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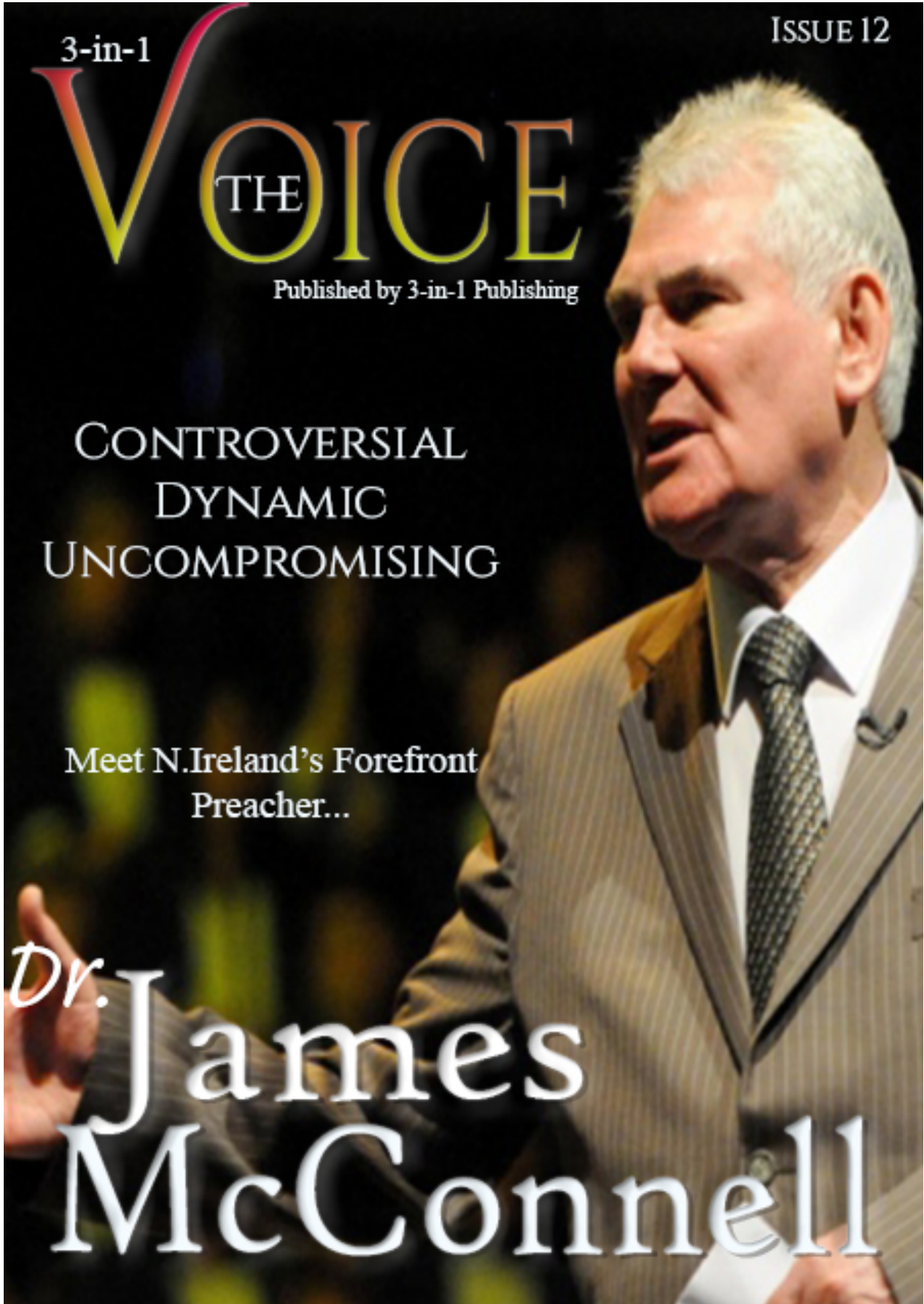
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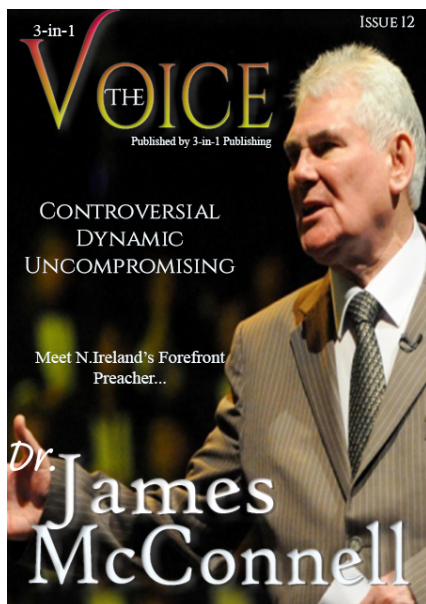
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editor's letter



KARIN McBRIDE-CHENOWETH

Editor-in-Chief

WELCOME!

Hello and welcome again to all our E-ziners! Welcome to our 12th issue of 3-in-1 The Voice.

This last month of May has seen us create a presence on FACEBOOK. There has been a lot of feedback and it is great to be able to promote our work online. We have already had two new contributors – one a writer and one a Christian artist. Jenny Grant has a truly anointed pen and has joined Simon & Zara as one of our 3 Poets. Heather Renae is a Messianic artist and we will feature regularly some of her works in our E-zines – thank you to both for allowing us to share their works with you the reader.

IN FOCUS this issue we feature one of Northern Ireland's most foremost preachers and pastors, PASTOR JAMES McCONNELL Snr Pastor Whitewell Metropolitan Tabernacle, Belfast. Read this brilliant interview that examines the difference between religion and faith and what has he learned in over 50+ years of ministry?

In May we attended the SOZO Conference at Kiltonga Christian Centre, Newtownards and EMERGE Conference in Ballymena, both very different but exciting events, full report in forthcoming editions of our events supplements.

We have had literally hundreds of thousands of you accessing our website which is really encouraging – and next month we will see the launch of 3-in-1 The Man's Voice...we would ask you to lift up in prayer a dear sister in Christ & one of our regular writers – SYLVIA REEVE who has been quite ill of late - in the meantime be truly blessed in all you do for the Lord – your co-worker in Christ...

KARIN McBRIDE-CHENOWETH

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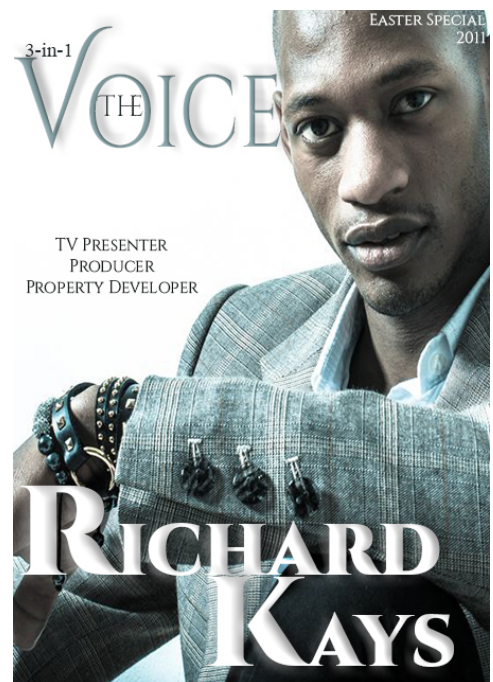
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Missionary Section



Brigid Kerr

DOROTHY SHANNON-MOTHER OF JIVAN DWAR

After asking the Lord what to write for the next article of the missions section, He placed on my heart a desire to write about past missionaries and how He had used them to reach out in love to different nations and to tell them the Good News. When I thought of different missionaries one very special lady came to mind. Dorothy Shannon. Dorothy meant to be with the Lord in January 2009 after years of faithfully serving Him and the people of India. To all who were blessed to have known her, it was clearly evident that she had a deep love for the Lord and for the people of India.

I saw evidence of this love myself in 2008 as we were preparing to go to Kolkata. She was so excited for us and did everything she could to encourage the team and also another girl who went on a separate mission trip to India earlier in the year. In fact, she informed one of our team that if the doctor had allowed her, she would have been on that plane with us!

To those whose lives she touched in India, she is loved and remembered as "Mother". As a tribute to this very special lady and with help from family and friends, I would like to tell you more about how she came to be "Mother of Jivan Dwar".

As a young woman, God used her minister to point her towards training as a deaconess. She faithfully obeyed God and went off to train in Edinburgh even though it meant leaving her parents behind. She also decided not to pursue marriage as she believed that it was not what God thought best for her at that point.

Sometime after training as a deaconess, she received a letter inviting her to India. She thought she would not be able to go as she had been diagnosed with a medical condition, and she was advised that she would be unable to serve abroad. However, to God, this was not impossible! With encouragement from a family member, Dorothy stepped out in faith and God did the rest, allowing her to travel to India after all! (Tribute from Dorothy's niece in TLW March 2009)

In the title I refer to Dorothy as "Mother" of "Jivan Dwar". Jivan Dwar was a place of refuge set up by Dorothy and her brother in Christ, Reverend Albert Carpenter (known as "Father") originally for the children of leprosy sufferers. God sent a leper to Dorothy's home in Ahmadabad to ask for help for five hundred Christian lepers who lived on the riverbank. She readily agreed to go down and visit and was struck by their undesirable living conditions and lovingly decided she wanted to help. God provided for her by means of a financial gift from the church and with this gift, she provided a Christmas meal and they shared communion and from that day, her work with those affected by leprosy began.

She wanted to do even more for them and asked those she met how she could help further. Having accepted that they would not be cured or be able to live without stigma in the wider society, their concern was mainly with their children. They asked her to take in their children so that they might have a chance of a normal life without the fear of stigma. Dorothy and Albert started the search for a property which would allow the children to flourish but which would also be close enough for the parents to visit. God pointed them towards a disused old mission property in the village of Paratinj and gave her the promise "Behold I set before you an open door and no man shall close it" (Rev 3:8). Therefore Jivan Dwar ("Door to life") was formed.

Through Jivan Dwar, Dorothy and her colleague Reverend Albert were able to minister to the children and ensure they received preventative treatment against leprosy and an education which they would not have been able to receive outside of Jivan Dwar as they were not able to mix with other children. Jivan Dwar also became the home of leprosy sufferers who no longer had the infectious form of the disease. Dorothy provided food and water by planting vegetables, buying goats and hens and overseeing the building of a well. God used His faithful servants to give these people a new start in life and the blessings that came from this act of faith from Dorothy are still being experienced in Jivan Dwar today. Many of these children grew up regarding Dorothy as their "mother" and it is as their mother that they remember her. Although she had to return to Northern Ireland eventually, part of her heart remained in India and she remained in constant contact with her family there.

She settled down in Bangor and blessed lives again before entering into the presence of the Lord. She is missed greatly by those who are blessed to have known her and many more lives are still being changed for the better through the faithful acts of this lovely servant of God-Dorothy -Mother of Jivan Dwar.

(Sources- Tribute from niece in TLW magazine March 2009 and "Wallace's Visit Dorothy Shannon" which was kindly donated by Norma Wallace.)



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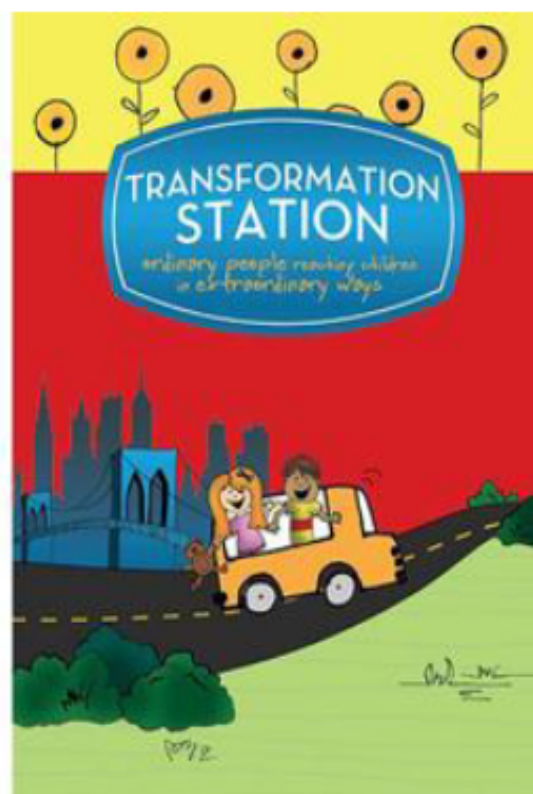
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Messianic Moment



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By
Dr Howard Morgan

A Message for Pastors - Part 1

There are many important reasons why Christians should learn about the Jewish Roots of the Christian faith. But before we discuss them, let me address one common concern that many pastors rightfully have about this subject. When we talk about "Jewish Roots," we are NOT teaching that Christians should come under the law of Moses, because "we are not under the law, but under grace" (Romans 6:14), or that Christians should appropriate modern Jewish worship traditions, such as wearing a prayer shawl (Tallit), or head covering (Kippah), or putting on phylacteries (Tiffillim). We ARE teaching the restoration of the authentic Biblical "faith once delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). This faith is the "Faith of Abraham," (Romans 4:16) perfected and made available to the whole world by the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Jewish Messiah. Christian faith, as practiced in far too many places today, does not reflect Biblical Jewish heritage. In many, if not most places, "Christianity" reflects the influences of non-Biblical belief systems, various human "religious" traditions, and worldly cultures. All around the world, the Holy Spirit is moving upon believers to explore their historic Biblical Jewish Roots to determine how God would have the Body of Christ reclaim this inheritance. This reclamation includes studying (a very Jewish and scriptural activity) the proper place of the Old Testament, including the Law, in our lives (1 Timothy 2:15). After all, the same Apostle who wrote that "Messiah is the end of the law for righteousness" (Romans 10:4), also wrote that the law is "... holy, spiritual and good." (Romans 7:12 & 14) He also testified that his "inner man delighted in the law" (Romans 7:22) and that its study has the ability to train believers in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16).

What do I mean by "Jewish"?

This "Abrahamic" faith was, and still is, essentially "Jewish." It is not Babylonian, Greco-Roman, European, African, Asian, or American. It was birthed by the God of Israel when he made a covenant with the Chaldean, Abram, and "converted" him to the Hebrew "Abraham." Via his son Jacob's subsequent conversion and name change, his descendants became known as "Israelites." God eventually established His covenant with the entire nation of Israelites, through the Torah giving ministry of Moses. As historical events unfolded, the whole nation took on the name of the preeminent tribe from which their kings were drawn and their future Messiah would come - Judah. Israelites eventually became known as "Jews" (2 Kings 16:6). The divine revelations recorded in the Old Testament give us the foundations of our "Messianic" (i.e. Christian) faith. These Hebrew Scriptures, in conjunction with the New Testament, also written by Jewish hands that were inspired by this same God, contain God's commandments and divine instructions for righteous human relationships and spiritual guidelines for establishing and maintaining a personal relationship with God himself.

The divine influence of these "Jewish Scriptures" created a definitive culture and world view that was unique among all the

nations and religions of the ancient world. This distinctly "Jewish" culture and world view, because it is based on, and is the fruit of, these recorded revelations of the God of Israel, is the only one acceptable for anyone who believes in the Jewish Messiah. Not only are we converted in our spiritual relationship with God, but we should also be converted from our old worldly cultures and world views. Those philosophies, traditions or cultural dynamics that previously influenced us, should now be rejected when they are contrary to the authority of these "Jewish" Scriptures. The apostle Paul, in Romans 11:18, makes this concept clear to gentile believers in the messiah. When anyone repents of their sins and receives Jesus as saviour and Lord, they are grafted into Israel's olive Tree and are made a partaker of the rich root of that "Jewish" tree. They are made "partakers of the promise" and become "fellow citizens of the commonwealth of Israel" (Ephesians 2:19). Simply stated, gentile Christians, by faith in Jesus Christ, have been grafted into a "Jewish" religion that has its own distinct spiritual realities, commandments, culture and world view.

This "Faith" and "History"

This "faith" has undergone many permutations in its journey among the nations throughout history. It has been pummeled by politicians, mangled by mean-spirited theologians, stained with the blood of the martyrs, and renewed and revived by redeemed saints. Through all of this long history the essential "Jewishness" of the faith has been generally obscured, purposefully hidden and consistently vilified. I believe that this has been the well defined strategy of the devil to accomplish two powerfully destructive ends.

First, he wanted to create a non-scriptural religion that he could influence anyway he wanted to. By removing the Church from the authority of the Scriptures he was able to bring the Church under the judgment promised by God if she disobeyed the clear apostolic command of Romans 11:18-21, (do not be arrogant against the branches...you can be cut off also). By successfully accomplishing this end he was able to remove the engrafted wild branches from the anointed roots of Israel's Olive Tree. Once this was successful the Church could now easily come under the influence of numerous nefarious doctrines of demons. The history of the Church attests to the success of this strategy.

Second, we see the real goal that the devil is seeking to accomplish is directly related to the success of this first part. By corrupting the Church via these doctrines that robbed the Church of her place in the anointed roots of Israel's olive tree, the Church, as history so clearly testifies, lost the demonstrative power of the Holy Spirit. This power was one of the crucial ingredients necessary to provoke Israel to Jealousy. Paul himself told us that the "Jews require a sign" (1Cor. 1:22).

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TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE!

Pastor Bill often says "If you always do what you've always done, you'll always have what you've always had". So where are you planning to go for your holidays in 2010? Same hot spot destination? And even if it is somewhere new, what will have been accomplished at the end of your vacation? More pics in your family album? More wrinkles from seeking the perfect bronze tan? Yet more memories in the recesses of your mind to look back on in years to come? Yeah, I know! You have worked hard all year round and you "deserve that holiday". Well, if that's you then knock yourself out! Go get rested and re-charge your batteries! But for those of you who deep down inside are a little frustrated with the same'ol' and looking for something more challenging, more worthwhile and life changing then read on.....



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IN FOCUS



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Dr James McConnell

Founder of The Whitewell Metropolitan Tabernacle, Belfast

INTRODUCTION

At just 19 years old James McConnell - an orphan boy from Spring Street, East Belfast was clearing the debris in time for his opening service. He had already served about 2 years as assistant to a Godly Minister in West Belfast and had also conducted some fine evangelistic campaigns in Ireland and England. Yet despite the offer of an attractive tour of Europe and the United States he realised that for him, the centre of God's will, was in the building of a church in North Belfast.

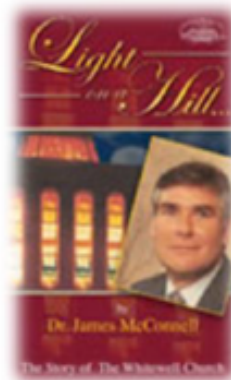
Since then he has established the ministry and out grown two churches to finally establish The Whitewell Metropolitan Tabernacle. He is an anointed preacher and teacher and has brought Christ to the centre of the



Whitewell Metropolitan Tabernacle, Belfast

hearts and minds of the people of Belfast and indeed farther afield. Pastor James McConnell and Whitewell ministered to us all in Northern Ireland through the worst of times, a light in the darkness - this we must never forget...

Therefore, as a body let us offer up prayers of thanksgiving - thousands of people's lives have been transformed for the good, many souls have been saved and ministered to over the years, miraculous healings have occurred, unparalleled community outreaches to the young, elderly and disabled and infirmed have been established and all in the name of Jesus...



Since those humble beginnings in a little Orange Hall, the Lord has indeed enlarged the place of the tent and the message from Whitewell goes forth live the nations every week on the internet, and also on various God TV channels.

Bearing the mantle of as a servant of Christ first and foremost, his mission is to bring hope to the 'lost'. 3-in-1 The Voice had the privilege recently to speak with Dr McConnell and ask him a few in-depth questions...

Editor

INTERVIEW

Q Thank you so much Dr McConnell for taking time out to answer my questions today. Firstly this ministry was evolving whenever Northern Ireland was enduring some of its darkest moments. Many believe that you were called for such a time as this and that Whitewell did and still offers the good news of the Gospel. Did you ever contemplate going into politics at any time of your life to try and change things that way?

A *An offer was made to me to go into politics many years ago but I was always restrained by the Holy Spirit. However, over the years I have been privileged to have had various consultations with politicians and offer counsel and pray with them and for them, but politics? No.*

Q What is the difference between religion and faith?

A *Well religion is all over the world but it is dead. Christianity is about Christ. This means I can visit a tomb and outside of it will be two men standing who will say to me 'Why do you seek the living among the dead?' That is the difference right there we serve a living Christ.*

Q Whitewell is televised all over the world with live services available on the internet every week. Did you ever imagine when you founded Whitewell that its ministry would literally reach the four corners of the earth, as even just 20 years ago hardly any household had a computer?



The Tabernacle Choir

A *No I had no idea. I started just over 53 years ago on 23rd February 1957 in an old rented Orange Hall. We started out with 10 people and after gathering another 12 we had 22 people at that first meeting; but God blew on those 22 souls and that is how we started. The first years were hard but God visited us and literally thousands of people started to come, that is what is fantastic! We have seen God's work established in three churches over the years - it's not about us, it's all about the Lord.*

Q With the onset of the economic crash, violence, political confusion and crime at its height, do you believe in your heart that the church is facing its toughest assignment yet in these trying times, or do you believe that that our greatest challenge is yet to come?

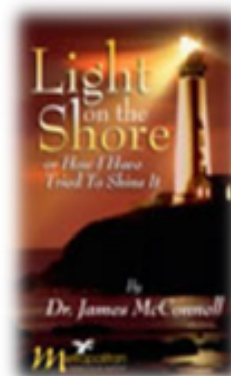
A *Yes we are in tough times, but I believe that the Church has yet its greatest challenge and that has yet to come. The church in the past I believe has failed the people, for instance whenever 'The Troubles' broke out many ministers grew quiet. As the people burned the buses, however, we bought buses to bring them to church. During 'The Troubles' Whitewell flourished. I truly believe that God rewards courage. We are all now moving towards a Great Tribulation and the church needs to be prepared, needs to get ready and needs to get activated.*

Q Whitewell boasts one of the world's most amazing choirs. How important a part does praise and worship play in the believer's life?

A *Worship should be the first thing in a believer's life, singing, worship and praise. The Tabernacle Choir helps us greatly in our worship, they encourage us and are such a blessing at Easter and also at Christmas whenever they show their true ability to minister, it is the one of the most important part of an individual's life.*

Q What scripture means the most to you and why?

A *Well I really don't think I can say that there is a specific scripture that stands out for me. The Word of God has been paramount in my life since the age of 7 years, and I am now 73 years old. It's like the scripture leaps up at me from the pages, and it says that all scripture given is God breathed. Therefore the very breath of God is on my face. Jesus said we were to search the scriptures as they testify of him, therefore all of the Word builds me up.*



Q Finally what is the single most important thing that you have learned as a pastor of over 50 years in the ministry?

A *The most important thing is to retain the anointing of God in one's life. In fact if you spoke to any*

Pastor in the world today that is the answer you would probably get. Without question if the anointing is not on the ministry, it is useless. In fact anyone in ministry, their life must be clean before God to ensure that the anointing is maintained. There are no shortcuts...

'Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.' Philippians 4:8

HEROES

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'I Have a Dream' – Martin Luther King Jr
Part 1
By
Lianne Henderson

Martin Luther King Jr was born on the 15th January 1929 as Michael Luther King in Atlanta Georgia. His father Michael Luther King Sr was a Baptist minister and his mother Alberta Williams King was a schoolteacher. During a trip to Germany in 1934 Martin Luther King Sr changed his sons name as well as his own from Michael to Martin as a tribute to the German Protestant Leader Martin Luther. Martin Luther King Junior's grandfather began the family's long line of status as pastors at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931. Martin Luther King's father served as pastor of the Baptist Church since 1931.

Martin Luther attended segregated public schools in Georgia he graduated at high school at the age of fifteen and received a BA at Morehouse College, the same College his grandfather and father graduated. He spent three years studying Theology at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class and was awarded the B.D. in 1951. After winning a fellowship and Crozer he then moved to Boston and enrolled as a Graduate at Boston University. He completed his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and received his degree in 1955. In Boston he met Coretta Scott a young woman who possessed unique intellectual and artistic abilities and they were married in 1953. In 1954 Martin Luther King Jr at the age of 25 years old became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery Alabama. He and his wife Coretta had four children together.

Martin Luther King was always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation. His abilities gained strong recognition that on early December 1955 he was ready to accept leadership of the first great black nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States "Montgomery Bus Boycott" and it lasted 382 days. At this time period black people were not allowed to sit next to the white people on buses and they were segregated. The Bus Boycott was triggered after the arrest of Rosa Parks a black woman who was arrested after she refused to move from her seat for a white person to sit down at when all the seats for the white people were all used up.

One December 21, 1956, the Supreme Court of the United States of America declared unconstitutional laws on buses, for the first

time black people and white people rode on buses as equals. However to get such

a right for black people King Jr had a massive battle on his hands, during the boycott he was arrested, his home was bombed, and he was subject to personal abuse, but when all this was talking place he rose as a black leader of the first rank.

In 1956 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization that was formed to provide new leadership for the growing civil rights movement. The main aim of the organisation was to co-ordinate protests against discrimination. The ideals he took for this organization were taken from Christianity, and its operation techniques were taken from Ghandi. At this time Ghandi led protests against British rule in India culminating in India's independence in 1947. From 1957 and 1968, King worked tirelessly for the civil rights movement he travelled over six million miles, spoke over twenty-two hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice and in the process he wrote five books as well as numerous articles.

In these years he led a massive protest in Birmingham due to their strong discrimination practices, which got incredibly bad as the white population were violently resisting desegregated. The violence got to the point that Birmingham was dubbed as Bombingham due to its violence against the protesters and King was arrested and jailed for his part in the protests. After King's release he led a protest that would capture the attention of the entire world in Alabama; when King provided what he called a *coalition of conscience* and was inspiration for his *"Letter from a Birmingham Jail"*, a manifesto of the black revolution. He planned out the drives for Alabama for the registration of black people as voters and directed a peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his most famous address



I look to a day when people will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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My Story

By

Jenny Grant

Life in all of its trials throws up many things before us, sometimes hard to except and to move on from... My father was Anglo-Indian and my mother English, both my parents had their hardship growing up, which left its mark on me. I remember lots of rows fuelled my alcohol on my father's part and felt a sense of abandonment even before it happened. I was put into a children home at about 8 years old; as far back as I can possibly remember I always had feelings of low self esteem and a feeling of needing to be loved. I had a strong sense of shame attached to me because of the colour of my skin and so much wanted to fit in to society. I was very shy lacked confidence in myself and always looked at life, as if, someday, someone will come along and rescue me from myself and that finding true love would make me happy.

At the age of 8 in a cold hall, where we were camping one night, one of the aunts heard me weeping; she came to me and sat down on my blanket, took my hand and asked me if I wanted to ask Jesus into my heart. I was so desperate to feel love that I embraced every word she said, but did not understand the meaning of my commitment at that time. As a teenager I started to use alcohol to cope with my inadequacies, my lack of confidence and low self esteem and for a period in my life, the false sense of security that alcohol gave me worked for a time, until it became a dependency that I could not escape from. Alcohol became a driving force of a huge addiction in my life, which took me into dysfunctional and abusive relationships and into many situations that scarred my life; I became a victim of the circumstances that alcohol brought about.

On my journey of alcohol addiction I met an Irish man, got married and moved with our first son to Northern Ireland. For the first time in my life I had that sense of belonging, I just fell in love with Ireland and the people. I was now sober, but my husband was drinking and he had returned to his heroin addiction, so now I was slowly going back down into the pit with my husband, although abstaining from alcohol myself. In the year 2000 I was diagnosed with breast cancer, after two weeks my husband walked out on me, leaving me to go through chemotherapy on my own and taking care of my children. I was so distraught, I knew it was best that my husband went, I would have never had the strength to carry on with him still around as a huge burden. But the heartache of him leaving and the prognosis of my cancer left me just crying out to God with all that I had. I truly believed God was do for me what I could not have done for myself, it felt like a huge bomb had gone off under my life and that every piece of it and gone up in the air.

God carried me step by step in my ignorance and brought me through my treatment, with an understanding and a compassion that could only come from God. In the year 2007 I continued to cry out to God just as I was in my personal circumstances, asking him what my life all about was, what did it mean? Although God had brought me through so much already I still felt as if I had no sense of being. My New Testament bible which was under the bed collecting dust, I crawled under the bed one morning and just opened the Bible at random and began to read a bit of the scriptures, I then just sat and meditated on the word, again not understanding why I was doing this. I had a small diary one of my children had given me, the first thing that came into my head was, and I restoreth your soul. I journalled that down. I was very excited, because I knew that this was not my normal pattern of thinking, and really believed I was going to write a book about my soul. The next morning I woke up, again read the scriptures, meditated, listened and journalled. As I continued to do this the journaling and the scriptures began to match up and I could feel an overwhelming elation of life coming to me from the scriptures and a desire and an excitement, that as I woke up, my first desire was to be in that place where I could connect to Jesus.

In the January just over 3 years ago I was sitting in my chair, I had just read the scriptures, when the tangible presence of God fell all over me, I had a vision in my mind of Jesus, he was as tall as the room, the front of him was like an huge archway, these are the words I got. Jenny come to me first, open the breastplate of your heart, I want to show you love like you have never been shown before, step out of the darkness over the threshold and into the light. It was at that point that I made a physical transcending move, of taking all of myself and walking into the heart of Jesus, it was at that point I was convicted by the heart of Jesus to walk in him and with him and in him alone. Six weeks later in the house while praying for my younger son I got baptised in the language of heaven.

God became so personal to me a pure presence of his love, that I could feel was with me my every move my every reach my every action I would listen to his directions, stepping away from self gaining courage in him, and allowing him to take me to people to speak of his love and to bring hope to the hopeless in such a simple way. One of the messages he gave me one day when driving to get petrol was for a woman standing in the rain, she had a box of daffodils, I wound down the window in my car and asked her what she was doing, she said she was collecting for cancer her daughter had died of it. I gave her some change and wound back up my window, as I looked to my purse I had two phone charms, one was a cross one was a butterfly, the Holy Spirit whispered give her the butterfly, I said it's chipped I'll give her the cross, no said God give her the butterfly. I got out of the car and started walking towards her, when the Holy Spirit said, 'tell her out of the ashes all things become beautiful.' So I did as God asked, she was amazed and said that her daughter had written 8 books and that the emblem was the butterfly.

Butterfly Valentine

She's beautiful; her love spans the colours of her
wings
Adorning herself with liberty,
Spinning the air, threaded it gold from her path,
Beholding to herself, made perfect at her
entrance,
Awesome light, makes her scales shimmer,
holding her own,
Mystery of colour, like the marble of oil, curtails
her,
One of her kind,
She's the heart of the chrysalis, made herself
ready,
Graceful in her ascending approach, such colour,
all perfume is her power, shaken as the dust of
herself,
Unique her every motion, she views her love,
She's the breast of her loveliness, makes the
skies of her arena,
Rests upon her bouquet, her every flower,
Hearts she makes ready, upon the descent of a
unique bloom,
Spreading her love,
Butterfly valentine, fly her aroma, skipper flight,
love as her kite,
Lubricating the air with her flight,
The heart of the valentine, the butterfly alights.

I step out in his name to do the extraordinary things that not everybody does every day, because I desire to be everything he has put in me to be. I continued to be committed to his calling and to listen to his voice, he showed me his heart his way, I continued to journal my seeing vision and the quiet still voice and it has become many journals.

God has attuned my ear to his voice in a way, that of ourselves would seem unreachable, but he has become so close to me, like my inner hearing, he enables me daily to write the rivers of his revelation revealing that it is him his voice can truly be spoken and heard. I truly believe I am a miracle of his heart and that he has put in me the ability to be a scribe of his miraculous hand.



The 3 Poets

Jenny Grant

Calling Jesus

His seed, springs forth the righteousness of
his salvation,

Branching out the inner realm, of his
complexity,

In his awe, his wondrous simplicity,

Mightier is he, that breaks away self, that the
inner man, his spirit testifies,

His groaning all creation, as he has travailed
all truth,

From bitter to sweet his scroll flies high, he
takes as up from all harm,

His loving ways, promises never failing,
unfurling the testimony of love, Sweet, sweet
JESUS, Shepherd of all truth,

That his righteousness of deep, deep love,
his towered called home,

All things are his, justified glorious river as his
National accord. One.

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Guest Writer



LIFE WITHOUT RELIGION WOULD BE HEAVEN

By

Adam Harbinson

I once asked an old man, 'What's heaven like?' Someone dear to me had just died and I'd stood by the graveside wondering where he might be, what he might be doing. Was he watching me as my heart ached? Could he be happy, removed from the world he once knew and yet unable to communicate with it?

I asked the old man because I thought the Bible was silent on the subject of heaven, but he disagreed; 'The Bible tells us all we need to know about heaven,' he assured me, and he gave me a recording of a series of lectures he had on the subject. So I hurried home, unearthed my tape recorder, and listened with bated breath. And the old man was right, he read from the Book of the Revelation; *'The city is as long as it is wide as it is high, about fifteen hundred miles cubed with walls of jasper two hundred feet thick. It was of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundations of its walls are decorated with every kind of precious stone. There are twelve foundations, each of semi-precious stones; amethyst, beryl, topaz, jacinth... and there are twelve gates, each made of a single pearl and the Great Street of the city is of pure gold, like transparent glass.'*

Yes, there's lots of information, but if that's what heaven is all about its inhabitants will quickly become bored; Western Capitalism has taught us nothing if we don't know that

gold and jewels can never satisfy the human heart. So what is heaven like? You could say that if God wanted us to know he would have told us, and he didn't. Or did he?

There are those who believe that when God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, that was to be their eternal home, and we all know they messed up and were unceremoniously evicted, but there's a clue in there. In the Garden, all was perfect harmony, and God met with them every day; they walked and talked in the cool of the evening. But there's one thing Eden had in common with heaven as described in the Book of the Revelation; there was something significant missing from both. John describes what he saw; the size of the place, the gemstones, the gold, the twelve gates of pearl, the Great Street of purest gold, and then he adds this; *'... and I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.'*

What about that then, no religion in heaven? No churches! In Eden as in the city in John's dream there's no need for a system to teach us how to be God's family, there's no need for instruction about how to worship him, because in each, men walk with him in the cool of the evening. Isn't that a wonderful picture of heaven? And here's the real treat; it's not pie-in-the-sky-when-we-die, it can be in the here and now. We can have days of heaven on earth.



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A Voice in the Wilderness

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NITA'S VOICE

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of Jehovah is risen upon thee. For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but Jehovah will arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee" (Isaiah 60:1, 2)

Located 10km from the centre of Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh, lies one of the most notorious brothel districts in the world comprising of a displaced ethnic community of around 10,000 inhabitants. Poverty thrives with many families surviving on less than \$2 a day. Yet it is through this area that thousands of children, some as young as 4 years old, children are trafficked into the worlds sex industry every year. Children, both boys and girls, are preyed upon by paedophiles from around the globe that turn up intent on wreaking destruction on these young lives.

Walking around the unmade streets and alleys presents the sense of a tangible depth of the prevailing darkness which shrouds the area. Weaving through the shacks one is constantly aware that inside many of these buildings live children whose lives are subject to almost constant violation.

Children like Nita (name changed to protect identity). Nita was a typical 9 year old with few obvious cares. She grew up in this area amongst the poverty and yet held onto the hopes and dreams of anyone her age. She played simple games in the streets with friends and helped around the home with daily chores. Then one day a woman who she did not know called at her house and spoke to her mother about things she did not understand. That night she was taken to a place where she saw the woman again – she was a pimp. Nita had been sold to be used for sex. Nita was severely beaten, tortured and raped continuously for 5 days until the man had finished. Still fastened in the room she lay battered, bruised, exhausted and absolutely broken. As she thought her ordeal was over it took a grizzly final turn as the female pimp and the man returned carrying a pair of pliers. As the woman held her down he reached down and with a series of violent actions disfigured her for life. The cost to the man - \$500. The cost for Nita - her future, her dignity, her health – effectively her life.

Regrettably Nita's story is not unique. As we hear the single cries – indeed screams - in the wilderness of the individual children – God hears the cries of the hundreds of thousands of children around the world. What is our reaction to this situation? What can be done? Will we hear the screams of children like Nita and act or will we simply walk away?

In the face of such vast adversity it is easy to become overwhelmed by the very magnitude of the situation. We have to remember here the age old adage that "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Moses, on being called by God in the midst of the wilderness to return to Egypt, stands in fear of rejection and failure by his own people. "What if they do not believe me?" he questions God, observing the seemingly insurmountable opposition. And yet God's reply is simple – "What is in your hand?" (Ex 4:2).

As we know, God fulfilled his promises through Moses using only that which was in his hand. In this generation – on our watch – we are called to be ambassadors on behalf of Christ and co-workers alongside Him. We must not adopt a spirit of timidity which sees an issue as being out of our reach but rather "hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful" (Heb 10:23). Will we then as God's chosen people opt to be thermometers or thermostats? Will we be a group of people who monitor and respond to the ambient temperature set by those around us or will we be a community who set the temperature?

Martin Luther King is recorded as saying "We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people".

If more children like Nita are not to suffer and have their futures taken from them then we need to step up to the plate and begin to be the people who God has called us to be. Please consider standing with us as we face up to this terrible situation.

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter - when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." (Isaiah 58:6 - 10)

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The Gate

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Hezekiah's Tunnel

In this month's issue, we will be looking at a very special attraction in Jerusalem which is known as Hezekiah's Tunnel. Hezekiah's Tunnel, or the Siloam Tunnel is a tunnel that was dug underneath the Ophel which is located in Jerusalem, and this was dug underneath the Ophel before approx. 701 B.C, which at that time was the reign of Hezekiah. The Ophel, which means fortified hill or risen area, is the Biblical name which is given to a certain part if a city in a settlement that is elevated from its surroundings. The Bible refers to the elevation in two cities: there is

the City of David in the Old City of Jerusalem and then we have Samaria, which is the ancient capital of the Kingdom of Israel.

Ernest L. Martin, an archaeologist born in Meeker, Oklahoma was best known for his controversial works on archaeology in Israel with the respect to the Temple Mount. Ernest L Martin asserts the controversial claim in his book, "The Temples that Jerusalem Forgot", which he wrote that the Ophel Mound is the site of the First and Second Temples, and what is called the Temple Mount today was really in fact the Roman Fort Antonia.

This splendid tunnel has been securely dated both by the written inscription and what is so amazing about this tunnel in particular, is that it's dated organic has been contained in the original plastering. It is one of the few intact, 8th century BC structures in the world that the public can not only visit, but enter and walk through to this very day.

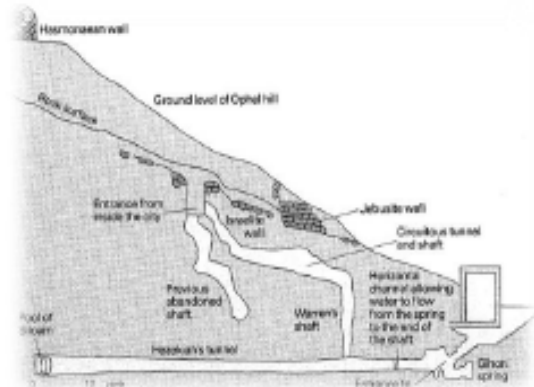
WHAT IS HEZEKIAH'S TUNNEL USED FOR?

Hezekiah' Tunnel leads from the Pool of Siloam to the Gihon Spring, and the tunnel itself was designed to act as an aqueduct in order to provide Jerusalem with fresh water, and this was during an impending seige by the Assyrians, which was led by Sennacherib. According to the Siloam inscription found within it, the tunnel was said to be excavated by two teams with one half of the team starting at each end of the tunnel and then meeting the other half of the team in the middle. Understandably, the inscription is partly unreadable at present and the inscription may originally have conveyed more information than this. It is also quite clear from the tunnel itself that there are several directional errors that were made during its construction. With recent scholarship, this has discredited the idea that the tunnel may have been formed by substantially widening a pre-existing natural karst. A karst is a landscape that is shaped by the continuous dissolution of a layer, or layers of limestone, bedrock and carbonate rock.

However, the difficulty of having the two teams digging the tunnel from the opposite ends has now been understood to have been successful by directing both teams from above by hammering on the solid karst, so that the people who were digging the tunnel can hear the sound from being so far underground.

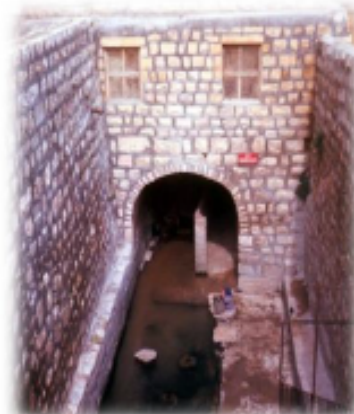
The mountain in the ancient city of Jerusalem is naturally defensible from almost all sides, but it does suffer from the drawback with its major source of fresh water. Presenting a major military weakness, if high enough for it to be defensible, must leave the Gihon spring outside, which, in theory would have left the city without a supply of fresh of water in case of a siege reoccurring.

The Bible states that when King Hezekiah reigned, he was fearful that the Assyrians would lay a siege to the city, so he blocked the spring's water outside the city and diverted the water through a



channel into the Pool of Siloam. However from 1997, it is now known that the earlier Warren's shaft system had already heavily fortified the Gihon Spring. Warren's shaft is not an aqueduct, and it requires the people who desire water to travel up and down it themselves - an arrangement that Hezekiah seemingly must have considered inadequate...

Here are Bible verses that relate to Hezekiah's tunnel...



"And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?" [2 Kings 20:20](#)

"And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight

against Jerusalem, He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city: and they did help him. So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, "Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?" [2 Chronicles 32:2-4](#)

"This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works." [2 Chronicles 32:30](#)



The Word of God

June

1st in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; Cor 6:6

2nd The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. Psalm 19:9

3rd For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live! Ezekiel 18:32

4th Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. Matt 3:8

5th I am my lover's and my lover is mine; he browses among the lilies. Song of Sol 6:3

6th He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. Ecc 3:11

7th In that day the LORD Almighty will be a glorious crown, a beautiful wreath for the remnant of his people. Isaiah 28:5

8th From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. Psalm 50:2

9th Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30

10th O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Psalm 8:9

11th I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven. Psalm 123:1

12th Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure. Proverbs 20:28

13th The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good. Proverbs 15:3

14th My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways, Proverbs 23:26

15th My face is red with weeping, deep shadows ring my eyes; ¹⁷ yet my hands have been free of violence and my prayer is pure. Job 16:15-17

16th How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 36:7

17th The lowly he sets on high, and those who mourn are lifted to safety. Job 5:11

18th O LORD, you will keep us safe and protect us from such people forever. Psalm 12:7

19th We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one that was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him. 1 John 5:18

20th The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still." Exodus 14:14

21st They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. Jeremiah 1:19

22nd Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." John 7:38

23rd Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. Psalm 25:20

24th For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; Psalm 91:11

25th I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will guide him and restore comfort to him, Isaiah 57:18

26th After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us that we may live in his presence. Hosea 6:2

27th Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever; a sceptre of justice will be the sceptre of your kingdom. Psalm 45:6

28th From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; Psalm 33:13

29th who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, Psalm 103:3

30th And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. Romans 8:27

31st For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD. Psalm 117:2

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