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THE LORD IS HIS NAME

BY JIMMY SWAGGART

PART II

“THE ENEMY SAID, I WILL PURSUE, I WILL OVERTAKE, I WILL DIVIDE THE SPOIL; MY LUST SHALL BE SATISFIED UPON THEM; I WILL DRAW MY SWORD, MY HAND SHALL DESTROY THEM.”

EXODUS 15:9

THERE IS MUCH to be learned from the statement in this verse, “*my hand shall destroy them.*”

The enemy declared fully as to what they intended to do and meant every word, but they were not able to do anything. In fact, as the next verse proclaims, they were destroyed themselves.

Here’s the point I wish to make—countless times, the devil has told you that he is going to destroy you, that your children are going to be eternally lost, that you’re going to die from some terrible disease, that you’re going to go bankrupt, etc. But have you ever stopped to think that none of that has ever come to pass?

To be sure, if Satan could do all these things, or any part of these things, he would have done them a long time ago. He hasn’t done them simply because he can’t do them; he doesn’t have the power. The truth is this: “*Ye are of God,*

little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he [the Holy Spirit] that is in you, than he [Satan] that is in the world” (I John 4:4).

CAMP MEETING I was preaching a service in one of our Camp Meetings and brought out this point about Satan not being able to do what he claims he’s going to do. The power of God swept through the congregation as every single Christian in the place understood what was being said. Even though my message was not yet concluded, they could not contain themselves and began to praise God. The entire service erupted in praise!

I want you to fully understand what is being said. The enemy has said a lot to you, hoping to strike fear into your heart. But remember, if he could do all the things that he claims he’s going to do, he would have done them a long

“GOD’S REDEEMED ARE A PEOPLE WHOM HE HAS PURCHASED FOR HIMSELF TO BE WITH HIM FOREVER — ‘THAT WHERE I AM, THERE YOU MAY BE ALSO.’”

time ago. He hasn’t done them because he can’t do them, and he can’t do them because the power that is in you is greater than that which is in him.

So, the next time he tries to feed you his negative line, just shout the praises of God because whatever he says, you know better.

THE LORD’S ANSWER *“Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters”* (Ex. 15:10).

Here we have another fact that is not mentioned in the account, but it’s implied. The immediate cause of the return of the waters was a wind. As a strong east wind had caused the waters to part, now this new wind—that which had been devised by the Lord—must have arisen contrary to the former one, blowing from the north or northwest. This would have driven the water of the bitter lakes southward and produced this effect.

WHO IS LIKE UNTO YOU? *“Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?”* (Ex. 15:11).

The gods mentioned in this verse pertain to the gods worshipped by the Egyptians. They were pitiful up beside Jehovah.

They were no gods at all, but rather figments of the imagination of evil men. If there was any power at all (and there was some power), it would have been in the realm of demon spirits.

In this setting, all the gods of Egypt—and the Egyptians worshipped many gods—we find the whole series of miraculous visitations, which proclaim the fact that the true God, Jehovah, should be exalted far above all the gods of the heathen.

THE THREE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD Moses made all of this the foundation of his praise. He pointed to the three attributes of God, which cannot be equaled elsewhere:

- **Holiness.** God is thrice-holy, hence, the cherubim saying, *“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come”* (Rev. 4:8).

- **Fearful.** This word in the Hebrew is *yare*, and it means “to revere, dreadful, reverence, terrible.” The Lord is fearful because of His holiness. He deserves praise—all the praise that humanity can give Him because He is our Creator and has delivered us from the powers of darkness.

- **Miraculous power.** He is to be viewed with awe even when we praise Him.

How entirely different is the Lord—omnipotent, immutable, sovereign, triumphant—from the feeble, changeable, disappointed, and defeated “god” that is the object of “worship” in

THE PRICELESS CORNER

We have set aside this corner of *The Evangelist* to show God's plan of salvation. If you are unsure where you will go when you die, please listen to what God has said in His Word:

1. GOD LOVES YOU!

"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" (John 3:16).

2. MAN IS A SINNER, AND SIN HAS SEPARATED HIM FROM GOD

"For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Eccl. 7:20).

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

3. JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God..." (1 Peter 3:18).

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

4. YOU MUST RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOR

Jesus calls this experience the new birth. He told Nicodemus: *"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God"* (John 3:3).

We invite you now to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. *"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name"* (John 1:12).

WE BELIEVE:

- The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God (Ps. 119; Matt. 4:4; Luke 24:27).
- There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (1 John 5:7).
- In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years (Jn. 1:1-4; Eph. 2:13-18; Rev. 19-20).
- In the blessed hope — the rapture of the church at Christ's coming (1 Thess. 4:13-18).
- The only means of being cleansed from sin is through Repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ (Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:8-9, 13-18).
- Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation (John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5).
- The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer (Ex. 15:25-26; James 5:14-15; 1 Peter 2:24).
- The baptism with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:1-7).
- In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life (Rom. 6:3-14; 8:1-2, 11).
- In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation (Rev. 20:5-6, 11-15).

PRAY THIS PRAYER AND MEAN IT WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART:
"Dear God in heaven, I now realize that I am a sinner. I accept the fact that You died for me on the rugged cross of Calvary. I now open my heart's door and receive You as Savior and Lord of my life. Please take full control of me and help me to be the kind of Christian You want me to be. Amen."

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thousands of churches! How few today glory in God's holiness! How few praise Him for His fearfulness! How few are acquainted with His wonders!

THE LORD'S RIGHT HAND *"Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them"* (Ex. 15:12).

The idea is, all the Lord had to do to defeat the Egyptians, even though this was one of the mightiest armies in the world, was to simply stretch out His right hand. This means to exert His power, which was done at His Word. As a result, the "earth swallowed them," which refers to the sea, a part of the earth.

THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD *"Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation"* (Ex. 15:13).

Several things are said in this verse. Six times the pronoun *thou* or *thy* is used, signifying that salvation and everything that pertains to that word is found totally in God and not at all in man. As the Holy Spirit gave this song to Moses, and the Holy Spirit was most definitely the author, He emphasized the fact that the Lord had done all of this. This means that man could not receive any credit simply because man was not due any credit.

Perhaps the greatest bone of contention between God and man is this: God gives His way, and man attempts to change it to something else. God has one way for the sinner to be saved, and that is by simple faith and trust in Christ and what Christ has done for us at the cross (John 3:16). He also has one way of sanctification, and that is by simple faith and trust in Christ and what Christ has done for us at the cross (Rom. 6:3-14; 8:1-11; 1 Cor. 1:17-18, 21, 23; 2:2, 5; Eph. 2:13-18; Col. 2:10-15).

Regrettably, most in the world try to change God's way of salvation and, sadder still, most Christians attempt to change His way of sanctification. Both parties, the unredeemed and the redeemed, revert to works. It's ironic that the redeemed will shake their heads at the world and tell them that they cannot earn their salvation, which is correct, but then turn right around and try to earn their sanctification by the same method as the world.

REDEEMED In Hebrew, the word *redeemed* is *gaal*, and it means "to deliver, to purchase, to ransom." It also means to "set free," which is the same meaning as its Greek derivative, "to purchase the slave out of the marketplace." God's redeemed are a people whom He has purchased for Himself to be with Him forever — *"that where I am, there you may be also."* We are redeemed to be placed into His "holy habitation." 🏠

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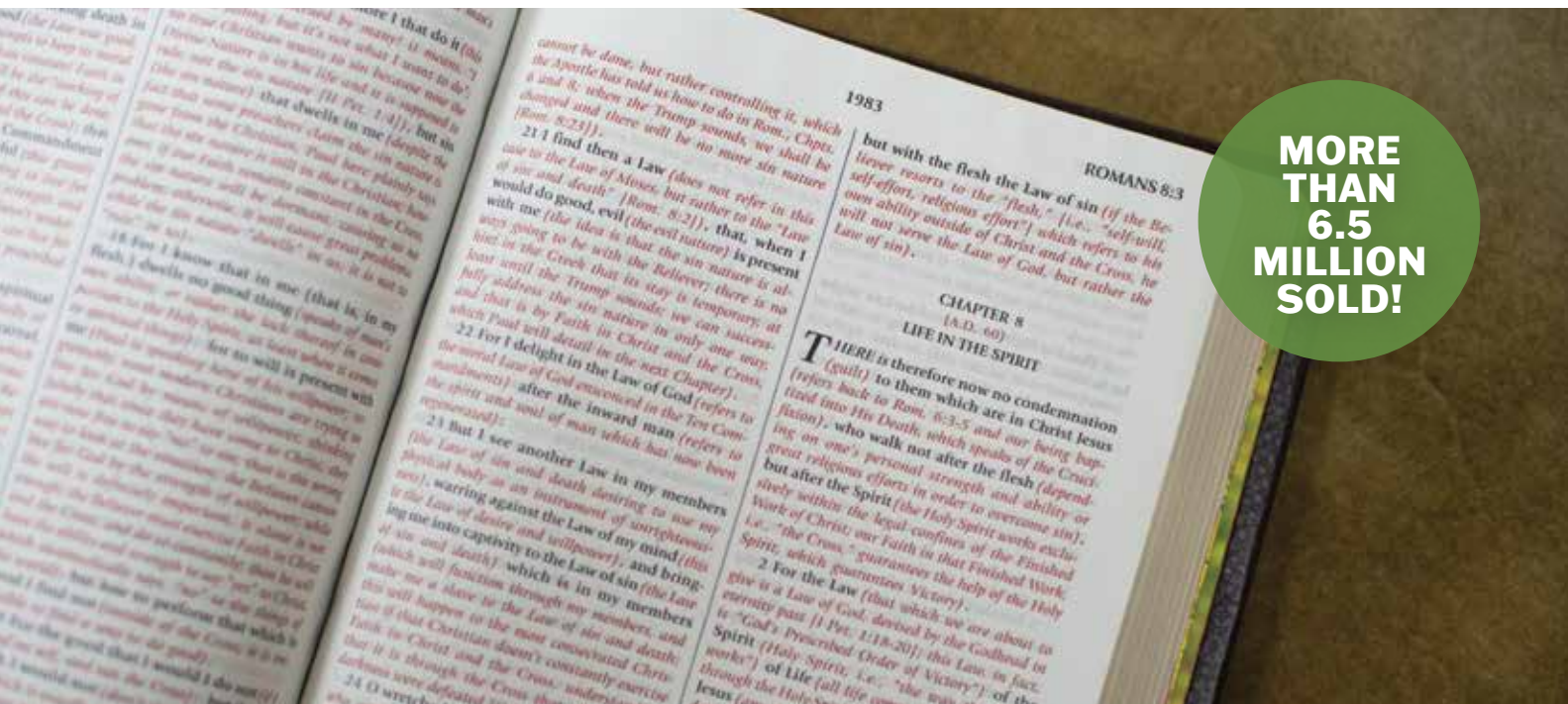
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**“Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments,
hearkening unto the voice of his word.” —PSALM 103:20**

Angels

ANGELS AND CHRIST Angels were prominent during the Lord’s earthly ministry and in connection with His death and resurrection. We see them present at the birth of Christ (Luke 2:10), His temptation (Matt. 4:11), and His agony in the garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:43). They guarded His empty tomb (John 20:12) and assured Christ’s disciples that He would return (Acts 1:10). Their presence during His time on earth proved that the Messiah was not an angel, but Lord of angels.

“Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?” (Matt. 26:53).

Some Christians use this verse to claim command over angels, as if they have the authority or the right to activate or send them. But if we look at Matthew 26:53 carefully, Jesus said “... pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me ...” And Psalm 91 says, “For he shall give his angels charge over thee.” God is the one who gives His angels charge, not the believer. When it comes to commanding the angelic forces, God does the sending. Like Christ, believers should ask the Father who is able to dispatch, if need be, legions of angels. (By the way, a Roman legion was made up of some 6,000 trained soldiers, so Jesus used the phrase “more than twelve legions”— more than 72,000—with intent to show the inexhaustible number of angels available to Him, as well as to those who follow Him.)

“And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou?” (John 20:13).

“...these beings stand in the presence of the Almighty day and night.”

ANGELS AND CHRISTIANS *“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”* (Heb. 1:14).

Angels are commanded, ordered, and sent, but they are not without interest in the heirs of God. Scriptures show angels curious about our salvation and our faith.

In I Peter 1:12, we read, *“which things the angels desire to look into,”* a phrase related to our redemption. Pulpit’s Commentary says, “The salvation which God’s elect receive is so full of glory and mysterious beauty, that not only did the prophets of old search diligently, but even angels desire to look into it.” When we say “look,” we’re not talking about a glance. The Greek verb used in this phrase means “to stoop sidewise,” and pictures a person standing on the outside of a place who bends at the knees and leans forward to peer inside. The same verb is used in John 20:11, when Mary *“stood without at the sepulchre weeping; and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre.”* Bible scholar John Edward Huther said the use of this verb “indicates that the angels stand outside the work of redemption, inasmuch as it is not for them, but for man.”

Angels seem to understand the tremendous value of salvation, perhaps because they witness its progression throughout the believer’s life, from repentance to reward. In Luke 15:10, Jesus said, *“there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”* Throughout a Christian’s life, Scriptures support angels at work to protect (Ps. 34:7), warn and rescue from impending destruction (Gen. 19), deliver (Acts 12:7-8), and give strength to resist temptation (Luke 22:43).

And, when his physical life comes to a close, angels stand near the child of God, their arms outstretched and ready, so when he draws his last breath, the heir of God is immediately carried to glory. Bible scholar Albert Barnes said, “If anywhere heavenly aid is needed, it is when the spirit leaves the body. If anywhere a guide is needed, it is when the ransomed soul goes up the unknown path to God. And if angels are employed on any messages of mercy to mankind, it is proper that it should be when life is closing, and the spirit is about to ascend to heaven.”

Jesus confirmed this angelic assistance in Luke 16:22 when

He said, *“And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom.”* At no point in death is the child of God left unaccompanied or alone: The beggar died *and* was carried—the action is continuous. Angels carried Lazarus into Abraham’s bosom, which Charles Ellicott says rested on the idea of a great feast in which Abraham was the host. He said, “To lie in his bosom, as St. John in that of our Lord’s, was to be there as the most favored guest.”

Those who are born again need not fear death. Psalm 116:15 says, *“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.”* It’s precious to Him because it demonstrates the mighty power of God’s salvation through the redemptive work of Christ—something angels witness every time they carry a believer home, into His bosom.

ANGELS WHO ASKED A QUESTION *And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou?”* (John 20:13).

What an interesting exchange: two angels asking Mary why she is crying. Obviously, they didn’t know; they didn’t understand her sadness. Pulpit said, “Here we witness angelic wonder at human incredulity. Angelic ministry to human sorrow; for the mystery of our tears does not arrest the sympathy of these triumphant spirits.”

Angels must marvel at our unbelief. Surely they wonder at our innate ability to doubt God. Why? Because these beings stand in the presence of the Almighty day and night. Everything about God and heaven is truth to them—His glory, majesty, righteousness, power, and, above all, His Word. So when these angels saw Mary crying, they questioned her sadness because they had heard Jesus say that He would rise again just as they had heard God say, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

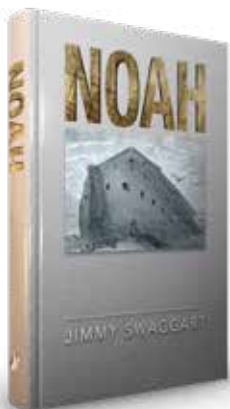
The angels might not have understood why Mary was crying, but thank God, Jesus did. People will always be the focus of the Lord’s concern, not angels. And angels, throughout the Bible, have always pointed people toward God. From the first mention of the angel of the Lord in Genesis to the heavenly being sent to John on the Island of Patmos in Revelation, the message of angels is consistent and clear: worship God. ✚

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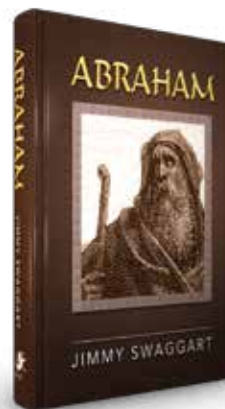


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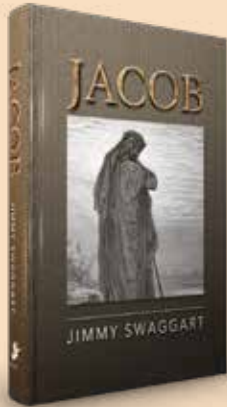
Noah walked with God and he found grace in the eyes of the Lord, which happens to be the very first time that the word grace is mentioned in the Word of God. God told Noah, and Noah alone, that the flood was coming. For decades, the people around Noah watched his struggle to build an ark based on pure faith in God. Still standing on dry ground, they mocked the man of God while eating, drinking, and refusing to heed Noah's warning that rain was coming. Then, just as God said, the flood came. **09-118**



ABRAHAM

In the plan of God, Abraham occupies a unique position. The call that God placed on his life more than 4,000 years ago still echoes in the hearts of believers today. Who was this man whom the angel of the Lord had to shout, "Abraham, Abraham," to stop him from sacrificing his son to God? How was his faith counted as righteousness, and why was he called the friend of God? Brother Swaggart takes his readers to Genesis and introduces them to Abram, whom God transformed into Abraham through covenant and promise. **09-119**

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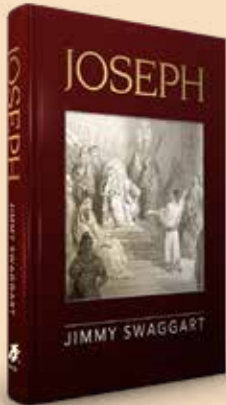
JACOB

From his beginning, Jacob—one of two nations in Rebekah's womb—is found struggling. From birth we see the supplanter at work: grasping Esau's heel, bargaining with his brother for the birthright, and deceiving his father for the blessing of the firstborn. Cut off from family, running from a murderous brother, and headed somewhere he knows nothing about, Jacob comes to the point of total dependency on God. We see him discover the same place the Holy Spirit draws every believer—where human abilities and resources end and the power of God begins, transforming Jacob from deceiver to the patriarch he becomes. **09-123**



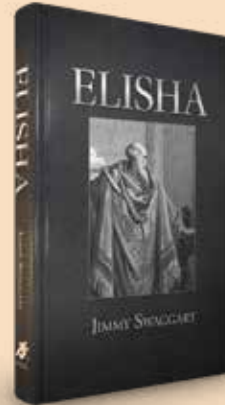
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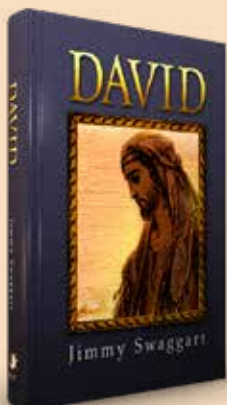
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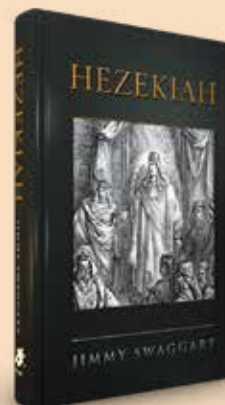
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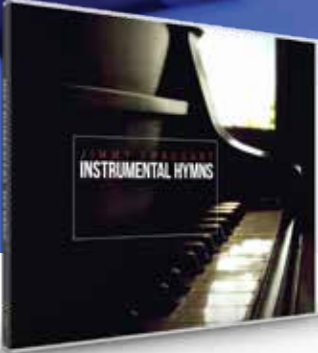
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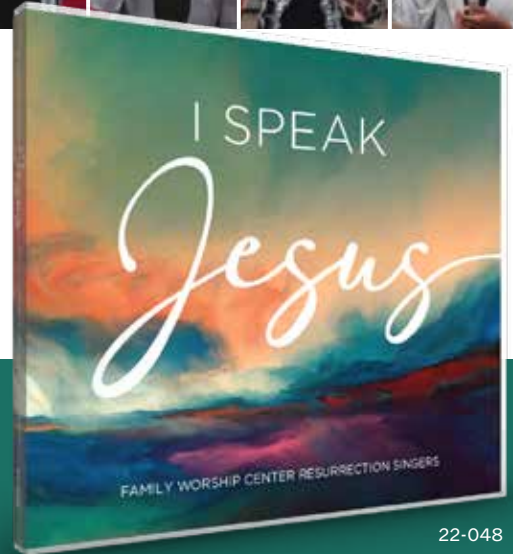
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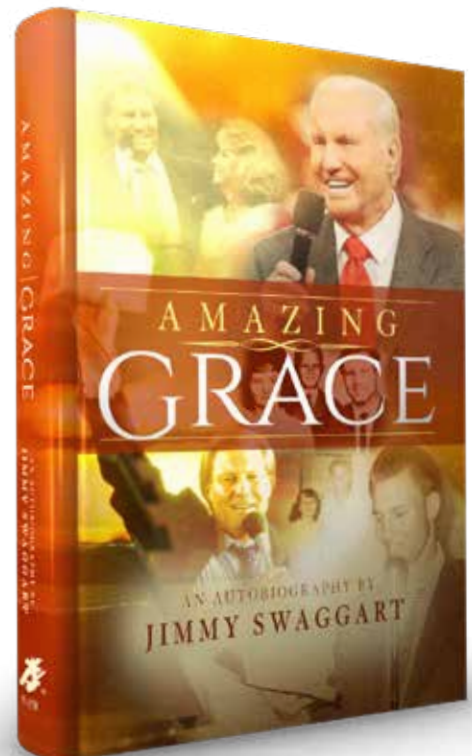
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ARTICLE BY **Donnie Swaggart**

“To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.” —TITUS 1:4

Grace, Mercy, and Peace

IN HIS GREETINGS to Titus, the apostle Paul is saying to his young protégé in the Lord that because of Christ’s death on Calvary’s cross, there are three divine benefits available to us all—grace, mercy, and peace.

COMMON FAITH

The verse opens with Paul using the term “common faith.” What exactly does this mean? The term tells us that there is only one faith that saves, and it is the same for all. It’s common in the sense that “this faith” is known and accepted by all true believers. It refers to a specific faith—faith in the sacrifice of Christ.

GRACE

Grace is the means by which the goodness of God is given to undeserving mankind. In his book, *Knowing the Doctrines of the*

Bible, Myer Pearlman said, “Grace means primarily favor, or the kindly disposition in the mind of God Grace is God’s dealing with the sinner absolutely apart from the question of merit or demerit Grace is independent of man’s works or activity. When a person is under law he cannot be under grace; when he is under grace, he is not under law. A person is ‘under law’ when he attempts to secure salvation or sanctification as a matter of reward, by the performance of good works and the observance of ceremonies.”

Simply put, grace is a free gift. The best way to understand grace is to look at who we were before salvation. We were lost and undone, born in sin, guilty, and deserving of eternal damnation. But God, who is rich in mercy (Eph. 2:4) extended favor to humanity in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ, who took our penalty and through His death accepts us as His children upon our acceptance of Him as our Savior and, through grace, bestows on us His righteousness. We didn’t deserve it, and we couldn’t earn it, but it was freely given.

After salvation, all of God’s benefits available to us are because of grace, and that grace is a flowing fount with no end in sight. There is no limit of grace.

“Never forget that the cross of Christ is the greatest display of mercy that the world has ever known.”



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MERCY

Mercy is the compassion of God with respect to the sorrow of our lives. Psalm 103:8 says, “*The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.*” All have sinned, and all deserve wrath, but through Christ we receive mercy. Mercy and grace go together. Where there is grace, there is mercy and vice versa. The mercy of God is portrayed to us by His sending Christ into this world to die on Calvary’s cross. Never

forget that the cross of Christ is the greatest display of mercy that the world has ever known. Mercy is always tied to deliverance while grace is tied to God granting blessing to us.

PEACE

The third attribute of Calvary is peace. There are two kinds of peace available to the believer—justifying peace and sanctifying peace.

Justifying peace comes to the believing sinner the moment of his salvation; it’s automatic. This peace also has to do with the fact that there is no longer enmity between God and the believer.

Sanctifying peace has to do with our daily living for God. If a person doesn’t understand that his faith must be in Christ and the cross and not in works to please God, then he cannot have sanctifying peace. Instead, he’ll find himself living Romans 7:15, “*For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.*”

But when our faith is properly placed into Christ for sanctification, there is a peace that comes, for the struggle is over.

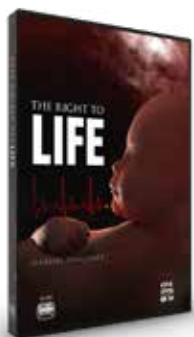
This doesn’t mean that we obtain perfection, but that we are no longer slaves to self. Sanctification and holiness go together; we are set apart to God completely.

Justifying peace means that the war with sin is ended. Sanctifying peace means that the war with self has ended.

Let us live in grace, mercy, and peace—and we can, by faith, in Christ and the cross. ✚



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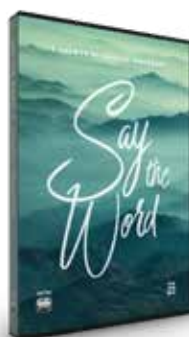
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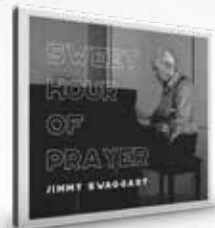
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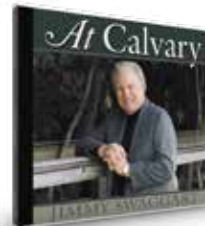
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“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.”

—EPHESIANS 3:14-19

My Prayer For You **PART II**

AS WE CONTINUE moving through these verses in Ephesians 3, we left off last month discussing what it means to be rooted and grounded in God’s love, which goes beyond an emotional connection or a sense of closeness to God; it refers to a deeper and deeper growth in communion with God through Christ. Let’s continue with Ephesians 3:18 and the phrase, “*May be able to comprehend.*”

FOURTH: COMPREHEND

My fourth prayer is that you comprehend the depths of God’s love and salvation. Understanding or comprehending is crucial for every believer to grasp God’s glorious and eternal salvation plan. God has done so much for us that it genuinely cannot be measured, and we must constantly pray and seek the Lord to increase our understanding of the love of God.

I want you to comprehend the breadth, length, depth, and height of what God has done for us. The breadth of Christ’s love embraces all humanity, and the length of His love extends from birth to death. The height of His love reaches the most

exalted status or position of humanity, and the depth of His love reaches the lowliest or even the most morally depraved person who has ever lived.

The more we understand what God has done for us, the more we will reach out to take God’s love to a hurting and dying world. This understanding will inspire us to share the good news of salvation with others and to live a life of love and compassion, reflecting the love of Christ to those around us.

FIFTH: TO KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST

My fifth request is for believers to know the love of Christ, which is knowledge gained through experience and not just through intellectual understanding. Paul prays that believers would have a deep understanding of God’s power and develop a much deeper understanding of Christ’s love.

The love of Christ is vast and impossible to grasp in its full measure. Yet, I encourage you to seek and know it to the best of your ability. The more we experience the love of Christ, the more we will be transformed and become like Him. The love

“The love of Christ can change us from the inside out and fill us with hope, joy, and peace.”

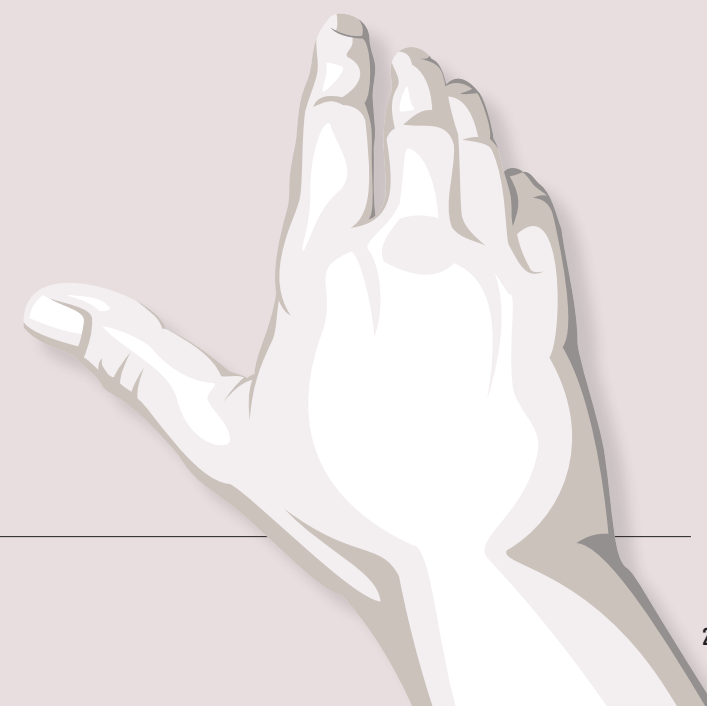


believer. The more we experience the fullness of God, the more we will be transformed into the likeness of Christ and live a life that radiates His love and grace to those around us. Again, this can only occur through the cross of Christ, which allows the Holy Spirit to impart His divine strength into our lives.

In conclusion, the requests made by Paul serve as a powerful reminder of the importance of deepening our relationship with Christ and experiencing His love and power in our lives. Whether it be through the strengthening of the Holy Spirit, the indwelling of Christ in our hearts, a deeper understanding of God’s love, the fullness of God, or the knowledge of Christ’s love, each request serves as a guide for us to grow in our faith and to live a life that reflects the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

With that in mind, it is my prayer that these requests remind us to seek the strength and help of the Holy Spirit, that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that you may experience a deeper understanding of God’s love, that you strive for the fullness of God, and that you may grow in your knowledge of His unfailing love.

May your life reflect the love and grace of Christ, and I pray that you live each day with the ultimate goal of deepening your relationship with Him. ✨



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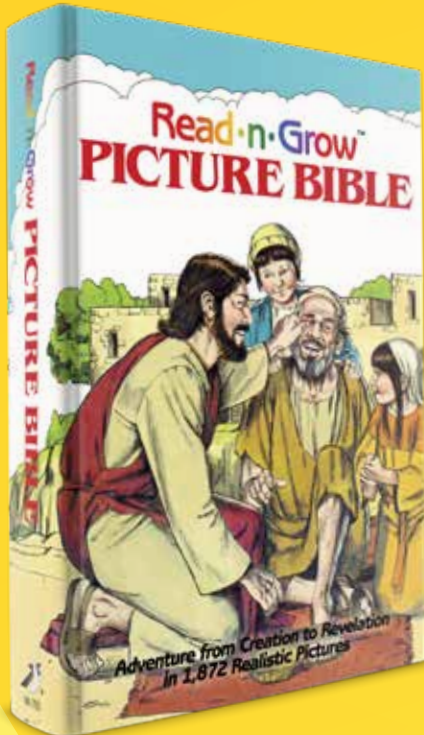
How can we comprehend the incomprehensible? As believers, we can become familiar with the love of Christ, but we can never fully understand the depths of that love. His love is infinite and beyond the limits of human comprehension. Recognizing and experiencing the love of Christ is one thing, but comprehending it in its entirety is impossible. While we can certainly grow in our knowledge and experience of Christ’s love, there will always be more to discover and understand about its magnitude.

SIXTH: EXPERIENCE THE FULLNESS OF GOD

My last request is that each of you experience God’s fullness in your lives, which can only be obtained through Christ and His sacrifice on the cross. This fullness was bought and paid for by Christ and is not attainable through any other means.

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			1:30:00 PM
FWC Music			2:00:00 PM
	Crossfire Service E/I	FWC Music	2:30:00 PM
			3:00:00 PM
			3:30:00 PM
Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	Gabriel Swaggart Broadcast	4:00:00 PM
			4:30:00 PM
			5:00:00 PM
			5:30:00 PM
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A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word		6:30:00 PM
Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	7:00:00 PM
			7:30:00 PM
			8:00:00 PM
			8:30:00 PM
The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	Preachers, Patriots & Providence	9:00:00 PM
			9:30:00 PM
Crossfire Service E/I	Gabriel Swaggart Broadcast	Family Worship Center Wednesday Night Service (repeat)	10:00:00 PM
			10:30:00 PM
FWC Music		FWC Music	11:00:00 PM
			11:30:00 PM
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OTA	15.4
<i>Florence</i>	
Comcast	1070
<i>Huntsville</i>	
Comcast	1070
<i>Mobile</i>	
Comcast	1070
OTA	48.2
<i>Montgomery, Selma</i>	
OTA	5 / 29.2
<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum	157 / 776

ALASKA	
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<i>Phoenix</i>	
OTA	22.3 / 50.3
<i>Safford, Show Low</i>	
Cable One	91
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<i>Ft. Smith, Fayetteville Springdale, Rogers</i>	
OTA	16.2
<i>Little Rock</i>	
Comcast	1070
OTA	14.2 / 49.3

C	Channel
CALIFORNIA	
<i>Bakersfield</i>	
Spectrum	499 / 1499 HD
OTA	34.6
<i>Beaumont</i>	
Spectrum	470
<i>Burlington</i>	
VolPTV	115
<i>Fresno</i>	
OTA	7.2 / 35.3
<i>Los Angeles</i>	
Cox	483
Spectrum	470
OTA	20.1
Verizon	297
<i>Palm Desert, San Diego</i>	
Spectrum	470
<i>Redding/Chico</i>	
OTA	41.2
<i>Sacramento</i>	
OTA	9.1 / 49.6
<i>Salinas</i>	
OTA	27.4
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<i>Denver</i>	
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OTA	5.1 / 16.3
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<i>Hartford, New Haven, Manchester</i>	
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Comcast	1096
OTA	43.2

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HAWAII	
<i>Statewide</i>	
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OTA	27.2

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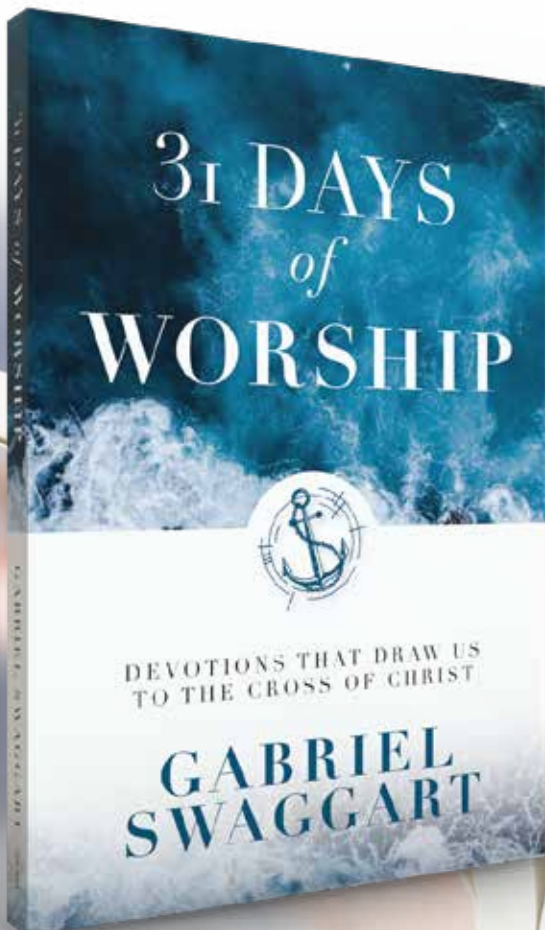
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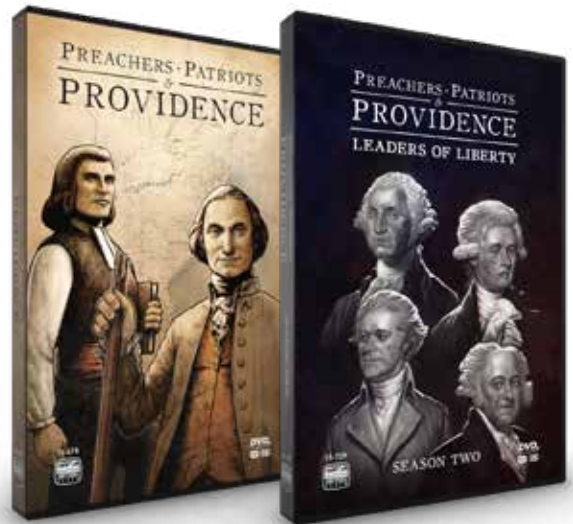
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LETTERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dear Frances & Friends, yesterday I went to my hospital sixty miles away for re-testing again for cancer. I have always been praying and trusting my Lord that fear will not take over me and the outcome will be fine because I love and trust God, and I'm trying to live the life Christ wants me too. When I took my ride, I had Brother Jimmy's beautiful CD on and singing with him all the way down to New York. I also brought this month's magazine [The Evangelist] and read your article, Frances, and Donnie's and Gabe's while twenty other patients were on their cell phones. What a waste of time being on a phone when you could be with God. After several hours of tests, God granted me the radiologist to give me my answer instead of riding home in limbo and waiting days to hear from my M.D. The answer—negative! Praise God. When I got in my car, I was singing with Jimmy and the choir as tears of pure joy rolled off my face! Thank you all for being there for me and keeping my eye on the Lord instead of fear and most for being a part of my healing by celebrating the Healer—God—with me!

—NEW YORK

I'm a born-again Christian. I woke up today with my heart so heavy and overwhelmed with what's not happening in my life, and I was complaining to God. Later in the day, as I was trying to distract my



mind by watching something on YouTube, I heard that still small voice say, "Listen to Jimmy Swaggart's preaching on the Holy Spirit." I obeyed immediately and searched for that message. The first video I saw captured my attention, and I knew it was what the Lord wanted me to watch. The message title was, "The Anointing of the Holy Spirit." I listened intently. Then it got to the part where you said these words, and I just broke down. Sir, you said, "Let me tell you, there are some of you listening by radio, watching me by television or the internet somewhere in this world, and your heart is distraught, you don't see any hope. It looks like everything that you get involved in crashes to the ground. You don't know how to make a living for your family. You don't know what to do. You say, 'But wait a minute, Brother Swaggart, if you live where we live, in the country

where we are in, where there's no employment, there's no way to make a living, I don't see how God can do it.' Well, let me tell you something, God can do anything, anytime, anywhere, any place! Give your heart to Christ. I don't mean play church, but give Him your heart, give Him your life, give Him your past, give Him your present, give Him your future; He will bless you. He will lift you up out of that slough of despond. He will put your feet on a solid rock to stay. He will bless you financially. He will bless you physically. He will bless you spiritually. He will make life worth living." I just couldn't help crying because everything you said was exactly what my heart has been filled with for some time now. I listened to the message right through the end, where your song, "I'm Free," just ministered to my very soul. At the end of that, my heart



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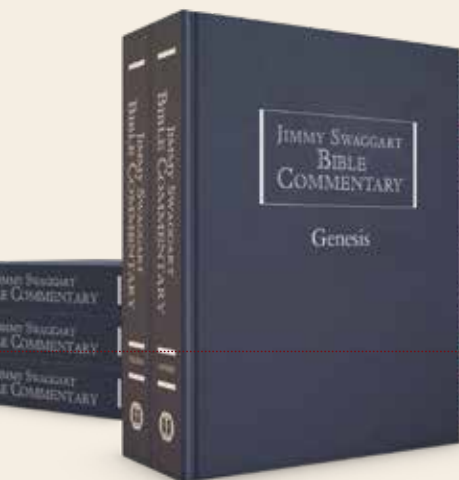
felt light. Despite the fact that everything around me remains the same, I feel liberated. I just feel a certain kind of peace within me—a peace that Philippians 4:6 describes. Sir, I just want to say thank you for this message! It freed my heart from a load of care. May the Lord continue to bless and anoint you. Amen! —ZAMBIA

Dear Brother Swaggart, I just want to give my heartfelt thanks for your Matthew commentary. At present, I am deep into research for what is soon to become my twenty-fifth book for children. It is my habit always to begin by reading the appropriate Scriptures and notes in your Expositor’s Study Bible. Then I move on to numerous scholarly biblical studies and commentaries. One might ask, “It takes that much preparation for a slim storybook?” Absolutely! When it comes to bringing the Bible alive for young readers, the truth, accurately told, is of the utmost importance. As I prepared to get

down to a morning’s work last week, the Holy Spirit gave me a nudge: “Go to your Jimmy Swaggart Matthew Commentary.” Brother Swaggart, of all those references cluttering my worktable, yours is the only one to focus in on the primary meaning of this miracle: that being God’s provision. I do so appreciate your meticulous, prayer-based work and am especially moved by the accompanying personal account of how much this particular miracle of our Lord meant to you at a crucial time in your ministry. May God continue to bless the world through your writing! —DELAWARE

I love JSM. I got saved and received the infilling of the Holy Spirit last April while just getting out of the hospital after five months of fighting covid/pneumonia and losing my left leg, blood clots, and more. I was in a hotel room the local church got me because I had lost everything I owned the day my leg was taken. I was sick from coming off the pain killers and anxiety meds, hurting badly, weak, alone, and broken down to absolutely nothing. The devil was telling me, “No one can take care of you. No one can help you. You have no leg, no job, no home, no clothes, no money, and no food. You can’t even buy the twelve meds and two insulins you need much less anything else.” I was thinking there was no other way out but to take all those pills and end it. I was watching JSM,

not hearing, really, through all the crying I had been doing. My mother called me and said, “Are you watching JSM?” I said yes, and she said, “Pray with Donnie to be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Now, I have never really thought that talking in tongues was a real thing, but I was desperate to live. I prayed with Donnie and the church, crying, broken, humbled, in my wheelchair, in that hotel room, and He answered. I was filled, and I talked in tongues. He saved me at the very gates of hell. He came for me when I had no one. I will forever be grateful for JSM. It was no coincidence I was watching at that time, in that condition, and, oh, the faith of mothers who pray for their children. I attend my local Pentecostal church now, I tithe to JSM and my church as much as I can. The Lord has taken care of me. I have everything I need, and I am so grateful to Him. I was watching *The Message of the Cross* last week. They were talking about Romans. I started reading it with Jimmy and Loren and, as I prayed with them and read, I had a revelation of just how a believer is supposed to walk in victory. I have never understood until that very minute what it really meant to walk in the forgiveness the blood is for. I have a new outlook on life, on service, and on the kingdom. God bless JSM and every pastor, singer, and worker there. May God bless this ministry a billion fold in Jesus’ name. Amen. —EMAIL



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ARTICLE BY **Dr. Don Paul Gray**

“O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years.” —HABAKKUK 3:2

The Unplanned Awakening at Asbury

ASBURY UNIVERSITY IS a private, independently owned Christian college located in Wilmore, Kentucky. The university’s website says it was founded in 1890 as the fulfillment of a pledge made by the Reverend John Wesley Hughes, a Methodist evangelist. I have known about this conservative college for many years. One of their distinguished Spirit-filled professors, Dr. Craig S. Keener published a book in 2021 entitled *Miracles Today: The Supernatural Work of God in the Modern World*. It’s a great book, both scholarly and spiritually—totally biblical.

At Asbury, on February 8, 2023, after a regularly scheduled chapel service ended, a group of about twenty students lingered and began to worship and pray for one another. According to the students, as they stayed and prayed, an unexplainable, surreal peace descended upon the room. Minutes of worship and prayer turned into hours. After several hours, some faculty and other students showed up to join into the worship. The college

administration allowed the students to continue to use the auditorium all that day, that night, and the next day. In a few days, the fifteen hundred wooden flip seats in that auditorium were filled, mostly with students worshipping and praying for each other.

Unsophisticated and unscripted worship continued hour after hour. Students walked to the front, fell on their knees, and cried out to God, admitting their need for Him and for forgiveness of sin. Some testified that a deep peace came over them and that there was a sense of awe as they lingered in worship. Some testified of a heavy presence of God in the auditorium. Early on, someone started showing this worship on social media platforms that went viral around the world. Some of these videos were viewed by more than a million people, and I was one of them. I was glued to my iPhone, worshipping and rejoicing as I watched literally hundreds of people worshipping and seeking God in Hughes Auditorium.

It is estimated that more than fifty thousand people showed up from different states in America to participate in this real outpouring of the Spirit. It was also estimated that students showed up from more than two hundred and fifty colleges and universities. Quite a few individuals from other foreign countries hopped on a plane and flew to Kentucky to see and experience what God was doing on the campus of Asbury University.

For sixteen days nonstop, the prayer and worship gathering at Asbury University inspired tens of thousands of people to get involved. There’s no question about it, many lives were changed. I believe it was a real revival and a real outpouring of the Spirit. I did not get to visit the Asbury campus, but by watching it on the internet and my iPhone, I got caught up into the spirit of renewal and revival. And I prayed here in Baton Rouge that the hunger for renewal and revival would captivate us here at Jimmy Swaggart Bible College, at Family Worship Center and

“Revival comes when the church listens and obeys God’s Word.”

its media church members, as well as all those watching the SonLife Broadcasting Network. God’s awesome Spirit is stirring among us.

I pay close attention to what is going on in our society today. America has been experiencing some unbelievable negative and destructive events and activities these last few years. Think of the many violent episodes of crime and vandalism we have seen in some of the major cities of America recently. Think of the unbelievable shootings that are reported on the evening news, and this transgender movement, so destructive, that is gaining influence in America. Consider what the military forces of Russia are doing right now to destroy the nation of Ukraine. Civil wars are happening in Africa, Asia, and South America even now. America needs revival. The whole wide world

needs revival badly.

Someone shared with me these ten characteristics of real revival, and I’d like to pass them on to you:

1. Real revival occurs during times of great spiritual darkness and moral decline in a city or nation.
2. Real revival begins when just a few believers become desperate, humble, and hungry for revival.
3. Real revival happens only after much prayer, fasting, and repentance.
4. Real revival happens when Christians truly renounce worldliness and sin.
5. Real revival happens when there is strong conviction of the Holy Spirit in the worship services.
6. Real revival happens because of the anointed preaching of the power of the blood and the power of the cross.
7. Real revival requires a strong

emphasis on humility and repentance of sin.

8. Real revival will cause unusual manifestations of the Spirit of God.
9. Real revival brings much love, joy, and gladness to the church.
10. Real revival lingers when the congregation gives all the glory to God.

II Chronicles 7:14 reads, *“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”*

Please take notice of the following five points:

1. The Holy Spirit says, *“If my people, which are called by my name.”* Revival comes when the church listens and obeys God’s Word. This verse is not to the world.
2. The word here commands us to humility. To be a victorious church, we must realize that we really need the mercy and grace of God.
3. The church must pray and seek the face of God. We must approach God in prayer with sincere earnestness and humility.
4. The church must admit to its sinful wicked ways and turn from them to do the will of God. Repent means to turn and go in another direction.
5. If we do these things, God said that He will hear our prayers, forgive our sins, and heal our land.

What happened at Asbury University can happen in every church and every city in this nation. 🍀



ABOVE IMAGE TAKEN AT JSM CAMP MEETING APRIL 2023.



ARTICLE BY **Loren Larson**

“For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.”

—I CORINTHIANS 2:2

Preaching the Message of the Cross

THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS TO THE SINNER

When the apostle Paul first came to the city of Corinth, he made a decision as to how to approach winning the lost to Christ. He “determined” or “weighed in the balance” the several options that existed. He could attempt to use the wisdom of men with fanciful enticing words, or he could simply lift up Jesus Christ as the Savior who died on the cross for the sins of all men. After considering the options, he chose to declare that Jesus Christ was the one way of salvation and that his death on Calvary provided redemption for all who would believe. This is the message of the cross for the sinner.

The initial salvation experience is dependent upon the sinner hearing this truth and believing that Jesus’ death is the only solution for sin. This is what it means to preach the message of the cross to the sinner. Whenever Jesus is lifted up, the power of the Holy Spirit draws

men to Him. All the mechanisms, gimmicks, or enticing words of men will not bring the sinner to Christ. That is only accomplished by the presence of the Holy Spirit honoring the message that salvation is only available through faith in Jesus Christ and what He did at Calvary. Whoever preaches this message preaches the message of the cross to the sinner.

THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS TO THE SAINT

We must take note that the apostle Paul was not writing the letter of I Corinthians to the lost. Paul was writing to the church at Corinth because it had gotten off track in their Christian growth and experience. To get them back on track, he reminded them as to what brought them into Christianity in the first place. During his original stay in Corinth, Paul would have been active in training believers as to how to live for God. These same believers were now creating schisms and

divisions amongst themselves. They were focusing on Christian practices instead of on Christ. Paul’s doctrine regarding progressive Christian transformation declares that there is no other means of growth outside of maintaining faith in what Jesus Christ had accomplished for them at Calvary. Calvary did not just pay for the penalty of a man’s sin; Calvary also defeated the dominion of indwelling sin (the sin nature), including long-lasting effects of sin upon the heart and mind.

Paul taught that to grow spiritually, a believer must be constantly aware of where he places his faith. His faith must not be in the group he belongs to, or the church he belongs to, or the rite of Christian baptism, or the ordinance of the Lord’s supper. Instead, his faith must rest securely, singularly, and exclusively in the truths of what Jesus’ death accomplished on his behalf. Only as the believer maintains the proper object of faith will the power of the Holy Spirit continually

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change his character into the image of Christ. Paul redirects the faith of the Corinthians from their schisms to their Savior. He directs their object of faith from Christian ordinances back to the cross of Christ. This being done, their faith will stand in the power of God. Whoever directs the believer's faith to Christ and Him crucified as the sole means for growth, victory over sin, and grace for daily Christian living is preaching the message of the cross to the saint.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE PREACHER

Paul went on to declare that he had dwelt among them in weakness, and fear, and trembling. His attitude was not one of superiority based on the knowledge of God's redemption plan. He did not lift himself above others because of his knowledge of the new covenant. Instead, he humbled himself and became a servant to all those in Corinth. He carefully evaluated who he was speaking with. He was sensitive as to where they were spiritually and what they might need to hear to be brought successfully into the life of faith. In I Corinthians 9:19-22, Paul said he became a servant to those who were Jews, those who were bound to law, to those who were not under any law, and to those who were weak. He embraced humanity not for the purpose of degrading them and elevating himself but for the

sole purpose that by being a servant he might bring “some” to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. He did this on behalf of saint and sinner alike.

If we are so busy preaching about what we are preaching about, then the focus is no longer on the content of our message but on ourselves. When all I do is preach about preaching the cross, then I am no longer preaching the cross, I am preaching about me. When you find the heart of a servant that will bend to the spiritual condition of his listener, without compromising his moral standards or spiritual truths, you have found someone who just might “save” some. The person who has the heart of a servant, who is willing to take the message of the cross to everyone and anyone, anywhere, at any time, has the proper attitude of the preacher who preaches the message of the cross.

THE RESULTS OF THE RIGHT OBJECT OF FAITH

What does the message of the cross demand of the listener? The message of Christ and Him crucified should draw attention to Christ, not to a group or a specific preacher. The message is that Jesus Christ died for both the penalty of sin and to free believers from the dominion of sin. The message of the cross teaches us that when our faith is properly centered in Christ, not only

will we live free from the dominion of sin, but also the Holy Spirit will go to work transforming us into the image of Christ. Those who receive the message of the cross have solidified their faith in the person of Christ and the work of Christ. The same object of faith required in the salvation experience is required continuously for continual victory. We can only be saved and continually changed when we grasp and maintain the right object of faith. As a result, we experience the continued power of the Holy Spirit. These are they who have received the message of the cross. ✚

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ARTICLE BY **John Rosenstern**

When Adam disobeyed God in the garden of Eden, sin came into the world. The perfect paradise that God prepared for man was corrupted by sin. The system of the world ceded from Adam and was taken over by Satan. The Bible refers to him as the god of this world (system) and the prince of the power of the air. To better understand sin, let's first define it according to the Bible.

Man's Problem Is Sin

WHAT IS SIN? Sin is most often defined as “missing the mark.” God has a perfect and holy standard of righteousness. God commands obedience to what He has revealed to man. The first major consequence of sin is separation from God. Adam and Eve lost their innocence and became self-conscious after disobeying the commandment of God—not to eat of the forbidden tree in the garden of Eden. They saw their nakedness and thereby needed a covering. God shed the blood of an innocent animal and covered them with its skin. This answers the first “why” that we must comprehend regarding the reason of salvation. Every child born after Adam is born “dead in trespasses and sins” (Eph. 2:1). The sin nature is inherited and imputed upon all of humanity due to the fall of Adam (Rom. 5:12). And we know that “*without the shedding of blood is no*

remission” (Heb. 9:22). Leviticus 17:11 says, “*It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.*”

The basic plan of salvation was made known to Adam and gradually thereafter God revealed more details to subsequent generations.

Sin can be viewed in five elements: Sin is selfishness, sin is transgression of known law, sin is a wrong attitude and desire of the will or self, sin is unbelief, and sin is the voluntary disobedience of God's explicit commands. Simply put, sin is anything contrary to the will of God.

SIN EXPLAINED There are eleven words in the Hebrew that describe sin:

- **Chata.** The most common Hebrew root and term for sin is chata. The basic meaning of chata is “missing the mark,” but it is translated six different ways in

the English Bible: sin, fault, trespass, harm, blame, and offense.

- **Pasha.** This word translates to mean “rebellion, transgression, sin, and trespass.” Its basic meaning is “to revolt” or “to refuse subjection to a rightful authority.”

- **Maal.** In English it means “trespass, transgression, and falsehood.” Maal points to the unfaithfulness or treachery of sin. It represents sin as a wrongdoing or a breach of trust.

- **Avah.** Translated into English, this word means “perversion, wrong, miss, and iniquity.” Its basic meaning is “to be bent, to be crooked,” or “to be out of shape.” It emphasizes the crookedness or distortion of sin.

The remaining Hebrew words are the various peculiarities sin:

- **Aven.** This word has a root meaning of “nothingness; of a sense of nothingness.” It deals with a course of conduct that ultimately proves unprofitable to the doer. Anything not done according to the will of God will produce nothing. An example of this is found in Isaiah 41:29, “*Behold, they are all vanity: their works are nothing.*”

- **Rasha.** This word translates three

“Sin darkens the understanding of man. It produces an evil and vain imagination.”

ways: impiety, wickedness, and wicked one. The term emphasizes activity. When connected to sin, it emphasizes the tossing and confusion wherein the wicked live and the agitation sinners cause others as found in Isaiah 57:20, “*But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.*”

• **Ra.** This means “to break up or to ruin.” Ra binds together the wicked deed and the consequences of that wicked deed.

• **Amal.** This word represents the idea that sin has made life a burden and turned work into travail. Such were the consequences of Adam’s sin.

• **Avel.** This term designates sin as a lack of integrity in wrongdoing.

• **Avar.** This word translates as transgression. To have transgression, there must be a specific law or commandment to cross over. In Numbers 14:41 Moses said,

“*Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper.*”

• **Asham.** This emphasizes sin committed through error, negligence, or ignorance. The best picture of this word is the trespass (asham) offering.

God, through Jesus Christ, made it possible for us to remain in fellowship with Him even when we knowingly sin but sin out of weakness. We try to overcome sin or wrongdoing by means of willpower, but we can’t. This does not give us a license to sin, but it does give

us the means to maintain fellowship with the Lord until we learn to place our faith, daily, in the finished work of the cross.

GREEK In the Greek, there are seven corresponding words used to describe sin:

• **Harmatia.** Similar to the Hebrew word *chata*, this word basically means, “to miss the mark” or “to hit the wrong mark.” Romans 3:23 says, “*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*”

• **Parabasis.** This word means “transgression; breaking of the law” (Gal. 3:19).

• **Adikia.** This word translates as unrighteousness. It emphasizes the lack of righteousness that is characteristic for sin (John 7:18).

• **Impiety.** This word means the lack of holiness that sin contains.

• **Anomia.** This word means “lawlessness.” It emphasizes sin as having contempt for the law or being in violation of the law. I John

3:4 says, “*Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*”

• **Poneros.** The word means “deprived, evil, wicked, and bad.”

• **Epithelia.** The meaning of this Greek word is desire, lust, and passionate longing. It emphasizes sin as a desire or lust that is forbidden.

NATURE OF SIN Sin darkens the understanding of man. It produces an evil and vain imagination. It produces vile

affections or passions, corrupts speech, produces a defiled mind while searing the conscience, and, worst of all, it produces an enslaved and depraved will.

The sin nature is resident and operative in unredeemed man. Believers who don’t place their faith in Jesus Christ and Him crucified will experience the sin nature ruling and dominating their lives in some form or fashion. Sin is a cancer. Like leaven, sin permeates and corrupts anything good. In the true born-again believer, it can become—again—a base of operation for evil desires and sinful acts to manifest.

THE ANSWER FOR SIN There is only one way that God dealt with sin—the cross of Christ! The penalty for sin was paid for by the blood of Jesus Christ on the cross, and the power of sin was broken by His blood. Our relationship to the sin nature was changed by our union with Christ on the cross (Rom. 6:3-11). We have a new source of life now, the Holy Spirit. He works exclusively through the finished work of the cross. The cross is the wisdom of God and the power of God! No matter what you are facing or what your circumstances are, the cross is your answer—your only answer! The same power that raised Christ from the dead dwells in you! The law of Christ is now the authority that you are to operate in. It requires faith and obedience in the object of the cross of Christ. Place your faith there, and the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus will make you free from the law of sin and death. ✚

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ARTICLE BY **Mike Muzzerall**

When Isaiah prophesied of the coming millennial reign of Christ, he spoke of a time when Israel would walk in obedience to the voice of the Lord their God. No longer would they walk in the futility of their minds, instead, they would be led by the voice of the Spirit of God. “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it” (Isaiah 30:21).

This Is the Way, Walk Ye In It

HEAR AND OBEY

The Hebrew word for *hear* is *shema*. It has two basic meanings. First, the word means “to hear” as in this verse. The Hebrew prayer “Shema” or “Shema Yisrael” begins with “*Hear O Israel, the LORD our God is one LORD*” (Deut. 6:4). This prayer, uttered daily by devout Jews, is a declaration of the monotheistic essence of Judaism. The second definition for

shema is “to obey.” Put together, *shema* teaches us that hearing God is a command to obey God.

THIS IS THE WAY

What should we hear? Those in tune to the Spirit of God will hear Him pointing to the correct path. There’s no shortage of paths to choose from. As children of God, the only path we should desire to travel is the one we hear the Holy Spirit say to us, “This is the way, walk ye in it.” Oh, the pain and sorrow we could avoid if we would only listen to that still small voice.

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH SHALL GUIDE YOU

Jesus promised a daily guidance from the Holy Spirit. “*Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come*” (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit offers direction, however, we can accept or refuse His guidance. The Spirit of God will always be in agreement with the Word of God as He points to the Christ of the cross and the cross of Christ.

“The Bible is the revealed heart of the Father in written form.”

BLESSINGS

Jesus told His disciples, “...*blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it*” (Luke 11:28). First, there is a blessing in not falling into sin and experiencing the sorrow and regret that sin produces. Second, God always blesses obedience. Third, there is a calming assurance in knowing that He is intimately involved in the affairs of His children. God cares about the quality of life of His children. Jesus said, “*I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more*

abundantly” (John 10:10). The more abundant life is only available to those who are Spirit-led and Spirit-fed. It is for those who hear and obey.

IF ONLY

If only we could be so in tune to the frequency of the Holy Spirit that we would always know the right way to go. You might ask, “Is that even possible?” I believe so. The Holy Spirit uses many methods to make God’s will known to His children. Foremost is the Word of

God. The Bible is the revealed heart of the Father in written form. It is a love letter from God’s throne of grace, a written prescription for the broken hearted, a note of encouragement to the weary, and a road map for the heaven bound child of God. God’s Word warns of dangerous pathways, hazards that need to be avoided, as well as revealing promises of divine assistance. Through His Holy Spirit, we can hear and obey when He says, “*This is the way, walk ye in it.*” 🦋



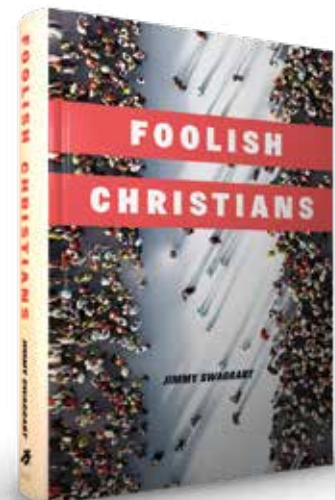
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ARTICLE BY **Shaun Murphy**

Few ministries in the Old Testament covered the entire spectrum of God's redemption plan more than Isaiah.

The Immanuel Prophecy

THE BEGINNING OF his ministry takes place in the sixth chapter when King Uzziah dies, and his son Jotham, and inevitably his son Ahaz, jointly reign upon the throne in Jerusalem. During this transitional period, Old Testament scholar Dr. Robert Chisholm says of Isaiah that, "God commissioned him to be a prophet in 740 BC, the year of King Uzziah's death."¹ The chapters that ensue are not only the first recorded prophecies of Isaiah, but they are also some of the most important statements ever uttered by a man. Chapters seven through nine compose the Immanuel prophecy, which would greatly impact ancient Israel and would one day alter the course of eternity for all of mankind.

The historical context of the Immanuel prophecy is in the southern portion

of Israel, in the land of Judah. This was a period when the Assyrians were asserting control over much of the known world. Political tensions were rising as Assyria continued its expansion west. Chisholm said, "Syria and Israel formed an alliance in an effort to free themselves from Assyrian domination. When they sought to add Judah to their anti-Assyrian coalition, Ahaz refused to join, prompting the Syrians and Israelites to invade their southern neighbor (Isa. 7:1)."² Ahaz was terrified of the ensuing attack, which prompted this great visit from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah was sent by God to tell Ahaz not to be afraid because God would fight for him. The Lord even told Ahaz to ask for a sign to build his faith, and all of those in Judah. This sign would show that the Lord was going to save them from their

enemies. Rather than asking for a sign, Ahaz refused and said he would not tempt the Lord (Isa. 7:12). On the surface, his refusal sounds humble, but Ahaz had already decided to beg the Assyrians for help and ask them to save him rather than trust God (see II Kings 16:7–8).

Ahaz rejected God's sign of salvation. The Lord replied that the king was testing His patience, and that He would give Judah a sign anyway. That sign would become known as the Immanuel prophecy. Isaiah said, "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14). He went on to say the child would eat butter and honey (Isa. 7:15). This proved to be a metaphor for being able to discern right from wrong. However, before he is old enough to exhibit such discernment, Israel and Syria would be defeated by Assyria.

The first portion of this prophecy sounds great, but the remainder of the chapter tells the rest of the story. God assured Judah that he would bring salvation to them, but because of their unbelief, they would also face judgment. The rest of chapter seven declares that after Syria and Israel fell, Egypt and Assyria would both turn their attention toward Judah, and the people would suffer greatly.

“To those who are broken over their sin and fall on Him in humility, this promised seed will bring salvation.”

Thus, the Immanuel prophecy is uniquely complex in that it proclaims salvation to God’s people, but also marries that salvation with judgment due to unbelief.

The most logical identification of the Immanuel child is relayed at the

The historical purpose of this prophecy was that a son would be born, and before that son is old enough to exhibit discernment, God’s Word would be fulfilled. In chapter eight, Israel and Syria are destroyed before this son can even

Mary’s womb is of the Lord. This baby is the fulfillment of the words of Isaiah, “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel.” Jesus is the true fulfillment of this prophecy. His name means “Savior,” and He has come into this world to lay down his life to save humanity from their sins. However, for those who reject such a great promise of salvation, Jesus Christ will stand as their judge. Jesus said that He was the chief cornerstone, and He went on to say, “whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder” (Matt. 21:44).

In true fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy, Jesus is declared as Immanuel, the Savior, and the foundation of God’s redemption plan. To those who are broken over their sin and fall on Him in humility, this promised seed will bring salvation. However, to those who reject Jesus Christ, that same promised seed that brought salvation into the world also brings judgment upon the wicked. We can stand before Jesus as our Savior, or we can stand before Him as judge, but one way or another, we will all stand before Immanuel. 🚧



“Isaiah was sent by God to tell Ahaz not to be afraid.”

beginning of chapter eight. Here, a son is born and given the name “Maher-shalal-hash-baz,” a name that means “In-speed-spoil-booty-hastens.”³ The name implies plundering one’s enemy. What could have been known only as Immanuel (God with us), is now also known as Maher-shalal-hash-baz (the enemy shall plunder). The same promise brought both redemption and judgment—a sign to humanity that the side we fall to depends on whether we believe.

speaking. This child is the best historical fulfillment of the promise, but there are parts of the prophecy that lie unfulfilled in the birth of Maher-shalal-hash-baz. It is a beautiful historical picture, but it is a prophetic image that extends into the New Testament where Jesus stands as the completion of this promise.

In Matthew 1:23, an angel is speaking to Joseph and clearly says the child in

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THE SUNDAY AFTER Camp Meeting, Gabriel was supposed to preach, but after some hours of the Lord wrestling with me about it, I felt that I needed to deliver what God had spoken to me that morning—a message that I believe is extremely important and extremely significant. I told the congregation of Family Worship Center, which, by way of SonLife Broadcasting, goes out to a good part of this world, that the message of the cross is not just a preacher's sermon. I don't believe it's just a theological class in our Bible college. I believe that the message of the cross is God's last word to the church before the rapture of the church. Hear what I'm saying. I believe this message of the cross is God's last word to the church before the rapture of the church and the coming great tribulation. Jesus said, "*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*" He didn't say to every person, He said to every nation, and this gospel has already been preached to every nation. It is being preached to every nation now. This gospel, this message of the cross, is God's last word to the church. If this message is rejected, there is no other that will come. But I don't believe it's going to be rejected. I expect Satan to fight; I expect him to marshal his forces to try to stop it, but he will not succeed. Glory to God. This message of the cross is designed by God to set the captive free, and it is going to do what it was designed to do. **Mark my word.**



CAMP MEETINGS

LET ME TELL YOU, we had one more Camp Meeting in April with people here from the Philippines, Germany, England, South Africa, Norway, Sweden, Mexico, and Jamaica. I attended every single service, and the Spirit of God moved in each one in a special and powerful way. Our **Family Camp** takes place next month—the dates are **July 26-30**—and I would encourage you to make your plans now to attend. We had a full house here in April, and we anticipate the same for July. With all that children are facing today, and grandchildren, they need to experience the presence of the Lord—His love, His presence, and His power, and we believe they will find that here at Family Camp, so be sure to bring them. **This is a camp that every person in the family will enjoy, that I guarantee!**

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I remember when God spoke to me about developing The Expositor's Study Bible. I did not acquiesce immediately. I told the Lord, "I'm woefully unqualified to do such a thing." And of that I was correct. But He said, "I've told you to do it, I'll show you how to do it, and I'll help you to do it." And He has done exactly that. I never dreamed He would take it all over the world, but He has.

I thank Him for the honor and the privilege. And I thank you, because without you helping us to put these Bibles into the hands of preachers and workers and Christians all over the world, we couldn't

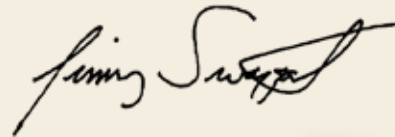
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do it. I think it is one of the most productive missions works in the world today, I believe that. You can't get anything better than the Word of God. And I thank God for all of you who pay for one Bible or two or five or ten or a hundred.

VIETNAM By the time you read this, Dave Roeber and his associate, Dr. Dan Dang, will have made a trip to Vietnam to pave the way for The Expositor Study Bibles going into that country. Dr. Dang and his team did the Vietnamese translation of The Expositor's Study Bible, and they are working now on translation into the Hmong language. We had both of these brothers on *The Message of Cross*, and Dr. Dang said, “the Vietnamese New Testament is already done—completely done—for translation. The next step is we're going to do the Old Testament.” After he and Brother Dave get the necessary permissions from the government, the printing of the New Testaments in Vietnamese can begin, hopefully this fall. This Bible is so needed in Vietnam as they have no Bible teaching instruction whatsoever, so The Expositor's Study Bible fits in perfectly with what they need in that country. So please be praying for that door to open completely and that we'll be able to distribute hundreds

of thousands, even millions of Bibles, and that's what we plan to do by the grace and the help of God.

PAKISTAN Also, just a couple of months ago, a shipment of Expositor's Study Bibles was delivered to Pakistan where local pastors there were working to get them distributed. This is a phenomenal miracle, ladies and gentlemen, and we thank God for the men and the women who played their part in this by intercessory prayer, by seeking God incessantly for that door to be opened, and thank God it has been opened, and we give God the praise and the glory.



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FRI 7 PM

SAT 7 PM

SUN 10:30 AM

AUGUST 4-6, 2023

Petal, MS

Pastor Eric Richard
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228.990.3115
ce31@yahoo.com

FRI 6:30 PM

SAT 6:30 PM

SUN 10:30 AM

AUGUST 27, 2023

Haughton, LA

Pastor Jeff Gravis
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318.949.0010
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SUN 10:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

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NOVEMBER 10-12, 2023

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SAT 6 PM

SUN 10 AM



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FRI 7 PM (Joseph Larson)

SAT 6 PM (Loren Larson)

SUN 10 AM (Loren Larson)

JUNE 22-25, 2023

Oroville, WA

Pastor Randy McAllister
Valley Christian Fellowship
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Oroville, WA 98844
509.476.2028

FRI 7 PM (Joseph Larson)

SAT 10 AM (Loren Larson)

SAT 7 PM (Loren Larson)

SUN 10 AM (Joseph Larson)

SUN 6 PM (Q&A Teaching Session)

JULY 1-2, 2023

Stephenson, VA

Pastor Adam Cabbage
Word Of Life Ministries
2562 Martinsburg Pike, Stephenson, VA 22656
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SAT 6 PM

SUN 11 AM & 6 PM



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JULY 1-2, 2023

Jacksonport, AR

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SUN 10 AM



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June 4-8, 2023

Ottawa, IL

Pastors John and Debra Wenger
Heritage Christian Center
900 Hitt St., Ottawa, IL 61350

SUN 10 AM

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August 4-6, 2023

Leming, TX

Pastor Phillip Vaughn
Christ The Rock Church
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SAT 10 AM TO 3 PM

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SUN 10:30 AM (Adult Service)

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JONATHAN STEELE

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FRI (Time TBD)

SAT (Time TBD)

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281.337.0037

WED 7 PM

JULY 7-8, 2023

Geneva, AL

Pastor Chris Fuller
New Life Pentecostal Ministries
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334.470.1852

FRI 7 PM

SAT 6 PM

SUN 10:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2023

Denver, NC

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704.675.2040

SAT 6 PM

SUN 11 AM

OCTOBER 7-8, 2023

Sanford, NC

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Rise Assembly
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919.895.3854

SAT 6 PM

SUN 10:30 AM

NOVEMBER 4-5, 2023

Caney, OK

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SAT 10 AM & 7 PM

SUN 1:30 PM



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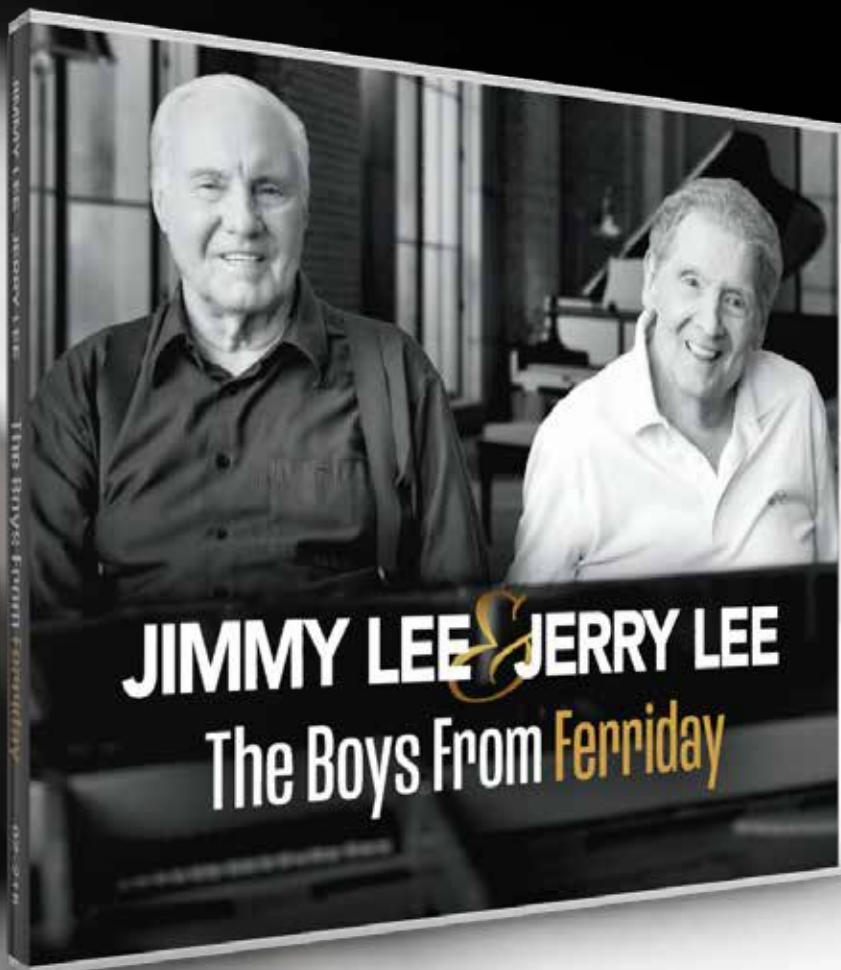


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