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SUNDAY MORNING HEALTH CORNER

Benefits of Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine

Long-standing systemic health care issues and social inequities have caused African Americans to be at an increased risk of contracting or even dying from COVID-19. As COVID-19 continues to ravage the Black community, the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) found that 7 in 10 African Americans say they are mistreated based on race or ethnicity when they try to seek medical care. Many factors contribute to the trepidation and speciesism African Americans have surrounding the COVID-19 vaccination. Here are some reasons why you should get vaccinated.

Three benefits of the vaccination

The COVID-19 vaccination will help keep you from getting COVID-19.

All COVID-19 vaccines that are in development are being carefully evaluated in clinical trials and will be authorized or approved only if they make it substantially less likely you'll get COVID-19.

The COVID-19 vaccination is a safer way to help build protection.

Both natural immunity and immunity produced by a vaccine are essential parts of COVID-19 disease that experts are trying to learn more about. The CDC will keep the public informed as new evidence becomes available.

The COVID-19 vaccination will be an important tool to help stop the pandemic.

Wearing masks and social distancing help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, but these measures are not enough. Vaccines will work with your immune system, so it will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed.

For more information on COVID-19 visit:

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Resurrection, Risen, Redemption and Realignment (Atonement)

By Eunice A. Christian

April 25, 2021

Job 19:25 ~ ²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth....

Revelation 21:23 ~ ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

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May the memories that you have created and will create from here and now on be blessed with the fullness of Light. May the memories of current and past loved ones, friends, and good neighbors not be forgotten. May we always be mindful and not forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of countless others in our land and around the world. May we keep up in prayer those who show compassion during these challenging times.

For those of you who are struggling in various aspects of life to the point that it may feel overwhelming, may you realize the tender mercy, grace, and favor The Most High God has in store for you, and that you receive the relief you need and desire for a better, more fruitful outcome. While at times it may feel this way, know that you are never truly alone.

My prayer is that we not lose hope or give in to the darkness of this world. May we demonstrate wisdom and knowledge regarding how we address those who promote fallacies and infringements against what is good and just. May we be diligent in well-doing; unified for the sake of a civil and more perfect union; premised upon what has been deemed good and just according to God's Holy Word.

Remember: ***God is still on the throne, and Jesus lives in us through the power and unction of The Holy Spirit, our Comforter.*** So, trust in God by adhering to His Holy Word. I pray that God will see you through with good health and prosperity. ***Again, first trust in God.***

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Retraction

In the issue of ***Transform You Magazine Jun Vol 3 Issue***, my article entitled ***Humanity's (Man's) Arrogance | God's Will***, dated June 6, 2020 indicated on my *Points of Reference* list, as well as within my segment, ***8 MINUTES; 46 SECONDS—In Memory of George Floyd***, the following:

Chauvin was caught committing one of the most heinous acts in recent history for all the world to see—most captured on videos. This individual who was appointed to uphold the law, pulled Mr. Floyd from out of the back of a police patrol car, flipped him onto the asphalt tar, and then proceeded by placing his knee on Mr. Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds. Eight Minutes and Forty-Six Seconds.

As has been documented into evidence during the trial of the death of George Floyd that is currently underway, testimony and evidence has been entered informing that in actuality, former police officer Derek Chauvin did not use his knee to hold down George Floyd by his neck only 8 minutes and 46 seconds. Chauvin used his knee to hold down George Floyd by his neck, thereby denying him the ability to breathe as he laid

on the asphalt, **for at least nine minutes and twenty-nine seconds—again—at least 9 MINUTES 29 SECONDS—NEARLY 10 MINUTES.** As though the initially assumed timed encounter was not horrific enough, to learn that there are supporting videos that reveal the entire heinous act was even longer than the time initially reported by countless domestic media outlets and social media for all the world to see is sickening beyond words. However, it was important to me that I make the correction, or rather clarify, this information.

As tragic as this act is, it does not end there. This heinous act also brought to mind how various individuals who were present at the time of Mr. George Floyd's death; in particular, those who were called as witnesses and who have or will testify, were not only devastated about what they saw, but will, on varying levels, endure irreparable emotional and psychological harm. May these individuals receive the healing and support they need. May they draw on strength for today and every day from The Most High.

May our Lord and our God under the power of The Holy Spirit give us all the wisdom, knowledge, and strength for each day to ensure that this, and other heinous acts against another human being, will not be tolerated. On the day of writing this article, April 17, 2021, the prosecution and defense presented and their closing statements. May *justice* prevail.

[Note: Upon the submission of this article, the jury had completed their civic duty. They were sequestered; their deliberation over the Trial of Derek Chauvin concluded on April 20, 2021. Derek Chauvin, former police officer, faced the following three (3) charges: second-degree murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter; charges that carry penalties of up to 40 years of imprisonment. The verdict was rendered by the court. Guilty. Guilty. Guilty.

Chauvin waived having the jury determine his sentence; it is currently up to the judge who presided over the case to determine his time in prison. The date of the sentencing hearing will take place approximately eight weeks after the date of the verdict, which would be on or about June 15, 2021. Again, may justice, according to what is just, right, and decent, prevail.]

Romans 12:18-19 ~ ¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, **Vengeance is Mine, I will repay**, says the Lord.

* * *

1 Corinthians 15:50-57 ~ ⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: *Death has been swallowed up in victory.* ⁵⁵ *Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?* ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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For this month's theme, my article is entitled, **Resurrection, Risen, Redemption and Realignment (Atonement)**. In particular, I left out 'Relationship' based upon my recent submission on this topic earlier this year. So, for my perspective on the Christian experience pertaining to relationships, please read, **How to Strengthen Your Relationship; Transform You Magazine; Vol 4 February Issue.**

To promote clarity when addressing each month's theme, I like to start by:

- 1) *exploring at face value the words of the month's theme from my perspective; and*
- 2) *exploring the topic to the best of my ability as it adheres to the Word of God.*

Perspective of Terms Defined

Resurrection (noun) *is a death to life process.* **Resurrection** is a term mostly used in a spiritual context; in particular, in reference to The Creator's divine plan for His Son, Jesus, and the path Jesus willingly followed, so that those who believed in Him and His purpose would have everlasting life. Those who will believe in the true and living God, will also believe in Jesus' resurrection power over spiritual death.

Risen (verb) is the past participle, or simply put, the past tense of the verb, **rise**. **Risen** means, in part, **to have been elevated to a higher level; whether in thought, deed, or object.** *Pollution and climate change have been considered dominating factors pertaining to the risen level of oceanic instability around the world.*

Redemption (noun) *a process of being reclaimed by way of a consideration or sacrifice due to a debt, fault, error, shortcoming, or sin.* For us today, redemption comes by believing in the Living God, The Holy Spirit, and the belief that without the shedding of Jesus' blood, there is no remission of sin.

Realignment (noun) *something, someone, or a concept that has been repositioned or straightened back to its previous form or state.* *Seek an experienced auto mechanic for steering wheel or tire realignment issues. (Obviously, not a spiritual example, but one you may be able to relate to—and hopefully, a reminder to someone out there to get your vehicle checked. Just keeping things a bit light and airy.)*

Needing or desiring a realignment can mean that a subject or an object was initially straight or in a far better position, but for whatever reason, is no longer the case. *Realignment of one's values in the Lord can be achieved by setting one's focus on a stable and constant influencer—The Holy Bible.* For a person to need a realignment is to infer that one is not thinking or acting according to the Will of God (example, a 'backslider'). A word that I believe heightens this perspective is *atonement*, which means to be reconciled to God through Jesus The Christ. It is correcting the wrong committed by the First Adam by The Second Adam.

Romans 5:12 ~ ¹²Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

1 Corinthians 15:45 ~ ⁴⁵And so it is written, *The first man Adam became a living being.* The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit.

Due to Adam's disobedience to God (Genesis 3:1-7), Adam's and Eve's position with God was forever changed. Man's relationship with God was not only spiritually altered, but physically as well (Genesis 3:23). As a result of Adam's fall from grace, the relationship between God and Man would never be the same; nor would the earth and its relationship with Man be the same. Yet in spite of *The Fall of Adam*, God had a plan.

The Lamb of God—Resurrection

Out of an abundance of love for mankind, God made a way for redemption. God designed a plan that entailed the greatest sacrifice and gift ever so that His relationship with mankind would not remain severed. It is through God's divine plan that enabled mankind to accept His priceless gift, but not without cost. It came in the form of a sacrifice—His Son, Jesus.

It was Jesus who paid it all so that we may one day, for those who believe, may be joined with Him in paradise (Luke 23:43). Through the shedding of blood for the remission of sin, Jesus, in place of mankind, would pay the ultimate sacrifice—and *Jesus did so willingly.* Jesus allowed

Himself to be crucified so that all those who would believe in His purpose and selfless act of great sacrifice would not suffer eternal death, but have life everlasting.

Matthew 28:1-5 ~ ¹ Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. ³ His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. ⁴ And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel answered and said to the women, *Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.* ⁶ *He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.* ⁷ *And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.* ⁸ So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. ⁹ And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, **Rejoice!** So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, **Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.**

The Lamb of God—Risen

For a living vessel to have risen, that vessel had to have been first at a lower state or place.

To summarize, Jesus The Christ, The Son of The Living God, first came here on earth, in the form of flesh, in the form of a baby (Luke 2:1-39). During His 30+ years on earth, He endured and suffered a great many acts. He was misunderstood, and was ridiculed by multitudes. (Matthew 27:39-44; Mark 14:43-72; Mark 15:16-32; Luke 18:31-34). Even John The Baptist, who was the forerunner for Christ, and His cousin, questioned whether He was actually the Messiah (Matthew 11:2-3).

Jesus was lied on and mocked, scourged, and placed on a wooden cross—a creation of His own—a tree that once had life. Needless to share, Jesus of Nazareth endured what had to be immense pain, not only because He knew His closest followers had scattered, but at some point, He would be separated from God, His Father. (Matthew, Chapter 26).

Matthew 27:45 ~ ⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?** that is, **My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**

In the form of human flesh, Jesus experienced a level of separation between Him and His Father in order to fulfill His divine purpose. By doing so, Jesus had to experience not only a level of loneliness, but lowliness. He became sin so that His Father's divine plan would give us the ability to rejoice and declare *Jesus The Christ is Lord. Jesus has Risen—His faithfulness gives us the privilege of everlasting life.*

The Lamb of God—Risen and Redemption

Luke 8:49-50 ~ ⁴⁹ While He [Jesus] was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, *Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher.* ⁵⁰ But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, **Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.**

The difference between *risen* and *resurrection* is that it is highly probable that someone or something can rise or become elevated from a lower position, but that does not necessarily equate to being raised to a better one. Case in point: Many have experienced elevation in status, or have experienced a heart's desire coming true, just to regret the change. This brings to mind one of my valued statements that resonates with me, *Be careful what you ask for; you just might get it.* On the other hand, experiencing a resurrection—being revived from the dead—requires the presence of an extraordinary power for, and during, an extraordinary situation. This, too, can have a negative flip side, but for the context of Christianity, that is not the case (*Thank God!*). What Jesus accomplished on The Cross cannot be undone.

The holy scriptures recorded that at least three individuals have been resurrected—

1) *the daughter of the synagogue ruler (Luke 8:49-56);*

- 2) Lazarus (John 11:1-44); and
3) Jesus of Nazareth (Matthew 28:1-10).

Needless to share, the situations involving these three involved resurrection power, yet enormously stark outcomes to share the least. *Redemption* is the process of being redeemed; to be brought back or restored at a cost; a price. No one but Jesus The Christ has redemptive power.

Lazarus died so that God could get the glory and for witnesses to believe (John 11:4). The synagogue ruler's daughter whose life was restored, was interestingly different. According to the holy scriptures (Luke 8:49-50), Jesus told the father of the dead girl, '**Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well**' when He heard someone tell him that his daughter was dead.

When Jesus arrived at the synagogue ruler's home, He only allowed two of His disciples and the parents to witness this miraculous event. Upon taking the young girl's hand and then stating **little girl rise**, her spirit return to her body. Jesus then after instructing the parents to feed her, and then commanded them to not to tell anyone (Luke 8:56). [*Perhaps this is similar to the stern statement by Jesus to His mother during a wedding at Galilee, '...My hour has not yet come.'* (John 2:4). However, when Jesus rose from the dead, He rose so that the entire world would know He Is The Son of God.

When Jesus died, He did not fall asleep, as it is written in the holy scriptures about the girl and Lazarus who were both considered dead. When Jesus died on The Cross, He fought a good fight, claiming the keys to Hades. **When Jesus rose—whether one is a Believer or not—He not only got up; He had risen from the dead. Jesus was not only resurrected, He is our Redeemer who still lives today.**

John 11:25-26 ~ ²⁵ Jesus said to her, ***I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.*** ²⁶ ***And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?***

Lazarus, who was loved by Jesus, rose again (John 11:41-44), but was subjected again to the same path as other mortals. Lazarus did not have all power to save the world from sin. The synagogue ruler's daughter was brought back to life, but she, too, did not possess all power to raise herself again or save the world from the sting of death. What Lazarus and the girl have in common is that their resurrection was made possible by the power of Jesus. Jesus Is the Resurrection.

Revelations 1:18 ~ ¹ ***I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.***

God's divine plan to save mankind from eternal death was through His beloved Son dying on The Cross so that those who believe in Him may have eternal life. Jesus became The Lamb of God that stood in our place so that we would not get what we rightfully deserve as sinners, but instead, may have right to the Tree of Life.

The Lamb of God—Realignment

Philippians 3:7-14 ~ ⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Mankind could not redeem itself back to our holy God after Adam and Eve's fallen state. No one but Jesus had the power to restore or realign our relationship with God. While there were

individuals who God had set apart to do His Holy Will, no one on earth possessed the deity, power, and fortitude that was required to conquer spiritual death but Jesus—the One who did not commit sin, but took on the form of sin, and who, by the shedding of His blood—paid it all so that we would be redeemed and brought back to God, realigning us to His Spirit, the spirit of atonement.

Matthew 3:17 ~ ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ***This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.***

Who Has Received Our Report?

It is written that no one can claim they love God, but not His Son. One cannot be blessed with the gift of salvation if one does not believe that Jesus not only rose from the dead, but returned to the right side of His Father so that The Holy Spirit may be present among us. To be redeemed means to be bought with the price of the High Calling of Christ Jesus.

John 6:53-66 ~ ⁵³ Then Jesus said to them, ***Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶ He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.***

⁵⁹ These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. ⁶⁰ Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, *This is a hard saying; who can understand it?* ⁶¹ When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, ***Does this offend you? ⁶² What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe.*** For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. ⁶⁵ And He said, ***Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.*** ⁶⁶ From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.

Will You Also Go Away?

Is it not written, that Jesus requested His disciples to prepare the Passover (Matthew 26:26-29) so that they may honor Him until He returns? So, if those who were in attendance when Jesus said, ‘Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.’ (John 6:54-56) were aware that before His crucifixion and in preparation of Passover, He would have instructed His disciples to honor Him (known to us as The Lord’s Supper), do you think that they would have turned away, or do you think they would have understood what He meant? Furthermore, when you read the above scriptures, was it also hard for you to understand? Those who partake in The Lord’s Supper do so with the mind, heart, and soul that Jesus is Lord, so to honor Him in this manner means to have accepted Him as Lord and Savior.

1 Corinthians 11:23-34 ~ ²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ***Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.*** ²⁵ In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, ***This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.*** ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes. ²⁷ Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. ³⁰ For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. ³¹ For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. ³³ Therefore, my brethren, when

you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

As it is written, Jesus knew those who would not believe in Him. Even His disciples had a hard time receiving what He said; however, it was God our heavenly Father who chose the few out of the many (Matthew 22:1-14). Jesus knew who would continue to walk with Him—**and just as important—Jesus knew who would not—and the same is true today.** Read John Chapter 10 of The Holy Bible for additional context.

Mark 4:5-9 ~⁵ Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. ⁶ But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. ⁷ And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. ⁸ But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred ⁹ and He [Jesus] said to them, **He who has ears to hear, let him hear!**

Do You Believe In The Holy Spirit?

Some will read The Holy Bible and not understand, but will still be led, or have an unction, to continue to live serving Christ Jesus because he or she is led by The Holy Spirit; that he or she has been called by God; and as it is written, will be others who will hear The Word of God, doubt that Jesus Is who He Is, and will turn away. If one turns away, they have; therefore, rejected The One—The Holy One—The Redeemer who Lives.

I can write on and on, *but will it make a difference to you? Do you believe in the report of the Lord? Do you believe that Jesus was risen from the dead? Do you believe in God's resurrection power? Do you believe in redemption? Are you willing to redirect and realign your way of living in order to have a better relationship with Christ Jesus? Are you willing to make atonement for your sinful nature by submitting to the Keeper of your soul? **Are YOU redeemed? Do you desire to be with God—with Jesus?***

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ~¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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I would like to express my deepest and sincerest condolences to those who are experiencing grief and hardship during this COVID-19 pandemic. As I pray for my family, friends, and those I encounter, I pray for you, too.

May God's grace and mercies keep you; and that the joy of the Lord and the love of God which surpasses all understanding strengthen and encourage you always.

May God continue to bless and uplift all those who seek His Face, and may the Spirit of the Living God bless the works of those across the nations who serve to make this world a better place.

Eunice A. Christian

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Stay Encouraged

We cannot truly fathom how great our Lord and God is, but what we can identify with is our Lord and our God's mercies towards us. Knowing that there are recorded accounts of how Jesus the Christ walked this earth—and how He lived and died for us—should cause us to want to serve Him with an abundance of gratitude and humility. We know that we could never repay Him for what He has done, and continues to do for us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, but the way we can honor Him is to trust, love, and obey Him.

Therefore, be willing to spread the gospel so that the Holy Word may be received by all who will believe—and for those who truly believe, may we rejoice together, and be continually encouraged in knowing that we have a glorious expected end in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:14-16 ¹⁴Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

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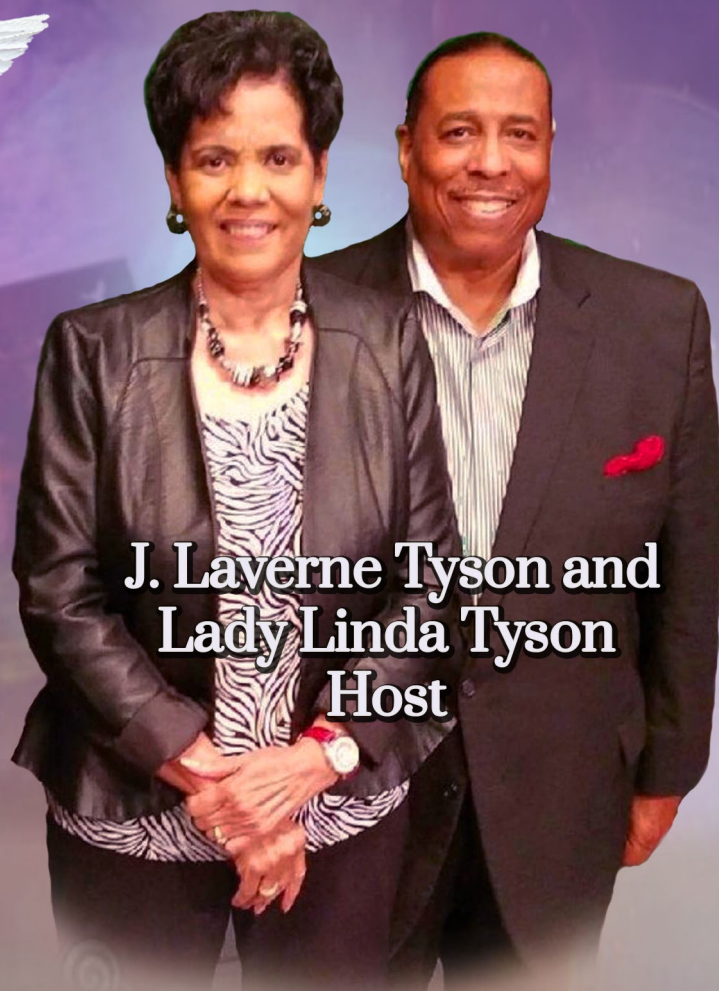
There is no greater gift than the power of God's redemption.

So, if you have not done so already, give your heart to Jesus while you still have time.

Have a transformed mind, look to Jesus.

Be blessed and be a blessing. ❤️

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Stop disqualifying yourself. Look to the King of Kings who forgives and heals. Know who you are in Christ.

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Reoccurring Thought

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

Here is a thought that seems to keep reoccurring. The US deems itself as a Christian nation and the moral voice for the world. But some of our citizens have a real pulse and disheartened feelings about how our elected officials really weaving on the commonsense "Just Do It" areas that really demonstrate the attributes of Christ with a lot of posturing and excuses. They seem to lack the fundamental principles of God.

Have they and even the general population who places them in these positions failed to understand we all are accountable even in our silence and we are aware of the tactics used. Are we really in fact paying attention to cause and effect within our atmosphere? When the same tragedies keep occurring over and over again. Common sense should tell us there has to be a change an adjustment in that which we are doing. We are demonstrating the definition of the word insanity. Because it appears that selfishness and abuse of so-called power have us repeating the same behaviors. Other countries are even broadcasting the events from our smallest communities around the world questioning our inability to bring forth a resolve.

Here is something else we must consider every single person in this world has their individual day of accountability and on that day, we can't point fingers at anyone. Because the question will be what did you do to bring about necessary changes to align ourselves with the principles of God? We can't stammer over the answer because we have reached the ultimate point of life and death. Don't race past that statement let it marinate for a minute because this is actually the point of no return. Very relevant actually extremely relevant because it affects no one else but ourselves. This is another point to pulse and ponder what has just been stated so that the reality of this fact can remain in our forethought and help to regulate our behavior.

We all know that either side of the political spectrum is definitely not pure or correct on all bases. They would rather barter, compromise, and push unhealthy agendas that are not trustworthy. Never really focusing solely on the ones who are truly in need of services that can be provided. But pride and deception have entered the room distracting one away from the principles of God. When Grace is allowed to enter the room, God is showing His mercy by giving us the time to correct our errors and align ourselves with His principles, therefore, demonstrating our best behavior which is pleasing in His sight.

Leaders of nations are supposed to demonstrate the compassion of the values of the nation when negotiating with other nations. This nation had been on a pathway towards greater diversity recognizing the needs of all and setting an illustration for other nations. However, when the entitled feel that a society that considers the needs of all and the removal of the heavy hand of oppression puts their advancement at risk, they put their influence to work to try and maintain power/entitlement not honoring

God. Claiming that the former days were the better days because of the oppression and their feeling of superiority and unmerited power. They will publicly demonstrate this sort of posturing and continually undermining the general population using them as pawns.

Failing to understand that most people are aware of the tactics of the enemy who is clearly not about unifying anything in any capacity because that works against the common tactic of divide and conquer also allowing the spreading of deceptive and delusional illustrations to stoke fear to those that operate in ignorance because they allow themselves to be deceived because they refuse to fact check the information that is provided to them. Not capable of clearly seeing when they have been manipulated to align with someone who truly operates outside the principles of God. This puts everyone at greater risk and on an express train towards derailment. But God always provides a way of escape when we are paying attention to the terrain of the course way before us. God's children because of the benefit of relationship know His voice and a stranger or strange one they will not follow. We have been instructed on the location of the exit ramps and our Father makes ways of escape

Every day we must remain within the will of God. Many may come with enticing words and gifts as we have heard many times "Watch as well as Pray!" We in the midst of a major transition and we must remember "The darkest hour is just before the day" Go through it will over in the morning!. Let God arise and His enemies be scattered! His word will not come back void.



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LET'S RISE!

By Elder Diane Harvell

In writing this article, I thought about many things and what it means to rise. Rise or Risen means: To move from a lower position to a higher one to get up or go up; or to move upward. To me, to rise is to grow beyond the obstacles of resilience which life can sometimes bring, but with God's miraculous omnipresence no matter the resilience, keep going forward!

Finally, I thought about trees and the references God puts upon them in scripture. Such as Psalm 1:3~**"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."**

The opposite of rise is to fall or to be underdeveloped or unfinished. Like watching a great movie with the anticipation of a spectacular end but the show is interrupted or stops short and you never get to see the *expected* ending. That to me is a life that does not "rise" to its greatest potential. I am also reminded of great people that seemingly did not reach their expected end like that of which is spoken of in the bible. And I think and wonder, where would they be today if they had risen to their "expected end"? Yet we're left to enjoy or listen to or watch their gifts and talents through our modern day means of communication until the world's end.

I do not want to leave my gifts behind me and everyone else experiences them without me. There's a sadness to that yet I can name so many of God's people that have experienced exactly that. Where are they? Can they see their accomplishments from the grave? For example, can Sam Cooke see that the greatest song he wrote and released in 1964 "A Change is Gonna Come" would resonate powerfully true and become a great anthem in the year 2009 when the world witnessed the inauguration of the first black president of the United States? Or can Michael Jackson see and enjoy the music of his genius from the grave? Or can Charles Spurgeon or Martin Luther King Jr. hear and see the impact of their words and sermons they have made upon the earth? And the list goes on and on. But the fact remains, they are no longer here anymore. Which brings me to the words of this scripture;

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Jesus makes many references to trees throughout the bible.

John 15:1 says I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

I can only encourage myself and my audience to rise up not just to the "occasion," but to the place of purpose where God has planned your life in Him and in the world.

Whether you have an audience of one or of one million, be as the tree which the Lord compares us to. Trees are the oldest living things on earth. Trees can live as long as 10,000 years. There are trees alive today that were already here in ancient times of Christ. God wants us to see the forest and the trees but not get blinded by short-term gain and lose sight of eternity. This lets me know the Lord wants us to be the best of who we are and live the best life now and evermore!

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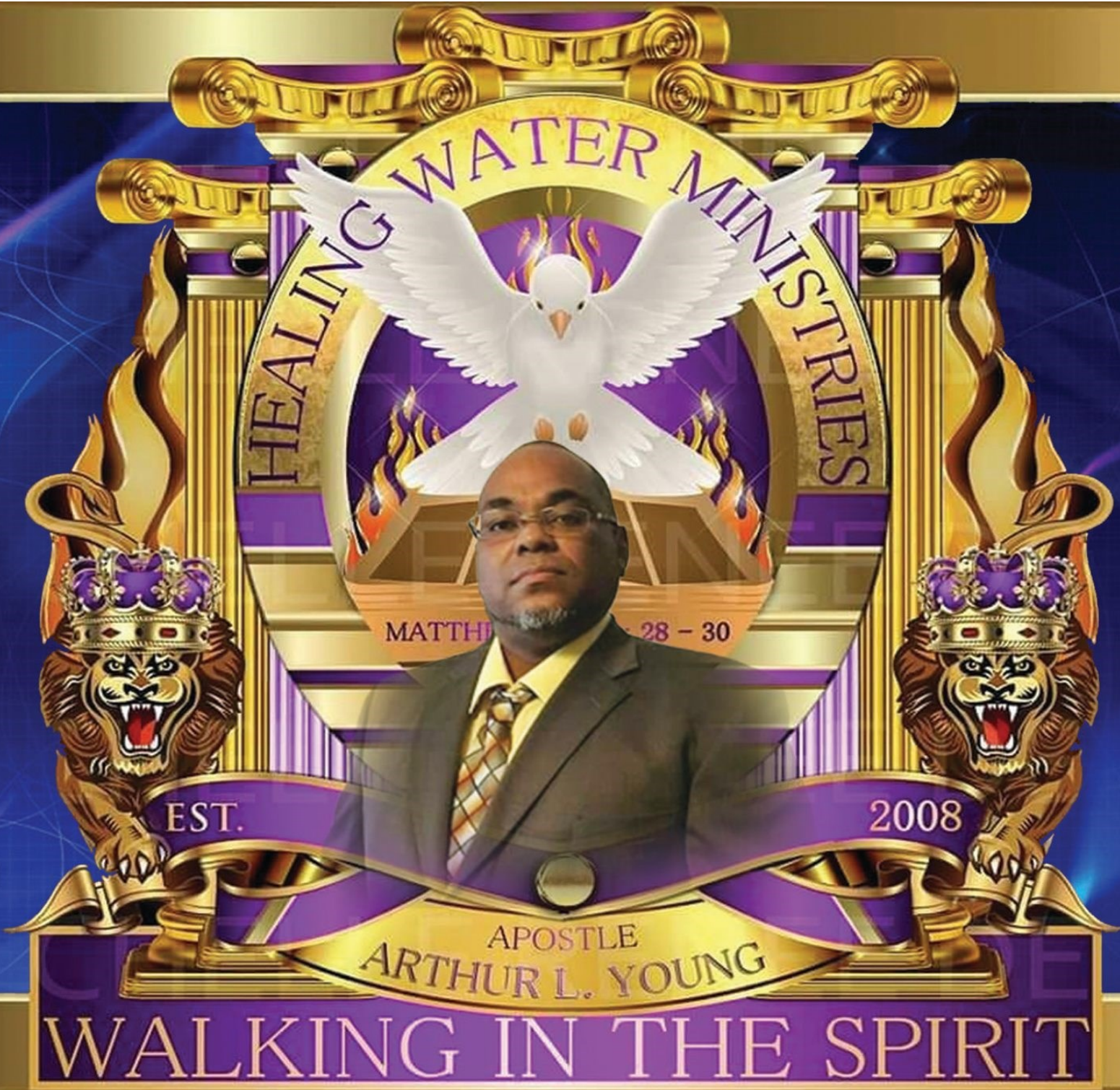
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Understanding The Principle of God Will Help You To Rise

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

In today's society the level of understanding the mere fundamentals of what it takes to have a good and successful relationship seen to be muffled by all of the wrong information based on experimental illustrations. The richest and most valuable information is not always shared. So, the answers of how do you sustain a 40,50,60 and yes, a 70-year relationship remains somewhat muted. But whenever I hear these types of numbers my curiosity heightens. Please, give me all of the golden nuggets.

One thing I've learned is the principles of a good relationship start to develop within us by the examples that we see as we are growing up. Children are like sponges that soak up what is seen illustrated in front of them. So as parents one must be aware of their presence in order not to send the wrong message. We also must be transparent by giving the correct information even when we do something wrong that harms or devastates a relationship and has a rippling effect that reaches out to our children.

Relationships require that all parties be conscious, aware and strive to maintain open communication at all costs. These are some basic fundamentals, and some of the most important factors to be present. They lay the foundation that one can build upon.

One thing for certain is relationships are not built on looks, they are built on harmonizing spirits that are on one accord. This creates a bond of strength and a solid footing for the first step forward. The essence of any individual comes from within from the depth of their soul revealing their very nature. However, if you allow yourself to be distracted and are looking at the wrong indicators you will be deceived. Therefore, when you do become conscious you will be disappointed after the smokescreen clears.

In our society today we are consumed by imagery, the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. The accumulation and possession of what we imagine make us look a certain way in a society that has nothing to do with truth. So, we live in a delusional environment with a lot of pain and agony when we finally wake up to our self-created reality providing us with a rude awakening.

So, let's look at a pathway forward traveling to the truth. Because the basic fundamental is presence in the Word of God. There are numerous passages that echo this one sentiment/principle. I like how it is phrased in the book of James 2:8 KJV. "If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well."

In a relationship when you take the time to consider yourself as the recipient of your own words or actions received then question how you would feel, you would actually start creating better outcomes. Gaining a better understanding of cause and effect allowing one to become wiser in knowing the effects of their impactful actions.

The next thing you need to understand is yourself. What type of person do you truly want to become? What would make you happy and fulfilled? Because when you know and understand yourself then you have a foundation and principles to build upon. Because of the knowledge obtained you will not become superficial in your selection of a mate. But you will seek to find someone whose values align with your principles and the merits they hold will help bring longevity to your relationship.

The strongest assets a couple can have is when their relationship is bonded together with the three-fold cord. This means your relationship is inner twine with God providing the strength that keeps it from breaking. His being in the midst ensures that the cord doesn't snap due to the fact that at times you may encounter the weight of pulling a heavy load. It might stretch almost to capacity but it endures through difficult situations holding firm and demonstrating resilience every time it faces a test of its strength.

The biggest downfall is the lack of honest and insightful communication. As well as the lack of observation to gain a deeper understanding of one another. The answers are present when you apply the proper things to sure up your relationship and not tear it down. Remembering that our expectations of others should be on equal footing. Be willing to do it yourself what you are requiring of others and even demonstrate that willingness because it will develop into greater peace and harmony along with a deeper trust and understanding. No leaving any wiggle room for others to try and wiggle in.

God has provided every one of us with five uniquely powerful senses to help us enhance anything that we apply them to. Sight, touch, smell, hearing, and taste these five create feelings and emotion helping us to be engaged or distracted. So we must work at being present and apply our time and energy to seeing and experiencing our desired outcome.

Open your mouth and communicate your desires at the beginning of the relationship so that all parties are aware of the expectations and they don't become surprised because we were never provided the options at the beginning to say we were in agreement with those desires, rather than someone obtaining a false assumption that we were on board. Always be aware throughout your relationship of the terrain you're traveling on so that the traction of your relationship stays consistent throughout this journey. Taking the necessary steps to maintain harmony by applying needed adjustments for outstanding performance. Communicate always, listen and be conscious of warning signs to avoid breakdowns and total wrecks. Then you can avoid regrets. The future of your relationship and family can be impacted by our decisions and abilities. We can all pass, the test when we study properly, apply prayer always that we will gain wisdom, trust, and understanding throughout.

Our Quiet Times ©

C. A. Dangerfield II

It is within our quiet times that I treasure
the most.

The whispers of wisdom that you speak
to my spirit that deposit deep down to
my soul.

Even when I may feel unworthy because
of something I've done.

You reach out to draw me closer so I
won't feel shunned.

You provide instructions so that pathway
set for destruction I won't take.

As I listen intentionally I become
comforted not desiring any more
mistakes.

Understanding the pathway toward you
is filled with grace.

I have come to recognize the strength
of our relationship and the power of
your love.