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THE TEMPLE

All That Is In Your Heart

PART I
“Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord remains under curtains. Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in your heart; for God is with you” (I Chron. 17:1-2).

By Jimmy Swaggart

The Heart of David
David is here as a type of the Lord Jesus Christ residing in Jerusalem in the glories of the coming kingdom age. All enemies are defeated.

David desired to build a house for the Lord. This presents the beginning of the kingdom age when the Lord Jesus, as a “greater than Solomon,” will begin to build His house.

While the Lord definitely was with David, it was not the will of God that David build the house, even though it was definitely the will of God for the house to be built. So, what David felt was definitely from the Lord, but he assumed that the Lord wanted him to build the house. He was wrong in that.

The Lord definitely was with David, but, for any number of reasons, it was not the will of God that David build the house. In fact, it would be built by his son Solomon. This tells us that irrespective of whom the person might be, even a prophet such as Nathan, we must not assume that we know altogether what God wants. We must seek His face about everything, which Nathan at that moment did not do, at least when he gave his first answer to David.

The Coming Kingdom Age
Everything pertaining to the temple speaks of the coming kingdom age, which will portray God’s glory. The tabernacle portrayed God’s grace, and the temple portrayed God’s glory; therefore, at that particular time, the tabernacle would have been separated from the ark of the covenant, with the tabernacle residing at Gibeon and the ark residing in Jerusalem. Both David and Solomon were types of Christ. David subduing all of his enemies, casting the Jebusites out of Zion, and setting up there the throne of Jehovah are types of the Messiah when He will come back to this earth and overthrow the Antichrist. In fact, the Messiah is stated in Exodus, Chapter 15, to be Jehovah, the man of war. In Revelation, Chapter 19, it states that He makes war righteously. As the great captain of the host, He will overcome all His enemies, establish His throne in Zion, redeem Israel, and make the Gentiles subject to His scepter. Having accomplished all of this, as the divine Solomon, He will then display the glory of His millennial reign. The building of the temple was designed to symbolize that glory. The tabernacle given to Moses in the wilderness foretold the first advent of Christ in humility; the temple of Solomon foretold His second advent in power and great
glory, hence, the grandeur of the temple.

David could not build that temple, for he typified Messiah as a man of war destroying His enemies and setting up His throne.

Solomon, typifying Christ as the Prince of Peace, which he did, built the glorious palace of Jehovah. In doing so, he gave a forepicture of the time when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, the Son of David, who shall reign forever and forever.

Types Of Christ

David's heart was to build a structure for the ark. To be sure, the Lord most definitely did place it in the heart of David that this structure be built, but, as stated, it was not to be built by the “sweet singer of Israel.”

Why?

The temple that would house the ark was a type of the coming kingdom age when Christ will reign supremely in peace, with the world then knowing prosperity and freedom as it has never known before. To be sure, that day is just ahead, but the rapture of the church and the great tribulation must precede this coming event.

At any rate, the temple was to portray that coming grand time, a time of such glory and splendor as to defy all description. Though David was a type of Christ, and perhaps one of the greatest types who ever existed, still, he could not portray Christ in this posture. As we have stated, David was a type of Christ as it regarded redemption’s plan, which pertained to the defeat of Satan and all his cohorts (Col. 2:14-15).

As such, David was not a man of peace, even as he could not be a man of peace.

Solomon

Solomon, David's son by Bath-sheba, would be a type of Christ as it regarded peace, thereby, the coming kingdom age. In fact, under Solomon, Israel knew peace and prosperity as the nation had not known before and would not know again, at least until the second advent of Christ, which is in the future.

So, we have in both David and Solomon types of Christ, with the former portraying the redemption plan that was purchased at great cost, and the latter as a victory that is totally won. David was a type of the conquering Christ, while Solomon was a type of the victorious Christ. In other words, all victory is now won. So, David could not build the temple, and for the obvious reasons, but he was given the plans in totality, which we shall see.

Prophets And Apostles

Concerning the construction of the temple, the Scripture says, “Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in your heart; for God is with you.”

Now, without fanfare and without introduction, we have Nathan the prophet who comes on the scene.

Under Old Testament guidelines, the prophet, in effect, was used by the Lord to guide Israel. Presently, the office of the prophet is used of the Lord very similarly to Old Testament times, with one great exception. Now, the apostle and not the prophet is the titular leader of the church. This office was inaugurated by the Saviour in the choosing of 12 apostles who would be witnesses of His life, ministry, death, and resurrection, as well as His ascension.

While there could never be another 12 like those originally chosen by Christ, with Matthias taking the place of Judas, still, this office is set firmly in the church, meaning that the Lord is still appointing apostles. Counting the Twelve, there were approximately 24 named as such in the New Testament (Eph. 4:11-14).

What Are The Earmarks Of An Apostle

In the Greek, the word apostle is apostolos and means “a messenger, he that is sent.” It actually refers to one sent with a particular message. In fact, a particular message is the greatest earmark of the apostle.

What do we mean by that?

The Holy Spirit, knowing what the church needs, will lay it on the heart of a man (there is no record of a woman being called to be an apostle) to stress a particular message, whatever that message might be. Of course, it will always coincide perfectly with the Word of God, not deviating at all from that Word.

All of this means that apostles aren’t appointed by men, aren’t selected by men, and aren’t voted in on a popular ballot by men. The fact remains that men have absolutely nothing to do with those whom God calls for such an office. As stated, these are the titular leaders of the church, whether recognized as such or not.

To Emphasize The Message

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the message desired. As well, there could be two or more emphases at the same time. Yet, and I think history will prove me correct, there will always be a greater emphasis on one aspect of the ministry and the work of God.

We see this greater emphasis in the book of Acts and the Epistles as it regards the Cross of Christ. While the Holy Spirit also emphasized other things, this was the primary emphasis of that time, and the Apostle Paul was the titular leader as it regarded that particular message. As well, if it is to be noticed, other than the original Twelve, most of the apostles of that time fell into that category. In other words, their emphasis also was the Cross of Christ.

Down through history, the Lord has emphasized other things. For instance, during the time of Martin Luther, the Lord emphasized justification by faith. At the turn of the 20th century, the Holy Spirit was emphasized, and rightly so. At approximately the midtime of the 20th century, divine healing was emphasized. Now, I believe it is the Message of the Cross.

Counterfeits

To be sure, during the time of the early church, Satan endeavored to hinder the true Message of the Cross—in essence, the message of grace—by attempting to institute the message of law. In fact, this was Paul’s greatest nemesis. False apostles from Jerusalem and elsewhere were continually trying to overthrow the message of grace and, thereby, substitute law. Inasmuch as flesh appeals to flesh, they were successful at times.

Presently, false apostles are attempting to institute other types of emphases, such as the Purpose Driven life scheme, the confession message, or the seeker sensitive message. However, as Satan did not succeed in the early church, he will not succeed presently.

Yes, he will draw many aside after these false apostles, whom Paul referred to as “grievous wolves” (Acts 20:29). However, for those who truly love the Lord and who truly hunger and thirst after righteousness, the great Message of the Cross, which is the present emphasis by the Holy Spirit, will be paramount (Acts 20:29-30).
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Guardian Angels
This verse, perhaps more than any other, speaks to the reality of guardian angels assigned to “little ones,” which most people believe to be children. But are these angels different, tasked with a singular job to protect, than other angels mentioned in Scripture? First, let’s take a look at the “little ones” mentioned in this verse.

Earlier in Matthew 18, Jesus set a child in the midst of His disciples and said, “Except ye be converted, and become as little children,” and later, “whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me.” As the disciples looked on the small boy in their midst, the Lord likened childlike faith and humility to that of new believers.

So in Matthew 18:10, when He speaks of “their angels,” Jesus was referring to angels charged by God to oversee those who have recently been born again. Their angels behold the face of the Father, studying God’s face and watching, intently, for the slightest hint of His command—a flash in His eye, the start of a nod from the Almighty—and when they receive it, they rush to aid, protect, and minister to His little ones in the faith.

Think back on those days and weeks after you received salvation, when everything in life was new and joyous because you had been born again. All you could think about was what the Lord had done for you and how He had saved you and blessed you. Many people describe this time as floating on air, and, very possibly, they were—upheld again and again upon the hands of angels.

In Psalm 91 we read, “For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.” Scholars say part of this verse should have been translated “bear thee up upon their hands,” indicating the same readiness of a parent next to his child who is learning to walk, or a caregiver at the side of an elderly person attempting a staircase. In a show of preparedness and protectiveness, arms and hands are outstretched, ready to stop the stumble, lift, and uphold.

Likewise, when you first accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, your angels who behold the face of God were charged by Him to bear you up on their hands lest you dashed your foot against anything that would harm your new faith in Christ.

Christians And Angels
As we mature in the Lord, it can be tempting to keep things like angelic assistance at arm’s length. It’s fine, we say, that angels warned Lot to get his family out of Sodom, or that God sent His angel to shut the mouths of lions for Daniel. And we like to hear, especially on Easter Sunday, how the angel descended from heaven and rolled back the stone of Christ’s tomb. But does God still send angels to help people today? The Word of God answers that question with this one: “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” (Heb. 1:14).

We’ve all heard dramatic testimonies from people who have survived what
should have been certain death. Some, like these, even made the news:

• Thirty-four years ago, *The Chicago Tribune* reported this: “Four babies who were buried alive just hours after their birth when the Juarez Hospital in central Mexico City collapsed during the first of two killer earthquakes .... All were trapped for four to seven days, yet suffered only minor injuries.” Once the newborns were rescued, smashed it to pieces. First responders said the men would have certainly been killed had they remained in their vehicle. “We heard a voice,” the men said, “and it was to get out of the truck.”

I believe God sent His angels to shield and nurture those newborns trapped in the rubble, stand beside that young woman to do the heavy lifting, and cushion the fall of those two men after the Lord impressed 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 (Lk. 22:43).

And, when his physical life comes to a close, angels stand near the child of God, their arms outstretched and ready, so that when he draws his last breath, the heir of their pediatrician said he didn’t know how the babies had survived. Being asleep most of the time helped, he said. “The rest is a miracle.”

• Three years ago, a 19-year-old girl lifted a burning truck off of her father who was trapped underneath. He had been working on the vehicle when the jack slipped. When the truck collapsed on him, gas spilled and a fire started. “It was some crazy strength,” the girl said, that enabled her to lift the 3-ton GMC truck high enough to pull her father out.

• Last December two men, traveling down a highway in Ohio, riding in two different parts of their food delivery truck, suddenly jumped out of their vehicle, simultaneously, just seconds before a swerving semi slammed into their truck and on their hearts to jump.

Bible scholar Albert Barnes said this of angels: “They no longer appear as they once did to be the visible protectors and defenders of the people of God. But no small part of the aid which we receive from others comes from sources unseen by us.”

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 1 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,” verb “indicates that the angels stand outside the work of redemption, inasmuch as it is not for them, but for man.”

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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. “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 each and every time they carry a believer home, into His bosom.

Angels And Christ

“Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him” (Heb. 1:4-6).

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, ranks far above the angels by virtue of His nature:

- Jesus shaped creation; the angels only witnessed it (Job 38:4-7).
- Jesus is the Creator; angels are the created (Jn. 1:1-3).
- The Son sits at the right hand of God—a show of superiority. God’s angels stand in His presence and serve the redeemed (Heb. 1:13-14).
- Jesus is given a throne and a kingdom; angels are referred to as servants (Heb. 1:7-8).
- Angels offer worship to the Son (Heb. 1:6).

As my husband points out, 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 (Lk. 2:10), His temptation (Matt. 4:11), and His agony in the garden of Gethsemane (Lk. 22:43). They guarded His empty tomb (Jn. 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.)

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 see Mary crying, they questioned her sadness and her tears because they had heard Jesus say that He would rise on the third day, so of course He would rise. 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. And He used his first words as the risen Saviour to ask her the same question the angels had asked, “Why weepest thou?” Pulpit says, “The first words He uttered after He rose from the dead were intended to console human weeping over the most irremediable of human sorrows. They are the beginning of a fulfillment of the divine promise ‘to wipe away tears from off all faces.’” Only Jesus didn’t stop there. He went on to ask, “Whom do you seek?” a question that only faith in Christ and Him crucified can answer.

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 the book of Revelation, their message is consistent and clear: worship God.

“And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God” (Rev. 19:10).
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“Now these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Jacob. Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already. And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.” —Exodus 1:1-7

THESE ARE THE NAMES

THE SUBJECT OF the book of Genesis is the story of man’s ruin. Exodus is the story of man’s redemption. The Hebrew title of Exodus is “These are the names.” This accords with the subject of the book, for redemption is an individual matter. Exodus teaches that this redemption can only be affected by blood—the blood of the Lamb; the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Exodus 12:13 says, “When I see the blood, I will pass over you.” As this was true then, it is true today.

The book opens with Israel as a hopeless slave in the power of the enemy and doomed by him to destruction. It closes with Israel redeemed, enriched, and free. The method of deliverance was the death of the paschal lamb. Exodus, therefore, teaches us that where there is no blood—the blood of Christ—there is no salvation. ¹

These Are The Names

In Exodus 1:2-4, we read the names of the sons of Jacob who would come to Egypt during the time of famine. There is a specific reason that the names of the sons of Jacob are given. In type and shadow, their names portray a great truth regarding salvation. As well, these men are types of Christ, with each son portraying a particular ministry of our Lord to believers. Let’s go through these names and their meanings:
1. Reuben. His name means “see a son.” This represents the child who is born into the world.

2. Simeon. His name means “hearing.” When the child is old enough, he is to hear the gospel.

3. Levi. His name means “joined.” The child is born, hears the gospel and is joined to Christ.

4. Judah. His name means “praise.” The child is born, hears the gospel, is joined to Christ, and begins to praise the Lord.

5. Issachar. His name means “reward.” The son is born, hears the gospel, is joined to Christ, praises the Lord, and the Lord gives the reward of eternal life.

6. Zebulun. His name means “dwelling.” The child is born, hears the gospel, is joined to Christ, praises the Lord, and begins to praise the Lord forever.

7. Dan. His name means “judgment.” Jesus Christ has taken the judgment that we deserved.

8. Naphtali. His name means “wrestled” or “wrestling.” Jesus has wrestled the powers of darkness, all for us, and has defeated the powers of darkness.

9. Gad. His name means “troop” or “good fortune.” Jesus is the “troop” who has fought on our behalf, and brought us “good fortune.”

10. Asher. His name means “happy.” Jesus Christ brings happiness to every believer.

11. Joseph. His name means “added.” Jesus has added all believers into His kingdom.

12. Benjamin. His name means “strong right hand.” Jesus Christ is the Father’s strong right hand, and He sits with Him in heavenly places, where one day soon all the saints will join Him.

As well, the Lord wants you to know that He knows you, too.

He knows your name.
He knows your heart.
He knows your needs.
And He knows your pain and distress.

John 10:27 says, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them.” You are not insignificant to Him; He loves you, and He cares about you.

In Deuteronomy 32, we read of the song of Moses, and speaking of Israel it says, “He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye” (Deut. 32:10). This verse proclaims the fact that Israel is ever in the eye of the Lord—the object of His love, tenderness, and care. As the Lord loved and cared for Israel, so does He care for His children today.

Seventy Souls
In Exodus 1:5 we read, “And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls.” Notice how the Lord specifically noted the exact number—70. He didn’t say “about 70,” but He was specific to the exact number. The reason for this was that the entire plan of God for humanity was wrapped up in these 70 souls. From these 70 souls would eventually grow between 2 to 3 million people in Egypt. From these people would come a mighty nation, a nation that would give to the world the Word of God—the Bible—and become the womb that would bring forth Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Saviour.

Matthew 1:21 says, “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”

By noting seventy souls—a very small number—the Lord was saying, “Don’t despise the day of small things” (Zech. 4:10). Everything the Lord has done throughout time has started small, but when God is in it, there is always growth.

Joseph Died
Exodus 1:6 says, “And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.” The lesson in this verse is simple yet very powerful: Joseph was dead, but God was not dead. People come and go, but God never dies nor does He change. Keep your eyes on the Lord; don’t focus exclusively on preachers. Christ must be the object of your focus.

God’s Blessing
“And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them” (Ex. 1:7). This is what God can do for any and all who will serve Him, for He is a God of blessing. The text says they were fruitful, which means “to flourish,” or “to grow.” The Lord can make you fruitful in any situation.

The phrase, “They increased abundantly” means “to bring forth in abundance.” John 10:10 says, “The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” In the Greek, the word abundantly means “super abundance.” Everything that the Lord does is in “super abundance.”

They multiplied. The word multiplied means “to grow large; to be made great,” and “more and more.”

They waxed exceeding mighty. The word waxed means “to be powerful; vast; strong; mighty,” and not just mighty but “exceeding mighty.”

This is what the Lord can do for you if your faith is ever in Him and Him crucified, and the resurrection.

These are the names. He knew their names, and He knows your name, and He can do the same for you.

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“And again He entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that He was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and He preached the Word unto them. And they come unto Him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto Him for the press, they uncovered the roof where He was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.” —Mark 2:1-5

THE BELIEVER’S FAITH will be tested, but to reach the triumph of faith, he must exhibit a tenacity that says, “I will not stop believing.” In Mark 2, Jesus saw the tenacious faith of these men who broke up a roof to get their sick friend to Jesus, and we see the result: the life of the paralyzed man was forever transformed. They had brought this man, sick of the palsy, to receive a healing, but he came away with so much more. Not only was he physically healed; he was also spiritually healed.

Every miracle that Christ performed on this earth was so much greater than the actual miracle itself. The healing of this sick man was no different. Physically, he needed healing, but he was in far greater need of spiritual healing. Jesus first had to address the root of the problem: the sin in this man’s life that left him in this terrible condition. Before He could ever meet the physical need of this man, He needed to meet the spiritual need.

Sickness And Sin
All sickness is a direct result of sin. When Adam fell, sin and sickness came into this world. It was never God’s will for anyone to ever get sick, but because of sin,
sickness entered into the picture.

If you want to see what man would have been like without the sin nature, then look no further than Jesus Christ. He was the very epitome of what man should have and could have been. Jesus was not born in the normal manner as you and I were born, through the union between man and woman. Christ was born by decree. The Holy Spirit spoke conception into existence, and Christ was conceived. As a result, Christ did not have a sin nature, which meant that He never got sick—He never had a cold, the flu, or even a headache. He was born perfect, lived perfect, and died as the perfect sacrifice to redeem mankind from sin. It had to be this way, for if He would have become sick in any fashion, then He would not have been the perfect sacrifice.

Look back at what happened during the old covenant. When God instructed sinful man to offer a lamb for sacrifice, it had to be perfect, which meant that it could not have any sickness or disease attached to it whatsoever. They had to inspect minutely, and if they had found any type of discoloration, sickness, spots, or imperfections, that lamb was discarded and another chosen. All of this was to point to the one who would come, who would be perfect in every area of life, including being free from sickness or disease.

Sickness is caused by sin, but not every sickness is caused by the personal sin of the individual, although some can be. Liver cancer, for example, can be caused by the excessive drinking of alcoholic beverages. HIV can result from unprotected sex outside of marriage. And lung cancer often results from years of smoking.

But there are some sicknesses that are caused through no fault of the individual. In the case of this man in Mark 2, his sickness was caused by his lifestyle of sin. When Jesus said to him, “Your sins be forgiven,” He was dealing with this man’s spiritual situation first.

It’s remarkable that Jesus called this man “Son,” because he was not yet saved. Notice that Christ never condemned the man in spite of his current condition. Let though the work had not yet been accomplished. The man believed in what Christ said, and we believe in what Christ accomplished. By looking to Christ and the Cross by faith, God forgives the sinner and looks at the believing sinner as though he had never sinned a day in his or her life, which is justification. The act of sin that was produced by the believing sinner was completely blotted out, removed, done away with, forgiven, and cast into the sea of God’s forgetfulness, never to be brought back up again. Hallelujah! That is good news for everyone who will simply believe.

Forgiveness And Triumph
And not only did this man receive forgiveness of sin, but he received what he came to Jesus for, his healing. All of this was accomplished because there was a group of men who, when met with a test of their

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this be a lesson to us today: Jesus never condemns anyone who comes to Him seeking help, regardless of his physical condition. He is there to help us and to bring us to a place of spiritual freedom. Christ forgave this man of his sin, even though the sacrifice—Himself—had not yet been given, and His blood not yet poured out. This was done on a judicial basis, by what He would do, which would satisfy the demands of the broken law and bring about divine justice.

Now that the Cross is a fact, forgiveness can be experienced by simple faith, just as it was experienced by this man, even faith, would not quit, would not give up, and would not be deterred. There was a tenacity to their faith, and as a result, there was triumph. Their friend was forgiven and healed.

The same can be said for you today, no matter what happens in life regarding your trials, don’t give up, continue to press through and believe that God is able to do what is needed, and if it’s in the will of God, there will be a triumph to your faith. I encourage you, believe Him and refuse to believe the lies of the enemy telling you that it will never happen. Believe God that it can and will happen! 🙏
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**Praise (02-211)**
- Tell Me His Name Again
- Rock of Ages
- The Solid Rock
- Whisper Jesus
- Sweet By And By
- Near The Cross
- The Love of God
- I Surrender All
- The Last Mile of the Way
- At The Cross

**The Psalms (02-208)**
- Amazing Grace
- Blessed Assurance
- I See A Crimson Stream Of Blood
- The Old Rugged Cross
- In The Garden
- Farther Along
- Draw Me Lord
- I'll Never Be Lonely Again
- I Am Thine, O Lord (Draw Me Nearer)
- How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

**Healing (02-139)**
- Living Where The Healing Waters Flow
- I Believe In Miracles
- Someone To Care
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- Healing In The Name Of Jesus
- Rise And Be Healed
- Only Believe
- The Healer
- Touching Jesus

**Worship (02-134)**
- In The Shelter Of His Arms
- I Am Thine, O Lord
- Room At The Cross
- Amazing Grace
- He Hideth My Soul
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Some Reasons
Why It Takes Time for the Message of the Cross to Work for Most People

By Sam Ntiros

Unaware of wrong focus/objects of faith:
- “We don’t know what we don’t know.”
- The Lord brings pain, hardship, and testing to make us aware, so that faith can be corrected to the proper focus/object.

Belief that false doctrine being preached in churches is biblical:
- Pastors actually telling people to have a wrong focus/object of faith.
  - Examples: “Be accountable to a man to overcome sin bondages,” “Snooper” apps on phones, New Apostolic Reformation, G12 Vision, Word of Faith, another Jesus, etc.
- Misinterpretation of Scripture.

Unbelief:
- It just takes time for the believer to actually believe (in his heart), not just in his mind, that the Cross is to be the sole object of faith.
- Work of the Holy Spirit: pain, hardship, testing, and works drives the believer to the end of himself so He can believe in his heart.

Unhealed pain:
- Running to addictions or sin bondages to get just a moment’s relief from the pain—sexual, physical, or mental abuse,
- depression, anxiety, feelings of worthlessness—that are not yet healed in the believer’s life. God can heal the pain, but he must go God’s way.

Spiritual warfare and oppression from demonic powers:
- Satan placing doubt in the believer’s mind: “It doesn’t work!”
- Mental or physical attack, discouragement, or deception.
- Pressure or ridicule from a pastor, church, family, and others

Refusal to give up sin:
- Unforgiveness, bitterness, jealousy, covetousness, pride, etc.

Scared to let go and trust God:
- I believe in the Message of the Cross, but I need this sin “crutch” or I cannot make it through life.

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6:30-7:30 pm - Carl Brown  

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6:30-7:30 pm - Joseph Larson  

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Dear Evangelist: Brother Donnie, My wife and I so enjoy the commentary of *The Story Behind the Song*. You always do a great job and are always so informative. Thank you for such dedication and research you provide; we know it requires much time. We love SBN; we find ourselves always watching. Awesome anointing on your programming and preaching. We pray for and support the ministry. Love you all. —EMAIL

Dear Evangelist: I have been watching your program at night for several years while getting over a physical problem. Last night I watched a 1986 meeting held in another country. I could feel the power of God, though the broadcast was 33 or 34 years ago; it was so strong, just amazing. I do feel the power God at other times as well. Thanks for your dedication to the ministry of God. —VIRGINIA

Dear Evangelist: Thanks a lot for the most valuable gift—I received the Bible as a gift during John Wesley Day. God bless you. You are a role model for the young ones. —NIGERIA

Dear Evangelist: I love watching the morning services, especially the praise and worship in singing. I love praising and worshipping the Lord. Also, I love watching everyone preach. I really love watching *The Story Behind the Song*. I also love that you do the daily devotional by the fireplace and read. When you read, I find comfort. When I first got saved in November of 1979 in Raleigh, North Carolina, I went to one of your dad’s first meetings within a few months of being saved and received the Holy Spirit, and I’m still serving God today. —EMAIL

Dear Evangelist: Hi, I received my Expositor’s Study Bible Counselor’s Edition yesterday in the mail, and I love it! It felt like Christmas Day! I started going through it, and it’s everything Brother Swaggart said about it, and everyone needs to have one of those Bibles—clear-cut and to the point! It’s a good feeling giving to a ministry that has purpose. Thank you again! Blessings and prayers. —EMAIL

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“I received my Expositor’s Study Bible Counselor’s Edition yesterday in the mail, and I love it! It felt like Christmas Day!”
IN ROMANS 8:31, the apostle Paul made one of the most powerful statements in the Bible: “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”

The “things” Paul referred to were the “sufferings” (Rom. 8:18) — “tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword” (Rom. 8:35) that believers in Rome were experiencing and would continue to experience in the future. “These things” also include our own “flesh,” which wars against the Spirit (Gal. 5:17) and the frailty of our abilities to do God’s will (Rom. 8:26).

Actually, the theme of Paul’s exhortation to them beginning in Romans 8:18 and throughout the rest of the chapter is the reality that believers will go through times of great difficulty and trials from within and without. But believers have been made “more than conquerors through him who loved us” (v. 37).

The truths that Paul laid out in Romans 8:18-39 apply very much to believers today. We will inevitably go through times of trial and great affliction. Those seasons of trial are unavoidable if we are going to truly follow Christ. Even if we are faithfully applying the knowledge of our identification with Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection (Rom. 6:1-13) to our daily lives, problems will still come—they are inevitable—but so is the grace that comes through Christ.

Paul began with the question, “What shall we say to these things?” Paul may have used the word say in a non-literal way, but I believe it can be taken literally. To verbalize the promises of God is an expression of faith in Christ and His victory on the Cross. One of the psalms sung by Israel of old states, “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy” (Ps. 107:2), and this principle is given: if we have been redeemed, then it should come out of our mouth. Every hindrance to our walk with God, whether it comes from within or without, is an opportunity to express our faith in Christ as the solution to every adversity that comes against us.

The answer Paul gave to his question came in the form of a rhetorical question. The word if translates the Greek first class conditional particle ei, indicating a fulfilled condition. In this case, “if” can be translated as “since,” or “in view of the fact that.” The preposition for in this verse means “on behalf of; for the benefit of.” As our Father, God’s relationship to His children is that He is constantly working on behalf of and for the benefit of His children.

Even though not stated as such, this is a spiritual law to those “that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Rom. 8:28). We can take courage because God Himself, with all of His power, wisdom, and love is for us! The idea of this question or statement is this: In view of the fact that God is working on our behalf, what difference does it make who is against us?

It’s interesting that Paul wrote “who” and not “what” can be against us. On a practical level, both apply. The reason the word was translated “who” is because it’s an indefinite pronoun meaning that it can refer to a person or people. Normally, when opposition comes against the believer, it comes through a person or people, even Satan is a person. To take it a step further, the opposition can be our own flesh, which wars against the Holy Spirit within us (Gal. 5:17). It can even be our own weaknesses (Rom. 8:26). Paul connected this thought with the preposition against which means “come down on; against; in opposition to.”
We can take courage because He is working for our benefit. This spiritual principle applies to all “that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Rom. 8:28), and those who are “justified” (Rom. 8:30). It doesn’t matter who is working against us—a person, people, Satan, our flesh, or even our own personal weaknesses—God is for us!

The legalist has a difficult time with this verse. Why? The legalist believes that God is for us because of his good works, church affiliation, or his determination. Even the preaching of the Cross or affiliation with those who do preach it, can be a subtle, self-righteous staff that we lean on as the means by which God is for us. The legalist says, “God is for me because I do.” But Paul does not give a list of do’s as the reason for God working on our behalf. It is implied in the context that the “us” Paul refers to are those who believe in Christ, His death for our sins, and His resurrection. We have a tendency to believe that God is for us when we’re doing well spiritually, at least from our own perspective.

The big questions are these: Do we believe God is for us even when we’re a mess? Do we believe God is for us when we’re confused, discouraged, and full of questions? Do we believe God is for us when there is active sin in our lives, and we’re believing in the Cross to the best of our abilities but to no avail?

The truth is that God is for us even when we’re weak, frail, and failing (although this is not a license to sin). Believer, if God was waiting on you to get your life and your problems all straightened out before He worked on your behalf, then Paul’s declaration of victory would be false. The truth still stands: Since God is standing with you and working on your behalf, then there is no person or situation that can stop God who is with you.

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“Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord ….What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid.” —Romans 5:20-21, 6:1-2
thing. In this case the word *hamartia* indicates the presence of the sin nature. So every man starts life with a sin nature reigning like a king on the throne of his heart.

**It’s Time for Grace to Reign**
Paul states next that it is time for a new king. For the believer, a new king is to sit on the throne of his heart. Paul personifies this person by using the term grace. He goes on to say that this grace is available only through the Lord Jesus Christ. Not only can He alone provide eternal life, but He alone can provide abundant life. So the believer needs to understand that the presence of the sin nature still exists within the framework of his flesh. Flesh simply describes that which pertains to man. God created man in the form of flesh. Encased in this flesh is not just the physical parts of man but the spiritual man as well. God created men in flesh with a heart, a mind, a free moral will, and a soul.

When the sin nature entered and took up residence in God’s highest creation, it began to corrupt everything about the “flesh.” As sin entered men, death became dominant, and the creation of God began to falter, weaken, and ultimately die. All of this occurred because of the entrance of the sin nature. The sin nature is not eradicated at salvation. It must still be present in the Christian because Paul says that there is an option to either let grace reign or to let the sin nature reign. As believers, we must learn how to live free from the sin nature that still exists within the framework of our flesh.

**Shall We Continue Being Dominated by the Sin Nature?**
Paul then asked the question, and I paraphrase: If indeed we are freed from the dominion of the sin nature, is it right that we should allow it to continually reign in our hearts like a king? Shall we continue existing under the nefarious and painful corrupting force that deals us death? Shall we simply count on the mercy and grace of God and continue living in defeat? I thank God for His mercy. I thank God for His long-suffering. But living under the dominion of the sin nature produces severe consequences. The abundant life that Christ died to provide for us cannot be realized as long as the sin nature continues to reign in our heart like a king. The truth is, as born-again believers, we have a choice. If we learn how to approach our relationship with God properly, we can learn how to live free from the influence and dominion of the sin nature.

Shall we continue living in sin and just counting on the grace of God to forgive us our never-ending failures? Paul’s answer: God forbid! Away with the thought! May it never be so! With our faith in Christ and what He’s done for us at Calvary, we can find freedom from the reign of the sin nature.

This series will continue in the next issue of The Evangelist.
JAMES MADISON, the “Father of the Constitution” and fourth president of the United States said, “We have staked the whole future of America’s civilization…upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.” Although the Constitution is not the Bible, it is the foundation of the Republic and, the Ten Commandments are the foundation of our Constitution. The Founding Fathers believed that if citizens did not keep the Ten Commandments our Constitution and Republic would collapse.

Bible And America’s Foundation
Founding Father and educator Noah Webster had this to say: “The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws. All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible.”

The first state constitution was the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut (1639). The framers of this document desired that every aspect of it be based on the Bible.
This document was a model for other state constitutions, including the U.S. Constitution, which followed. Another important aspect of our system of government is that it is based on the rule of law. This concept is a direct descendant of Hebrew law and the Ten Commandments. Together, with the concept of unalienable rights from God, these concepts helped ensure a way of life that respected the dignity of every individual. The combination of these biblical concepts is part of the foundation of our government that helps subjugate political power of potential tyrants. Every tyrant has a practice of changing the country’s constitution to suit himself to secure and retain power. It is interesting here to note that one of the aspects of the Antichrist’s short reign will be to “think to change times and laws” (Daniel 7:25).

Facts About Our Founders
It has been said that America has never been a Christian nation, with its founders a bunch of atheists, agnostics, and deists. But let’s consider the facts. At least 50 of the 55 framers of the U.S. Constitution were Christians. Every American president has taken his oath on the Bible (except for John Quincy Adams and Theodore Roosevelt) and referencing God in his inaugural address is standard oath. Every one of the 50 state constitutions calls on God for support. The Supreme Court’s Holy Trinity decision in 1892, after an exhaustive 10-year study of the matter, said, “This is a religious people. This is a Christian nation.” Even today, the Supreme Court opens each session with the verbal declaration, “God save the United States of America.”

Principles
Our Founding Fathers incorporated into the founding documents many biblical principles upon which to establish our Republic. The sovereign authority of God, and not the sovereignty of state or man, is witnessed in the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and all 50 state constitutions, oaths, and our Pledge of Allegiance. On our currency it reads, “In God we Trust.”

The principle of moral values with unchanging standards based on absolute truth and the sanctity of life is clearly articulated in the Declaration of Independence: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” The formation of our government was based on checks and balances. This principle acknowledges that all men are sinners. Godly rulers are desired with warnings against kings and their despotism. The principle of personal accountability and governing self and family as the first level of governance is recognized in the new Republic by its founders. Take time to read the First, Second, Ninth, and Tenth Amendments.

More Principles
One can associate biblical Scriptures to every principle concept in our Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Amendments. The checks and balances of our judicial, legislative and executive branches is found in Isaiah 33:22: “For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.”

The idea of all men being created equal is seen in Acts 10:34: “God is no respecter of persons.”

The right for religious freedom discussed in the First Amendment may have been inspired by 1 Timothy 2:1-2: “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.”

The Fifth Amendment secures our rights to private property. Exodus 20:15-17: “Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is thy neighbor’s.”

The Declaration of Independence encourages and supplies liberty and free enterprise. John 8:36: “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed” (II Corinthians 3:17; Galatians 5:1; I Peter 2:16).

The concept of restitution found in our laws look very familiar to those in the Old Testament, Leviticus 6:1-5: And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour; Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein: Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found, or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass offering.”
Revelation 2 and 3 present seven letters written to seven churches. I want us to look at the details of the letter to the church of Pergamos. Eight times in the book of Revelation, we read the phrase, “He that hath an ear, let him hear.”

Seven Letters To Seven Churches
Seven letters were written to seven churches that existed in the day that John wrote the Revelation of Christ as given to him. Each one of them were written because of something that needed to be addressed. In reality, their words are still meaningful to us today. We get to hear what the Spirit said to the church in Pergamos.

The City Of Pergamos
Pergamos was a center of the worship of false gods: Asclepius, the serpent-god of healing; the Greek god Zeus; Demeter, the Greek god of harvest, fertility, and every kind of sexual excess; the goddess Athena; and the temples were dedicated to the Roman emperors. In the midst of these temples gathered the saints to worship Jesus Christ. An odd place to have church, or was it? Jesus said, “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matt. 16:18). Pergamos was definitely a gate of hell.

The Angel To The Church In Pergamos
“And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges” (Rev. 2:12). Dr. Spiros Zodhiates in The Complete Word Study Dictionary tells us, “the angels of the seven churches are probably the bishops or pastors of those churches, the delegates or messengers of the churches of God.” In turn, they would deliver the message to the saints in Pergamos.

Who Is The Messenger?
The messenger is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. The sharp sword with two edges is first mentioned in Rev. 1:16. This is part of a paragraph that clearly describes Jesus Christ. The sword represents God’s Word. One side of God’s Word brings comfort to the believer. The other side of God’s Word brings conviction to the unbeliever.

Commendation
In evaluating this church, Jesus starts off commending them for what they were doing right: “I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth” (Rev. 2:13). Literally, living where the throne of Satan was, they were loyal to the name of Jesus Christ and to the faith of Jesus Christ. Brother Swaggart talks about the words “my faith.” In his commentary on Revelation, he writes, “My faith does not necessarily refer to an exhibition of faith, but rather all that pertains to biblical Christianity. It pertains to the Cross and what Christ did there. Simple faith in Christ and what He did in the giving of Himself as a sacrifice, sums up Christianity.”

What About The Church Today?
Can we say that the church today is loyal to the name of Jesus Christ in the midst of the wickedness that surrounds us? Is the church upholding the faith of Christ (the doctrines of Christ)? Has the church been affected by society more than it has effected society? Are we listening for His voice?

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“And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians?” —Exodus 14:11-12

Lord I Believe; Help My Unbelief | PART II

GOD HAD miraculously delivered the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt. It had taken several months because Pharaoh had made things harder, offered some compromises, and repeatedly refused to let them go. Now the Israelites were free and headed for the promised land where they could live for the Lord.

But it wasn't long before Pharaoh changed his mind and went after them with his army. The Israelites could look back and see his army chasing them. They were scared to death and complained to God. They also asked Moses why he had ever brought them out of Egypt believing they would have been better off had they never left Egypt than to die in the wilderness. They had told Moses then to leave them alone in their slavery. There is no biblical record they actually said that, but it was easier to minimize how bad it had been back in Egypt than to deal with their immediate danger.

In essence the Israelites were saying, “Stop trying to help us because every time you do things get worse, not better. They were implying that God—not Pharaoh or Satan—was their problem. It is true that every time a person takes a step of faith toward God, Satan is going to attack to distract from the initial problem, which had been oppressive slavery, to focus instead on the immediate situation. That is not caused by God, but rather by Satan. This is to try to convince the believer to stop believing God and ignore all that God has done in the process.

God had already performed 15 outstanding miracles to get the Israelites to where they were, and Satan was trying
to get them to give all of that up by deceiving them into believing that they had been better off in slavery in Egypt.

They had not yet learned to trust God, even though He had told them ahead of time what He was going to do. They responded in unbelieving fear and blamed God and Moses for the attack of Pharaoh.

This was especially true when God had told them ahead of time that Pharaoh was going to change his mind and come after them, but that He would be “honored”—glorified and exalted—for prevailing over the Egyptians. In fact He told them not to fear, but to stand still—stop depending on what they thought they could do, and stop complaining—and then they would see the Lord fighting for them, and in that day they would see the Egyptian army destroyed.

It was similar to when the Psalmist said, “Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10). He told Moses to hold up his rod and divide the Red Sea so the Israelites could cross on dry ground. The angel of the Lord came between Israel and the Egyptian army and stopped them from attacking, so the Israelites could walk through the Red Sea on dry ground with the water walled up on both sides. After the Israelites got across, God caused the Red Sea to close up and destroyed the entire Egyptian army who had come after them.

In every situation, believers must choose to simply believe and obey God instead of falling back and depending on who they are and what they can do. God told the Corinthians to “walk by faith, not by sight” (II Corinthians 5:7). That means Christians should not allow themselves to be controlled by what they see or feel, but rather by God and His Word. That does not mean they should ignore reality, but rather follow God, who is bigger than all of their circumstances.

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I Remember The Day

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But Let Me Tell You One More Thing…

I was sitting behind Frances’ desk in the television studio, and we were offering the Bibles for sale. One of the men of our church sent a note through, stating that he wanted to purchase some 25 or 30 Bibles because he was going down into Mexico, and wanted to give a Bible to some pastors.

All of a sudden the Lord spoke to my heart and said, “I want you to put The Expositor’s Study Bible into the hands of every single Third World pastor in the world.” It was just that quick, just that simple, and just that final. The Lord said what He meant, and meant what He said.

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