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Jesus fell with his *face to the ground* and prayed, "My Father, if *it* is possible, may this cup be taken from me." Mt 26:39
The Prince of The House of David, by Rev J.H. Ingraham, written **January 1, 1890**

John wrote, "I beheld Jesus prostrate on the ground while *deep groans broke from his heart*. I heard his voice murmuring, but could not distinguish the words, broken by grief; only the tones were those of **horror and dread**. As he prayed in *profound agony*, I beheld a swift light pass by me. **An angel** from heaven stood beside Jesus bending over him and raising him up from ground. A soft bright glory shone around the spot so that Peter moved toward me. We gazed in speechless astonishment as the *radiance from the angel illumined Jesus*."

"We saw that his countenance was *convulsed with anguish*. *On his brow were shining drops of sweat, mingled with blood, which oozed from his pallid temples and rolling down his marble cheeks, dropping to the ground*. We had never beheld a *human visage so marred by sorrow, so deeply graven with the lines of agony*."

"He began to be grieved and greatly distressed. He said to them, 'My soul is deeply grieved, so that I am almost **dying of sorrow**. He began to be deeply **distressed**. Then He said to them, 'My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, **even to death**. My soul is **crushed with grief** to the point of **death**.'" Mt 26: 37

Last Words of Christ on the Cross #1681

Unlike the prophets of old, Jesus didn't come to earth to *merely teach about God*. He came here to **demonstrate Who God is!** To show us what God is like. **Jesus is God**, as John 1:1 states, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God**." Many people have no idea of the *infinitely high price God paid for their salvation*. They have no understanding of the *depth of agony* Jesus suffered on that cross!

Jesus was totally committed to *each one of us* who *benefit from his great sacrifice*. Jesus gave up *everything* for YOU! But are you *willing to give up your life for him? To serve him?* Some people are too embarrassed just to *say grace* at a restaurant let alone **die for Christ**.

Jesus was crucified naked!

Jesus, a *perfect, pure and righteous man*, suffered great *shame* ("**Despising the shame**," Heb 12:2) and *humiliation* by hanging nude on the cross. Jesus was pushed down upon the cross while one soldier held his arm down as another raised a sledge hammer up and smashed the spike through his wrist and into the wood rupturing arteries, veins, cutting through nerves and exploding in violent pain. The iron spikes, the size of *railroad spikes* were driven through the carpal tunnel of the wrist *paralyzing his hand in a frozen claw-like shape*. The median nerve in the wrist severed producing excruciating **bolts of fiery pain** up both arms into his neck.

What would it be like to experience crucifixion?

Your lungs fill up with fluid leaving *little space for air*. You gasp for every breath! You are suffocating. To get even a shallow breath you **push your body weight up on the nail in your feet tearing nerves, tendons, and muscles**. **Each breath rips higher up in your feet**. *The dislocation of his joints and tearing of his ligaments was excruciating*. Jesus's back had been shredded from the scourging with a whip that had lead or brass and sharp bits of bone knotted in it. Each lash of the whip ripped through his flesh, muscles, deep veins and arteries and some down to expose bone often resulting in death. To get another breath, Jesus would push himself up against the rough-hewn wooden cross tearing flesh deeper again and again.

Pastor Robert Nash, author of *Last Words - 7 Sayings From the Heart of Christ on the Cross*, says, "For Jesus, *every word he spoke was incredibly arduous, gasping for every breath*, he spoke words filled with forgiveness,

hope and compassion. *These words are some of the most important words a person EVER SPOKE or ever read, containing a wealth of meaning.*"

While Jesus was experiencing *excruciating, agonizing* death he prayed, "Father forgive THEM!" Forgive his executioners? The very men who had just smashed spikes into his wrists and feet? *This is the heart of Jesus.* He didn't have hate or rage for those who were killing him. He had a heart full of *mercy for his executioners*. They didn't deserve or ask for forgiveness, yet *he prayed for their sins to be forgiven anyway*. Jesus's prayers were always answered. That means the *very ones who nailed Christ to the cross could be with him in heaven*.

This is *the model for how we also need to forgive those who harm, hate and persecute us*. Anyone who has been forgiven for their sins needs to know the **price paid** for them. It was extremely costly to God! That is also why anyone who *ignores or refuses that forgiveness has nothing but hell awaiting them after they die*. Because of *his compassion for lost people*, who have no idea of the *full horrors of hell* that lasts forever, Jesus gave his life, not *wishing for anyone to spend forever in hell* but repent and receive his grace and mercy and be set free!

There were two men on either side of Christ suffering the same gruesome execution. One scoffed at Jesus and mockingly said, "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us." While the other man knew Jesus had been unjustly convicted and was totally innocent of any crime, and in one of the most startling and beautiful moments of the Gospel, doesn't ask to be taken down from his painful death, but asks, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus knew the man's heart of repentance and replied, "Today you will be with Me in Paradise." Notice!

- Jesus did not say, "You will be with me after thousands of years of *soul sleep*," as some denominations teach. But ***ALIVE TODAY!*** In *paradise!*
- The repentant thief next to him could not get down to be *baptized!* He couldn't *raise his hand* to receive Jesus or pray the sinner's prayer. *He just looked at the Savior and in faith* (a faith given to him by the Father) demonstrated his faith and trust in Christ. This man was a gift to Jesus by the Father as a prelude to those who would be saved by his sacrifice.

Woman! Behold Your Son!

As a child growing up, Jesus was loved and nurtured by his *doting, adoring mother* Mary! She cuddled with the baby Jesus and watched him crawl, then as a toddler walk, speak, and grow up. She cared for his skinned knees and cuts. She hugged him, laughed with him, celebrated with him, sang with him, read scripture with him and cried with him. She knew Jesus was no ordinary child. Simeon prophesied that, "This child is *appointed* for the fall and rising of many but a *sword will piece through your soul*." *Mary felt that blade piece her heart as she watched her beloved son die a slow agonizing death. Tears of deep grief must have steamed down her cheeks as she watched her adored son's life slowly drain away.*

When Jesus turned to his mother, he called her "woman." Why? Why not mother? At this point Jesus was no longer her little son, *but Jesus had completed the mission given to him by the Father and was now rising to his full capacity, as he was before coming to this world, as God.*

Behold Your Mother!

John, Jesus beloved disciple, was with Jesus for over three years. He **walked** with God, the Son, he **heard** every sermon He preached. He **saw** each one of His wonderful **miracles**; the **blind** received their sight, the **lame** threw away their crutches, the **dead** raised to new life. *But when Jesus was sweating drops of blood in the agony of Gethsemane, he asked for prayer but John and the others slept. And when Jesus was arrested, John and the other disciples abandoned him.* Jesus showed his forgiveness to John when he gave John *one of the most loving responsibilities* to John – **take care of my mom!** BEAUTIFUL! This gave John peace and *forgiveness over any feelings of guilt* for abandoning Jesus. Jesus gave his dearest friend, John, relief showing him and us that Christ forgives us when we go astray.

My God, my God, Why Have You Forsaken me?

Why did *Jesus call his Father - God and not Father?* Was there a *loss of intimacy* between Father and Son or was Jesus just reciting Ps 22:1-18?

My God, my God, why have **you forsaken me?** Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? All my **bones are out of joint**. My heart has turned to **wax**; it has melted within me. My **mouth is dried**

up, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; **they pierce my hands and my feet**. All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.

Crucifixion was **unknown** when David wrote Ps 22 about a *thousand years before Christ*. The Roman Empire didn't exist. Crucifixion didn't exist. Yet this prophecy **accurately describes crucifixion in Ps 22**, as it says, "I am poured out like water. My mouth is *dried* up..." – loss of blood causes dehydration, a dry cotton-mouth. Excessive perspiration is caused from stress! "**All my bones are out of joint.**" –when the soldiers dropped the cross into the hole in the ground the **jolt pulled his bones out of their sockets**. As he hung on the cross his body **weight continued pulling his joints apart**. "My heart is like wax." His heart was like *melted wax*! Jesus died of a broken and *ruptured heart*. Water and blood came out when the spear pierced his side.

Fulfilled prophecy proves the veracity of the Bible! Only God knew the future and could inspire David to write this along with innumerable other prophecies in the Bible to demonstrate the reliability of scripture. The Bible **was written by men but inspired by God** who lives outside our time and space.

Why did Jesus call his Father God and not Father?

Why did Jesus say, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus and the Father were *inseparable in eternity and on earth*. But as Jesus hung on the cross, the Father seemed distant. Jesus felt abandoned, and was abandoned, by his Father. He was deserted and left to **die alone**. God, the Father, was **showing His great wrath** for all the sins of the entire world from the beginning of time! **He was venting His wrath upon His Son Jesus. This was the worst pain Jesus would ever suffer.** He who knew no sin BECAME SIN for us! 2nd Cor 5:21

"It is finished!"

What is finished? What did Jesus mean when he prayed *three times to the Father*: "...if **it** be possible, let this cup pass from me ..." Mt 26:39 The "cup" is a reference to the suffering and anguish of the cross. If there's any other way, if people could go to heaven by GOOD DEEDS! Going to church! Giving money to the poor..." ANY OTHER WAY! Let's put it off for another year or so. But then Jesus submits to the Father, "nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

"Father, if **it** is possible..." What does "It" mean? "It" means that sins could be forgiven. Some people think they can go to heaven because their **good deeds outweigh their bad deeds, right?** Our neighbors said they were 'born-again Christians'. We asked if *they would go to heaven after they died*. They said that they were 'good' people and had lived "good" lives. *And since their good deeds outweighed their bad deeds they would go to heaven*. They didn't know much about the *Bible or heaven* but said the sinner's prayer with a TV evangelist to receive the Lord. They spend a lot of time gambling at the casino and rarely go to church.

For many people, it's **easy** – just *raise your hand* and **you're in!** With every head bowed, so no one can see, just say a *little prayer*, and **you're on your way to heaven!** With just an easy 'nod to God' – and, "Sure I'll give Jesus a **TRY**", with no *real commitment* to **following** him and **no real understanding of the infinitely high price God paid** to save their soul from the unimaginable **terror** of a **never-ending hell**.

Satan's greatest lie is convincing people that they can go to heaven by their good deeds.

If that were true, then **why did Jesus have to go to the cross?** His death would be insignificant- meaningless - if you **could get into heaven based on YOUR good deeds**. Paul thought of himself as a righteous Pharisee, but later, after Christ converted him, he said his **good deeds were like filthy rags**. Worthless. Our righteous acts do not *produce* salvation but are *evidence* of our salvation! Our righteous acts are a result of God within us!

Your deeds – good or bad – **are totally irrelevant to your salvation!** **Your salvation isn't based on what you did but what Christ did for YOU!** *Nobody* is good enough. **You can't earn your way into heaven.** There's only one way, and it's through faith in Christ!

Jesus died for all YOUR sins! *Your past sins, present and future sins!* Every evil deed, sinful word and thought was paid for on the cross! Every one of them was erased and forgotten. GONE! Forever! Forget it. He does!

But even more! **He not only took all your sins, he makes you into a new creation!** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; the old things are passed away, behold **all things are made new.**" 2 Corinthians 5:17. He changes us to become more like Jesus everyday and in every way. Your past **sins and bad habits no longer**

control your thoughts. Too often people hang onto their *past failures* as defining who they are. No longer. Sins done years ago no longer need to control you. No more guilt, regret or condemnation. You are a new creation! Paul wrote, “Forget your past, look forward to what lies ahead!” Php 3:13

Take your focus off yourself and onto Christ and what he is going to do with your life.

Think of this. Jesus had not slept the night before in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was scourged so that the inner muscles, tendons, and nerves were shredded. He was betrayed by his closest friends. Finally, he is punished by His Father God for *all the sins of all mankind*. **What a horrendous incomprehensible price Jesus paid. There’s only one response; to love and glorify God and ENJOY His Great Savior FOREVER!**

Job – The Faith to Challenge God, parts 1 & 2 #1678-#1679

Why do righteous, godly people suffer? Why does God seem silent when people need him the most? Job was a real man whose righteousness, prominence, prosperity and wealth were legendary. But he suffered horrendous calamities and lost everything including all of his beloved 10 children – all in one day! Then he got a painful disease covering all his body with painful boils! Why? **What had he done wrong to deserve that?**

What Job didn’t realize was that *behind this physical world was a cosmic battle* where Satan, the adversary, was asked by God, “Have you considered my servant Job?” Satan challenged God, “Take away all he has and he will curse you to your face.” In other words, Job serves *you just for what he can get from you*. **Michael Brown**, President of *FIRE School of Ministry*, host of *The Line of Fire*, and author of *Job – The Faith to Challenge God*, says, “God put Job through a horrendous test to prove his faith was real.” So the cosmic contest began to see if Job’s faith was genuine and God was his highest priority.

Do You Really Trust God or Not? Deal or No Deal?

The test for Job is the *test for all of us!* Do we really trust and *love God or not?* For some people, their love for God is *conditional* on getting what they want! A successful business, a marriage partner, getting healed... Just getting God do whatever they pray for. *Some people give up their faith when they or a loved one isn’t healed as they prayed.* Others give up on God, because they *can’t understand* why God allows terrible things to happen to them. If you lost your health, your business or a child, would you also lose your faith in God?

Don’t Fake it! Be Real With God!

Job lost everything, his wealth, health and his herds and his children! Why? He knew he was *innocent of any wrong doing* so he wanted to have a trial, a hearing, before the Judge of the universe. So **he challenged God!** God heard him speak but doesn’t answer Job. Instead God said, “Who is this who speaks without knowledge; who challenges my Providence and wisdom?” Instead of talking about Job’s suffering without cause, God *asked Job*, “Where were you when I created the universe? When I laid the foundations of the earth.”

God is telling Job *he can’t possibly understand why God does certain things* even if God *tried to explain it*. We deceive ourselves to think we can possibly understand *the Creator of trillions of stars*. **Who are you to tell the Creator how to run his universe?** It’s like trying to explain to a *baby in the womb* why he has *arms and legs that just get in the way* without knowing he will need them **when he is born**. There are things happening now that we won’t understand until we are born into heaven. But we can know this! That God so loved the world that He sacrificed His one and only Son by sending His Son to die for our sins so we could live in heaven with Him and ask Him all the questions we want then!

What’s the difference between punishment and chastisement?

Why do people suffer and die? We live in a fallen world cursed by its Creator, as a result of Adam and Eve’s sin. But we also know the Lord *disciplines those He loves*. Hebrews 12: 6; “Endure suffering as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what *son is not disciplined by his father?*” We know God is all-powerful and He does not punish according to our sins. **Christ took our punishment on the cross for us.** Jesus, the Creator said, “In the world you will have tribulation. But take courage; I have overcome the world!” Jn 16:33

Job didn’t have a copy of the Old Testament or the New Testament, but he **knew God well enough** that he could trust in the *goodness of God*. Job said, “I will trust God even *if He slays me.*” He said, “I know my redeemer lives.” He had real, saving faith in our Lord so he could say, “In the end, He (Christ) will stand upon the earth. Even after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh **I will see God**, I will see Him for myself; my eyes will behold Him, and not as a stranger. How my heart yearns within me!” That’s beautiful!

Happy Ending

God rewards Job with double his possessions, 10 more children on earth and the hope of seeing his other children in heaven forever. But what about those who aren't healed? Who suffer grief and depression? Who never get out of a wheelchair? Those who stay bankrupt? What about those lost in the holocaust? With God there are happy endings – but not all on earth.

Just as it takes extreme pressure on a lump of coal to make a diamond, so it takes extreme heat to purify gold so that it becomes white hot to burn away the impurities. How long does the goldsmith keep it in the red-hot fire? Long enough so he can see his face reflected on the surface of the molten gold. So God allows us to go through the fire of adversity long enough that He can see Christ reflected in our character.

Faith is so important that it determines our eternal future – heaven or hell.

Our faith determines our eternal destiny. People have gone through severe tortures, like Richard Wurmbrand (*Voice of the Martyrs*), who experienced unimaginable torture for his faith in Christ. He was in a Romanian prison fourteen years, three years in solitary confinement where he almost lost his mind.

In one torture, the communists put him in a box-shaped coffin with razor sharp knives pointed at his back. He was forced to stand upright! With the slightest movement, the knives would begin to puncture his skin. His muscles began to convulse and shake with pain of standing for hours. He would pass out from the bleeding from the deep knife cuts. ***How did he pray in that stifling silence? With every beat of his heart, he would say the name Jesus, Jesus, Jesus ... every beat!*** He said, "When ***words fail you***, let your ***heart beat say the name Jesus***. He Who died for you won't abandon you. ***He will give you the grace to endure.***"

As Paul wrote, "We despaired of life itself. We felt we had received the sentence of death. But ***that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God*** who raises the dead." 2 Cor 1:9 When we come to the end of ourselves, to that place of utter despair, we can find a new reservoir in His grace. Even if we don't get an answer for ***why we suffer***, we will get glorious answers in *the world to come* where we will be blessed forever with unspeakable joy and indescribable peace and inexpressible intimacy with Christ. Richard Wurmbrand said he came through with greater faith and love of God.

- "Faith is the substance of things **hoped for**, the **evidence of things not seen.**" Heb 11:1
- Faith is not trying to believe something *regardless of the evidence*. Faith is daring to **do something** regardless of the **consequences**.
- Faith is more than thinking something is true. Faith is thinking something is true, then **acting on it**.

Palestinian Delusion #1680

Is America wasting billions of dollars in a *fruitless attempt* to bring peace to the Middle East? Is the conflict between Israel and Palestine *just about land*, or is it part of an unsolvable spiritual war? On this program, we include cuts of past US Presidents, Bush and Obama, calling for Israel to get out of "occupied" Palestinian land. Obama endorsed a major Palestinian demand telling Israel: **Go back to the 1967 borders!**

Responding to the American "peace plan," we insert cuts of Prime Minister **Netanyahu's powerful speech** delivered before both Houses of Congress as he thundered, "***Our conflict has not been the establishment of a Palestinian State but the EXISTENCE OF A JEWISH STATE!*** For Israel to go back to the 1967 borders would make tiny Israel, the size of New Jersey, *a mere 9 miles wide in some areas!* Jerusalem MUST NEVER AGAIN BE DIVIDED!" (Standing ovation.) He continued, "We gave up land and what **did we get? More war.** Can you imagine living in a city where your enemy *is able to shoot missiles at you*, and you **have only seconds** to seek shelter? Many of our friends and family died over this conflict? Israel lives with this every day."

Is Israel occupying Palestinian land?

Are the Palestinians a unique people? *Who are these Palestinian people, and how are they any different from the other Arabs in surrounding nations?* They are no different! They are Arabs -the same in language, culture, history and religion as all the other Arabs. In fact, the first leader of Palestine, **Yasser Arafat, was an Egyptian.** ***In the 1960's, Arafat and the Russian KGB decided to invent an ethnicity – the Palestinians. This has been the most successful campaign in history*** so that American college students naively go on crusades to defend this supposedly disenfranchised minority/underdog that's really just a deception. They are deceived to support Palestine and attack Israel.

Where Did the Palestinians Come From?

Before the war, the surrounding Arab nations threatened to destroy Israel and warned the Arabs living in Israel to get out or die! Many of the Arabs left, but those who stayed in Israel after Israel won the war and turned the desert into a prosperous nation, have flourished. Those who fled Israel and remain outside are the Palestinian “refugees” living “squalid lives!” In essence, they are being used as mere pawns to keep this conflict going.

Who owns the land?

GOD owns all of the earth! And God gave the land to Israel. In Genesis 13, the Lord said to Abram, “Look north, south, east and west, ***all the land you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.***”

The Palestinian delusion is an invention to manipulate the world into thinking they’re a unique people deserving of a homeland. Why don’t all the other Arab nations take these Palestinians into their huge countries instead of trying to force them into tiny Israel? They are kept out *to keep this conflict going*. It’s really a “spiritual war” between the God of the Bible and their ***moon god, who isn’t a ‘god’*** but a fallen angel, **Satan**.

To wipe Israel off the map, the Romans changed the name of Israel by inventing the name *Palestine* from Israel’s enemies the *Philistines!* **Robert Spencer**, the author of *The Palestinian Delusion – The Catastrophic History of the Middle East Peace Process*, says the root of ***hatred is based on Islam’s dedication to the destruction of Israel.*** College students are being deceived into supporting the supposed Palestinian victims.

Exposing Planned Parenthood

parts 1 & 2 #1674 -1675

Planned Parenthood was founded on the same **evil concepts** that motivated the **Nazis!** How has our nation degenerated so that we allow people to do what the Nazi’s did? Planned Parenthood’s founder, Margaret Sanger, was a eugenicist who influenced Hitler and the holocaust.

The great horrors of the holocaust didn’t begin in the gas chambers at Auschwitz but in the minds of people like ***Hitler and Margaret Sanger***, founder of *Planned Parenthood*. Hitler instituted eugenics in Germany to weed out those who were ***deemed unfit, inferior or disabled; to purify the human race.*** Sanger wanted to *purify the human race by eliminating* “Hebrews, Slavs, Catholics and negroes.” Margaret Sanger was the first to coin the term "birth control" as a nice way of saying "elimination and reduction of people!"

Sanger Wanted to Eliminate the Human Weeds to Purify the Human Race

Sanger describes the *eugenic value of eliminating persons* – minorities, the sick, and the disabled to stop the spawning of a class of humans who never should have been born. In her book, *The Pivot of Civilization*, Sanger wrote, “...We prefer the gradual suppression, elimination and eventual extinction, of ***defective stocks***--those ***human weeds*** which *threaten the blooming of the finest flowers of American civilization.*” In *The US v. Sanger*, she was charged under federal law in July 1914 for using the mail to “*incite murder and assassination*”, because she used the mail to distribute her article, “*A Defense of Assassination*” in her newsletter, *The Woman Rebel, No Gods, No Masters*, Vol. I, No. 5. Sanger believed that ***lower forms of life must give place to higher types.***

So Sanger’s *American Birth Control League* was instrumental in influencing the *Supreme Ethics Court* in Nazi Germany and reported on how well the Nazis were eliminating the worst human strains in a humanitarian way.

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, and light for darkness!” Isa 5:20.

Man without God is a monstrosity.

When 67 year-old, retired, pro-life grandmother, Sandra Merritt, discovered that *Planned Parenthood* was ***harvesting LIVE baby body parts***, she met with the perpetrators and filmed their conversations negotiating higher prices for ***live baby livers, hearts, brains and lungs for research on baldness.*** Incredible! Baldness. ***Her videos shocked the world. Ironically, Planned Parenthood sued HER*** in a multimillion-dollar lawsuit to silence and punish her so she could never again expose *Planned Parenthood*. The abortionist, Dr Deborah Nucatola, ***tells how she grabs the baby by the feet, while the baby is still alive, pulls it out breech and removes intact live organs to be sold for as much as \$17,000.*** Cutting out a baby’s organs ***while the baby is still alive*** gets much higher prices than organs from dead babies. This is diabolic!

Did you ever wonder what kind of people the Nazis were?

What kind of people could torture, experiment on and incinerate millions of innocent people? People like the Nazi Dr. Josef Mengele who ripped an infant from its mother’s womb, then hurled it into an oven because it wasn’t a twin as he had hoped. Or putting people in freezers to watch them slowly die. Or how Mengele kept

hundreds of human eyes pinned to his lab wall 'like a collection of butterflies.' Or making *lamp shades out of human skin*. Mengele is accused of sending 400,000 Jews to their death at Auschwitz from 1943 to 1945. He experimented on people *supposedly to try to create an Aryan super-race*. He was a monster controlled by hell.

We are getting a glimpse of what happens when evil gains power.

Planned Parenthood alone will murder 345,000 children this year. Some of those children will be born and butchered alive...and it's legal. Mat Staver was a **pastor** who believed *abortion was okay* until he saw a video of what it really was – killing babies. Now he's one of America's greatest attorneys for life. Planned Parenthood's Margaret Sanger was awarded retroactively *Time Magazine's woman of the year*. *NY legislators* cheered after they passed a law permitting abortion up to the birth of the baby and even beyond the birth of a live healthy baby! The **Democratic Party** strongly supports a woman's right to *"safely" kill babies*.

The Cost of Freedom #1683

To destroy a culture, destroy their history. Peter Marshall, author of *The Light and Glory* –vividly describes the horrendous starving army at Valley Forge, barefoot in the snow, and the courage Washington infused into them to fight on against impossible odds. God miraculously protected our Continental army with a heavy fog that hid them from slaughter from the British. Tom Dooley, author of *One Nation Under God-America's Lost Dream*, describes the cost of freedom in the sacrifices our forefathers paid with their lives. What do the words of our national anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner*, really mean? _

Trial By Fire part 1 #1676

US Senate Chaplain, Peter Marshall Sr., gave a fiery sermon, *Trial By Fire*, that shook our nation! As Elijah challenged Israel, so Peter Marshall *challenged Americans in the mid 1940's* to choose between following Christ or Ba'al. He said, "Many Americans live in a *moral fog* that knows *no absolutes* but a confused *grey*. What does America stand for? Is this nation worth dying for? If we no longer follow the Lord, stop *pretending* to be a Christian nation. *Without God, we can't move mountains but stumble over molehills. America will be governed by God or ruled by tyrants.*"

Trial By Fire part 2 #1677

In 1945, Edgar Harrell, author of *Out Of The Depths –A Survivor's Story of the Sinking of the Indianapolis*, was on the *USS Indianapolis* that delivered the components for the atomic bombs that would be dropped on Hiroshima & Nagasaki to end WWII. But on returning back, Edgar Harrell's ship was blown up underneath him at midnight, and he jumped for his life into the *pitch-black oil-soaked water, without any hope for survival*. No food or water, no hope or help except that God gave him the *will to survive*. He survived for 4 ½ days in the shark infested sea when hundreds of other men died! He said, "I came face to face with horrors beyond imagination, but an *ineffable peace* enveloped me and gave me hope, courage and strength to survive when others gave up and died." Although he was exhausted, dehydrated and freezing, he had a peace only Christ can give. *He saw his buddies being eaten alive by sharks, but he said, "God's Presence gave me great strength to persevere."* The movie, *USS Indianapolis*, shows this account as one of the most harrowing in US history.

Our Survival Depends on Revival #1673

The *First Great Awakening* led to the *Founding of America* and America's independence from Britain. Daniel Norris, the author of *Trail of Fire – True Stories From Ten of the Most Powerful Moves of God*, vividly describes how 37 year old Jonathan Edwards, who is credited with starting the *First Great Awakening*, preached his famous sermon, "*Sinners in the Hands of An Angry God*," in 1741 that was printed and spread throughout New England. *This one sermon*, that Edwards *read* without *raising his eyes or his hands or voice*, began a *nationwide revival that changed our destiny*. His words were spoken as if *coming directly from God*. He didn't use theatrics, because he didn't want to manipulate emotions but trusted the Holy Spirit to convey the *urgency and imminence of eternity* in the minds of the people. His constant focus was on eternity. *He even prayed that God would stamp eternity on people's eyes.*

His words were like pouring *hot, molten steel upon raw human flesh*. The crowd flinched, but the preacher continued **READING STRAIGHT FROM HIS NOTES** rarely lifting his head to look up. *It was only by the glow of the candlelight on the podium that you could see tears flowing from his eyes!* He continued, "God holds you over *the pit of hell*, much like holding a spider or some loathsome insect over a fire, *abhors you and is dreadfully provoked. God's wrath burns like fire*, and he looks upon you as nothing but *to be cast into the fire*. You are 10,000 times more **abominable** in God's eyes than the most venomous snake in your eyes."

With Tears Flowing From His Eyes, He Revealed Their Destiny Was Hell

The crowd got a *view of themselves* being *in hell forever*, and the impact was *life changing*. They realized they were horribly doomed to spend the endless eons of eternity suffering in the fires of hell. Some began to weep openly. Others began to cry out and groan. One man shouted, "What must we do to be saved?" Others screamed, as they feared for their lives. Many had taken a firm hold of their seats with both hands *for fear of falling straight through the floor, sliding down into an eternal hell* forever. **Revival broke out.**

Imagine you breathe your last breath and leave your body, and suddenly you experience the most fearful horror of unimaginable terror with constant burning, darkness, fear and despair! There is nothing to look forward to except constant screams of excruciating pain in 12,000-degree fires! You remember and regret the memories on earth! FOREVER. No hope, no happiness, never looking forward for anything ever again.

The impact of revival is astounding. *Revival changes destinies of people and nations.* Jonathan Edwards along with Benjamin Franklin, were *two of the most outstanding minds in America!*

Time To Home School #1672

With the coronavirus closing schools, parents are forced to home school. This is a great opportunity for children to learn a love for learning and develop a Biblical worldview. 17 year-old Eddie Zhong, who started his own successful business, says schools can stunt *creative* thinking. **Israel Wayne**, author of *Homeschooling From A Biblical Worldview*, says public schools don't train young minds to think critically and debate both sides of issues. But homeschool can do that. What is a good education if it leaves God out? Secular schools make secular students. Education is more than just academics. It's Biblical discipleship.

The *public schools are the Left's strongholds, and they routinely train children to become enemies of the gospel.* It's no accident that nearly 90% of Christian children reject the Christian faith after years of atheist propaganda. *Christian teachers must teach* from the *humanist curriculum*, or they'll be fired. The Left completely controls the curriculum. Completely! There is nothing Godly or Biblical about it.

Love of Learning #1682

How can you develop a genuine love for learning in your child? **Carole Seid**, an educational consultant said, "The single most effective tool in shaping a child's character is *great literature.*" *The right book at the right time can change a child's destiny.* How can parents build *genius* in their children? **Dr Raymond Moore**, the grandfather of homeschooling, says statistical research of geniuses throughout the ages shows there are three common elements to producing genius. Jesus said, "The greatest *commandment* is to love the Lord with all your ... MIND." A secular education *can't do that* but home schooling can.

Children are made by God to be insatiable learners, until that desire is quenched.

Schools can stunt *creative* thinking. *Secular schools make secular students.* Jesus *commanded* His followers to make disciples and **TEACH** them! What does this *scripture mean* to the 90% of Christian parents who *put their kids in pagan public schools?* How do American *pastors miss this?* How can they obey this Command from God? Home education means *learning as they explore* the museums, art galleries, concerts. There's less *peer pressure* to do **drugs and promiscuity**. They are spared from *indoctrination into socialism*. Homeschooling parents *demonstrate* a profound *love for their child!*



HUMOR

When your steak is on the grill, your mouth watering, do **vegans** feel the same when mowing the lawn? *How can eating a 2-pound box of chocolates make me gain 5 lbs?*

In a Norwegian restaurant, "Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar." Your father's new job has 500 men *under him*. He is cutting grass at the cemetery.

The undertaker said if the last payment wasn't made on your grandmother, within 7 days, up she comes.

Lot's wife was a pillar of *salt by day* but a *ball of fire by night*.

In an ad for a Hong Kong dentist; "Teeth extracted by the latest **Methodists.**"

We knew it was going to be a **bad day** when our horn went off accidentally and ***remained stuck*** as we followed a group of ***Hell's Angels*** on the freeway.

In Christ's Love,

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