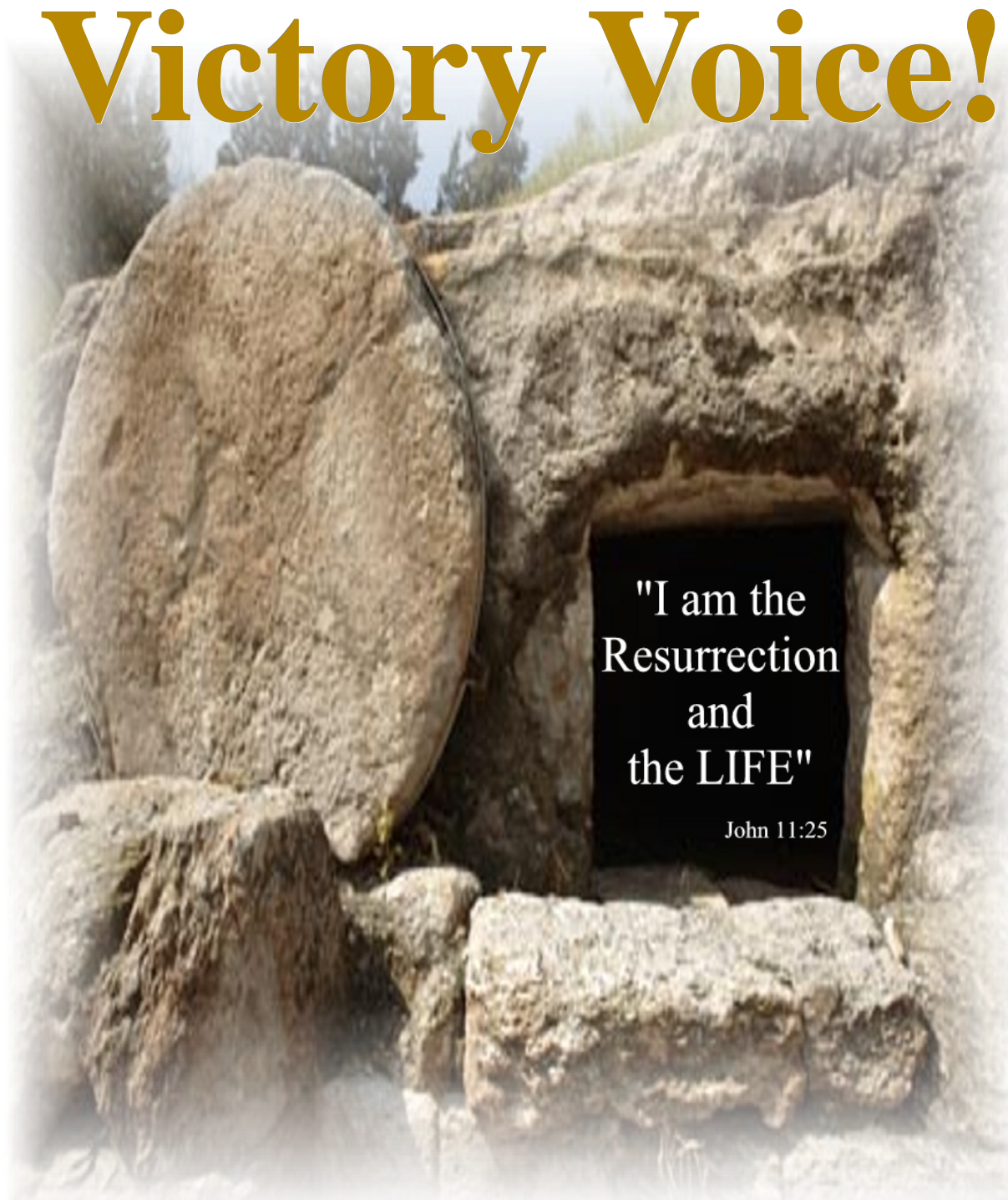


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"I am the  
Resurrection  
and  
the LIFE"

John 11:25

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*"HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN, AS HE SAID. COME, SEE THE PLACE WHERE THE LORD LAY."*

Matt 28:6



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## The Risen Christ of the Emmaus Road

**Luk 24:31** And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

**Luk 24:32** And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

Jesus had been crucified and buried three days earlier. Now, two lonely disciples were trudging home to Emmaus, a small town seven miles outside of Jerusalem. They should have been singing, but instead they were sad. They had a heartache instead of a "Hallelujah!" What was meant to be the ground of their hope, was instead a cause of doubt! What should have been a reason for delight was instead the reason for their despair!

These followers of Christ were right in their facts for they said, "This is the third day!" While they had the facts right they had come to the wrong conclusion.

I think that I have met a good many "disciples of the Emmaus Road!" They are too proud or afraid to admit the truth - that they are disappointed, not in the Lord, but in their experience of Him. They yet say their prayers, sing the songs—but the reality is lacking! They would not have anyone know that their experience is NOT real!

Some have recently graduated from a college where their confidence in the Word of God has been shaken. They have been taught unbelief. Yet, I am convinced that false doctrine

is NOT our greatest problem, nor is worldliness. Our greatest problem is that many are trying to live a profession that they know is not real!

I like to read of the experiences of other men and women who serve the Lord, but we MUST have some of our own! There must be some "originals." We need to be turned around on the Emmaus Road and get our conclusions in harmony with the facts!

I describe what some call, "a deeper life experience!" Too many deplore the thought of such a thing. Others discuss "theories" about it—and still others describe how to get it, but FEW EVER DEMONSTRATE IT WITH THEIR LIFE!

The Emmaus Experience had four characteristics that warrant mentioning:

1. It was true to the Scripture. The risen Lord reproved the travelers for being slow of heart to believe the prophets! He opened the Scriptures and taught them as absolute Truth. Let it be noted that our Lord started with the writings of Moses. Modern man scoffs at the writings of Moses—Jesus BELIEVED AND TAUGHT THEM! Spiritual experience that is NOT based on the Word of God is Not of God!
2. The experience of the Emmaus disciples stirred their hearts. It gave them a "holy heartburn!" We are afraid of too much "feeling." Remember, it is out of the abundance of the HEART that the MOUTH SPEAKS.
3. The Emmaus experience showed up at home! Their invitation to the risen Lord

was, "abide with us, the day is far spent." Is it not time that our experience with the Lord were more evident? Is this not the end of the day for many of us as our lives are almost gone? Let us not forget that there is no promise for any of us that there will be another day to serve Him! There may not BE another day!

4. The experience of the lonely disciples sent them out to witness once their conclusions matched the facts! Their new found confidence sent them into the streets and to the houses of others.

We have the same story to tell that they told. Their risen Lord is OUR risen Lord! Our experience must be true to the Scripture as theirs was. Are you SURE you are saved? Does the Word of God back up your "conclusion?"

Does this salvation stir up our heart? Are we motivated by His love for us. Do we display the love we should for others?

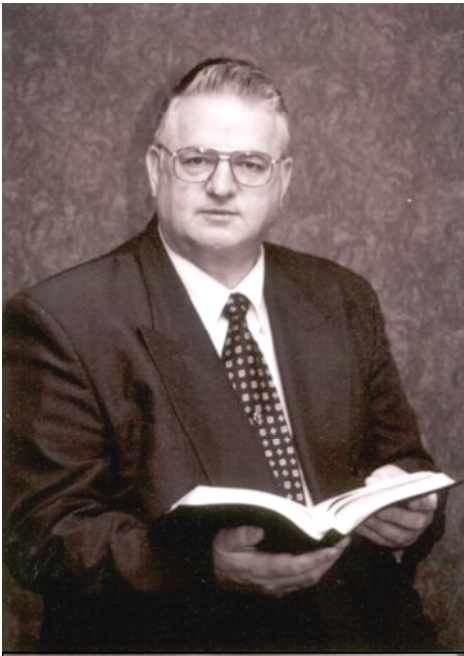
Does our Emmaus Road experience show up at home? How different is your home because YOU are a born again, sold out, servant of Christ?

Does this spiritual experience find its way to the surface? Is it just a theory? Is it just something you talk about or something you read about in others—or is it something you DEMONSTRATE in your daily life?

Honestly finish this phrase from God's Word, "For me to live is....."







DR. ANDREW TULLY

## THE GREATEST EVENT IN HISTORY

*"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures: And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time."*

*I Corinthians 15:1-8*

Without a doubt, the one single greatest event in the history of the human race was when the Lord Jesus Christ arose from the grave three days after his demise on Calvary. Jesus' resurrection was LITERAL and BODILY. Contrary to what the cults teach, our Lord did not arise from the dead spiritually – in spirit only. According to the Word of God, the witnesses that saw Him, and all of the evidence, our Lord arose from the dead BODILY. He came out of the grave in body,

soul, and spirit.

The bodily resurrection of Christ is a doctrine taught all the way through the Bible; time and space will not allow us to examine all of the passages in the Old and New Testament concerning the resurrection of Christ. Suffice it to say, in Psalm 16 the prophecy is made that Jesus' body would "not see corruption." Jesus even used a great illustration of His bodily resurrection from the Old Testament. He said, "For as (Jonah) was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matthew 12:40). Then, just as the whale spewed Jonah out on the dry shore three days later, Jesus also arose from the dead three days after His death.

Jesus had told the disciples that He would be crucified for their sins, and for the sins of "the world" (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; I John 2:2), and that He would arise from the dead three days later – yet they still had trouble understanding what He was talking about. He said to them in John 10:17, 18, "I lay down my life, that I might TAKE IT AGAIN. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have POWER TO TAKE IT AGAIN."

The scene on that great day in Jerusalem can be summarized something like this: Another Passover had come and gone. The first light of dawn greeted Jerusalem's Sunday morning. There was an air of sadness that lingered over the city following the cruel events of three days ago. A group of godly women, including Mary Magdalene, had visited the tomb of Christ, not expecting what they would experience. They discovered that the soldier guards were asleep and Jesus was not there. He was risen!

There are seven groups of people that were witnesses of the bodily resurrection of Christ. (1) **Peter and John** (John 20:3-10) raced toward the tomb when Mary brought the news that His tomb was empty. John beat Peter there, and knelt at the entrance of the tomb, noticing that it was empty. Peter then passed him up and went inside, scrutinizing the details of the undisturbed grave clothes, etc. Then John entered and saw every detail "and believed."

(2) There were also **five women** (John 20:11-18). These were actually the first witnesses, for it was one of them that ran into the city and told Peter and John. Two angels appeared to these women to let them know that He was arisen.



**(3) Then there were the two Emmaus Road disciples** (Luke 24:13-35). They had walked 7 ½ miles to church that morning and then walked home. They were on their way home when, lo and behold, who should appear walking along beside them? It was the resurrected Son of God! He comforted them in their sorrow, and then He taught them the entire Old Testament “concerning him.” They arrived at their home, and Jesus became the Divine Host and served them their afternoon meal. When Jesus finally left them they said one to another, “Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?”

**(4) That same day, during the evening service** of the first Church, the disciples were gathered (Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-23). They had locked the door for fear of the Jews, when Jesus suddenly walked right through the closed door, and they were glad when they saw the Lord. He then breathed said to them, “Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, so even so send I you.” Then He breathed on them and said, “Receive ye the Holy Ghost,” and they were thus empowered to carry out His marching orders, the Great Commission.

**(5) Then Thomas** eight days later, probably during a week-day service, saw Him. He had been absent from the last Service and the other disciples had visited him to tell him that Jesus was risen. Thus, he came to the next service, saw the Lord, and declared, “My Lord and my God!” What a statement of belief in the Deity of Jesus Christ. When Thomas saw that Christ was in fact risen, he had no trouble declaring that Jesus was “my Lord and my God.”

**(6) Then, in John 21 Peter and the other disciples** who quit the ministry and went back to fishing saw the Lord as He appeared to them on the shore. At that instance He reclaimed these discouraged and backslidden disciples, and thus the disciple who had denied the Lord three times at His trial then became the mighty preacher who preached on the Day of Pentecost and baptized around 3,000 converts!

**(7) The last appearance that is detailed for us in the Scriptures** is when our Lord gave to **the eleven apostles** the Great Commission for the final time (Acts 1:5-8). Jesus commissioned them to be witnesses of Him in all the world. (There is one other account in I Corinthians 15 where the “over five hundred brethren” saw Him all at the same time, but no detail is given and the time and place is not specified; just that they saw Him.)

Our Lord’s bodily resurrection is the most significant event in history for a number of reasons.

**THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST PROVES THAT HE IS THE SON OF GOD.** Romans 1:4 says that Christ was “declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.” Others had been restored to life, only to die again, but Christ is the “firstfruits” of the resurrection in that He was the first to ever be raised to never die again. Truly, He is the Son of God!

**THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST GUARANTEES OUR SALVATION.** Romans 4:25 says that Jesus “was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.” We who believe the Gospel are declared righteous by God, justified, because Christ was crucified and “raised again for our justification.”

**THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST ILLUSTRATES THE POWER OF GOD.** Paul referred to “the exceeding greatness of his power...according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 4:19-20). Only the Divine Creator, who created the universe out of nothing in six days, could possibly create life, then take that life away, and then cause that the dead should arise again. The resurrection of Jesus illustrates the omnipotence of our God!

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**THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST GUARANTEES OUR RESURRECTION.** *In I Corinthians 15:20-24 Paul talked about the fact that Christ is “risen from the dead.” Then he talked about the resurrection of Christ promising us that one day we will arise from the dead to stand body and soul before the Lord in Heaven. What a day that will be!*

**THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST ALSO, AND ESPECIALLY, ENCOURAGES US AS BELIEVERS TO BE STEADFAST IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.** *After describing the resurrection of Christ and expounding on the biblical doctrine of resurrection in general Paul said (I Corinthians 15:58), “Therefore (because of the resurrection of Christ), my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”*

*The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the death of Christ “according to the Scriptures,” the burial of Christ, and the bodily resurrection of Christ “according to the Scriptures” (I Corinthians 15:1-4). And verse 2 of that passage says that this is the Gospel “by which also ye are saved.” A sinner is saved by believing the Gospel and trusting the resurrected Saviour. Have you done that? If you are going to have your sins forgiven, become a child of God, and go to Heaven, you must place your unconditional faith and trust in the crucified and risen Lord (Acts 16:31; Romans 19:9-13). Do it today!*



## Shall We Meet Our Loved Ones Again?

by D. L. Moody

*First Corinthians fifteen is one of the grandest chapters in the writings of Paul. It is especially grand to those who have lost friends. No sooner do loved ones pass away than the question arises, Shall we meet them again?*

*Paul answers this question and gives a consolation we can find so clearly stated nowhere else.*

*What a consolation to know, as we lay our friends away, that we shall meet them again in a little while!*

*As I go into a cemetery, I like to think of the time when the dead shall rise from their graves. We read part of this chapter in what we call the "burial service." I think it is an*

*unfortunate expression. Paul never talked of "burial." He said the body was sown in corruption, sown in weakness, sown in dishonour, sown a natural body.*

*If I bury a bushel of wheat, I never expect to see it again, but if I sow it, I expect results. Thank God, our friends are not buried; they are only sown! I like the Saxon name for the cemetery -- GOD'S ACRE.*

*The Gospel preached by the apostles rested upon four pillars: the atoning death of Christ, His burial and resurrection, His ascension, His coming again. These four doctrines were preached by all the apostles, and by them the Gospel must stand or fall.*

*In the opening verses of I Corinthians 15, we get a clear statement from Paul that the doctrine of the resurrection is a part of the Gospel. He defines the Gospel as meaning that Christ died for our sins, but not that only -- He was buried and rose again the third day. Then he summons witnesses to prove the resurrection:*

*"He was seen of Cephas [Simon Peter] then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time."*

*Now that is pretty clear testimony, strong enough to satisfy a candid inquirer. But the Greeks had no belief in the possibility of the resurrection, and these converts at Corinth had been reared in that unbelief. So Paul puts the question:*

*"Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?"*

*It was one of the false doctrines that had crept into the church at Corinth, because no orthodox Jew would ever think of questioning it.*

*To deny the resurrection is to say that we will never see more of the loved ones whose bodies have been committed to the clay. If Christ has not risen, this life is the only one, and we are as the brutes.*

*How cruel it is to have anyone love you if this be true! How horrible that they should let the tendrils of your heart twine around them, if, when they are torn away in death, it is to be the end. I would rather hate than love if I thought there will be no resurrection, because then I would feel no pangs at losing the hated thing.*

*Oh, the cruelty of unbelief! It takes away our brightest hopes.*

*"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."*







THE SHEPHERD.

# *The* **SHEPHERD**

by C. H. Spurgeon

**W**HEN a shepherd has at last overtaken his poor, silly, wandering sheep, he does not straightway fall to scolding or beating it for having cost him so much toil and trouble. No; but he observes that it is very weary, that it has torn itself among thorns, and cut itself among jagged rocks, and therefore he first tenderly sees to its wounds, and then bears it back to the fold in his own arms. Poor trembling sinner, the gospel has at length laid hold upon you; you cannot longer run into the paths of sin, grace has stopped your mad career, and made you tremble at the guilt of sin. You are afraid of Jesus, for you know how sorely you have grieved him; you fear that he will chide you severely, and perhaps spurn you from his presence. Oh think not so of the Good Shepherd! He is already gazing on your bleeding wounds, and preparing to bind them up; he will soon take compassion on your weakness, and bear you in his arms. Trust to him, poor sinner, just as the poor sheep trusts the shepherd. A man is more precious than a sheep, and Jesus is more tender than the most careful shepherd. To coming sinners he is gentle indeed. When the prodigal returned all ragged, and filthy, his loving father did not put him in quarantine till he had been cleansed and purified, but there and then he fell upon his neck and kissed him, without so much as giving him one upbraiding word. He came straight from the swine-trough to his parent's arms. That welcomed prodigal is the type of such sinners such as you are. You too shall have all kisses, and no frowns; all love, and no wrath; all kindness, and no severity. Oh! if you knew the Saviour, you would not delay. Now, *now* poor heavy-laden sinner, trust the Lord Jesus, and live. He has never treated one returning prodigal with harshness, and he cannot change, and will therefore deal as generously with you as He has done with others. Whether *thou* wilt trust him or no—I will—I do. Poor sinner, may the Holy Spirit lead thee to look to Jesus and live.

# Sayings from Billy Sunday!

Live so that when the final summons comes you will leave something more behind you than an epitaph on a tombstone or an obituary in a newspaper.

I believe that a long step toward public morality will have been taken when sins are called by their right names.

Your reputation is what people say about you. Your character is what God and your wife know about you.

If you took no more care of yourself physically than spiritually, you'd be just as dried up physically as you are spiritually.



If you live wrong you can't die right.

Look into the preaching Jesus did and you will find it was aimed straight at the big sinners on the front seats.

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## How Many Resurrections are There?

by J. Vernon McGee

There are two resurrections: The resurrection of the saved and the resurrection of the unsaved. The Lord Jesus said that some will be raised to everlasting life and some for judgment (see [John 5:24-29](#)). The first resurrection goes in a series. You have, for instance, first the taking out of the Church — they will be taken out at the Rapture. The Old Testament saints are not raised, according to [Daniel 12:1](#), until after the Great Tribulation Period when they are raised to enter the kingdom here on this earth. Then you have the resurrection of the tribulation saints, and that ends the first resurrection. You have, therefore, three definite groups included in the first resurrection: The Church, the Old Testament saints, and the tribulation saints. Then you have the second resurrection — that of the lost at the Great White Throne, which occurs at the end of the Millennium. ■



# There's No Place Like Home!

Thoughts by a lady for the ladies!

by

Imogene Parker

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## Bringing Out the "Best" in Your Children!

### **I. Love Your Children and Show Affection for Them**

The greatest gift a parent can give their child is the assurance that they are wanted and loved! Rock and cuddle them when they are small. Pray with them and for them. Sing to them while they are babies and with them as they grow older.

A mother's love should not ask, "How much MUST I do?" - Rather her love asks, "How much CAN I do?"

#### **MOTHER'S LOVE:**

- Abuse cannot offend it.
- Neglect cannot chill it.
- Time cannot dull it.
- Death cannot destroy it.

### **II. Spend Time with Your Children**

We were very busy when our children were small. We spent a great deal of time traveling from church to church as my husband would preach Revival Meetings. Though together those many hours while traveling, I still MADE time for my children. I took them shopping, and made cookies with them. I even took our son, Jeff—FISHING! Don't be fooled into thinking that the quantity of time does not matter but rather the quality. Make no mistake about it: there can be no quality without quantity!

### **III. Discipline Your Children**


Children must learn to obey YOU if you expect them to obey God! The Lord made clear His method of discipline for disobedience:

Proverbs 23:13 *"Withhold not correction from the child: For if thou beatest him with a rod, he shall not die."*

### **IV. Provide for Their Spiritual Growth**

- Have daily Bible reading with them.
- Provide a Bible of their own, no matter how young they are.
- Make every effort to win them to Christ while they are young.

### **V. Teach Them to WORK**

- Assign them jobs befitting their abilities.
  - Praise a job well done!
  - Carefully and tactfully correct a job that is less than well done.
  - When possible work TOGETHER WITH your children.
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# THANK THE LORD FOR SPRING!

by Dr. D. W. Board Sr.

As I began to think about writing for this Easter Edition of The Victory Voice, my mind continually returned to the idea that Easter occurs in the Spring and that Spring is the beginning of life for much of God's creation. May I take a few moments to share with you some of what Spring means to me?

Spring is the end of Winter! Now that's a great revelation, isn't it? What I mean is that the cold and killing traits of Winter no longer form a threat to us, they are passed. Winter brings with it the death of the beautiful flowers of Summer. O, we knew it was coming for it was preceded by Fall. We knew that the days would only grow colder and the fruit of the harvest less abundant with every passing day.

My wife, Mary, and I will have celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary by the time you read this article. We know well that our Summer has passed and that Fall is at a close also. Soon Winter will take its toll with us as it has with so many of our life long friends! I grant you there is beauty to be found in Winter, but with the cold winds of winter come sickness, death, and sorrow. The Bible speaks of the principles I declare:

***Ecc 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:***

***Ecc 3:2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;***

***Ecc 3:3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;***

***Ecc 3:4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;***

***Ecc 3:5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;***

***Ecc 3:6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;***

***Ecc 3:7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;***

***Ecc 3:8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.***

God has promised us that the seasons will not fail. Summer will always precede Fall. Fall will always come before Winter, but, praise God, Winter will always be followed by Spring! Hallelujah!

I think of the words of one of my favorite songs:

**Soon I shall hear the call from Heaven's portal,**

**"Come home, my child**

**It's the last mile you must run!"**

**I'll fall asleep-**

**And wake in God's New Heaven,**

**Sheltered safe within the arms of God!**

**So let the storms rage high, the dark clouds rise,**

**They don't bother me,**

**For I'm sheltered safe within the arms of God!**

**He walks with me -**

**And naught of earth shall harm me,**

**For I'm sheltered in the arms of God!**

You see friend there walked One before me Who was victorious over death! His testimony is, "*I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*"

Rev 1:18 That Friend, of course, is Jesus Christ! He is alive! He promised me, "...because I live, ye shall live also." - John 14:19

That is not the end of the good news! The Lord Jesus also said, "... *I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*" Jn. 11:25, 26

This old body will suffer the chills of winter and may indeed die, but **I SHALL NEVER DIE!** The "valley of the shadow of death" may be a cold place, but it will not be a lonely one. I shall NOT see death, only it's shadow! Praise the Lord I shall not be alone even in that shadow!

Thank the Lord for Spring. Thank Him for new life and new beginnings! His declaration is, "Behold, I make all things new!" So He will, and so He does! ■



# From My Heart

by Beverly Hennesy Judge

## I Know Whom I Have Believed

*Had I been there so long ago  
When Jesus walked the earth,  
Would I have bowed and worshipped Him  
At lowly manger's birth?*

*Had I been there in Galilee  
When miracles He did,  
Would I have known Him as God's Son,  
His majesty not hid?*

*Had I been present in the crowd  
Who shouted "Crucify",  
Would I have been among the ones  
Who wanted Him to die?*

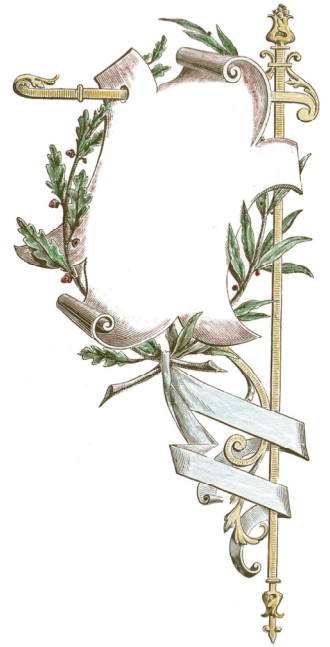
*Had I stood watching with the horde  
As He hung on the cross,  
Would I believe that He was God.  
Or thought His life a loss?*

*Had I been there among the few  
Who heard the angels say,  
"He is not here, He's risen, and  
Come see the place He lay."*

*Had I been there, would I believe  
Or "Doubting Thomas" be  
Until His wounded hands and feet  
With my own eyes I see?*

*I wasn't there when Jesus was  
So I will never know,  
But never seeing, I believe.  
Praise God! I know! I know!*

"Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." John 20:29  
Beverly Hennesy Judge - March 2005





# As an Itinerant Preacher

by **H. A. IRONSIDE**

*Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

For the most of my life I have been an itinerant preacher of the gospel, travelling often as much as thirty to forty thousand miles a year to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. In all these years I only recall two occasions on which I have missed my trains. One was by becoming confused between what is known as daylight saving and standard time. The other was through the passive assurance of a farmer-host, who was to drive me from his country home into the town of Lowry, Minnesota, in time for me to take an afternoon train for Winnipeg, on which I had a Pullman reservation. I can remember yet how I urged my friend to get on the way, but he pottered about with all kinds of inconsequential chores, insistent that there was plenty of time. I fumed and fretted to no purpose. He was calmly adamant.

Finally, he hitched up his team and we started across the prairie. About a mile from town we saw the train steam into the station, pause a few moments, and depart for the north. There was nothing to do but wait some five or six hours for the night express,

on which I had no reservation, and found when it arrived I could not get a berth, so was obliged to sit in a crowded day coach all the way to the Canadian border, after which there was more room. While annoyed, I comforted myself with the words, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." I prayed earnestly that if He had some purpose in permitting me to miss my train and comfortable accommodations, I might not fail to find it out. When I boarded the crowded, foul-smelling coach, I found there was only one vacancy left and that was half of a seat midway down the car, a sleeping young man occupying the other half. As I sat down by him and stowed away my baggage, he awoke, straightened up, and gave me a rather sleepy greeting. Soon we were in an agreeable, low-toned conversation, while other passengers slept and snored all about us. A suitable opportunity presenting itself, I inquired, "Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ?" He sat up as though shot. "How strange that you should ask me that! I went to sleep thinking of Him and wishing I did know Him, but I do not understand, though I want to! Can you help me?"

He had been working in a town in southern

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Minnesota, where he had been persuaded to attend some revival meetings. Evidently, the preaching was in power and he became deeply concerned about his soul. He had even gone forward to the mourners' bench, but though he wept and prayed over his sins, he came away without finding peace. I knew then why I had missed my train. This was my Gaza, and though unworthy I was sent of God to be his Philip. So I opened to the same scripture that the Ethiopian treasurer had been reading when Philip met him: Isaiah 53.

Drawing my newly-found friend's attention to its wonderful depiction of the crucified Saviour, though written so long before the event, I put before him verses 4, 5 and 6: "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

As the young man read them, they seemed to burn their way into his very soul. He saw himself as the lost sheep that had taken its own way. He saw Christ as the One on whom Jehovah laid all his iniquity, and he bowed his head and told Him he would trust Him as his own Saviour. For perhaps two hours we had hallowed fellowship on the way, as we turned from one scripture to another. Then he reached his destination and left, thanking me most profusely for showing him the way of life. I have never seen him since, but I know I shall greet him again at the judgment seat of Christ



**SAYINGS FROM BILLY SUNDAY**— (Continued from page 9)

If good preaching could save the world, it would have been done long ago.

If you want to drive the devil out of the world, hit him with a cradle instead of a crutch.

Churches don't need new members half so much as they need the old bunch made over.

There wouldn't be so many non-church goers if there were not so many non-going churches.

Too many churches are little more than four walls and a roof.

Home is the place we love best and grumble the most.

There is more power in a mother's hand than in a king's scepter.

I don't believe there are devils enough in hell to pull a boy out of the arms of a godly mother.

There is nothing in the world of art like the songs mother used to sing.

To train a boy in the way he should go you must go that way yourself.

Don't stop with telling your boy to do right. Show him how.

Be careful, father, or while you are taking one lap around the devil's track your boy will make six.

Not to walk in the straight and narrow way

yourself, is to give the devil the biggest kind of a chance to get our children.

Some homes need a hickory switch a good deal more than they do a piano.

Better die an old maid, sister, than marry the wrong man.

Whiskey is all right in its place—but its place is hell.

The normal way to get rid of drunkards is to quit raising drunkards—to put the business that makes drunkards out of business.

Riches have never yet given anybody either peace or rest.

It won't save your soul if your wife is a Christian. You have got to be something more than a brother-in-law to the Church.

You can't raise the standard of women's morals by raising their pay envelope. It lies deeper than that.

The reason you don't like the Bible, you old sinner, is because it knows all about you.

Going to church doesn't make a man a Christian, any more than going to a garage makes him an automobile.

The difference between God's side and the devil's is the difference between heaven and hell.

God keeps no half-way house. It's either heaven or hell for you and me.

A man can slip into hell with his hand on the door-knob of heaven.

The Bible will always be full of things you cannot understand, as long as you will not live according to those you can understand.

The inconsistency is not in the Bible, but in your life.

Yank some of the groans out of your prayers, and shove in some shouts.

If you are strangers to prayer you are strangers to power.

What have you given the world it never possessed before you came?

The Bible says forgive your debtors; the world says "sue them for their dough."

Temptation is the devil looking through the keyhole. Yielding is opening the door and inviting him in.

I am not the author of the plan of salvation, but I am responsible for the way I preach it.

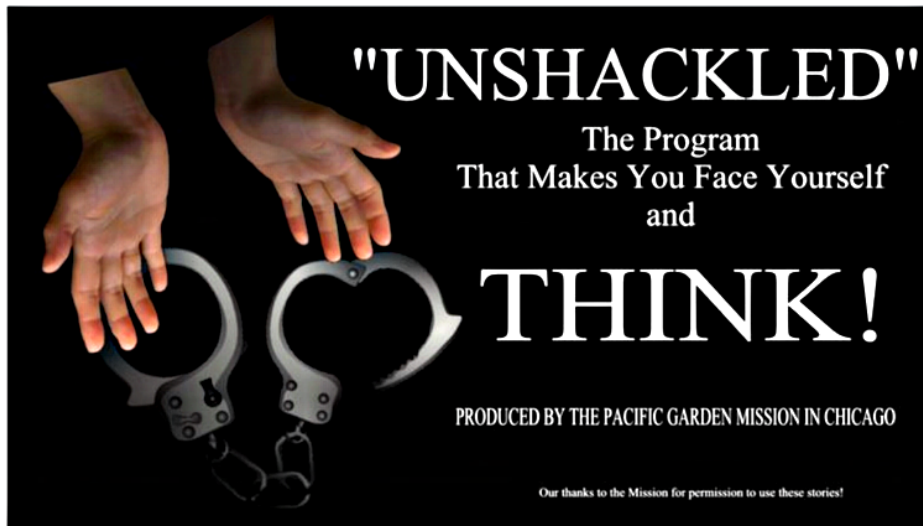
I am an old-fashioned preacher of the old-time religion, that has warmed this cold world's heart for two thousand years.

When I hit the devil square in the face some people go away as mad as if I had slapped them in the mouth.

The backslider likes the preaching that wouldn't hit the side of a house, while the real disciple is delighted when the truth brings him to his knees.

To discover a flaw in our makeup is a chance to get rid of it, and add a new line of beauty to our life.





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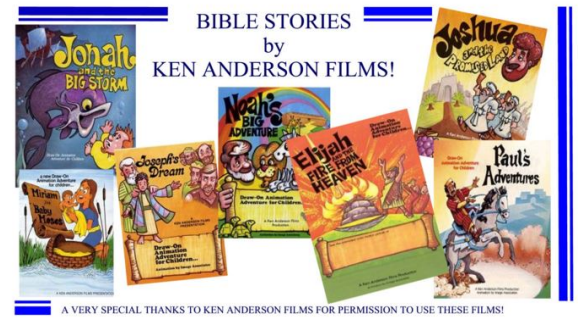
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