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YEAR 2017 WINTER PARABLES IN LIFE

FIRST POST ON FACEBOOK -- August 30, 2012 at 10:10pm ·

Most days I am encouraged by a book in the case beside my bed. I no longer read it because I remember its words. Just looking at the spine title reminds me: *REFUSE* to let my feelings be hurt. *REFUSE* to be offended. It's my CHOICE whether to stop being self-centered. John Bever's "The Bait of Satan" reminds me: Our self plus Satan -- who Jesus declared IS real (like John 8:44) -- join forces to encourage us all to be pride-filled, which is what being offended really is. LORD, Please forgive me for those days when I forget this....

Sunday, 1 January 2017 Yesterday at 8:02am ·

A prayer for our LORD God named YHWH (Exodus 3:14), as we enter this new year by our calendar (ending Month 3 by His :) with many other prayers for our Self, our Family, our friends.... For surely we should also remember our Friend also in prayers: LORD, I'm so sorry for all the grief, sorrow, people have caused Your heart in this past year... for all that *I* have caused... Truly I am sorry for Your pain that You assuredly do not deserve, in Your love even for those who have caused it... Help me Remember... help me not grieve You even more in this New Year, I pray, in love for You.....

Monday, January 2, 2017 at 9:43am

The screen showed just *planned-out* battle scenes with *fake* fighters dying on a tiny screen; & the director-guided *fake* emotions & the music-inspired feelings of doom..... YET I find myself weeping like the cold rain outside as I re-watch the final battle in C.S. Lewis's THE LION, THE WITCH, & THE WARDROBE...

Weeping not for the fantasy battle scenes of blood, pain, & death... **but for the thought that our Loving GOD has watched the Reality version for centuries & centuries... and surely wept in sorrow at our human evil for which we can't pass all blame to Satan... And weeps in sorrow at how we casually pray "Forgive me my sins" without a thought of the searing pain we cause others... and Him.**

Tuesday, 3 January 2017 9:01 A.M. January 3 at 9:00am

Mom DARED NOT call her mother anything but "*Mother*"-- and I had to use the formal "Grandmother" as required thru the family line. It gives me joy to realize the

honor of being allowed to use the COMFORT name "Mom" even as a child.... AND It's a joy to realize that all *other* words were simply translated from the Greek, but

LORD God guided that we be TOLD about **ABBA**... the Hebrew Name that Jesus called His Father & God comforts us to know WE who love Him can call him... like "Daddy" (with *Respect* for his rules)... Mark 14:36, Galatians 4:6; Romans 8:15 "For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom **we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'**" **The term of tender endearment ALLOWED to a beloved child.**

January 4, 2017 at 8:23am

People love reading the "fortune" slip in the cookie at a Chinese restaurant... though most are really just "maxims" these days... But we don't have to wait to eat out to find LOTS of great MEMES before that word was created... inspired wisdom from the Creator. Ecclesiastes 7 is FULL of fun ones, e.g. As a musician, I love 7:5 > "It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise Than for a man to hear **the song of fools.**"

Doesn't 7:10 sound 21st century?? > 'Do not say, "Why were the former days better than these?" For you do not inquire wisely concerning this.' Nice reminder from Almighty God Who Helps those who honor Him, as we enter a New Year... Have a Happy One.

January 5 at 9:03am · <PHOTO of old farm house by river>

I see lovely old houses like this & think, "This was once someone's Dream Home".... It gets me back to reality & humbly asking God's forgiveness when I start slipping into desiring luxuries instead of the **More Than Enough** I have.... I am truly sorry for my self-centered longings for a big porch facing a quiet river just down the lush green, surrounded by singing birds.... God Is Indeed good even amid our selfish imaginations....

January 5 at 7:24pm ·

Weary & rushing in bitter wind, a nickel fell out of my pocket. As I watched it roll down sidewalk, I thought "*Is it really worth chasing after?*"... Woke up thinking of that. Even as a child I knew how my mom made a single pound of hamburger last for 3 meals for 4 people... expensive, valuable to us.... & I wondered why anyone WOULD'N'T go look for his 100th sheep (Luke 15, Matt 18)... Today's example:

Jesus would do... AND DID... "anything to save you" >>>>

Even if you're not worth a nickel to other people.

COMMENT later: In Jesus's Luke 15 parable, the woman was searching for a SILVER COIN worth a full day's wages... Maybe **\$88** to us... YET in His heart, Jesus knows He himself searches for us who the world thinks are worth only a nickel.... if that much.

6 January 2017. 15 hrs · FAKE NEWS abounds on Facebook, yet people **QUICKLY** re-post it **without doing any research**.... SAME for Gossip.... CONSIDER: The first **AND** the last SIN in the Bible are the same: **LYING**. (Satan: "God is lying"; God: lists

Love of Lying with Murder etc)... GOD likes us to Question, like Isaiah 1:18, ("REASON") and Acts 17: **Paul commends Bereans who checked HIS, TOO, words against scriptures.** Acts 17: "10 Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they **received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.** 12 Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men."

January 7, 2017 at 9:27am ·

WHO of us could have ever gotten away with telling our elementary school math teachers, "Division is JUST TOO HARD to understand!" ... We got other lessons that continued in high school with the same results: "You WILL study AND learn geometry!" These actually are useful, needed in life....

Micah 6:8.... When I first "became a Christian", I remember repeatedly telling God that "it's too hard to be a Christian!".... People's teachings confused me... even "How do you pray. WHO do you pray to? (Some people say Jesus, some say God, some say you MUST say "Father" like Jesus said, others quote Jesus saying in John 14:26 that the Holy Spirit is sent to guide us..... I just COULDN'T figure out all the **Do-This-Don't-Do-That rules**.... But..... we don't stop. and God gives a simple guide: "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?" ... Don't give up. ;)

7 January 2017. 10 hrs ·

I read 2 or 3 "Calvin & Hobbes" cartoons most days (ok... 2 *dozen* on SOME days!)... and I realized this AM: Poor 6 year old Calvin already faces a bully, but I remember only One Instance when I did: I was 12, the 3rd tallest in entire 6th grade (embarrassed-ly), so **NO one picked on *me***... But some girl decided on a long AM bus ride to rough up a 4th grader.

I got up, shoved her aside, sat beside the bullied-one, & gave a long set of scratches when the girl tried to bully ME... Of COURSE I got in trouble when the girl claimed *I* attacked Her... But: I didn't care, even though I did care about being known as a "good student"... And my Father believed me & was Pleased.... Obvious parable of Comfort when we choose to get in Trouble taking Stands... Needed more & more these days against Bullies of "Believe my way or Get in Trouble!" God will help us against bullies AND expects US to stand up for justice for other people.

January 7, 2017 at 7:43am

I find myself fascinated that Creator God even allowed for tiny birds to have their individual personalities... As snow rages down from all directions, a flock of juncos is happy that I put 2 old window screens on the deck & filled the big areas with seed. YET

a couple of birds picked their area to bully others who come near. Even though there are PLENTY of blessings for all.... AND if I get annoyed enough to walk to (inside of) the glass door, the BULLIES are the ones who fearfully fly away... while the "nice" birds watch with interest but Peace -- then enjoy eating more. Hmmm. Fascinating parable there.....

January 8 at 11:39am ·

FUN discovery!! > Gorgeous music & views of God's creations in France on a public (PBS) TV station... but descriptions in French, so fast I couldn't understand a bit.

IDEA: I turned on Closed Captioning.

Sure enough, I could understand about 60% by reading: Learned that one city's Museum of Antiquities "ironically has one of the most modern architecture designs"... in a TRIANGLE.

Though a few decades have passed since I took 1 year of French (& 3 of Latin helped!), I Remembered & could grasp enough to enjoy the communication and LEARN.... **John 14:26, James 1:5**... God promises that when we SEEK & WANT to understand, **His Spirit will help us Remember & grasp enough**....

January 8, 2017 at 4:13pm

What is heartbreaking-ly sad... How UN-loving it is, that People raised with Isslam are living in terror that some 'god' named allllah is going to punish them horribly, with no hope of EVER being good enough... while Christians who KNOW this hope are telling people "oh don't worry" instead of telling them how to find the One True Peace that true God-- named YHWH-- offers for free. (Exodus 3:14, 1st Peter 3:15... "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear").

January 8, 2017 at 12:16pm ·

A fawn can stand in 20 minutes... can walk in an hour... can run in a 24 hours.... **can outrun a man in 5 days**..... No one can convince me that it was selective evolution instead of God's Selected Design that helps protect them from predators-- whose babies didn't have to learn to run within a day!... AND:

When a fawn "looks lost"... the mother deer is staying hidden away, watching, **NOT to protect her own self, but because God has given her the knowledge** (*we call "instinct" but that makes no sense!*) **that she herself has a scent that will attract predators-- She keeps back from her weak babe to draw predators to HERSELF**..... a DESIGN OF CREATION we aren't taught.

January 9, 2017 at 7:56pm

Springtime coming... already thinking of flowers... The world's smallest seeds are in the orchid family, growing in the tropical rain forest: Some seeds are only 1-/300th of an inch - invisible to human eye. Far smaller than mustard seeds that Jesus spoke of in

Matthew 17:20, "...if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed" you can say to a mountain to move, and it would...//...

I'm CONVINCED: Jesus would compare faith to these orchid seeds for us who know of them..... BUT CONSIDER: We cannot make ONE flower, even, grow in our own power. Our FAITH seed is **only the container we offer to The Creator**: He's the one Who honors our prayer & gives the **power to GROW & DO**... Ephesians 3:20-21.

January 10, 2017 at 3:08pm

On this date when I was in 7th grade (Nope, not saying how long ago!), my grandmother gave Dad \$\$ to take me to a store & buy a Kimble piano. It had been used in their studio to teach students & still teaches: On that January 10th, I never would have dreamed how God would use that oh-so-expensive gift to me- literally through the World (via internet website). Praying Ephesians 3:20-21, that God's gift continues bringing songs of peace & comfort thru His World.

January 10 at 11:17pm

I was amused, watching old Carol Burnett show, to see a young Roddy McDowell... I've loved his dry humor like in Goldie Hawn's making-fun-of-haughty-people movie, "Overboard", as her patient butler. When I checked IMDB to learn his age on CB, I read this: "He was a rarity among movie stars in that he appears to have made no enemies at all during his lifetime. A man with numerous friends both in and out of show business, those who knew him continue to speak well of him to this day, and his funeral drew overflow crowds." ..//...

How I'd love to be described like that.... How nice if today's actors (etc) would "learn something"... Consider what God thinks about us when we're nice EVEN WHEN other people already want to be with us all the time for some reason....

January 11, 2017 at 9:50am · ... WITH PHOTO quote of Albert Einstein: "I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the **garbage man** or the **president** of the university." From the movie OVERBOARD (related to my last post!) where Roddy McDowell so perfectly plays patient butler to haughty Goldie Hawn's role...

AT THE END: [Andrew hands Joanna her earrings] >>>

"You best not lose these again, madam." Joanna: [perplexed] *"Again?"*

Andrew: "You will forgive me, madam." > [imitating her old way] >>

"Andrew! I seem to have lost my ruby earrings somewhere between 64th & 68th street, FINNNND them."

Joanna responded: *"I've behaved so badly."* ... Andrew quietly answers, "Apology accepted, ma'am.... Most of us go thru life with blinders on. Knowing only that little station to which we were born. But **you madam, have had the... rare privilege of escaping your bonds for just a spell. To see life from an entirely new perspective. How you choose to use that information is entirely up to you.**" ... **IF WE WILL LISTEN TO GOD: He will help us see ourselves as we ARE: And as we SHOULD be, to reflect Him:** 2nd Corinthians 3:18

January 12, 2017 at 1:49pm

Pretty amazing: Walked in from sweeping entire deck to put leftover bird seeds into stretched piles along railing... the wind blows off useless hulls & dries off wood under where rain had soaked seeds... Dr. Oz was summarizing his guest's words that I missed: 7th DAY **REST-ART** << not the usual "Re-Start">> ... How studies show that ONE day a week of doing *Nothing you don't like* truly **helps** our health... I laughed & muttered, "Yep, God knew what He was doing!"... and then the guest started describing that this is how GOD designed us... incl to get out in nature, read comfort words, pray, keep a journal of ideas...

wow... "Christian" allowed on popular TV show. Info: [#DeVonFranklin](#).

January 12 at 11:27pm

Fascinating astronomy explanation of a new star that we anticipate being able to see in only 5 short years... Near Cygnus, will be brightest star seen for about 6 months. Looking forward to a new explosion of media posts about prophecy implications!
<https://weather.com/.../.../new-boom-star-to-light-up-night-sky...>

January 13, 2017 at 9:23am

As many of my Facebook friends face ice storms today.. AWAITING our version tomorrow... I SHUDDER at the thought of Darkness when we "lose power"... I fill the place with oil- and battery-powered lamps...//...

DARKNESS on screens upset many even in daylight: No computer, TV.. no phone after hours pass... And I WONDER at the sadness AWAITING those so busy with earthly lights that they won't believe: (quote) "DARKNESS with weeping and gnashing of teeth," described Jesus Who Knows (Matt 8:12 & 22:13 & 25:30). OUR PRAYER & God-empowered goal: Acts 26:18 "...to open their eyes.. turn them from darkness to light, & from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me." - JESUS. (Beyond "comfort" in front of a screen's light.)

January 13 at 4:19pm

This week I invited a very shy child who wouldn't make eye contact with anyone to leave the "safe" pew away-away & come sit by me on the long bench & just play "anything" on my keyboard that I keep at a 90 degree angle to the piano. She gingerly sat, touched a few notes. I showed her how to turn them into Organ... Horns... Flute... & which button started Drums... Then I pretended to ignore her. In MOMENTS she was experimenting with sounds that sounded first like JAZZ... then like Romance Period BAROQUE....

We NEVER know what influence we might have on someone's future... on the World's future.... Praying-- with a smile :) -- for God's wisdom on **how to gently encourage potential Genius**.

January 15 at 6:23pm ·

Looked at sky & found myself muttering on way to church, "I SURE hope You don't give us rain today, God. I HATE driving in cold rain.".... OOPS. And I'd just been studying Psalm 106 & 107. POOR God, He does SO much for us, and still we complain. Even on our way to worship Him together. :(Psalm 107:43, "Those who are wise will take all this to heart; they will see in our history the faithful love of the LORD." (NLT)

COMMENT added: IF Israel had just obeyed God in the first place (no complaints!), **then** they wouldn't have grown to huge numbers in 40 years before finally heading direct toward God's Promised Land: AND THUS they wouldn't have scared other nations into *attacking* them, when per God's instruction, Moses nicely asked ONLY permission to just pass thru their land, not even allowing cattle to drink... BATTLES were direct results of the parents' COMPLAINTS & DISTRUST of YHWH God. EXAMPLE: Numbers 20:14 on.

January 18 at 11:17am · ·

I know that sneezing is God's Designed way to keep stuff like flying black pepper out of my lungs.... but when a sneeze is so hard that you knock 1/2 can of peas onto the just-cleaned kitchen floor, it's rather MIFF-ing!..... Yet..... all those little green peas rolling across the floor WAS pretty funny-- especially when my cat starting chasing them & playing Soccer..... James 1:2 POEM >> Spilled Peas + Sneeze = Learning God's PEACE..... Yet another practice in God's Joy of learning Patience!

January 19, 2017 at 6:14am

PHOTO: Psalm 56:8 Tears in a bottle scripture: QUOTE:

"There is a sacredness in tears. They are NOT a mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than 10,000 tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition & 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?"May we stop judging others... or ourselves... as weak when we are honest about our feelings. Would God prefer we "put on a show" to Him? Of course not.... God cares about us, so He cares about whatever we care about.

January 21, 2017 at 11:32am

Ever notice how, the more you excitedly tell people how wonderful our LORD is, how He will comfort them.... Within HOURS it seems you're smacked with feelings of discouragement, even despair. It's so embarrassing: "Do I have a weak faith after all?" you ask yourself but dare not ask anyone else. Or voice this to God... Growing fear of asking friends AGAIN for prayers... I often feel like such a wimp. YET God inspired the **"4x COMFORT"** words of **2nd Corinthians 1: 3-4**. And it's just a short step from a "Please help me" prayer step toward God before He comes running to us... like the Prodigal Son's Dad running to us.... James 4:8's promise... such Amazing Grace!

January 21, 2017 at 9:16pm

Can "only an ordinary 26 year old" change the world? ...>>....

In 1904 Evan Roberts, in Wales, **began fervently praying** for his nation's Revival. God honored his prayer to serve: In 6 months, 100,000 people found True passion & love for following Jesus Christ. 1,000s went to mission fields to help others...>>...

"Only" is NOT a word that fits anyone who gives himself or herself to God:

Philippians 4:13, we can do ALL things through Christ Jesus THE Lord -- He strengthens us. Ephesians 3:20, God empowers us.....

[INFO source: Henry Blackaby, "Holiness", page 13] - Re-worked from June 9, 2014 post:

January 22, 2017 at 7:59am ·

Rats! Heading toward my cozy chair for some quick typing of song updates before church, I went to my Socks drawer for a Fluffy Soft Long Yummy pair for this cold AM... and realized **all 3 pairs are in the hamper**. Grumbings started building inside... til God helped me realize:

Anyone who just got up on a cold day under thick blankets on a soft bed under a solid roof & is heading for a nice chair with hot coffee & breakfast before the Freedom to go Worship Him wherever desired without Fear is.... Super Blessed.

What an insult to The LORD when I gripe. Thin socks will do!

January 23 at 10:33pm · Husband & I talked about this around 1 A.M. when he got home: He'd heard of it – had seen the PBS show about it; wish I had!

Fascinating science news- 2 articles 5, 10 months ago, not mentioned in American media?... PBS photo: huge sinkholes appearing around the Dead Sea-- only in past 30 years but especially recently. Can appear overnight, can be the size of a room to half a soccer field. Another source (in <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/next/earth/dead-sea-dying/>) says on Jordan's side are over 1,000 sinkholes; on the Israeli side are over 4,000." SCIENCE studies at article. TOPIC FOUND via TV show "Scorpion" tonight that mentioned engineering feats to try to stop these. <http://www.accuweather.com/.../disappearing-dead-sea.../45183381>

January 24, 2014 ·

I am sure I was in my late 20s before I watched **"Mr. Smith Goes To Washington"** again & realized it was NOT fiction but, instead, showing the tempting influences that tackle most *any* politician's initial resolve to be truly "For the People".... No matter our thoughts on individual topics, we must stay alert. Social media helps. I still remember surprise to even consider that government officials aren't all honest- from "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington":} I thought it was fiction. Yesterday's small font newspaper TODAY IN HISTORY clip: '5 years ago today' [exact anniversary of Roe v Wade], politicians quietly made a change to allow our country to fund international

organizations that provide abortion services. Did that "make news"? Not much if so.

24 January 2017 15 hrs · 6 P.M. *WHILE TYPING SONG BY THAT NAME* (adding "Praising" to title of song lyrics written today: **"BUT... IF... NOT"** Many people will recognize these words as a quote from **Daniel 3** ("fiery furnace" miracle): Our **CONFIDENCE** that we can declare with Joy, trusting God that whatever happens, He will save. When we stand on His Bible Word despite knowing our character will be attacked as "intolerant" -- and Jesus promised Worse To Come for many people -- We can declare as did the 338,226 soldiers rescued **ONLY** by a Miracle at Dunkirk: God **CAN** save. **BUT IF NOT**, we **STILL** trust Him..... Link: Fascinating history-- & relevance to today's Church & to us... <http://www.truthmagazine.com/archives/volume38/GOT038247.html>

QUOTE The British commander was able to get a communiqué back to Britain that consisted of just three words, **"BUT IF NOT"**! Those three words sparked a surge of courage, determination and down right grit throughout the British military and the entire civilian population. Those three words brought about the bravest, most unorthodox successful rescue of any army in the pages of history. Admiral Ramsey was chosen to attempt the Dunkirk rescue.

He ordered all civilian fishing, pleasure and commercial craft between 30 and 100 feet in length to report to Dover to join the Naval ships for the rescue. Some 850 craft arrived and the civilian owners and their crews volunteered to man their craft. They had only one day to complete the rescue which would be only 45,000 of the approximately 365,000 troops. They departed from Dover and something unexplainable happened.

Just as General Guderian was ready to surround and attack with his large tank force, **Hitler ordered him to stop at the outskirts of Dunkirk**. Guderian was furious. Instead of one day and 45,000, Admiral Ramsey had 9 days and rescued 338,226 British and French troops and brought them back to Dover.

Do You Recognize Those Three Words? >>

Why did three simple words move the British to such gallant action against overwhelming odds? Do you recognize those three words, **"but if not"**?

They are from Daniel 3:18.... "They said, "O King, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and He will deliver us out of thine hand O King, **"but if not"** be it known unto thee O King, that we will **not** serve thy gods nor worship the golden image which thou has set up."

God delivered them from the fiery furnace.

Read Daniel 3.

Notice that the British were familiar with the Bible and their army turned to the Bible for strength and courage when it looked like they were doomed. They turned to the God of

heaven believing that he could deliver them, but if not, let it be known they wouldn't fall down before Hitler's Panzer Division.... <article conclusion: > The British, the Americans and people in other countries turned to the Bible and to prayer for strength and courage during the second world war.

They revered God and had an appreciation for His word. Romans 15:4 had a very real meaning for them as they learned first hand that everything written in the past was written to teach that through endurance and encouragement of the Scriptures they might have hope. This was the only hope that they had.

53 years have passed and people no longer turn to the Bible for hope and guidance. The wisdom of man has replaced the wisdom of God, secular humanism has re-placed Bible precepts and situation ethics ("no absolutes") has replaced "thus saith the Lord." These philosophies teach that man is supreme, there is no right or wrong, and everything is relative depending on the person and the circumstance.

– Dick Lambert, TRUTH MAGAZINE reprint from
Guardian of Truth XXXVIII: 18, p. 10-11 **September 15, 1994.**

END QUOTE

January 25, 2017 at 8:51am

Hardest thing about Faith?? >> IT's often **NOT** about trusting God during bad things.... It's **trying to figure out what your Lack of Results means.**

Failure?? God showing you're pushing ahead of Him trying to serve where He doesn't want you??...//...

How do we know, when prayers for either wisdom or Results leave things... the same? Thank God for Grace when we are so tempted to just give up instead of praying longer.

KEEP GOING 'TIL GOD CLEARLY TELLS YOU DIFFERENT! Even in Facebook ministries! GREAT EXAMPLE: 100s of 1,000s of people thank God that Sunday School teacher Edward Kimball didn't give up: WHO's HE???

He led Billy Graham, who led _ , who led _ ,,,, to Christ, & Eternal Life.

25 January 2017

Someone asked, "Why would anyone want to worship demons?" For many, they've been taught that "the dark arts" are just a popular game (think "Ouija" > a new movie; or **Dungeons & Dragons**.... or palmistry as a party game... a **seeking of power & looking intelligent** that has no idea **what** they're opening themselves up to.... Voice of experience-- saved by God from it in college.... <<Really... God used experience for my first well-paid magazine article, "When the Ouija Talked Back".... paid \$125 way back in 1980s. A big Baptist mag... forget the name, and it was later changed anyway

January 26, 2017 at 1:38am ·

The TIMING of when Pharisees decided to try to kill Jesus is, well, quite political. 2 instances: John 8:58-59, "Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM." Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him" <seeing connection with Exodus 3:14, where God declares His Name is YHWH which is I AM), THEN: John 10:30-31, "I and the Father are one." >

"The Jews took up stones again to stone Him..." Obviously their interpretation was **NOT** the modern one "Oh, Jesus just meant he was like-minded in goals etc". >> TIMING: In John 6:66 (an Ironic number, shall we say?!), many, many followers have left Jesus, not willing to keep seeking to understand Him. SO: It makes sense that Pharisees SEE Jesus is becoming less popular and decide it's a safe time to attack.

January 26 at 9:45am · **HUMOR** -- "DID YOU KNOW? NASA INVENTED thunderstorms to cover up the sound of space battles!" a Joke Post about certain magazines that now compete with Facebook shared posts of "Information".

"Alternate Facts" - I researched the recently-popular phrase & found it should be **ALTERNATIVE**... which of course = LIES..... since 2 opposite things cannot be simultaneously true. Fun Grammar lesson by Mary Norris, <http://www.newyorker.com/.../a-small-point-of-usage-concernin...> > "According to Webster's, a fact is "something that has actual existence."

Alternate facts" would refer to two FACTS in ROTATION with each other. They would still be facts. "ALTERNATIVE facts" do not share that quality. They do not have actual existence. **Alternative facts are DELUSIONS."**

January 26, 2017 at 9:05pm · . photo. 12 hrs · NAMES OF GOD in Hebrew with English translation: Cool fact re YHWH (Yahweh/ LORD): It's easy to find in the Bible by remembering (1) He told His Name to Moses-- so, book of Exodus; and (2) our INFINITE God arranged to have that exact verse in the Torah (O.T.) labeled as verse 14 in chapter 3.... as in >> The number of the INFINITE "Pi" in math:
3.141592653589793238462643383279502884197169399375105820974944592307816.....

January 26, 2017 at 9:36am FAST HEBREW: Notice how many words begin with the X-looking character of Aleph... remembering that Hebrew reads from Right to Left. (It's other languages that, like the World, are backwards!). That Aleph (A) is NOT PRONOUNCED in some words... they skip right to the "L" (2nd letter of EL) in El, Elohim, and Elah.

January 26, 2017 at 10 am More FAST HEBREW: "EI" means "God" and is singular. The EI" in ELOHIM still means "God"... but the rest of the word doesn't have a "meaning" other than this: **To make "EI" to be PLURAL**... As in Genesis 1:26 uses plural: The Creator said, "Let US make men in OUR image, after OUR likeness..." >> https://www.blueletterbible.org/nkjv/gen/1/26/t_conc_1026

27 January 2017 18 mins · 9:10 AM. 14 hrs ·

10 minutes into TV show, the sheriff accepted the alibi of GUITARIST at reunion of his own famous 40-years band: "I was at the next town's repair shop, to fix a broken string." I just shook my head & said "He did it." Even if age hindered him from hand twisting, he'd've just asked the other guitarist to replace string ..//..

With all the \$\$ that TV writers, producers, actors etc get, you'd think that SOMEone would've bothered checking how guitar players deal with broken strings. Instead: All just presumed their "knowledge" was sufficient, correct.. //..

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.

27 January 2017 9 A.M.

(1) "We expect our lives to be happy, trouble free, and victorious. We forget that victories come ONLY after we fight battles." -Cecil Murphey.

(2, regarding Esther 4:14b) Your current situation may be God's secret weapon to accomplish great things.. If we're teachable, we become divine instruments in the world." -Don Piper, Heaven Is Real, p179.

(3) "In ALL these things, we are MORE than CONQUERORS thru Him who loved us." -GOD, **Romans 8:37**. Encouraging words for many of our days & weeks.

January 28, 2017 at 10:50am

Don't you sometimes wonder if people who designed "re-closable zippers" on food bags actually TEST them? Like: 20-lb pet food bags, huge sugar and frozen blueberry bags that will make TERRIBLE messes if they fail... if you can open them at all without giving up & cutting the zipper since the un-glued edge is too close to get a grip to open the zipper....//...

Don't you sometimes wonder why we people gripe about these types of things without thinking how blessed we are that it IS the type of things we gripe about? While many others are too busy wondering about food, shelter, safety from cruel people....

January 29, 2017 at 2:58pm

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..... AND: Beautiful to many people who have come to know their kind heart, whatever the "outer" insignificantly looks like.... 1st Samuel 16:7, "for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

After all, we ARE supposed to reflect Him.... 2nd Corinthians 3:18

January 29, 2017 at 3:25pm ·

Did you know? BEFORE David's Battle BEFORE with Goliath, he was verbally attacked by his own brother LYING about him: "Eliab's anger was aroused against David, & he said, "... I know your pride & the INSOLENCE of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." <1 Sam 17:28>. ON FACEBOOK I've been seeing a lot of BATTLES on pages of those seeking to serve the LORD thru a FB Ministry.... Don't be discouraged if "brothers" berate you... only the LORD's opinion of your HEART matters. Suppose David had let comments stop him from Standing Up for God's Honor?

30 January 2017 10:37 A.M. 22 hrs ·

I find myself in a quandary: How many times can I use "exhaustion" as a reason for not getting much done for God before it becomes an excuse instead? When is it a valid reason versus just some "comfort" to me as I look at all the blanks on my Yearning To Do For The LORD list?... becoming a sad concern as days pass while I gladly sit & type song setups etc-- Typing's a fun game to me-- but I don't really do any more for Him than people who don't yet know what a Great God He is.....

A "good news about the bad news" thing..... Found out this Friday that "Chronic Fatigue Syndrome" is a really common result from the hospital/ weeks after blood sepsis... It is rather nice, to know it's physical & not blame myself as "just emotional"...

Comment sent to me by my Bible Study Leader: Give yourself a BIG break! Sepsis...you are my one friend who has come through it alive!!!! Four others are with the LORD!

31 January 2017 11:51 A.M. a sad articles about current trends in churches, <http://jimdalys.focusonthefamily.com/united-methodist-churchs-surprising-announcement/>

A friend wrote: Very encouraging! I am the granddaughter of a Methodist pastor, and in his later years he was very discouraged, often not recognizing the tenets of the church he knew and loved. 2 decades ago, many pastors were saying the UMC had done great evangelism reaching many people in Africa-- and now missionaries FROM Africa were coming to the U.S. to try to draw the UMC back to God's Bible.... This article says exactly that.

January 31, 2017 at 8:14pm

It's been a very (very) long time since I was surprised by how very much I loved a new movie... HIDDEN FIGURES has both much humor & a lot of history to think upon. I still laugh at the police officer's heavy southern accent-- this WAS 'just' Hampton Va... we don't have such thick accent 'til the land rises deep into our mountains!... :)

It's been a very (very) long time since I've looked forward so much to a movie: BEAUTY & THE BEAST, on March 17th. Interesting >> These 2 SHARE a theme: God did NOT make our value to have anything AT ALL to do with what we look like on the outside... 1st Samuel 16:7, God is quoted saying "...man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." >> Trailer:

1 February 2017 10:00 A.M. 2015 Super Bowl exciting moment! -- more than just John Legend's wonderful rendition of "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies" (I find it FUN to watch as well as listen as his face & music express emotions incl joy)...

but also that Super Bowl planners quite deliberately put this PRAYER song to God FIRST: asking God to bless America..... A prayer not avoided with a catering to people who choose to not believe all the evidences of God in our history-- & in world history... May the LORD richly bless those who determinedly choose to acknowledge: America needs God To Survive..... It's not just a rhyme.

1 February 2017 COMMENT. On a "what heaven looks like" mansion vs garden photo post by a friend >> Rosa, a little old lady I visited oft in the nursing home, used to laugh a lot with me about us loving our image of heaven not as "streets of gold" but as lush green grass that we'd love to run barefoot through one day... and loved thinking of our young sons who had already gone to heaven before us, already doing just that!

1 February 2017 Yesterday at 3:21pm · Lot of Likes.

2nd Peter 3:9, God clearly SAYS His LOVE is why He's delaying... Can't get any more self-ish & unloving than wishing Jesus would hurry up & return & make life easier for US by means of cutting down the time for others to have to accept their Savior. And "Christians" (claiming to follow Christ) think He doesn't mind when we whine?!... [Better check the truth-reflecting mirror before we start name-calling about snowflakes... Did we forgot some of Life's Lessons, like by grandmothers shoo-ing us out the door, fussing,

"It's just rain... You're not sugar, so you won't melt!"

2 February 2017 9:00 A.M 10 hrs · *Lot of Likes and comments.*

Awoke clobbered with grief about a mistake 11 yrs ago that I hadn't thought upon for awhile... oh, Not a sin. "Just" a major financial mistake, a co-decision that I could've stopped if I'd've been as smart about such things then as now. A mistake that I thought I'd prayed for wisdom about. A mistake that changed the lives of 4 people minimum.... A decision that I *THOUGHT* I had prayed & prayed about, & still leaves me hesitant about believing "prayer answers for wisdom" sometimes....

James 1:5, God promises Wisdom when we ask. My only choice... OUR only choice: Trust in God's help & not our own selves' ability even to listen to Him. And Press Forward despite mistakes we've made: Phil. 3:12-14... God's Word said this TWICE together, and this in His Word's pattern always means **IMPORTANT!**

3 February 2017 9:50 A.M. 4 mins ·

I very much love discussions about "God things" on the (great!) Christian Musicians of Texas group... 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..." // I *really* want to remember, each day, the HONEST

ANSWER I shared from my heart >>>> **Wasting time.** I need to lay down so many "Wasting Time" things. A far more serious sin than we realize:: Selfishly using time God gifted to us for sharing His Word & His Help to others. (Hands & Feet...) "...//.. An answer God's helped me remember for years before last December's blood sepsis health crisis... Wish I'd followed it more. Praying to... Thanking God for forgiveness...

3 February 2017 10:34 A.M. Responding to a friend's post re temptations pastors fall into. ME: Big part of the temptation is that in today's society we "measure" our "value" based on all the things listed- especially popularity and "numbers"...No way to win against Satan's John 8:44 lies into our minds except by valuing the LORD's thoughts above all incl our own. Good post.

3 February 2017 12:47 P.M. 1 hr · We can face and fight anything through Christ Who strengthens us. Including negative, self-condemning thoughts and lies from our enemy about ourselves, God and others. The Bible tells us to "cast down lies and false beliefs" about ourselves, our friends and our loving God that created and cares for us. They say it only takes about 30 days of repeated action to begin a new habit. Start working on on this today."

February 4 at 8:20pm · · *A more concise version of 2015 post of this.*

I can't grasp a bit of calculus. **YET: I don't doubt the TRUTH-fulness** of the math teacher who knows more than I do & says Calculus is a True thing.

Such **Lack of LOGIC** when people who easily understand this parable of Calculus can't figure out that >> JUST BECAUSE WE DON'T UNDERSTAND something does NOT make it a Lie!..... As we read God's Bible, are we like the people sadly described in **John 6:66 <appropriate number>**..... turning away from Jesus-- thinking Him a liar-- simply because they couldn't grasp His deep meaning?... James 1:5, God WILL give us all the wisdom we need at This Point in Time, if we just ask Him..... Of course--- Blaming words gives a good excuse to choose "my way" instead of God's Way.

February 5 at 7:58am · Got 15 Likes and a LOT of comments:

I have 6 minutes to decide if I'm going to slip on shoes & head out the door to the church where I'm a member for its 8:30 service, before I go worship at the church where I'm a paid musician at 11...Facts: (1) Sermon is always "right on" both Bible & being applicable to "real life"; (2) music is harder-rock praise style I like; (3) comfortable place; (4) friendly smiles. 5TH FACT: With being in hospital for a number of days in Dec & painful recovery, I haven't been where I'm a member for 2 months-- and no one's noticed...//... MISSIONS for God are great: But they "start at home" to comfort hearts as Jesus also did. Not a matter of "me" but of wondering how many who don't have a 2nd church just stay home when "clouds are gray" like today... inside as well as out. 2nd Corin 1:2-4, in CHURCH, too.

February 6, 2017 at 9:09am

Vince Lombardi's quote has *never* been proven better than last night! "We didn't lose the game; we just ran out of time." !!! After the 1st quarter, announcers kept quoting "facts" like "NEVER in Super Bowl history has any team EVER won after being 14 points behind." ... But the Patriots team wouldn't believe the "facts". "Forgetting what is behind" including History, they just kept "straining toward what is ahead.." >>

Philippians 3:13 parable of "press toward the goal for the prize." YEP: Pun Intended. :) .. but a good parable for those of us feeling "sacked" by the opposition in our own lives... though some of us would have preferred an ending parable of Falcons like Eagles soaring above the 'foes' (without getting that penalty before the kick, doing just that... ouch!)

DianaDee Osborne celebrating another year of life.

February 7 at 6:54pm · **Got 56 Likes** and lots of comments >> a PRAISE report! ... Final Blood Sepsis re-test came back this afternoon... Negative! God's healing miracle beyond "the normal", yet again in my life!

PRAISING GOD

POST – got New record: 54 Likes, and a lot of comments. February 7 at 6:54pm · a PRAISE report! ... Final Blood Sepsis re-test came back this afternoon... Negative! **God's healing miracle beyond "the normal", yet again in my life!**

DianaDee Osborne feeling thankful. (got lot of Likes)

February 8 at 9:44am · Thank you all so much for your prayers & sharing in Thanking God for my Healing from Blood Sepsis throughout December... I'm thanking Him I didn't know at first how deadly BS is, & for my peace when I found out. :)

SO your caring is Very Much appreciated-- like my post yest morning before I got the exciting results: It's wonderful to have real Friends I've never met "in person" as well as enjoying dear time together with others! --DD.

February 2017 9:14 A.M.

Some people say Jesus said to pray, "**OUR father**", so we shouldn't call God "**MY father**", that **Only Jesus can do that.**

We have a large family. When my Daughter #2 says to someone,
"My father did this for me,"

she is NOT saying that he's **only** HER father and not the father of Daughter #3 or Son #1, etc... PERSONAL relationship to YHWH is what Jesus taught...

something NO other religion has... something He sought to teach God-Named-YHWH's Children of Israel to widen their understanding of YHWH's Love... EACH person is precious to **Abba** & not *just* "one of a group"... and those who understand will call Him "my Father" while knowing like my kids do that YHWH can also be each of them's father ALSO.

COMMENT 9 February 2017 9:14 A.M. RE yet another post wanting God to Rapture us before the Great Tribulation starts:

One Q we should consider: **Why do those who say they dearly love people & yearn to share God's Gospel **want** to be raptured before the beginning** of the final tribulation? ... Only **selfishness** can explain wanting to escape pain_ **MORE than wanting to share God's word** with others who might **finally** be paying attention... We can rest knowing God knows the right time to call His people-- and it might well be amid suffering that we best share His words..

10 February 2017 8:10 A.M. 1 min ·

2nd Peter 3:9, God even SAYS His LOVE is why He's delaying... Can't get any more **SeLF-ish & UN-loving than "I wish Jesus would hurry up & return & make life easier for ME by means of cutting down the time for others to have to accept their Savior"** Of course, few actually say the last 1/2 of their sentence's real results.... And "Christians" (claiming to follow Christ) think He doesn't mind when we whine & fret worrying that we'd have to suffer some if "MID-Tribulation" is our LORD's Plan? Key word being LORD -- He'll do what's Best by His definition.

10 February 2017 10:19 P.M. Comment to MUSIC LEADER announcing his weariness & plan to take time off...

ME: First Kings 19, after ALL the many things Elijah did in taking a stand for God's Honor & commands re idol worship, he was super weary. And the LORD did ***not*** demand, "Where's your faith?!" -**or**- demand that Elijah keep marching toward the next item on God's To Do List... NO -- WITH COMPASSION, God gave him sleep & food & more rest & more nourishment.... and a message like we need to pay more attention to such as in Psalm 46:10... often God calls us to just Be Still with Him.... May you enjoy the times of Selah before God's next "verses" for your life.

February 11 at 7:33am ·

"May the glory of the LORD endure forever; May the LORD rejoice in His works.... I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the LORD" -- Psalm 104: 31, 33, 34..... Thanking Him for the gift of another day... and for me becoming much more appreciative no matter what the Weather! The trees are already sprouting red pollen balls.... Sneezy season coming early this year!

February 12 at 6:43am ·

James 4:7 & 8 encase "Amazing Grace" Promises from the Creator of the Universe: Like the Prodigal Son, when you Choose to Leave un-godly things & begin to run to God, HE will run to you!... Our loving Abba Father does not even make you come on your own power the whole way: Just pray as the old hymn invites, "Just As I am, I come... I come..."

February 13, 2017 at 12:18pm

John 9 & 10 were divided to quickly find God's Words... **it's One story:** So we know Pharisees had just felt INSULTED (9:40) when Jesus told the blind man he'd healed that Jesus was the Son of God that he now saw, but some were blind... And they were NOT STUPID: When Jesus next told the crowd, "I AM The Good Shepherd" (10:1+), the Pharisees *immediately* knew Jesus was calling himself God-Named-Yahweh (Exodus 3:14)-- Who had said in Ezekiel 34 that HE would come *Himself* to visit His sheep-- who were not being taken care of by their leaders..... Another evidence that Jesus <who is not the Holy Spirit or the Father, who act different ways> Is God the I AM.

February 14, 2017 at 8:58am

M. Josephson >> "People of character do the right thing, not because they think it will change the world but because they refuse to be changed by the world." GOD Thru Paul >> "For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. But you know HIS PROVEN character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel." (Philippians 2:20-22)..... Each of US >> "Am I a Person of Character ???"

14 February 2017 10:39 AM February 14 at 10:38pm ·

Driving thru fog... didn't know the narrow winding road well. Couldn't see more than few car lengths ahead. Fighting fear. Pulled over into a driveway and prayed for a "pilot car". Within moments, one slowly drove by. I pulled out, followed tail lights easily for the 8 miles to the 4-lane road where fog was lifting..... That was the *only* car out, at 6 am on a Sunday.... That WAS God's answer-- and a parable reminder: We don't have to wait to be bright suns to help others. Sharing our bit of light can help guide & comfort people in their fears and sorrows. 2nd Corinthians 1:2-4, God's 4-"COMFORT" passage for us. BUT.....

GREAT parable reminder addition: A friend added this COMMENT >> Once a number of cars were following a big rig truck during a snowstorm, thinking the trucker knew where he was going safely., Suddenly the truck AND 4 cars wound up stuck **in a cow pasture**....as the trucker made a wrong move and plowed thru the fence....SO...be careful who and what you are following.... Follow God closely.... You never know who is watching you and will end up in a ditch with you if you let yourself STOP praying for wisdom as you teach God's word.... which greatly delights Satan: a 2-for-1 reward as he tempts people to get **Lazy in Faith.**

February 15, 2017 at 8:32am

We all remember Psalm 23. In the Hebrew, David's prayer wasn't simply "The LORD is my Shepherd".... No, the prayer that ALL Israel knew as Jesus spoke, is "**YHWH** is my Shepherd"...

and "shall not want" means "**shall never be DEVOID of anything I need**", "shall never *be* FAILED", "shall never *be* BEREAVED".... wow..... just wow..... What an amazingly loving Good Shepherd, the LORD YHWH longs to be for **each** of us.

February 16, 2017 at 9:02am

- Got lot of Likes.

FIERCE black clouds suddenly arose to our west. We urged all our children to walk much faster, almost run-- Not easy near the 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. Danger would be in our van under swaying pines, so we herded them all into a bathhouse-- with 2 dozen other refugees. Years later, EVERY child remembers that day: How we rushed down final steep (LONG) hill & God helped us get into the only block building just moments before thundering winds hit-- later reported as a small tornado.

Our 2 youngest huddled 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 people's fear around us: That God would take care of them....

HE DID. HE STILL DOES. For all who honor Him, **Romans 8:28 Power Beyond us.**

16 February 2017 10:39 AM

I remember as a kid on Christmas morning literally counting my gifts as compared to others, and happily concluding "Mom and Daddy Love Me More because *I* got MORE presents! ... My mother very soon taught me some New Math ;)

But truly: People tend to equate "bigger" with "better", "more successful", even MORE BLESSED BY GOD (thinking we deserved it). One result: Church membership rolls are seldom "updated" to accuracy... People moved 5 years ago but are still "on the roll".

There's an argument as to why to even have them... Like for King David doing a census that God did NOT agree to: It depends on what you'll do with them. Useful as a reminder to go & show concern for those who've stopped coming.... When the list of names on our church roll is markedly larger than actual attendance-- are we trying to look "more Blessed by God"? ... Will we stop teaching and preaching a Complete Word of God's truth in order to draw in more people with Popular messages....?

16 February 2017 2:40 PM

I was NOT a popular kid in elementary school. Just average: No one hated me, few especially liked me, and I lived "in books" and my imagination... so I didn't care. Mrs. Barlow was NOT a popular teacher. She "took no nonsense". And THIS is in comparison to days when all teachers believed in "Give them an Inch & they'll take a mile" type discipline.... Mrs. Barlow wasn't going to give even a centimeter. BUT FOR

ME... She knew I was "good" (actually, too disinterested to cause troubles)... so anytime the whole class got in trouble, if she asked "WHAT HAPPENED?!" and got 20 opinions (none mine: I kept silent)... she'd ask me. AND believed my viewpoint **exactly** because I didn't *care* to take any side.

It seems that ALL the news media is slanted toward the opinion of the reporter. It's ridiculous how usually-intelligent people are so cautious or even paranoid about other things but can't see the Logic to **be on guard** realizing that **most information** is given in a way to sway the listener to a specific way of thinking. We need reporters **who don't care what the Truth is...** just Report what happened & let us reach a conclusion based on **Evidences**.... John 8: Jesus Reported Truth. But John 6:66 shows (Fascinating "Number of Satan") : People believe only what they want.

16 February 2017 5:45 PM

Fascinating to get "out of the New Testament" to teach even children about Jesus. On the ROAD TO EMMAUS, Jesus taught about all the words prophesying Him that are in "Moses" (first 5 books) "and the Prophets".... Make a fun link between Jesus's parables & the the corresponding "Torah" scriptures He was talking about.... Example: "The Good Shepherd" identifies Yeshua as YHWH partly thru Ezekiel 34 where YHWH scolds the shepherds (which Pharisees knew He was doing as he told the peoples this story) and... vs 34:11, says "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out:.... see also Zechariah 2:10.

16 February 2017 6:21 PM

PHOTO: "Don't let your theology depend on a theologian. Study for yourself." (Acts 17)

After playing guitar in a church band almost 2 years, I finally told the pastor that his sermons were fun like Jeopardy. He gave me a weird look. I explained, "You always say 'The Bible says' or 'God says' or 'Ephesians says'," So I give myself 3 points if I know where right away; 2 points if I have to look it up in the index; and 1 point if I jot it in my journal and actually to look it up later."...

Thanking God >> the pastor just laughed.

AND he started providing more Bible references in his sermons.

16 February 2017 10:35 PM 11 hrs ·

With a photo re thanking God for closed doors:

I often think of the 1882 short story "The Lady, or the Tiger?" by Frank R. Stockton. Except WE can trust God's knowledge AND His loving care for us.

In the story, that the man didn't realize he couldn't trust the woman who really knew what was behind each of 2 doors, who told him which to choose, who claimed to love him... Proverbs 3:5-7, **Trust the LORD with *all* your heart....**

Even when you wish He'd hurry up & open the shut door you see.

17 February 2017 9:29 AM

STATISTICS. It's THE ANSWER I usually give when people ask why I believe in God:

100s of times of "Beyond the *math of Probability*, my prayers were answered".
On any Geometry line: The more individual points on a line, the more VERIFICATION you have that the Line is Right. That God exists, cares, Moves in the lives of ALL who honor Him and we've repeatedly seen: Even helping those who don't.

POST 17 February 2017 11:25 AM 10 mins ·

I'm seldom angry but broke thru my "forced extrovert" nature at age 23 to declare to women who were gossiping about a "friend's poor housekeeping >> "She takes her 6 home- schooled children to the library 2-3 hours most days & reads individually with the little ones... **WHAT will they remember, the messes or her Caring?!"**..

"Organized clutter that's sanitary-- THAT's my goal!", I joke to people... Think about it: NONE of us have un-limited Time. & We SURE don't have un-limited energy.

So... Which do we care about most? Accomplishments that Matter, incl Time with people & our LORD God?.... Or doing stuff that feeds our ego +/- calms fears of being criticized?.. Time Is Short. "Redeem the Time" God says thru Eph. 5:15 & 16 --
Analyze WHY "those" things are our goals....

17 February 2017

I call myself a "forced extrovert"...

Almost no one knows how I'd be perfectly happy cocooned all alone with just a few specific people... But it amuses me to look at or even take "personality tests" to see how weird I am, and how tests fail. Some people are (let's be honest), "Obnoxious" >>

OBNOXIOUS people's "talents" with these topics:

- People: Playthings to leave on floor when you're done.
- Conversations: Revolve around YOU.
- Ability to talk with strangers: YES all about YOU.
- Silence in conversations: Not a chance. You "must" share your thoughts!
- Thoughts: Slip thru the brain to go directly out of mouth.
- Favorite Punctuation is !!!???*#@%!

February 18, 2017 at 8:50am ·

So delighted Yest to "accidentally" meet "my" (God's!) great young drummer for a band I left 6 years ago (when I became guitarist at dif church that needed me). We talked 45 min re fun "hardcore" music of many styles that make the Purple Door Festivals that I loved before they ended look tame :) ...

This AM I awoke with thought, "Hey, every single doctor AND nurse in both hospitals trying to figure out cause of Blood Sepsis & liver enzyme bad levels had asked if I drink alcohol. Not one asked if I'd recently gotten a tattoo! **I'm offended!

That's AGE-ism!".... :) Awww, guess it's too late for that great tat I designed at a music festival ~age 45 as a discussion starter when meeting people, that gives God all the Glory for.... well, Everything! With GOD: NO NEED to "Get Old". Just "Be You"!

Here's a link to the fun PURPLE DOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL that started in 1996... I love the article line, "Purple Door has been hugely popular over the years in attracting a mostly younger, or at least young-at-heart, audience." >>

http://lancasteronline.com/features/faith_values/purple-door-canceled/article_b9001e89-4bbc-5335-9a55-6bad332c1593.html

19 February 2017 17 hrs ·

Not a "political" post but applicable to all persons, any "label" category of beliefs:
"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." -- Martin Luther King, Jr. 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. >> posted on February 19, 2015 at 12:45pm. And still TRUE.

February 20, 2017 at 8:43am

Half-watching a 1970s sitcom, my attention was suddenly grabbed by kitchen scene: I thought, "Jiffy Pop! I FORGOT about Jiffy Pop!!!" / That was Mom's 'treat' to us... amusingly marketed as "...offers a fresh homemade taste that no microwave popcorn can match." / Sure, NOW we know it's not so 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 Mom didn't burn any kernels!-- laughingly munching with your family...//.....

Somehow, in the Busy-Ness of Life, we often forget things that once brought Much JOY that we stopped doing... "too busy": Like all the time spent on our knees Alone with God, Joy-ing in Psalm 46:10's Love Command-- both Healthy & Not Just a "Hint">> "Be STILL & Know that I AM God."

21 February 2017 5 hrs ·

As I walked onto deck to throw out birdseed this beautiful AM I thought: These birds are as happy as they were on 21 Feb LAST year... When I was healthy-- no black widow spider bite til May (with its heart complications), no blood sepsis &etc til Dec-- and I was JOY-fully with my hubby waiting for our spring reunion with children at Pigeon Forge cabin we went to each year: Not yet burned down because of 2 Self-focused teens...

The BIRDS like Rocks & Stars just Praise God daily without worries: Psalm 19, Luke 19:40, Job 38:7 (& COOL! astronomy discoveries!)... A and that's only for JOY that God Created them! How much more do **we** have Reason to JOY in the LORD **no matter what** ! :) First Peter 3:15, HOPE Within Us!

22 February 2017

To someone who declared she'll never back down to anyone who doesn't believe Jesus is messiah: ME: "Hmmm.... Even Jesus said that sometimes it's more useful to "shake dust" and move on... Leave to go to someone else who might listen to Reason. That's not backing down, it's like Ezekiel 33 to speak Truth and then leave those First Timothy 6:4 type people to their un-truths they prefer....

February 22, 2017 at 9:20am ·

We oft forget Jesus wasn't "Gentle Jesus, Meek & Mild" like the hymn says. **NO: HE tossed tables** when church leaders mocked YHWH God. **NO: HE** surely had Right(eous) Anger in His voice as He warned people, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves." ... He commanded, "Go Out (Beyond Church Walls)" >> But also "Be wise as serpents" at all times (Matt 7:17, 10:16). James 1:5, wisdom IF we ask; John 14:26, Jesus's UnBreakable Promise to send The Holy Spirit to help us remember all His Word.... leading to PEACE Beyond Understanding (oft quoted next verse)!..... Photo from Women's Self-Defense Institute is thought provoking tho not quite accurate: The LORD is our Shepherd, not our Sheepdog... but He does protect HIS own flock: Ezekiel 34, John 8:44 (not all are God's children).... "For ye are all the children of God **BY FAITH** in CHRIST JESUS." ~ Galatians 3:26

February 23, 2017 at 8:31am

Many people say there's NO wrong, & "right" is whatever you think.
THUS: Title of book/ movie "Fifty Shades Of **Grey**"...
RESEARCH: Author E.L. James STATED that for her character, she "chose the surname of Grey "Because Nothing is black or white; it depends on your point of view."... Why the number 50? Her answer: It "has magical powers". (source: Yareah Magazine)..//..

WHY aren't more church leaders TEACHING about "real life" popular beliefs & books &etc & how God's Word is STILL relevant of how culture not just "tickles the ears" (2nd Timothy 3)-- **it offers excuses to justify "whatever you want to believe".... says there's NO Truth-- just SHADES OF GRAY.** Or, as Pontius Pilate tried to evade & John 8:44 lies enjoy suggesting: "What is Truth?"... No wonder people are thrilled to see the sequel of 50 Shades of DARKER..

February 24, 2017 at 6:31am · First posted near this date, 2015 I think.

The TV reporter asked driver standing outside his somewhat crunched car stuck among all those others stopped on the interstate amid the aftermath of the huge snowstorm, "How do you feel?" (Dontcha love such Qs in News?:) Driver said 'This has been the Winter From Hell.' I empathize with his sadness. But confess I smiled at comparing hell-fire to snowstorms... Still: As a radio teacher said same day, if we *really* believed Jesus's words about hell (real, with people gnashing teeth, Matthew 8:12; Matt 13:42-50; Luke 10:10-18; John 10:10)... **we'd gladly trade 1 minute in hell**

with 10,000 yrs of what we'd called hell on earth. Matt 5:22-30, JESUS said hell is a real place... and God The Creator has allowed this word into His Word. (2 Tim 3:16). :(https://www.blueletterbible.org/nkjv/mat/5/22/t_conc_934029

February 24, 2017 at 9:24pm

I'm working my way up to making my own Kefir for probiotics/ recovery (essentially thick yogurt), but for now am buying it. Loved the raspberry, so decided to try Black Cherry. DISCOVERY: Thanks once again to all the chemicals that air fresheners pump into the air in public buildings-- even in churches that must "read the book" that Perfumes add to the "feel" of worship-- God's gifts of REAL fruit disgust us because of the fake smells. **Like lovely lemons that now remind us of Dishwasher Liquid or floor cleaners..//..**

And, when the "fake Jesus" is given o'er & o'er til people get sick of it, many mock & reject the Real God who yearns to be a Friend even while holding us to His definition of what's True. (John 14-15)

Feb 25, 2017 12:18am Witches Unite to Cast 'Binding Spell' on Trump and Followers - breitbart.com MY COMMENT: They should read Numbers 22 to 25... by chapter 23 it's almost funny how hard Balaam tries to curse God's people & is thwarted every time by the LORD.... But: It's also funny that people seriously were "routing for" these witches!.... Not funny-ha-ha, though, for anyone seeking to use Satanic power; sad...

February 25, 2017 at 8:34am

RE Family Christian Bookstores closing, **with the reason given that books are becoming obsolete:** Paper Bibles will **not** become obsolete... Even if bookstores close claiming that "Digital format" is making them obsolete. Consider: Paper copies are a form that God can easily protect from those whose freedom to choose Evil includes changing the Bible to deceive people. Second Timothy 2:17, "And their message will spread like cancer"....

The Hebrew word **gaggraina** is even similar to **Gangrene**. Think how easy it would be for digital providers to "improve" translations... Paper is our BASELINE: Just as God blessed us with the Dead Sea Scrolls at **exactly** the Time He set up for Israel becoming a nation, so they to find that Isaiah 53 being confirmed as old, unchanged scriptures, prophesying Messiah, for example.

February 25, 2017 at 8:55am Sabbath

I used to have a scale that you could step on & get VERY different readings if you got off, pushed it to another part of floor, & got back on. I'd step on it 3, 4, 5 times... and write my Favorite "Truth" on the hallway wall calendar for all to see!... Sadly ;) > The new scale is accurate. I push it around 3 or 4x out of habit, but it always tells me the same truth. Today I happen to like it: BUT the number won't change even if I don't...//...

People often read God's Word & see truths they don't like. **SO they "push**

around" scriptures until they find a Flexible Interpretation (shall we call it?) they like... And then share to anyone "walking by" in their life, the facts they Like & Call True.

25 February 2017 Last night after letting all the fresh warm air in the house, it weirdly felt like "time travel" back to college days, feeling just as young now as then... Amazing how time seems so fluid, isn't it?!

25 February 2017 Proverbs 25:2 ... God's blessing of Treasure Seeking as a GIFT: It's o much fun searching His Word! *"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter."*

February 26, 2017 at 6:50am ·

In my dream, I was wandering in a high school, lost. Suddenly a huge man appeared in front of me: The gym coach, I presume, since he got right in front of me & started yelling at me at how much trouble I was in-- and demanded that I "Drop & give me 50!"... But suddenly I realized: Yes, I am *IN* this high school, but I don't BELONG to this high school, and my Coach is not *this* man----- He has ****NO**** power to tell me what to do...//... a cool dream that EXACTLY parallels what Jesus said in His prayer recorded in John 17: 15 "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world."... **And THIS WORLD'S POWERS, whether human or Satan-ic, have NO authority over you & me when we've chosen GOD as our Authority: our LORD!**

February 26 at 9:53pm

I was backpacking my acoustic guitar up a steep mountain path in Gatlinburg TN when an elderly man walking down the path glanced at me & wryly remarked, "A harmonica is lighter." I agreed: & still laugh! :)

There are days when we truly appreciate the comfort, calm, of Jesus telling us that HIS Burden is LIGHT..... though few people realize, "Burden" is a synonym for Law. Jesus was talking about ll the confusing man-made traditions that were called "Laws" (like priests deciding that since God told THEM how to wash their hands for sacrifices, they would claim that God wanted ordinary people to do that, too.... as they describe in The TALMUD -- the equivalent of Bible Commentaries that were later called Laws. (Different from The TALMUD -- the entire "Old Testament", or the TORAH -- the first 5 books, by Moses.... Just because all 3 are short words starting with a "T", people get them mixed up if they're not careful.)

27 February 2017 **POST** asked *What was your nickname growing up?* .

MY REPLY: DeeDee. :) ...

I've gone back to it as my nickname with extra-special-to-me people, ever since I returned to using my whole-first-name as my professional name in 2008... Sorta cool, like the phrase "Coming full circle"!

February 28, 2017 at 7:39am

AUTIOBIOGRAPHY

This AM I am **"watching DERECHO winds" approach in my Life & am wondering if the worst of the "60 mph winds" will pass rather alarmingly yet Safely** by once more, as they did at the CREATION MUSIC FESTIVAL on 29 June 2012. About 60,000 of us campers (at least 3,000 children) -- 2/3 in tents, 1/3 in campers-- prayed hard as we watched BLACK Clouds race billowing FAST at us. Without phones with radar updates back then, we raced from the main stage to our sites (for me, only 1/2 mile; a mile or 2 for most), praying. All night it pounded. From Photo 2, see how God answered: We were right between the 8 & 10 PM markers, where God pushed the winds south of us....

The next day we praised Him!... BUT NOT TIL we went home did we see all the twisted, broken, fallen trees barely to our south... This was LITERALLY a miracle of God that defense-less people living on a farm field during a week of praising Him with music were not badly hurt. Or that any died...//...

MORE INFO about that Powerful, rare storm that had 60 MPH winds, called one of the "Most destructive and deadly fast-moving severe thunderstorm complexes in North American history", is at

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/June_2012_North_American_derecho

February 28, 2017 at 7:39am

So, this AM as I watch the winds approach wondering what the newest Health Test Result will bring-- knowing that **if it's Good**, my life will change knowing What God did,.... & that **if it's Bad**, my life will change knowing What God WILL do-- Well: The Peace is Amazing. **Itself a miracle that I**, that all of us should, **long to share with others** who are **Living Scared** in this world without knowing God's Love; without knowing Jesus YEARNs for them to live in Abundant Peace: John 10:10....

>>> DESPITE not knowing which path will be taken by whatever's requiring all these tests: The World hasn't ended &

"LO I AM WITH YOU EVEN TIL the end of the World", Promised Jesus! (end of Matthew's book, And Jesus was quoting OLD words of God as He again stated He Is God: From YHWH the LORD God's promise in Deuteronomy 31:6, **"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."**

28 February 2017.

When we love God... We WANT to do what God likes, NOT to "earn salvation" but to show that love. John 14 & 15: Jesus said obedience = only way to be His Friend. Obey what? 2nd Timothy 3:16, only "scriptures inspired by God" at the time were the Old Testament... NOT about Salvation or Grace, but about THANKFUL agreement that God never wrote any Bad Laws.... Just pray for wisdom (James 1:5) & honestly be open to the possibility that "habit" is to be avoided as we study God's Word... all of it, incl. the Torah & prophetic writings from which Jesus explained Himself on the Road to Emmaus. (Luke 24).

Reminder: Jesus is God... so Jesus wrote more than a 2-line "summary of the law" that's like the Cliff's Notes versions of all God's good laws (of which probably only 40 at the most apply to the average person... at least 2/3rds were only for temple workers, some for only men / only women, some for only farmers, some for only soldiers... We can't declare Psalm 119 type words of God's Word is good if doing our best to excuse why we don't do what God said He likes, just because we are saved and will not be condemned. That's a pretty thankless child who acts that way to his or her father.

28 Feb 2017 · 14 hrs

Raising lots of kids, there were times after warning a teen over and over about why doing something would hurt him or her, I'd finally determined-ly declare: **FINE. DO IT YOUR WAY and SEE what happens!!!** I did NOT stop loving my child. But suffering always followed because my own wisdom was ignored... I often think on that when I read the end of Romans 1... God DOES GIVE UP sometimes: After all, Jesus TAUGHT us to "shake dust" -- **BUT NOT** to stop *caring*-- when people refuse to listen. Ahhhhh.... WHY are people so willingly BLIND in following crowds to HATE whatever "their" crowd hates?

POST 1 March 2017 3 hrs ·

Don't let your heart be discouraged by verbal attacks even against your character: We "know about" the GIANT David faced...

But his FIRST battle that day was to ignore his own brother's criticism.

Suppose David had just left the food he'd brought & went home when he was attacked with words?? >> "Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, '... I know your pride and the INSOLENT of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle.'" <1 Sam 17:28>. In churches & also on FACEBOOK I've been seeing a lot of Word BATTLES. If you seek to serve the LORD thru any Ministry incl on Facebook :) >>.... Don't be discouraged if "older brothers" berate you!... Hey, ONLY GOD's opinion matters! James 1:5, just pray for wisdom.

2 March 2017 Yesterday at 5:05am

AUTIOBIOGRAPHY

TESSERACT: "A Wrinkle in Time" like the 4th dimension to a cube, where you take shortcuts to quickly get somewhere else in moments: That's what I think of when my mind Zips to a memory! This was a fun one, with the praise band I led. Here: At a Relay For Life event where the sun shone so bright that we all got sunburns! But it was a joy serving the LORD with other musicians & my sunburst electric Carvin guitar :)

POST March 3, 2017 at 6:52am · PHOTO:

Ask yourself, 'How did God bless me today?'

If you do that long enough and with faith, you **will** find yourself remembering blessings. -- Henry B. Eyring

When people gripe about how busy they are, once in awhile I'll mention that people in the nursing home have plenty of time... Usually the person laughs & agrees that being busy can indeed be among God's blessings....

POST March 5, 2017 at 7:06am

Ads for lawyers are popping up with "news" articles about how women weren't warned about using talcum powder on themselves or babies. YET: For my very first little girl, I *DID* stop using powder when she was about 4 months old **because** all those years ago, there **WERE** public warnings already...//...

Likewise, God keeps & keeps warning us of things bad for us-- some via His laws-- and we suffer often only years later if we ignore them. And, sadly, even if we listen, we often worry more about "interfering" in others' lives than in at least pointing out dangers to them...

Ezekiel 33: God has NEVER said it's our job to *convince* people. Even Jesus couldn't (without taking their freedom of belief). Just warn them-- With Love & Gentleness..... God's command thru Ephesians 4:15...

5 March 2017 re new movie THE SHACK:

I was **blasted** (yes, that is an accurate word) by many of the church LEADERS when this book came out & I provided many of its lines with an explanation of how it was **New Age**... Don't fret about gender of God being called female: ... More impt is the concept claiming all people are God's children-- despite John 8:44, Jesus declaring some are SATAN's children, & He was talking to >> church leaders

The book was nauseating in the way it twisted God's character to make him fit the way we'd like "a god" to be FOR us...

On a comment claiming if we look for heresy in THE SHACK we will find it, and a long explanation of how it helps those who have a negative image of God based on what their father was like: I REPLIED, Where the book does not conflict with the Gospel, it does provide thoughts for deep consideration, especially of how our negative view of God is so often based on hurts by humans we've known.

<Does it really matter?>

The Movie presents NEW AGE BELIEFS that OPPOSE Jesus's teachings thru John 8:44 >> Some people are children (*actual* word) of their father **Satan**. (See also John 10:10, Luke 10:18 >> not an "allegory for evil" but about a REAL being)...

This book like ALL New Age theories **combines** the **TRUTH** that God loves everyone (1st John 4, e.g.) with the **LIE** that says every person is a "child of God."

WHY IS THIS DEADLY TO PEOPLE? Because

why would anyone seek to truly pray for Wisdom & Seek God's Truth if

told "aww, sure, God'll let you into heaven no matter what since He loves you." ??? >>

Ephesians 4:15 "speaking the truth in love" comes RIGHT after God's warning thru vs 14 of "[Do NOT be...] children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting," (NKJV)

5 March 2017, Just now

I have literally asked my drummer who I pay for song recordings to re-do a drum track for a song we're working on in the studio even though it's excellent... WHY?

Because, I tell him, it's TOO perfect.... People will assume it's a drum machine! We pianists guitarists etc play "with feeling" and sometimes that includes drifting in our volume or even tempo a bit just to get the mechanical, the "technical" feel out.

Some people don't trust **anyone who tells them about God who seems "too perfect"**... I don't mean, who doesn't ever sin or admit to sinning. But like for a drummer --

We CANNOT use as an excuse that "I'm not Technically perfect" to keep from going to tell people the exciting Good News about our Savior.... Ezekiel 33, God calls us to speak His Truth. HE will take care of whatever happens afterward.

We need not fear!

5 March 2017,

A friend (part of a well-known touring band, which the accuser did not know), said he was being accused of being a drummer who was not a musician because he did not know the term "meter.

ME: First time I went to a recording studio, the producer asked if I could play to a click track. I went, "Huhhh?"...

Then he turned it on, and I said with surprise, "Ohhh... you mean a **METRONOME!**" :) Tomato, ToMAHto! God does not want us to wait until we're experienced....

God does not want us to wait until we know everything....

God wants us to admit that we need Him as we speak about Him.

Which gives us MORE exciting news to share with others:

You don't have to be perfect. God uses anyone who honors Him.

ADDED LATER: When my studio producer heard about this about a Tour level band drummer being accused of not being a drummer when he didn't use the word "meter"... my producer cracked up laughing. He's my drummer on all my recordings & doesn't use that word either-- but still remembers my happy surprise 8 years ago at our first session when I figured out that "click track" meant "metronome" in my **pianist-trained** mind!

March 6 at 12:31pm POST 7:15 AM

SEUSSaic PRAYER (in the sing song 6/8 style):

Thank _ You, God, _ for / healing in Time, _ for/
GIVING me Life to keep / SERVING You, God! __ /
PLEASE _ for-give me when / I start to whine! _ I /
FIRM-ly de-cide _ to / PRAISE You, Lord God! __ /
EVEN in storms _ of / LIFE. _____ In /
YOU only, I Trust, _ / God! _____ 😊)

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7, "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (NLT) Song ©2017

March 8, 2017 at 7:54am

Have you ever had a boss (etc) who keeps telling you what to do & HOW to do it-- but after you do it Exactly, tells you it's Wrong?

You start sending YOURSELF e-mails recording the Exact instructions, giving dated Proof when s/he claims you failed?-- Of course your boss gets mad that you have Written Proof to show HIS or HER boss if needed??.... If not, you're blessed../..

But it makes a great Parable of how **God has given us Written Proof of what He wants**, thru Moses & the Prophets who God inspired-- God would've had fixed any Words if written wrong... -- God calls it His **LAW**.

And People today STILL get mad when we show them Proof that doesn't match what they want-- or mistakenly think-- to be What God Said... Luke 24:27, "Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."

8 March 2017 9:20 P.M. to Group The Joy of Biblical Hebrew

BlueLetterBible org has been my fast online Bible reference for years, for easy copy-paste of scriptures to music sheets, with a choice of many translations including Hebrew or Greek words... Interlinear is a great tool BLB gives for finding where ELSE that same Hebrew / Greek word was used, for better understanding meaning.

NEW FEATURE: Pronunciation of the Hebrew word being used.

Example: https://www.blueletterbible.org/nkjv/gen/22/14/t_conc_22014 which I found while researching YHWH Yireh... Press the 'HORN' icon to hear recording of the Hebrew word.

I just found out that in Hebrew, there's only one pronunciation each for every consonant & vowel point symbol (the 'dots & tittles' of Matt 5:18/ Luke 16:17)... So if you know those about 30 pronunciations, you can sound out every word even without knowing what it means. God's language is pretty cool!

9 March 2017 7:36 A.M. 2 mins ·

I'd just finished watching about the only TV show I enjoy (NCIS) but figured I'd "give a try" to the new ABC show "Of Kings & Prophets"....

****NO KIDDING****: **Less than 2 minutes in**, we're blasted with False Teaching... King Saul amid a battle declares that he "had no idea that his REAL enemy would be a shepherd"... NOPE: **Saul's real enemy was HIMSELF**. God had *chosen* Saul as King, & was "on his side"-- but Saul proudly chose to reject God as LORD & chose his own ideas on how to obey YHWH God../..

A scary Q for each "me" among us: Am I deceiving myself thinking I have a "heart **for God**" when it's really a heart **for " what God can do for me"**?

9 March 2017 Just now

During the winter, we often thought about the homeless when it snowed. Sympathized with the homeless. Said what a sad thing it was that they're homeless. But.... Did they DO anything? Some churches gave money. Did we DO anything?

No matter how nice our words, If the Church doesn't step up and truly empathize with those who sorrow for ANY reason, then why would people listen to US talk about Jesus? I firmly believe that's how Abortion came to be so prevalent: Even as a child, I remember church people mocking girls who became pregnant & left to go live with grandparents "6 months"... **Women knew they wouldn't be mocked if no one ever found out; AND TODAY: Women who had abortions often feel they MUST still say it's a Right for women..... or else they face their own guilt of having chosen to kill what they grieve to think maybe a Child.**

9 March 2017.

My dad is not going to throw me out of the family because I "broke his laws"... **He still loves me**, still forgives me (whether or not I'm sorry, in fact)... But BECAUSE I love my dad, I YEARN to do what he's clearly said he likes... AND that clear-as-day parable is repeatedly twisted by Satan to create confusion. John 8:44. *"But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent*

DECEIVED Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the SIMPLICITY that is in Christ." -God, thru 2nd Corinthians 11:3

March 10, 2017 at 9:57am

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

March 8 at 5:26pm · Yesterday was the 9th anniversary of the worst day in my life, not counting "health issues" of anyone... when I was completely blind-sided ... Not only do I better understand why Jesus quit speaking (Luke 23:9), but I've better learned to examine evidence, and NOT believe everything I hear just because there's "no absolute proof". Being wrongly accused HELPS us learn to NOT do

that ourselves to anyone else.... including to God when we do not understand.

March 10th: A Key Date in my life.

- (1) The 9th Anniversary of the FIRST EVER song God inspired for The World thru me: "Above My Sorrow Sea"... written the 3rd Day after Despair from a horrific accusation I could never prove wrong; AND :) >>
- (2) A "few" decades ago: The FIRST DAY I suddenly was Popular: I trudged into school & found 1 of the most popular seniors by my locker with a silly huge paper mache carnation-- Just for me! 1-1/2 years later, Steve was still proposing & I was still saying 'no' ;) ... A wise, God-guided choice...//..

Those 2 amazing Gifts are a FRACTION of my Amazement that GOD repeatedly proposed to me (as He calls to Each of us)....AUDIO LINK >>

<http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/media/AboveMySorrowSea.mp3> from website's 2008-12 tab >> <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2008-2012.php> ...

March 11, 2017 at 8:16am - edited a bit for 2018

I love the music of dozens of bands, but seldom learn members' names. It's been an adventure on FB finding music I love via dif groups, requesting friendship so I can continue to hear ideas from dif people.... & I go to a lot of MUSIC FESTIVALS to watch & learn. Ohio's ALIVE Festivals are big, but you can still "get close" to musicians. During dinner break some years ago, I was near the booth watching a guy set up soundboard for AA concert, & he started talking to me about his settings. Eventually I commented on cool tattoo on his left hand ring finger and he said "That's my wedding band". I laughed "Now THAT's commitment!" and he laughingly agreed. Learned an hour later: It was a band member of Audio Adrenaline....

And THAT's the kind of commitment that our LORD God wants from us!

12 March 2017 5 hrs ·

Morning came "too early" after a late night in music studio PLUS start of Daylight Savings Time... Finally turned off my Every-2-Minutes Warning on my "Sunday-UP!" calendar event since a year ago, I realized: I had ignored the little chime-y alarm *38* times. No Kidding...//...

Yep I enjoyed the extra sleep but now I have to "race toward Worship" without my usual relaxed time talking with our LORD as I prepare..

SO MANY people are ignoring God's kind-ly only soft-so-far Warnings that Time is "racing toward"... **The First Song that "awoke" me to God's warnings:**

Larry Norman & DC Talk - I Wish We'd All Been Ready [Live 1994]...

SO: I changed my phone alarm to be louder. But NOT "Happy Samba"!

Mar 12, 2017 1:24pm

Be careful of *discouraging* people who tell you they're wondering, "Hey, I'm not saved!" if they don't remember a "Day" they changed...

There are NO scriptures at all which support a common (= another "tradition") saying being passed around.... that you changed on ONE date.

Not something that falls into God's category of "useless... foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights" (ironically defined in the 2nd Letter to Timothy, 2:14 - 23). Even though it's an Exciting moment for some persons (like me) who can quote the date they changed: ...

Many others-- incl GREAT servants who dearly loved & served the Lord all their lives... have specifically said they don't remember a "Moment They Changed"...

"Fruit" shows whether or not the change exists, not a memory.

God calls us to KEEP changing as He keeps teaching us things we've overlooked or were taught wrongly, etc... :)

POST March 13, 2017 at 9:40am · Topic: ACCOUNTABILITY. Taking Responsibility.

For some odd reason, Verizon didn't get their phones to update to Daylight Savings Time until AFTER *10* AM yest... So I finally realized my alarm hadn't chimed "quite" so many times at me! (Yest's post)... **YET: If I had been late to my job at 10:15, it still would have been *my* fault**, and I still would have caused great inconvenience, disturbing others' special worship moments with God.... A bit like the "10 virgins" who had lamps for the wedding: God calls us to be prepared with "extra oil" or Planning... or a 2nd alarm clock :) ... to better serve Him & help others.

<https://www.facebook.com/dianadee.osborne/posts/1139070559554003?pnref=story>

To be Ready At All Times to share to others the "Hope that is Within us" -- 1st Peter 3:15. Explained well in Ephesians 2:12 & on.

POST March 14, 2017 POST 5 hrs ·

The last time I'd taken off my close-reading glasses, a tiny hair had snagged in the joint. So when I put them back on, it was driving me CRAZY! I searched & searched & then with much effort removed its pieces that kept breaking off... Little hairs, or tiny splinters, or (shudder!) little sea ticks embedded in our skin: TINY yet TERRIBLE til we get them out-- sometimes needing HELP!...//...

That's how much God wants us to URGENTLY seek to rid ourselves of even what we call TINY sins: He calls them TERRIBLE. "ANETHEMA".

And: In all the sermons I've heard about Jesus's words, I've never heard anyone mention that YES: The other person *should* get that speck out of **his** eye, too; it's just not OUR place to be preaching at him about it. But Specks in "them" or "me" can hurt terribly: We need God's Help....

March 14, 2017

Definition of Christian by many people:

"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?': (Matt 7:22)....

Def of Christ-ian by **Christ**:

"21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

[God's will as defined by Him, not us or us re-writing His stated will "to honor Him".]

"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice **Law-lessness!**' -- Jesus, Matthew 7:21 & 23

March 15, 2017 at 9:06am

Gorgeous silver moon cast long shadows of the trees last night... Would have been treasure the night before if-- in black gloom of the Ice Storm outside and blackness inside with no power-- it had shown light thru our windows.... Often I look at it & think upon all the months of my life that I never bothered to appreciate God's gift...

Often I think on Trace Adkins' "You're Gonna Miss This" song of not really appreciating ordinary moments with your children til they're gone.... And of how people will one day miss God's Silver Moon when it's no longer visible: Jesus's prophecy in Matt 24:29 just a reminder of what God already said thru Isaiah 13:10, Joel 2:10 & 3:15. May those who are now blind to the Light God offers come to See & accept His gift NOT just of Moonlight Creation-- but of His Son with Salvation.

PHOTO: "As the moon, though darkened with spots, gives us a much greater light than the stars that sewn all-luminous, so do the Scriptures afford more light than the brightest human authors. In them the ignorant may learn all requisite knowledge, and the most knowing may learn to discern their ignorance." - Robert *Boyle quotes* - <http://www.azquotes.com/quote/1181518>

COMMENT 1: SO: who IS Robert Boyle? The guy you studied about a bit in High School chemistry: (1) Boyle's Law – the first of the gas laws – relating the pressure of a gas to its volume; (2) proved that electrical forces are transmitted through a vacuum, but SOUND is NOT; and (3) showed heat comes from movement of particles.

COMMENT 2: Most imp't to EVOLUTION RELATED Qs: Boyle was FIRST to write specific experimental guidance for other scientists to achieve reliable, repeatable results. Boyle's STEP #1 >> Do not begin experiment with Presumption of Conclusion.

COMMENT 3: These days most scientists violate "The Scientific Method" rule >> DO expect results will prove the Bible is Untrue: Incl age of Earth & no death of Huge Lizards that grow til death (aka dinosaurs) before Adam & Eve brought death into world. (1st Corinthians 15:20)... And somehow they don't see the Dis-connect of how their Expectation will affect Conclusions... though Boyle who lived 1627 – 1691 wrote about it!

POST March 16, 2017 at 10:35pm ·

Is it not terribly DIS-honoring of our wonderful LORD God when we praise & thank Him only when we see what we call blessings? How sad for HIM, after all His Love for us...

3-16-2017

Among all the many Music Festival experiences I've had in 15 years, nothing matches moments like this when band members listen to God's Holy Spirit inspire them to invite concert goers to realize "It's more than just a concert." And the JOY of seeing the crowd *not mind* the "interruption" of the music. I saw these type of Moments With God quite often at festivals like Creation East & Alive Music & Outreach Festival ... but sadly, most often from young bands at the smaller stages... Most impressionable to me & others was Seventh Day Slumber who I saw over a dozen times... and at EACH, the lead singer (Rojas) shared with 100s of youth his story of how Jesus helped him in desperate times & could help them... & with adults how their prayers for 'lost' youth are truly heard by God. ,, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seventh_Day_Slumber

March 17, 2017 at 9:34am · *With photo (for St. Patrick's Day) of four-leaf clover and the words: **"I'm not LUCKY – I'm BLESSED."***

A quote of Jesus: "More than that, BLESSED are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"... Luke 11:28. A quote of God: "...if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today,... all these BLESSINGS shall come upon you & overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God"... Deuteronomy 28:1-2 speaking to a Nation, yet also applicable to us individuals who seek to please the LORD & do what He Likes, not just for blessings or even salvation, but to show Love, to Honor Him, to be a friend-- John 14 & 15, Jesus's words...

March 17, 2017 at 9:55pm · with photo of vintage one; posted in 2015 without photo.

An 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!" ...<Quote!!> Not much point, huh? ..//..

SO also: Some people **pick what they'd like to believe about God--** pretend they can set God's Resistance Level to sin, to EASY.

POST **18 March 2017 9:27 a.m. 21 mins** ·

Couple of mornings ago, I stepped out barefoot into snow because all the tiny bird footprints looked so pathetic: I didn't want them to have to wait for birdseed feeder refills while I got shoes. Moments later as I stepped back onto my warm floor & firmly closed out 25-degree air, I humbly realized that I did so 'because I could.'..... I need, we need more awareness of all we can do that many people can't: No warm homes, working cars, work-able feet, sufficient health.... Thanking God for blessings often care-Less-ly taken for Granted. With prayers to see where I, we can help.

18 March 2017

People absolutely hate to be told that they are wrong. We can't change that. It's not our JOB from God to change that. Ezekiel 33, God says "Go Warn them." How they respond is not our responsibility but God's. REALLY: That's exactly what GOD says in Ezekiel 33. Jesus couldn't change the HATE-rs either without seizing back God's gift of **freedom** to **choose** hate. Matthew 23:37, you can almost "hear" Jesus's tears speaking of all those in Jerusalem who hated Him saying their way was wrong

18 March 2017.

Another weary day of Sighing thru sickness, Surviving because we know in our (bleary at times) head even when our feelings don't match: GOD IS FAITHFUL. Even when we haven't been. Deut. 7:9. 1st Corin 1:9. 1st Corin 10:13. And our wonderful reminder in 2nd Timothy 2:13... **God IS Faithful... We can trust him "even when".**

POST 19 March 2017. 12 hrs

What ***IS*** it with cats??! Literally, for 5 minutes I walk away forgetting to close the closet door above stairwell space: It's a shelf starting waist-high, where I keep office supplies. Took out address book & went to make a quick phone call-- & then there's a CRASH. Lea *knows* she's not allowed thru ANY doors in our small house. Yet the moment she gets a chance, she 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 we so often are searching for something else to amuse us....

POST 20 March 2017. 1 min · OLDER VERSION: March 13, 2014 at 5:12pm

It happened again: I reached to pet my cat, & a spark of static electricity zapped her nose. She grumpily stayed, forgiving, so I reached out to really show love this time. & AGAIN static zapped. She ran, will probably hide til tonite...//...

Have you ever noticed that?-- We **think** we're saying or doing something to help someone feel better -- & somehow it does opposite. When I meet people I knew years ago, I sometimes wonder as I say Hello, "*Was I nice?*" Please accept my sincere apologies if I wasn't... DEAR GOD: Please forgive me when I've done wrong and didn't even notice, even if it was "just" words that only You heard.

21 March 2017. 12:15 P.M. Just now · Originally published September 29, 2012 at 7:04pm

I was researching Recording Production CDs... Kingdom company advertises a Gold Master CD that -- and I Quote -- "Lasts up to est. 300 years." I wonder if the company's great-great-great-etc-grand- Employees will honor complaints??! Thanking God that HIS promises truly CAN be trusted Forever -- REALLY!.... Oh... and by the way: The company guarantees that customers can return the CDs up until the year 2082... Really. Better keep that receipt!

21 March 2017. I look forward to the day when people will again decide their opinions about a topic after they've researched it... not just based on the "label" or "sports team politics" assigned to the topic.... Hmm... Maybe we as a society have gone too far to get back there... sigh.

POST March 22, 2017 at 8:47pm ·

PHOTO: Snoopy hugging Charlie Brown -- "I don't have time to worry about who doesn't like me. I'm too busy loving the people who love me." ...

"Other people's opinion's don't matter." A 'pretty' SoundBite "meme" we hear a lot.....

SURE: Some people seem to think their Talent From God is to criticize everyone else... SURE: Only God's opinion truly matters.

YET: Sometimes God speaks to our hearts (Psalms: "minds") with a warning THRU others. After all: Only PRIDE reads God's command via Ephesians 4:15 & thinks only WE do all the speaking of "Truth in Love" to other people! LORD, please help us listen when You guide others to speak Truth we'd prefer not to hear, in Love to US.....
Credit: Charles Schultz, Peanuts comic strip.

POST **23 March 2017. 8 mins** ·

"A Tornado Warning" was my answer...

Someone had asked, "What did you get your husband for his birthday?"
STARTLED, the person kept nagging me that a REALLY loving wife would give tools or sports stuff, vacation, even a car! = Expensive gifts to show love. 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 ...//... God offers US His REAL wisdom (James 1:5) to know (1) signs of a coming Storm + (2) the only Safe WAY to Shelter... True Love Warns Even When Mocked... And: GOD DECLARES GUILTY all who KNOW a truth BUT does NOT SHARE the Warning: Lev. 5:1 & Ezekiel 33:3 on, AND MORE.....

POST March 24, 2017 at 7:42am

After working as musician at a huge MD Retreat Center, I went exploring its Acres & Acres :) of large evergreens. Cocoons decorated branches like Christmas ornaments. And a WISP OF MEMORY hit me: I remembered- first time in years >>> When I was a kid (but old enough I should have known to "look it up"), I thought cocoons stuck to pine branches were like bird nests -- abandoned each winter. So I pluck & dissect a few. I saw no signs of life inside, & dissected more. Only 30 yrs later did I learn: These were Monarch butterflies that I had killed. I still sorrow for destruction done in ignorance...//... I still thank God for His forgiveness At Hand the Moment we sorrow & ask... AMAZING GRACE.

24 March 2017 9:37 A.M. Just now

In high school we were forced to learn about "The Scientific Method" in chemistry. Robert Boyle (died 1691) pioneered it to guide scientists. His Emphasis: Scientists must NEVER have "presumptions" about what a conclusion would be; otherwise either the experiment or the subsequent conclusions would be tainted by their personal opinions and prejudices.

These days the Scientific Method is **still** followed *EXCEPT* if the results indicate that **"Yes, this evidence shows God might exist"**. Any such results are then "Explained Away"... Over 300 since the Progress that Boyle started, Science willingly is moving backwards to reject a Creator. Romans 1. >> Atheists accuse creationists of not being objective -- while THEY won't be. Lest they have to admit that there's a God and THEY are not He.

March 25, 2017 at 2:44pm

Some Montana newspaper editor is enduring some Major Kidding this afternoon after not Fixing today's Headline:

"Montana Bill Seeks Ban on Abortion After 20 Months."

.... The mistake is repeated on the inside article and passed on and on....

Until they finally FIXEd the mistake to say 20 WEEKS.....

I'm sure that most of us who carried a child inside for 9 months are Thanking God that He gave the 16-month average to Rhinos... :) **BUT** this mistake was **repeated 100s of times throughout the country**.... Like other mistakes... like gossip... like scriptures quoted out of context, misleading people who don't bother to carefully examine everything they are TOLD is truth....

March 25, 2017 at 8:30am

I didn't "send ahead" tracks from my home studio via Google Drive to my producer before arriving at my studio session. So I watched with amused expectation as he started initial mixing, hearing the song for the first time. A drummer for bands: SO 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 struggled to hide my laughter: 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 ...//...

This DRUMMER KNEW something was "wrong". AND:

God yearns for US to know His Word-- His "beat"-- so well that we're Startled and Notice when someone's preaching is "just a little off" what God's Bible actually says... (Thank you, Claxton Wilson! :)

March 26 at 9:05pm ·

Here's an joy-filling Experiment for you: A wren built a nest in my Christmas wreath beside my front door & I see her often. 2 dozen wrens come to my feeding deck daily -- they all look alike to me. Yet, God knows WHICH one has that nest. AS YOU SIT AT STOP LIGHTS, glance at other drivers & Consider: God knows the Name of each driver, what s/he loves & hates, his or her dream: Psalm 147, just as He Knows the Name of each Star... You are more than just one more 'wren' to God, too... Originally published March 26, 2014 and it's SO cool that more generations of this wren still make nests in that wreath each summer. (Yes: I dust off the cobwebs some days while they're out for lunch :)

POST March 27, 2017 at 11:11am

(Lot of likes & comments)

I'm not fond of squirrels & possums that come up on my deck to steal birdseed... yet it still made me sad yesterday to see so many of their carcasses on the road near my house yesterday...//..

A very tiny bit of the sorrow God has when we repeatedly do things that will lead to OUR harm, even eternal death... Some people say "The God of the Old Testament was an ANGRY God"... But His GRACE & Love is all thru those words too: He does Not change... Ezekiel 18:32, He urges, "For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent & live!"... In 33:11, "As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways & LIVE. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die...???"

COMMENT I added later: "The 23rd Psalm"...Psalm 46:10... Psalm 27:11, 13, 14: "Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me..." God *STILL* leads us if we ask. LINKS to the song I wrote as He literally led me to FIND a place to Rest after my little beloved cat died in 2011. Original song "STILL WATERS",

27 March 2017

God clearly, repeatedly gives the requirements for Him to bless any nation or individual: To honor Him by obeying Him... 2nd Chronicles 7:14 (if my people pray) is quoted repeatedly without the BUT statement a few verses later:

No obedience, no blessings... And commandments to be obeyed *clearly* say as you spoke of what Jesus said: To love & be respectful to people. But **we'll never be united, any more than Light can unite with Dark when both exist.**

POST March 28, 2017 at 6:39pm

"PET HEAVEN"... The chorus of this HUMOR SCRIPTURE song was written after a day of playing with my pets & watching wild birds & thinking, "I'd miss animals in heaven." NEXT thought: "Why do we humans *assume* that God limits heaven to humans and His angels?" AUDIO Link:

http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/media/2010to2012SONGS/Pet_Heaven.mp3 ...

ANSWER>> We've been TOLD "animals have no souls". **BUT:** It's God's Home in Heaven... **He can INVITE all He wants! Incl. bringing to Heaven all His critters!**

****LOGIC****: God made us in His image, to become like Him, incl to Love (Genesis 1;26-27, Hebrews 2:17, First John 3:2). >> So since many of US would miss our animals friends, then

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****LOGIC-al conclusion**** says God also enjoys animals and would take "No Pleasure" in their "death forever" --- but *GOD* unlike us has the power to DO Something About it!.... :) Below are God's Bible Scripture Word EVIDENCES that YES-- Animals DO live on after their earthly death.

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FACT: God's Word *NEVER* says that God won't welcome pets" (song's repeated comfort line!).... Ever. Not even beetles or caterpillars that God designed (with GREAT intricacy!) are mentioned as omitted from God's Heaven because they're "unimportant".

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LOGIC: God's Heaven has plenty of room for animals-- His Heaven can never "Fill up" -- "AND There's Room for me!" ... "Surely God can make Heaven Sing with animals singing Praises to our Heavenly King!" (song lines)

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FACT: There is NO Bible basis for The "Theological" Reason that animals have no souls and thus don't go to Heaven.

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SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1. After God created each set of things -- including animals -- God's Word says that He "saw that it was good," in Genesis 1. EXCEPT after he created male and female people (1:27). Think about that one :)

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SCRIPTURE: Psalm 19. Heaven is a place for worshiping our Great God. Even the stars and planets can do that (Psalm 19, 148) -- unless you think God through David in Psalm 19 lies. Even the stones you walk on can praise God (Luke 19: 40) ---unless you think Jesus was exaggerating ("lying with a purpose in mind").

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LOGIC: since Stars & Planets & as Jesus said even ROCKS can praise & worship God, certainly little birds & dogs & cats & lions & spiders & bears etc do! Why would their Creator lock them out of being WITH HIM-- the Definition of "Heaven"?

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SCRIPTURE: Jesus compared HIS love to the love of a mother HEN gathering her chicks in a storm. (Both Luke 13:34 and Matthew 23:37 emphasized these words of love.) So..... God's Son SAID that hens care about their little chicks! Just think of all the other animals that have shown caring -- toward their babies... or toward PEOPLE, like to you. Why would their Creator lock them out of being WITH HIM-- the Definition of "Heaven"?

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LOGIC CONCLUSION: "Religious people" have declared things about God & His CHARACTER that were ****LIES**** thru centuries ... Why should we who love animals...

even care about insects & goo-ey/ stinging/ biting/ creations that our Creator chose to design... choose to **ignore LOGIC** & wrongly believe the words of people who declare that our Loving God does NOT invite animals to "Be With Him after Death" (= Definition of Heaven)....

..... Now *****THAT***** DEFIES Logic! --Thoughts (I pray, from God) thru DianaDee Osborne, "PET HEAVEN" original song with Scripture Support..... Obeying God's Command thru 2nd Corinthians 1:2-4, to COMFORT others with the same COMFORT by which He COMFORTED me, by STILL WATERS in November 2010 when my little black cat died..

LYRICS PDF Free Download LINK to Scripture Evidences and song words inspired by God (Ephesians 3:20-21) via DianaDee Osborne from <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Resources.php> >> CLICK BELOW: <http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/d.../PetHeaven-LY1-21-2012.pdf>

March 29, 2017 at 2:37pm

This AM I was not very pleasant. My fingers were freezing as I fumbled trying to do something outdoors... come on, near freezing at March's end understandably receives a gripe session?! (I told myself)....As I muttered to myself, 'I HATE cold!' (over & over) >> I suddenly stopped mid-mutter with the thought:

Suppose I hated 'little' things that God hates with the same passion? Little white lies, gossip (even if true), impatience in lines (as if I'm more imp & should be first).. "Last sins list" in Bible = Revelation 22:15.... WE PEOPLE call some normal. Incl loving lies, loving \$ & Stuff. **GOD does NOT.**

POST March 30, 2017 at 7:16am Say, you visit a dear friend who's bed-ridden for months. He asks you to mail a letter. You look at destination & realize Danger! You warn, DON'T contact this person locked in a max prison!... who'll try to look safe, to deceive, to get \$\$... AND who's known to send others to destroy anyone who doesn't agree...//... BUT your friend INSISTS.... You take it to P.O. & put it in right slot. **SHORTHAND WORDS:** You SENT it where your friend chose. But you yourself dearly did NOT want to "send" it....

A 'poor' parable for this Rich Truth:
God does NOT SEND anyone to Hell: He doesn't just WARN but BEGS us. YET: We have free will. Hebrews 9:27, at the point of physical Death, God who is Just must place us where WE chose: Even if it GRIEVES Him each time someone chooses "AWAY from God".... which is the Definition of Hell, that Jesus describes as OUTER DARKNESS. 2nd Peter 3:9, Ezekiel 18:32 & 33:11, Matt 23:37... **LOGIC: If it were God's CHOICE, He wouldn't grieve over people's Eternal death.**

Repeated begging us to choose Life, Ezekiel 33:11, God commands that His Word be shared (by us, too, 21st c) >>

"Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways!

For why should you die...??"

Jesus's description of Hell >>> (Believe, or you must throw out part of Jesus's Teachings) >>> https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm?Criteria=gnashing&t=NKJV#s=s_primary_0_1

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POST March 31, 2017 at 4:08pm

Yesterday I visited family almost 100 miles away. A brother "just happened" to mention, "It's supposed to be pouring down rain all day tomorrow." After tired-ly driving 25 more miles to more family, I decided to spend night: To drive in Dawn's Light back home to work...

Someone happened to decide to look up my home's zip code on Weather.com. Told me that downpours would start ~2 A.M.... So: although weary, I drove home 11 to 1 AM, thru desolate areas that are VERY foggy in rain... THUS: was warmly tucked under blankets as Weather Hit. :)

WHY SHARE that to you?.... Because I'm overjoyed by this Reminder: God cares about EACH of us and provides a-MANY blessings that we won't even notice unless we **Look & SEE:**

He works using what we too often call "Just Happened"...
BLESSINGS-- ***not*** "Good Luck".

31 March 2017.

When I first began praying along with "The **Prayer of Jabez**" (1st Chronicles 4:10 single verse) which begins "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory...", I had no idea HOW in the world God would do anything with me in my tiny town...

AND NOW: We all have the possibility of God using us in Internet Ministries (including Facebook, blogs, & websites) that reach around the world for Him....//....

**He'll work out TIME constraint puzzles for
ALL
who yearn to serve Him.**

END of 2017 WINTER PARABLES

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