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YEAR 2020 FALL PARABLES IN LIFE

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A Diamond has NO worth. Really. It's a pretty, polished ROCK whose value varies with what a person decides. To some, a diamond ring is priceless as a Sign of Committed Love. Others love a simple band. DIAMOND sparkles of sunlight on a lake give joy... like glittering flecks of mica rocks in Sunlight. DIAMOND sparkles in the eye of someone smiling at you in Love...

Let's choose wisely what we call Treasures: Memories will continue on into our Life Together with our Priceless Creator. 1st Corin. 3:12-15 (anything WE value will be tested for worth) ...VERSUS... Matthew 6:21, Jesus: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

13 October 2021

This AM I awoke thinking, "Will I ever be happy again?" Emotional Answer= Never truly again.. //.. Logical A= of course>> People worldwide have grieved losses of family, friends, children growing up & leaving home; of health + looks + dreams dwindling.. //.. "The Christian Answer" = Of Course: God is always Good & Romans 8:28 is His True Promise..//.. Weirdest A that gives JOY & Peace though unhappy = 1st Kings 19... That God *understands* when we're down & doesn't "zap" us for lack of faith. He gives rest, food, and best of all-- a New Goal (to go help others). Just as He showed via Elijah.

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20 October 2020

Do you have a Pet who makes you feel SO loved? This AM my kitty Jessie swirls around my feet so I can barely walk- NOT needing food: Just wanting to be with me. And I'm laughing to imagine God in Genesis 1:24-25 days with dogs & tigers & mice scurrying to be near Him as He walked thru His new Creation. (Gen 3:8 yes, He walked:)) ... SAD: 1 Timothy 4 type misteachings in church history that "animals can't go to heaven because they don't have souls". **WHO says? Not God**, who Jesus said cares even when a tiny sparrow falls to the ground (Matt 10, Luke 12). **NO LOGIC** to say God won't let them into heaven. We SEE: Each of our pets DOES have its own Personality!

Many supporting scriptures in my most popular song PET HEAVEN, located (free audio too) at https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2008-2012.php --- Photo, interesting article at

November 20, 2020

Grandmom would say "May as well laugh as cry." I don't outwardly cry for worship times missed... but I can't help but laugh every time I've seen this photo of the concept of what we sound engineers do to try to help people during the music of worship times in church! FROM 2019:

Some days I really miss playing electric bass with my bluegrass band & teaching others the Joy of Slides.... Some days I really miss playing electric guitar with the 2 Praise Bands.... Some days I really miss running the monitor boards' sound system for the stage of a huge church's urban gospel & contemporary praise band + teaching the choir's lead singers to NOT hold a mic at their chin like they see on TV competitions!//...... Today, all of these hit me at once.

November 23, 2020 including post from 2017. AUTOBIOGRAPHY

2020 has been a helluva year & today it just got "one better". Or, "More"is more accurate. Yet God. YET GOD. Yet, if God had not saved me 3 years ago, & all the other times listed below, AND this February when I would've died if I hadn't gone to ER just 3 weeks before the world"fell apart" for the rest of the world...

Well, I wouldn't have been here to have ANY cares about 2020 being a helluva year. So... I'll just say "Thank You God. You got me thru Then. You haven't stopped

keeping Promises. So, despite sadness, I can simply conclude: Thank you, God. And not just on Thanks-Giving Day.

Last year was almost my last Thanksgiving, with recovering from May's poison spider bite that put a lot of water around my heart; deadly blood sepsis only 2 weeks after that annual family reunion, & a very dangerous fall this past May where I heard a "crack" as my temple hit the pavement...

MORE than EVER: There's a Peace knowing God will work out what's best... including 100s of Blessings we never even knew of, many that saved our lives. How sad that "Let's say Thanks" has often become a cliche for the cliche of "Let's say 'Grace' "... Thanking God.

November 23, 2020

Do you miss "plain old" hymns of faith now as few churches meet indoors? Plenty of fancy versions are on The Web, but here's a Quick, Easy, and Free Download (with NO ads) link to <u>#Hymnal #Hymns</u> with simple PIANO music & singing... + an Accompaniment Track column with just piano: No drums, etc.

Enjoy singing along or use in your church services-- All are Public Domain (not copyrighted). LYRICS SHEETS and my simple music sheets are also there, free. WEBSITE TAB named HYMNS > Don't miss the <u>#CHRISTMAS #CAROLS</u> Tab that's free also! https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/HYMNS.php

November 24, 2020

It's REALLY cool how it seems WHEN WE ASK Him, God will guide our thoughts into the patterns of rhymes. (Eph. 3:20-21). He's honored me with easily writing Songs that return dozens of Psalms to music & quickly writing PROPHET #ScriptureSongs -- see the website's PSALMS & PROPHETS tab for *so* many new #Hymns that quote His Bible. He even seems to guide my PRAYERS into fun rhymes as I talk with Him. This AM's conclusion to my sadness as I looked at Political News from God's viewpoint esp. in 2nd Timothy 3.....

God's Truth will prevail		
No matter what YET		
Foolish ones will praise eyes		
Blinded by mud	(in 3/4 time	:))

QUICK LINK to Scripture songs including many quoting the Prophets JEREMIAH, ISAIAH, Hosea, and JOEL PROPHECIES of Messiah To Come >> https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/PSALMS-and-Prophets.php

November 24 (POST 1)

First written 2018

"Thanks_Giving" a time (ANY day) when we give thanks to God for all His blessings... including thanking Him for His gift of more TIME for us so that we may be used by Him to gladly go out and bless others, in His Name "YHWH" (Isaiah 42:8) and in Love for HIM as well as them!... As a little child said: "I can't hand a present to God in the sky, so I made him happy giving my drawing to a person with skin on."

November 24 (POST 2)

I have been playing hymns on piano at a nursing home every week for 3 decades... and often talk with people after. It amazes me how so many 70+ and 80+ women remember with tears a child that they lost as miscarriages. We cry together even as we laugh when I say I hope our sons are running around together barefooted in lush green fields of grass instead of on streets of gold :) But we do know: We'll meet up one day.

November 25

THANKSGIVING parable joke: Bride cooking her first ham, put it gently in roasting pan, cut off each end & threw ends into TRASH. Groom: Why'd you do that?

Bride I don't know-- Mom always did; I'll ask....

(Later) Mom replies, I don't know-- your grandmother always did; I'll ask.. //..

(Later) Grandmother: I don't know, I'll ask.....

So SHE goes to nursing home & loudly asks HER mom, who replies:

"We didn't have a roasting pan big enough, so I had to cut off ham ends to fit."....

IMPORTANT:

We must learn to NOT take for GRANTED things we've been told across years to be God's complete scriptural Truth --- even from caring, smart Church people. Acts 17:11, Paul PRAISED the Bereans who "diligently searched the scriptures" to check what HE HIMSELF taught...... Jeremiah 16:19, God said one day people would cry out to Him, O LORD, my strength and my fortress, My refuge in the day of affliction, The Gentiles shall come to You From the ends of the earth and say, "Surely our fathers have inherited lies, Worthlessness and unprofitable *things*."

Keep studying for YOURSELF (Acts 17) and praying for wisdom:
God **LOVES** to give wisdom (James 1:5). But tells us to **ASK** Him, with Faith.
Let's THANK Him for WISDOM too-- even more important than our food!
Without God's Wisdom, we have NO IDEA what John 3:16 possibly even means!

November 28

RIDDLE BELOW.... God delivers from WHAT?>> For roller coaster YEARS like this one (more hills to come in Dec.)...

- "Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you." Peter 5:7 ESV (all)
- "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Phil. 4:13
- "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." Romans 8:18
- "I sought the Lord, and HE ANSWERED me + delivered me from all my fears." -Psalm 34:4 ...

God delivers us from MORE than our problems--from our FEARS THEMSELVES.

Useful to remember as 2020 goes On & On.....

<u>COMMENT</u>: One COMPASSION of God that we seldom hear preached about: How KIND He us to us when events drive us to feel crushed, weep, & even complain against Him "for letting this..." -- YET <u>GOD doesn't zap us for lack of faith</u>: Proven in 1st Kings 19 when He Understood Elijah's depression-- and just gave him food, water, & Deep Sleep.

November 30, 2020

The Question is <u>MORE HEARTBREAKING</u> when we know this year's Democratic National Convention reps clearly said there was <u>NO ROOM in their party</u> for **anyone** who won't agree that not-yet-born babies are **OK to kill up til time of birth**.... [later a campaign promise by Hillary Clinton, October 2020).

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https://www.star-telegram.com/opinion/cynthia-m-allen/article240260461.html

Democratic candidates to pro-lifers: There's no room for disagreement on abortion | Fort Worth Star-Telegram

By Cynthia M. Allen - February 14, 2020 05:03 AM Candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination went head to head at a debate in Las Vegas on Feb. 19, 2020. By NBC - Fort Worth - During an MSNBC town hall on abortion rights last weekend, Democratic presidential front-runner Bernie Sanders was asked if he thought there was room in his party for pro-lifers. His response? No. "Being pro-choice is an

absolutely essential part of being a Democrat," he said. His comments were predictable, even banal for those of us who have witnessed the progressive left normalizing and quite literally celebrating the destruction of humans in their earliest stages of existence.

But they have to come as quite a shock to the millions of Americans who vote Democratic but identify as pro-life. There are about 21 million of them. I know more than a few. Political extremism on the left is excluding their views to the party's detriment — and frankly, to the broader detriment of political culture and society.

November 30, 2020 -- Continued

SONG (free download) =Theme of my ©2012 song "One Single Cell on Mars" with free music sheets + audio (Download link= below) on 2013 tab of http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2013.php ... Written on Christmas Eve as my gift to BABY JESUS: Verse 1 - >> "ONE SINGLE CELL ON MARS" is all it would take to / excite us to think that life on Mars does exist! / ONE single nucleus, in protoplasm would THRILL us, fill us with HOPE that there's / life on other planets. ONE single cell is enough to call LIFE there.

CHORUS

One single cell on Mars, scientists call "life."
One body here on earth with heart cells and fingernails
SEEN moving to pain..... cells SEEN by ultrasound.....
cells moving ON THEIR OWN --NOTcalled LIFE because on Earth.

November 30, 2020

Sitting in un-decorated (as usual) home looking outward as I look inward fighting PPS (Pity Party Syndrome:)) Closest thing for a fast cure: I find my "Christmas Joy" (besides the Sunday School Answer of 'LORD Jesus' & "read scriptures', of course) in the "decorations" I put outdoors

Birdseed on the deck. Watching God's little creatures appreciate their gifts reminds me to thank God for His... even when it feels I've lost so much in friendships & seeing family.... even pre-2020. YET GOD: 1st Kings 19, He understands when we're sad & just gives what we need.

COMMENT: **Dec 3** in sorrow thinking of my friend who grieves (husband dying)... Taking time though in a rush to go live a few days again with my mom's who's in hospice to go FEED God's Birds on my deck. Gives me Joy to give them Joy. Gives God pleasure when we care even for His little sparrows...

November 30

I usually spell-check my journal entries that I've typed before I print them out. Fascinating to watch the Dictionary "evolve" with Updates. Apparently it now knows that Starbucks is a proper capitalized name Enjoyment for many of my days. :) However, NEVER with the words "Pumpkin Spice" in front!

December 1

It's Scary! .. Thrilling!.. Amazing to compare Jesus's Matthew 24 words to Today's News Reports... to see SO many puzzle pieces falling into place in preparation for God's Messiah Returning as promised to gather those who Honor Him by Believing Him...

Daniel 12:4 = astoundingly ignored prophecy: **Knowledge shall increase** exponentially in the End Times... incl. Technology we hold in our hands that EVERY NATION's people can watch God's prophets hang for 3 days (Rev 11:9) ...

.... and DNA technology that has easily tracked people qualified by God to be priests (only Levites, a "lost tribe") to serve in Jerusalem's New Temple when it is built.... Treasure Hunt God gifts to us (Proverbs 25:2) watching Prophecies like muddled audio waves becoming more & More Clear.

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December 2

RIDDLE: Where IS this promise of ETERNAL LIFE? >> "There shall be a Time of Trouble, Such as NEVER was.... And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt."..//... RIDDLE ANSWER: If you guessed a Gospel book, you're wrong...

God prophesied ETERNAL LIFE in **Daniel 12:2**, written **603 years **BEFORE**** **JESUS God's Messiah walked on Earth-- & prophesied the SAME in Matthew 24 + 25.... WHEN?** See Yesterday's post-- Daniel 12:4, only 2 verses later, describes 2020 Technology needed to set up for fulfilling prophecies. All we're missing is the Temple to be built so the abomination sacrifice can be made... (Daniel 9:27, 11:31, 12:11, ETC incl Jesus confirming this in Mark 13).

https://www.blueletterbible.org/nkjv/mar/13/1/s_970001 https://www.blueletterbible.org/nkjv/dan/12/1/s_862001

December 3

A 20-yrs long friend is weeping in grief while her husband lies dying alone in hospital from illness NOT caused by Covid, yet they won't let her be with him because he tested positive (despite weeks of isolation) -- they say it's for her safety.

Her Love logically says she just wants to sit by him -- he's alert -- & would be no more exposed/ endangered than already, after lying beside him in bed to comfort him day after day for months... Romans 8:26, God's Holy Spirit helps us by praying the right words FOR us when we have no idea how to pray... Please take a moment to pray for those like my friend who weep even while Trusting God-- out of Love so very deep....

By the way: Know that God too cares for US when we grieve. ---- John 11:32-35, Preachers get it wrong. Jesus did NOT weep for Himself at losing a friend; He knew Lazarus was OK & headed for eternal life. Jesus wept for the SORROW of the sisters & friends who grieved.

December 7, 2020

STAR OF BETHLEHEM for 2020?! The original has some interesting theories. A logical one is of a periodic conjunction... But I enjoyed this article! In 2 weeks, Dec 21st: Saturn + Jupiter will seem to merge to make a beautiful bright star... Not since March 4, 1226 have humans seen a closer alignment between these planets in the night sky.... The spectacular sighting will be viewable from ANYwhere on Earth. According to Forbes, the two planets will look like a "double planet" with a LOT of light.... Article HINT: Click X in top left + then RELOAD circle to read without annoying demand that you disable ads. (Almost always works, any site.

https://www.christianheadlines.com/contributors/john-paluska/planets-will-align-causing-rare-christmas-star-to-appear-in-the-sky-this-december.html/

December 8

Be reassured with this comfort: When we truly grieve for sins (not just sorry we could be punished), then Hebrews 6: 4 - 6 does NOT apply...

That is where **FOUR times it's in <u>PAST</u> tense** about persons who <u>HAVE</u> been but now are <u>not</u> saved... because of willful sinning that is repeatedly done.

- *IMPT* NOTE>> Though this applies to the Once-Saved-Always-Saved (OSAS)
 "controversy", it shouldn't be a controversy>>
- Like in human "contracts", there are 2 persons involved;

- God will NEVER back off His promises of salvation,
- but neither does God steal free will for a person to CHOOSE to "fall away" later.

Hebrews 6: 4 - 6

"4-5 For it is impossible for those who

- (1) WERE ONCE enlightened, and
- (2) HAVE tasted the heavenly gift, and
- (3) HAVE become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and
- (4) HAVE tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

6 if they fall away,

<< SO THEY CAN CHOOSE to FALL AWAY >>>

to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame." ... New KJV

December 9 (Post #1)

Many of us SAD we can't stay with loved ones in Hospital. What to do? ..//.. Had to take my 14 year old kitty to vet for care yest. In her youth, someone must've hurt her: She's terrified of strangers. Because of COVID, for the first time I couldn't go in to comfort her at the vet as strangers handled her.

So I did the only thing I could: Prayed for her peace.

After all-- the God who not only cares for sparrows but made 3 COMMANDS about taking care of birds assuredly cares for an old cat.... and for us & those we PRAY FOR EVEN WHEN we can't do anything ourselves for them, but to Pray to God Who Loves.

December 9 (Post #2)

MORE than a "cute saying": "Wise Men Still Seek Him.">> God repeatedly says seeking Him is MORE than how to be more Happy & Joyful. NOT seeking Him is a *SIN* that incurs His *wrath*: Zephaniah 1: 4-6 (a Prophecy of Jesus's coming book), God angrily declares: ""I will stretch out My hand against.... Those who have turned back from following the LORD, AND HAVE NOT SOUGHT the LORD, NOR inquired of Him." MORE than a way to be Happier: It's God's COMMAND. Wise men & women seek the LORD daily, hourly.... And not just in the Christ-mas season.

December 11 (Post #1)

Online church only? Great tool but **shouldn't be declared by church leaders to be "ENOUGH for everyone"** --

ESPECIALLY NOW as we see the End Draw Near" says God in Hebrews 10:25 with Warning if we don't Gather.

People are desperate for God EVERY day & some realize it's HIM Who is their answer. We dearly want to be in physical sight if not physically close to others we know are upholding each other in prayers & Care...

What a JOY amid COVID if those of us who can no longer serve God as Sunday School teachers & Musicians & etc were given by our church leaders SOME WAY to actually serve God thru the Church in this Painful Time.

Romans 8:28, bringing some Good out of COVID by getting us to worship God more.... An IDEA that would soothe many hearts in not just pain & fear BUT YEARNING to worship our great God together...>>

Offering short daily services like Catholic Church did (even if in a parking lot). There's NO reason church pastors couldn't invite non-pastors to serve God sharing His Comforting Truth-- to help pastors on 6 of the 7 days if pastor wanted.....

Or at LEAST for MORE services than 1 or 2 on Sunday always-mornings. The UMC alone has 1,000s of already-trained layspeakers....

December 11, 2020 (Post #3)

The United Methodist Church has 10s of 1,000s of already-trained lay speakers who showed that they YEARN to serve our LORD in many ways incl. teaching congregations.

So WHY is our denomination like many full of pastors who don't want to do more than 1 or 2 "church" services on Sunday mornings (whether online or in parking lots or...)?

The UMC has the setup for God's Romans 8:28, bringing some Good out of COVID by reaching more people-- Easy to do if pastors would add Gathering times (live, whether online or in parking lots or...) --

More times when people can gather to show caring, Hope, Faith that God if we'd just gather more getting us to YEARN to worship Him more.... An IDEA that would soothe many hearts in not just pain & fear BUT YEARNING to worship our great God together...>>

December 12, 2020

From experience I've learned-- Pray ALOUD & ask the Holy Spirit to pray FOR ME, as God promised He will (Romans 8:26) whenever hit with Fear.. and pray apologies to God for not trusting Him. So thankful He understands we have Feelings...

woke in terror, again, last night... Symptoms indicate return of a repeating liver problem that's required 4 life saving surgeries. BUT PRAISE GOD: He gave me favor of Dr. V honoring my request for an early blood test yest AM, & Results are in: Liver enzymes normal. Symptoms thus probably = 1 of other 2 NOT dangerous problems I've had...

Thank YOU God named YHWH (Isaiah 42: 6

December 15

Is someone harassing you in your life (or on FB before you block?)... A few decades ago I learned a joy-giving way to get "revenge" on Satan when he used people to try to distract me from serving God OR scare me off standing on truth.....

- (1) Thanking God for bringing these people to my attention by their NAME (or description if unknown) and
- (2) add them to my prayer LIST.

Who knows but that you or I may be the only person praying for them to be saved from Satan's lies. It amuses me to still be praying for the guy who grabbed my purse (and about \$3 in it) in college... Maybe I'll see him in heaven.

December 16, 2020 (Post #1)

People supporting "up to birth abortion" laws (or any other abortion laws) often claim "The Bible doesn't mention abortion". They are in DANGER of God's WRATH because they won't believe Exodus 21:22-23 (easy pattern). In fact, this is the sentence before the oft quoted "Eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" passage... re "Life for a life" if harm occurs to the unborn baby (or its mother) even by careless fighting near her. Of course God is ALSO angry when people who rightly fight abortion will NOT ALSO do all they can to help women in need.

December 16 (Post #2)

A musician asked WHAT TO DO when you've written a great chorus but are "brain dead" coming up with Verses. My easy answer from (vast!) experience: Keep playing/ singing the chorus WITHOUT trying to write a verse, periodically each week... One day when you're not trying, suddenly it will be there.....

That's the history of "I PRAISE YOU DESPITE" -- still one of my most Uplifting worship songs 10 years later. But in opposite way: The verse words were good but, as I apologized to God, BORING music-wise.

A year later, suddenly in 10 minutes, I wrote catchy ENCOURAGING words that we still need today, amid things like COVID and other Woes.... AUDIO LINK (FREE) - and Free music sheets on my website's SONGS 2008-2012 tab: https://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2008-2012.php

along with its companion song.

"I LOVE YOU DESPITE" -- God's prayer BACK to US... John 3:16.

I PRAISE YOU "DESPITE"

VERSE 1

I praise You DESPITE all the troubles I see.
I praise You DESPITE fears that urge me to flee.
I praise You DESPITE taunts by Your enemy

that say "I can't trust.... in You." --- That say "I'm a fool if I do."

CHORUS 1

FOR You are my Savior.

You've loved me forever.

I insult Your love when I say "God won't care."
I insult Your power when I think "My problems are

far more than I can bear..... can bear."

VERSE 2

I praise You DESPITE feeling sad and lonely.
I praise You DESPITE feeling very weary.
I praise You TO spite tries by Your enemy to

stop me from praising You,..... to stop me from loving You.

CHORUS 2

FOR You are my Savior.

You've loved me forever.

I insult Your love when I say "God won't care."

I insult Your power when I think "My problems are

far more than I can bear..... can bear."

BUT

I can't unless You...... help me.

December 23

Haven't been on any computer in 7 full days with going to be with Mom (who has been in Hospice, dying, several months). Doesn't seem to matter... Guess I don't really serve God with Facebook parables as a ministry after all-- No one ever misses them....

How in the world can we "nobodies" serve God with churches closed, with no way to play music/sing for Worship or teach classes-- no possibilities but writing cards of caring, or giving \$ and prayers?? YET-- Prayers is an important ministry-- Just as true for 2020 as ever. Maybe far more so.

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December 26 (Post #1)

December 26 (Post #2)

EASY PARABLE for responding to all who can't figure out what "legalism" really is >>

- I dearly love my mother. When she clearly tells me what she'd really like for me to do for her, I joyfully do so because I don't have to "guess" how to give her pleasure.
- I dearly love our Creator God who gives His Name in Isaiah 42:6,8 (+ 6k more times) as "YHWH". He has clearly told me what He wants me to do, so I do the best I can to joyfully do so.... Why do you care if I yearn to give pleasure to God who has done so MUCH for me.--- ... and----for you too, by the way......?????????? "

December 27 HUMOR MUSIC VIDEO

Combine my love of playing bass with love of dry humor & -- of course -- the CHRISTmas season.... and thus this video always makes me laugh. And wish I had more time to practice my various instruments.... "WHEN YOU ReQUEST JINGLE BELLS"... by Charles Berthoud

https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=221708536077219

December 28, 2020

HINTS to support each other don't have to be "fancy"! ... I keep ~18 diff color pens & highlighters in my journal's zipper pocket, incl. extra Black & Green (for prayers) gel ink. This past week alone, 3 got emptied.

HINT: I put a bit of blue electrical tape around end of each new pen I add, to ensure I have a backup. THEN I always know which are older pens to use up first. Just remove tape when you start a new one..//.. Romans 15:2, helping each other with ideas is NOT always a sermon about God: It's caring, as God shows us is good & a joy to US, also.

December 30 (Post #1)

2020 was God's Gift in a way-- it brought to Reality the truth of James 4:13-17 & warnings to not waste time assuming God will gift us with another decade... or month. 13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

December 30, 2021 (Post #2)

PHOTO: Calvin & Hobbes, Dad doesn't read end of book at bedtime because, as he tells Calvin, they will write more of their story tomorrow, and the day after, and...

On December 23rd, I asked "What can we NOBODIES do to serve God when churches are closed to using the Music & Teaching skills He gave? Just giving \$\$-- and prayers??" ... God sorta Directly Answered that Q with Charles Schultz's Jan 1, 1974 strip just reprinted: With a "hidden joke" because HE was a "nobody" to most people before his PEANUTS comics..

GOD hides some Super Cool gems in His scriptures so we can have Fun discovering them. Amid a boring genealogy list of names, SUDDENLY God STOPS & describes a NOBODY-- **We still don't know the End of Jabez's story.**

But we know *Something* Did-- by God's Empowering of a man who gave his heart to serving God: 1 Chronicles 4:10. For YOUR story, see Ephesians 3:20-21. God DOES empower us Nobodies who love & honor Him....

You & I just don't know yet The End of our Story.

END of 2020 FALL PARABLES

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