she's not allowed thru any doors in our small open-design house. Yet the moment she gets a chance, thinks she can get away unseen..... Of course, I suspect that God too must sometimes 'shake His head' wondering, "What *IS* it with people??" ... He gives us blessings far beyond little cat toys & treats... yet it seems we so often are searching for something else to amuse us....

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March 21, 2015 at 9:18am ·

Found a picture that I put in my laptop's BIBLE STUDIES folder with the filename "False teaching 2nd Corin 12" Photo says:

"When you've done everything you can do, THAT'S when God will step in and do what you can't. 2 Corinthians 12:10" (photo claims).

The words LOOK right, SEEM Biblical, and-- after all--
they ***seem*** to Quote God's Word.

But look it up:

NOTHING about DOING stuff first and "THEN GOD COMES".... God says just the opposite: Pray & WAIT on Him. Psalm 37:9 and 46:10. Isaiah 30 as well as the oft quoted Isaiah 40, WAIT... then will RISE up like Eagles. FB, Twitter etc is great for obeying God in encouraging each other (I Thess 5:11, Heb 3:13).

But BEWARE OF PRETTY SOUNDBITES. Satan "sounded good" to Eve-- and even in "encouraging", pretty words to Jesus (Matt 4 AND Luke 4).

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March 22, 2015 at 8:22am

"Other people's opinion's don't matter." That's another one of those pretty SOUNDBITES we hear so much on FB & Twitter, like in my post yest. Sometimes TRUE> Only God's opinion truly matters.

YET: Sometimes God speaks to our hearts (Psalms: "minds") with a warning thru others' view of us. "I think I'm a pretty nice & caring person." "God will deal with them for all their gossip." COMMON REACTIONS when we hear people criticize.

But repeatedly God's word tells US to encourage others to obey Him, to have what we call the 'Fruits of the Spirit' (Galatians 5 end, which includes describing people who DON'T). The only way to obey: To pray (James 1:5) and gently speak Truth to them: Eph 4:25, 15. And sometimes people will obey Him speaking Truth in Love to US.

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March 23, 2015 at 8:33am · Used again in 2017

"A Tornado Warning." STARTLING words to awaken to. I had calmly replied as I just kept typing, to the simple question "What did you get your husband for his birthday?" The news reporter then kept trying to convince me that a REALLY loving wife would get a more "traditional" gift, like new tools or sports stuff: Expensive gifts to show love. Again I calmly replied: "There's nothing more loving than a tornado warning."

At this point in dream, I realized I had discovered a REAL way to know when & where dangerous twisters would come. What I was typing? More warnings, to people I didn't love dearly like my husband, didn't really know well. ...//...

God has given EACH of us His access to wisdom (James 1:5) to know signs of the coming Storm + Only Safe WAY to Shelter. Incl people we don't know well. DID YOU KNOW? >> GOD DECLARES GUILTY all who KNOW a truth he or she has witnessed BUT DOES NOT SHARE IT: Lev. 5:1 & Ezekiel 33:3 on.

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March 23, 2015 at 4:07pm · Pinterest Reference Daniel 12:4, TECHNOLOGY, end times.

2018 = 70 yrs since God let Israel become a nation; a number of Significance for the World to consider. Many archeology discoveries since then incl this **Baruch** seal, found in 1975 excavation Southwest of Jerusalem. This scribe **recorded God's prophecies thru Jeremiah; see 45:1**. Both men witnessed Babylonian siege of Jerusalem, after people wouldn't listen to all God's loving warnings. Ezekiel 33:11, **God did NOT want to punish, but they would not turn back to Him**.

A Seal = official signature.

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March 25, 2015 at 8:22am ·

"Red sky in morning, Sailors take warning." This AM's fiery sky began with Blah Blue in the west. But soon the western view became Drab Snow Gray.... Checked weather site: The snow potential predicted for west of DC has changed to 'Just Rain': No pounding storm. No blasting winds. REPRIEVE! :) ...

A timely remembrance: Over 2,000 years ago, JESUS quoted this Red Sky weather proverb-- WARNINGS people knew long ago to PREPARE; not a time to go out fishing! ... Still true today when we're tempted to do what God says is wrong: The time before Results come is only a temporary REPRIEVE. "You... were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. (Galatians 5:13 NIV). LORD, help me heed Your Warnings.

VERSE 16, a wonderful continuing promise, that God helps! "So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves." James 4:7-8, When we draw TOWARD God, He-- like the loving father of the Prodigal Son-- runs toward us! Isn't He Awesome??!

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March 25, 2015 at 2:25pm · Pinterest

Church leaders must be careful to be shepherds under Jesus the Good Shepherd who are NOT like those God condemned through Ezekiel 34. To be firm and yet loving & gentle like Jesus: John 10. EVEN to stubborn, straying lambs.

PHOTO SAYS: Without a loving Shepherd to guide them, sheep get lost, fall off the path into danger or even death, lead each other toward dogs and other predators who would gladly destroy them. <https://www.pinterest.com/DianaDeeOsborne/wake-gods-church/> - WAKE, GOD'S CHURCH! Be careful to be shepherds under Jesus the Good Shepherd who are NOT like those God condemned through Ezekiel 34. Be loving & gentle like Jesus: John 10. EVEN to straying lambs.

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March 25, 2015 at 8:54pm ·

I didn't "send ahead" tracks from my home studio via Google Drive before arriving at my professional studio session last Friday. So I was watching with amused expectation as my producer started initial mixing while hearing the song for the first time. A drummer for bands, he was instinctively nodding his head to the beat as he mixed. SURE ENOUGH-- He stopped mid movement as soon as the violins came in, & looked puzzled.

I was struggling to hide my laughter as I watched: I'd deliberately created "flexible timing" so that the violins were always Slightly Off Beat, to reflect the tension of the words of Psalm 119:161 re STUMBLING...//...

God wants us to know His Word-- His "beat"-- so well that we're **Startled & Notice when someone's preaching is "just a little off" what God's Bible actually says.**

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March 27, 2015 at 12:59am ·

Imagine a father: Sternly warns his children Don't use drugs or drink or spend money foolishly or overeat or curse or spend hours a day in front of a screen....// Well, maybe it's a LOVING father who cares about keeping his children safe ??? ..//..

BUT.... Imagine this father sternly warns his children "3 strikes & you're OUT of my life"... AND himself drinks a lot, has a huge credit card balance, eats all day while watching TV.. //.. and still demands that his children "perfectly do" what he says. Pretty lousy father. BUT THAT's how we are Accusing God of being.... IF... we won't forgive ourselves for what we've already sorrowed for & humbly asked forgiveness for.

CONSIDER: JESUS TAUGHT that we must forgive 70 times 7: Not 490x, but

FOREVER: If we're counting, then we have NOT forgiven: Matthew 18

CONSIDER: WOULD GOD OUR LOVING FATHER order us to do what HE will not do??? So if He tells US to forgive 490+ times.....

CONSIDER: JESUS CLEARLY SAID in John 8:44, Satan is a liar.

God clearly calls Satan the 'ACCUSER' in Rev. 12:10. If Satan would lie to JESUS, wouldn't he even more so

CONCLUSION: It makes Satan happy & God very sad when we Believe the Lying thoughts in our heads, that God will abandon us just because we've sinned -- whatever the sin may be.

Simple associative property math If A = B and B = C, then A = C:

(A) God Is (B) Love (B) Love is described in (C) 1st Corinthians 13;

Therefore (A) GOD is described as (C) patient, kind, not easily angered, keeping no record of wrongs (forgiving), does not delight in evil... LINK:

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm...>

March 28, 2015 at 9:01am ·

I take my laptop to studio sessions to update the website while my producer finishes mixes. Last night he had so many completed tracks to deliver to me that he suggested that, instead of putting them on a flash drive to hand me, I could just give him my laptop's user name & password. I did:

In moments he'd inserted a LOT of files. I trust him (of course!), but was nervous about the process-- Having slower MiFi (& no cable access), I go to a lot of WiFi cafes. He assured me: No one can invade like that without me giving them an ok & access....

PARABLE: God told us the same centuries ago: **People & Satan have NO**

ACCESS to control our minds>> Without us *giving* access to them.

Proverbs 4:23 > "GUARD your heart /= mind... with ALL diligence."

2 Corin 10:3-5 > DESTROY all wrong thoughts that come into your mind.

1st Peter 1:13 > God gives **us** control.

March 29, 2015 at 8:12am ·

The young girl was terrified by sounds in her mother's new mansion that she thought were ghosts. I lovingly put my arms around her & held her close; soothingly told her **God specifically says in Hebrews 9:27 that there's no such things as ghosts**

wandering the earth. Of course, that demons masquerade as human spirits instead of what they really are is far more scary...

Next, my Dream Self started teaching her the difference between Fruits of the Spirit and Gifts. HOW SILLY!... I hope that if this dream were ever a true situation, **I'd instead teach James 4:7-8 > DRAW NEAR TO GOD: He'll run to you** (like Prodigal's Father) & thus demons flee. And I'd add the LOVELY farm image Jesus gave at end of Matthew 23:

Jesus wrapping Himself around us, comforting & protecting **like a mother hen.**
That is *** JESUS's *** loving picture parable.

March 30, 2015 at 9:02pm .

- Common saying: "The more I know, the more I know how LITTLE I know...."
- **"Remember, Christ's scholars MUST STUDY UPON THEIR KNEES."**
-Charles Spurgeon (see John 14:26: Holy Spirit promised help).
- *Gnostics* said God **HIDES** info from "certain people" & gives it to special People.
- **What God says:** "If you lack wisdom, ASK Me." -God, in James 1:5-6.

A REALLY COOL PROMISE for those of us who are excited to EXPERIMENT in asking for help in MEMORY, STUDY, LOGIC. Can't hurt to pray & wait to see!

March 30, 2015 at 4:19pm .

Grandmom called it "antsy". My cat's view is "I want to be behind whatever door is closed." Lately I have that grating feeling when the music notes are just a tad off beat... no one else seems to notice, but I yearn to escape. Except I don't know anywhere else I want to be...// ...

One of hardest prayer answers to figure out is when the question isn't in the Bible: Where should I be? What should I be doing to serve God? Is what I'm doing wrong if it feels "a tad off beat", or is that just a temptation to give up? ... One of the most amazing truths of God's character: Jeremiah 17:10's comfort: God judges our hearts, our yearnings to be right with him. And doesn't smack us down during times we're off His beat.

March 31, 2015 at 3:16pm . 1938 QUOTE:

While visiting this past weekend, I was given a stack of old Methodist journals (from long before the "United" was added). Being an avid reader... decided to delve into a few. **From 1938 of "The Richmond Christian Advocate" >QUOTE> "Is Methodism to become another spent ISM in the ancient history of the future?"...** "Right now **Methodism needs to be ENDUED with the same force that got into the hearts of the Apostles at Pentecost** -- ENDUED WITH the power that came into the heart of John Wesley... It would **take out our self-centered littleness** & cause us to see the glory of the Transfigured Christ so fully that we should

lose sight & sound of a lot of little things that hurt & confuse us & poison us...."
..... Many persons wonder, as not only Methodism but other **denominations**
"evolve" to meet "modern times" sharing doubts about scripture accuracy,
whether those churches' founders like John Wesley would be willing to be part of those
churches today." Back in 1938, Methodist leaders like Rev. Kenneth Barnhart were
urging church leaders toward an absolutely needed self-examination also.

END of 2015 WINTER PARABLES

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