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John 16:33

“In the world
you will have tribulation;
but be of good cheer
I have overcome
the world.”

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Dare To Be Like Daniel

My Ruminating Thoughts



**RELY on God's
PROMISES**

**ACT on God's
PROMISES**

**TRUST In
God's PROMISES**

Through Daniel we know the story of what faith was able to accomplish, not only in his life, but in the lives of the kings who punished him, and in the nation of Israel, God's chosen people.

Daniel believed in the power of prayer. Morning, noon, and night. He prayed in public or in private, even despite the warnings that the king spoke to him. Daniel's faith in the one true God was created through his time of loyalty in prayer. Faith requires prayer. God was the center of his life, and because he listened and followed God's instructions fully, he was victorious.

Daniel did not compromise his standards. Just as Daniel **purposed in his heart**, we must also determine that whatever comes our way, we are not going to forfeit what we know is acceptable in the sight of God. Most of the biblical writers believe that Daniel was in his teens when he was taken to Babylon. Can you imagine having that much trust in God to turn your life over to Him repeatedly, without hesitation?

Daniel used his influence. As Christians living in America, we can be easily influenced. Some negative and some positive. However, we also have the power to influence others as well. The people we meet, maybe the checkout lady in the grocery store, or the waitress at our favorite restaurant, we influence them in some way. Unfortunately, many Christians don't use their influence to further God's kingdom.

Daniel did not waver when hardships arose. Daniel was completely aware of Darius and his rulings, but it did not matter to him. Pleasing God was the most important thing to him. This is a clear example of the political hardship Daniel faced. The Bible makes it clear that if we are following Christ the way we should, we are going to suffer persecution (John 15:20). It could be political or personal. Either way, it is crucial that we do not yield to the enemy's advances. We are to put on the whole armor of God and quench the fiery darts of the wicked one (Ephesians 6:16). Just as Daniel could stay the disaster upon Israel by fervent prayer and fasting, we, as the remnant, can be the firewall forming for just one purpose: to snatch America back from the jaws of death.

- Love and Prayers from Juanita & Jack

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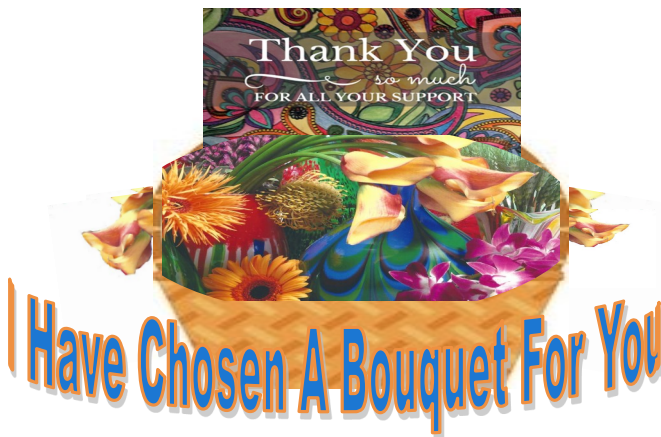
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This page is dedicated to you, my family, my brothers and sisters in Christ. There are a few of our faithful readers who have received these pages for 50+ years. What a blessing you are! Because of you and God's leadership, we continue for HIS glory! Many of those who shared the love of this work with Mom and Dad are now in Heaven. But in return, God continues to add new family. We pray the Lord will bless each one, you are all dear to our hearts. Jack and I love you and we are praying for you! You have shared with us your support through prayers, donations, article contributions, letters and emails.



This month I received a precious letter and offering from this sweet lady. Since that time, I have called her and we have had fun recalling

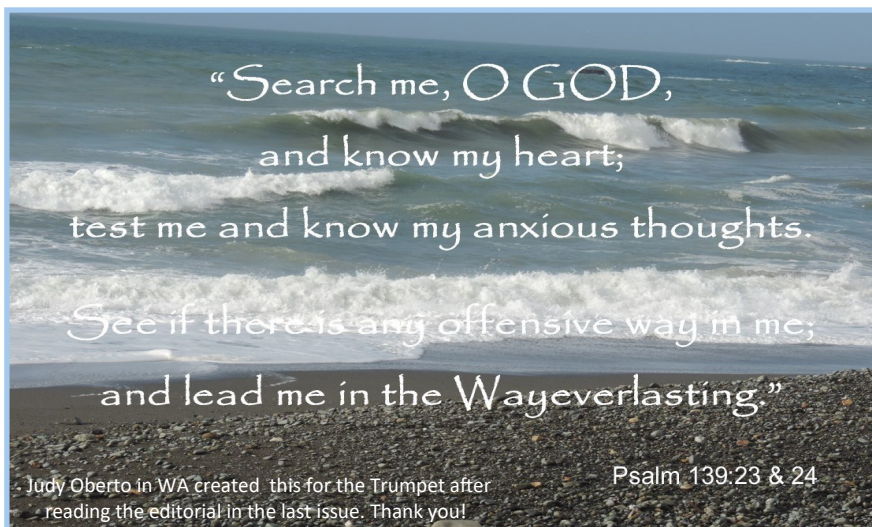
and sharing memories of the past. I also called Mike, her son, to ask for a picture to share. Catherine attended the church in West Frankfort, IL where Dad pastored in the early 70's. She said she remembered when I started playing the piano at church. I was 11 and my feet couldn't hardly touch the pedals! I remember those times with a smile. My father prayed many years that Harold, Catherine's

husband, would give his life to the Lord. Several years later after Dad passed away, he did get saved. Harold and Catherine came to visit Mom and Jack here in Arkansas.

She writes: "I enjoy the paper so much. I can get information about you and your family. I have 19 great grandchildren. On February 11, 2021, I was 97 years old. God has been good to me. Of course there have been happy times and also sad times, but through the sad times and grief, sadness and disappointment, God was always there to comfort and give peace through it all. I know you have had losses and know what it means to lean on Jesus. I'm doing well for my age. I don't drive anymore but I'm still living in my home and able to cook for myself and keep my housework going. I know not when God will call me home, so while I'm here, I pray that I might be a witness for my Lord and that everything that I say and do will glorify Him.

Keep printing the pages because it is touching a lot of people as they read it. I love you all. May God bless you! Keep praying and keep printing! Much love, Catherine Shelby."





Psalm 12:1

Chaplain Louie Bender

“Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth;
for the faithful fail among the children of men.”

This Psalm of David speaks of something that caused the great warrior king to fear as he cried out to the Lord for help. David had known what it was to do battle against the ungodly of his day, yet it was different now. He was not afraid of the swords and bows of men, but of the words that he heard. The difference was seen in the disappearance of the “godly men” from the ranks of the “Godly men.”

How did this shortage come about? Had there been a generation who failed to train up Godly men? Do we seek to promote Godly living and Godly words over worldliness? The king's perception saw “that the faithful fail,” thus passing off the scene from what had been. This new lot of people were “speaking vanity” and using “flattering lips” that were filled with pride. And yet they were convinced that they would “prevail.” The disappearance of true Godly men caused the “double-hearted” to create pressure on the poor and needy. I believe we are seeing the same thing happening today in our society. David's hope was in the Lord who “set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.” In contrast to the words of the deceitful, God's Words would prevail as pure as silver tried seven times in fire. From generation unto generation, His Words would be preserved forever! The warning given in the last verse certainly needs to be heeded in our days as we are reminded: “The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.” My, how we need “Godly men” who will train up more “Godly men” for the future!

P.S. There are still a few that “Seek out the old Path” The ungodly are looking for “new ways” to worship and live. They will not surrender everything to The Lord Jesus, and let His Blessed Holy Spirit guide them into the one path of truth. Jesus Christ is the One True Way. “I am the Way, The Truth, and the Life, No one comes to the Father, except through Me.”



When is the RIGHT TIME to do the RIGHT THING?

By John Wallin

Every second, every minute of each day there are choices to do. Good or Bad. To be Christ-like, we must always do the right thing. Sometimes we tend to do the right thing when others do, or when it is convenient, or when others are watching. We need to remember God is always watching.

The Bible says in James 4:17, "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin." Jesus was faced with many decisions in difficult situations, but He knew He had to be sinless to be our Savior and example. He was tempted by Satan in Luke 4:8.

For us to be a good example and follower of Christ, we must be mindful that everything we say and do, our actions, our walk, our talk is planted in the minds of listeners. In another verse, Matt 5:16, Jesus says to "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." It is our individual responsibility to let others see His Light shining through our actions and everything we say and do.

Our words and our actions need to reflect the Savior we serve.

When is the RIGHT TIME?
THE TIME IS NOW!



Jesus Is All The World To Me



Jesus is all the world to me,
My life, my joy, my all!
I love him now,
I'll join Him when my true Homecoming Calls!

Following Him, I'm in the right;
He is providing day and night,
Eternal life, Eternal Plan,
He's my Friend.

Until that Heaven'ly Coming Home,
I'll fight the good fight here.
With God's good grace, I'll war in prayer,
Undaunted with good cheer...

Victory promised, we live in Him,
None other is as bright and dear,
Merciful Lord,
Bread-of-Life Word,
He's our Friend!



With Jesus, we of courageous resolve,
Are ever moving forward.

Arrangement by
Gail Stoddard



7 COMMUNISTS GO SINGING INTO HEAVEN



“One of the strangest experiences in my life is connected with the war.” says Nordenburg, an eminent engineer in Finland.

“I offered my services to the Government and was appointed an officer in General Mannerheim’s army. It was a terrible time. We besieged the town. It had been taken by the Red Army, and we retook it. A number of Red prisoners were under my guard. Seven of them were to be shot at dawn on Monday. I shall never forget the preceding Sunday. The seven doomed men were kept in the basement of the town hall. In the passage my men stood at attention with their rifles.

“The atmosphere was filled with hatred. My soldiers were drunk with victory and taunted their prisoners, who swore as much as they could, beating the walls with their bleeding fists. Others called for their wives and children who were far away. At dawn they were all to die.

“We had the victory, that was true enough; but the value of this seemed to diminish as the night advanced. I began to wonder whether there did not rest a curse on arms, whichever side used them.

“Then something happened: one of the men doomed to death began to sing! ‘He is mad!’ was everybody’s first thought. But I noticed this man, Koskinen, had not raved and cursed like the others. Quietly he had sat on his bench, a picture of utter despair. Nobody said anything to him - each was carrying his own burden in his own way. Koskinen sang rather waveringly at first, then his voice grew strong and filled out, became natural and free. All the prisoners turned and looked at the singer who now seemed to be in his element:

*Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o’ershaded,
Sweetly my soul shall rest.
Hark, ‘tis the voice of angels,
Born in a song to me
Over the fields of Glory.
Over the Jasper Sea.*

“Over and over again, Koskinen sang that verse. When he had finished, everyone was quiet for a few minutes until a wild-looking individual broke out with ‘Where did you get that, you fool? Are you trying to make us religious?’

“Koskinen looked at his comrades, and his eyes filled with tears. Then he asked quietly: ‘Comrades will you listen to me for a minute? You asked me where I got this song; it is from the Salvation Army. I heard it there three weeks ago. At first, I laughed at the song, but it got me. It is cowardly to hide your beliefs; the God my mother believed in has now become my God also. I cannot tell you how it happened, but I know that it happened. I lay awake last night and suddenly I felt that I had to find the Savior, to hide in Him. Then I prayed - like the thief on the cross - that Christ would forgive me and cleanse my sinful soul, and make me ready to stand before Him, Whom I should meet soon.’

“ ‘It was a strange night’ continued Koskinen. There were times when everything seemed to shine around me. Verses from the Bible and from the Song Book came to my mind. They brought a message of the crucified Savior and of the Home He has prepared for us. I thanked Him, accepted it, and since then this verse has been sounding inside me. It was God’s answer to my prayer. I could no longer keep it to myself! Within a few hours I shall be with the Lord, saved by His grace.”

“Koskinen’s face shone as by an inward light. His comrades sat there quietly. He himself stood there transfixed. My soldiers were listening to what the Red revolutionary had to say.

“ ‘You are right, Koskinen,’ said one of his comrades at last. ‘If only I knew that there is mercy for me, too! But these hands of mine have shed blood, and I have reviled God and trampled on all that is holy. Now I realize that there is a hell, and that is the proper place for me.’

“He sank to the ground with despair depicted on his face. ‘Pray for me Koskinen,’ he groaned, ‘tomorrow I shall die and my soul will be in the hands of the devil!’

“And there these two Red soldiers went down on their knees and prayed for each other. It was no long prayer, but it opened up Heaven for both, and we who listened to it forgot our hatred. It melted in the light of Heaven; for here two men who were soon to die sought reconciliation with God. A door leading into the invisible, stood ajar, and we were entranced by the sight.

“Let me tell you shortly that by the time it was four o’clock, all Koskinen’s comrades had followed his example and had begun to pray. The change in the atmosphere was indescribable. Some of the men sat on the floor; others talked of spiritual things.

“The night had almost gone, and day was dawning. No one had a moment’s sleep. ‘Sing the song once more for us Koskinen,’ said one of them. And you should have heard them sing! Not only that song, but verses and choruses long forgotten came forth from their memories as buds in the sunshine. The soldiers on guard united their voices with them.

“The town clock struck six. How I wished I could have begged for grace for those men; but I knew that was impossible.

“Between the rows of soldiers, they marched out to execution. One of them asked to be allowed once more to sing Koskinen’s song. Permission was granted. Then they asked to die with uncovered faces - and, with hands raised to Heaven, they sang with might and main:

*Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast.*

“When the last lines had died out, the lieutenant gave the word “Fire!” and the seven Red soldiers had fought their last fight. We inclined our heads in silent prayer.

“What had happened in the hearts of the others I do not know; but as far as I was concerned, I was a new man from that hour. I had met Christ in one of His lowest and youngest disciples and I had seen enough to realize that I too, could be His.”

Jesus said: I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in ME, though he were dead, yet shall he live.”
(John 11:25)

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“His name shall endure forever: his name shall continue as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen.”
Psalm 72:17-19

When we talk of things eternal, many things come to the mind of those who are worldly and buried in religion not salvation. We need not be told that the name David is talking about in the above scripture is the LORD GOD. There have been many mighty and wise people on this earth, but all have died and someone else has taken their place in some way or the other. Look at Pharaoh and how mighty and feared he was. Yet with one wave of the hand of God, the waters covered him up and he died.

When the disciples were showing Jesus the majesty of the temple, Jesus said “One greater than the temple is here”. He was talking about himself. They were counting on the great stones in the walls to last forever. Yet God sent Titus and his army to destroy it, and it came down.

In the age succeeding the flood, they gathered the mud, made the brick, and began work on Babel's tower. They said, “This shall last forever.” But God confounded their language and left them unable to communicate, so it remained unfinished.

There are many wonders in this world, but it is just a matter of time until they will no longer be here. In the end, it will all be burned up. Peter said “and all that will remain will be Jesus and his people to endure

forever.” So, with all the proudest works mankind has done and will do, whether they have been his temples or his monarchies, he has written “everlasting” on them; but God has ordained their end, and they have passed away. Too many put their trust in a denomination, or some other earthly vessel made from wood, stone, silver, or gold. But, in the end there is still just one God and one Savior.

Where is Nineveh today? And where is mighty Babylon? Where are the cities of Persia now? And where are the high places of Edom? Where is Moab, and its sin? And where are the princes of Ammon? Where are the temples and the heroes of Greece? Their gods are no more. Where are the millions that passed through the gates of Thebes? Where are the hosts of Xerxes, the vast armies of the Roman emperors? They have all in time been done away with.

2 Peter 3:10, “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” I can tell you Jesus is wanting us to be a people called after his name which is the only eternal name there is. If we are to put our trust in the future, Jesus is the only name that will live on.

Yes, Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. In our day, false preachers have gotten many people to follow them and make them rich. But in the end, they will not be seen in heaven for the lies and stealing they have done. Look at Hitler and Jim Jones, and others like them. Where are they today? They are dead and exposed for what they really were.

All things in this life will come to an end as far as the flesh goes. But those that are of God will live forever and his eternal name will be worshiped forever.

James asks us a question: James 4:14, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." Knowing we shall all die and leave this world, knowing our time is short, let us reach for the eternal things of God. Salvation from Jesus is our only security. I John 2: 15-17, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." We saw this first through Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden and it has continued since then.

We can love one another but not as much as Jesus. The Bible tells us God and his word will abide forever. Job asks a question. Job 14:14, "If a man die, shall he live again?" There is no doctor, no medical book that can answer that question. But, Jesus did answer it because He died and then came back from the dead to live forever. John 6:39, "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day." Jesus gives us the promise we will live forever with Him in heaven one day. No religion can give us eternal life.

Acts 4:10-12, "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone, which was set at nought of you builders, which is

become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Paul makes it plain when he says the name of Jesus is the only eternal name we can and must be saved by.

Many preachers today tell us, even on TV, that you can be saved without Jesus. 1 John 2:22, "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ?" I ask people, "Where in time was there not God to be heard of?" The God who created all things and was before all things deserves our trust for eternal things. You can look back in history and see when and who started the religions of this world. But no one can look back in time and say this is when God started to be. He has always been and will always be.

God's word thundered as he said. "Let there be light." What religion can say they were before God? There is none. In the days of Noah as he preached while building the ark, there is only one way to heaven. Look at Simon in the book of Acts. He pretended to get saved and baptized. Then he wants to know if he can buy the gifts of the Holy Ghost as healing. They rebuked him and said he was evil, and the gift of God cannot be bought with money. Jesus died for us all. The gift he gives to men are his to give, they cannot be bought. John 3:15-16 "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The Word of God will prevail in the end. Jesus alone has the power to give life and healing and a future of eternal life.

The birth of Jesus and His blood on the cross will forever be remembered. His mercy and love will endure forever through His gift of eternal life. ■



The Male Painted Bunting

As winter thaws into spring...
 Just this fellow foreshadows his message
 with tip to tail neon lights...
 He is only seen in TX, AR, OK, LA &
 a narrow slice of GA, SC & upper
 northern Mexico.

He carries in his brilliant coat
 a very urgent text:
 "Fix on me. I represent
 the eternal light of the
 world, the victorious Savior."

In response to his multi-neon
 endowed plumage, the
 admiring birdwatcher
 recalls Psalms 57:7:
 "My heart is fixed, O God,
 My heart is fixed:
 I will sing & give praise."

The week before Sarah's appointment
 with eternity,
 we saw a flock of painted buntings
 on their annual spring migration stop
 outside her bedroom window.

What a combined vibrant spotlight
 For God's timeless message:
 "Focus on the promised victory,
 the sure hope of those led
 by the Spirit of God, covered
 by Jesus' blood."

Now, a few days left of her earthly journey,
 we prayed for her to see her Savior's face,
 and within a half hour after I sang,
 "I'll Fly Away," she passed into
 peace and victory.

The good Lord's grace is new each
 day - - His special creatures
 filling our eyes, reviving our
 hearts,
 Enabling us all to fulfill our parts.
 Believing, we carry His truth &
 sure hope...
 Light excelleth darkness!!!
 Divine antidote!!!

-Gail Stoddard

Can you remember where you were and what you were doing one year ago? What about what you were doing on Easter Sunday one year ago? Perhaps you made some promises to our Lord and maybe to yourself. Well, I do and did. It was as simple as a life-or-death matter when the doctors told me that it was a "Right Now Emergency!" You may remember a needed removal of that nasty gallbladder.

Because of Covid 19 and it being one year later, I cannot tell you what the doctor looked or looks like. I have never seen his face, even my follow-up was with a member of his office staff and "everybody" was behind a mask! You may recall from my previous writings, it was an unusual Easter Sunrise Service for me and the surgical staff at the hospital in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Honestly, I really owe my everyday of life then and now to the Saving life changing power of my LORD and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST! Had my Lord seen fit to take me home, then my thankfulness and love would be the same! I am so very thankful for the gift of eternal life and my personal salvation.



There was a time long ago, when HE, JESUS CHRIST, came to pay the price for my forgiveness and sin. Jesus came with one purpose and a mission. Only he could pay the price or pave the

way for the forgiveness of my sins and the sins of others, each of you, all of the "whosoever's", yesterday, today, and all of the tomorrows yet to come. Only JESUS. John 3:15 & 16, "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." I was blessed then and now. I knew I was one of those "whosoever's". I knew and know the LOVE and POWER of HIS LOVE and HIS GIFT of forgiveness and Eternal Salvation for me, all because HE LOVES!

My promise to my LORD, for many years, even from my youth was, and is, to tell everyone I can...JESUS SAVES!

Salvation is found in no other name or in any other way! How about you? Are you one of those "whosoever's"? JESUS is always near and only a prayer away. Try HIM, call HIM. Seek and you will find that JESUS is still in the Saving business today!

As Brother and Sisters in Christ, we need to remember each other in prayer daily. Our Lord has abounding Love, enough to share with all. However, dear "FAMILY in CHRIST", we are always exceedingly blessed, because we know the MASTER, who is the same YESTERDAY, TODAY, and FOREVER yet to come!

This is the commission of the LORD to share with all we meet and greet.



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