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A NIGHT OF WATCHING: You'll recall Exodus 12, the night *"the destroyer" slew the first born of Egypt but "passed over" the Israelites who had the blood of a lamb on their door. It was the final plague God sent on Egypt for refusing to let Israel go. In terror, Pharaoh told Moses ". . . be gone. . . and bless me also!" (Ex. 12:32). Now Israel had dwelt in Egypt exactly 430 years. It was "a night of watching by the Lord to bring them out (Ex 12:41,42). And as the Red Sea parted before them, they crossed over to the other side—on their way to the Promised Land! God personally spent the night watching over them to bring them out of slavery, as He had told Abraham He would (Gen. 15:13) 430 years earlier.*

MALACHI - A Family for God: The O.T. was about to close down. But God was leading up to something *very important*. He first condemns the priests (preachers) for turning aside from His ways: ". . . the lips of a priest should guard knowledge . . . But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble. . . ." (Malachi 2:7,8). **AND THEN** He rebukes the people for their faithlessness to Him and to each other (in worship and in marriage). These things had caused them to fail to produce the ONE thing He desired. "GODLY OFFSPRING." Think about that.

The 400 SILENT YEARS: Just as Exodus says *it was exactly after 430 years in Egypt that God brought His people out*, now Galatians 4:4 tells us, "When the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son. . . ." God *personally* brought about these two events at predetermined times. Malachi was likely written in 435 B.C. Jesus appears to have been born in 5 B.C. Why is this significant? Because between those times there were **430 years**. *The same number of years GOD had been "silent" between the O.T. and the N.T. was the same number of years He had left Israel captive in Egypt!* **NOW HIS SON HAS COME** to once again set us free from "slavery" to the world! *God has nothing left to give. The "rest" is up to you and me.* (Heb 1:1-4)

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EVERYBODY has heard about the Ten Commandments. Well, almost everybody. But the most "difficult" one of all may be the Eleventh. Jesus gave it to us in John 13:34:

"A new commandment I give to you; that you love one another as I have loved you. . . ."

Think about that. What would it be like to love even your brothers and sisters in Christ as Jesus loved you and me?

And remember, He loved us enough to die for us.

The proof that Jesus is God incarnate rests in knowing He came to say, “I love you,” — and that on a cross— to a world that could never care. Many behind bars have come to realize this truth—that He loves them—through the books and bibles you help provide:

“I have been to prison 5 times, but I have never had a hard time like this time. I found a bookmark with y’all’s address and Psalms 118:5,6,21 written on it. I just wanted to say it spoke to my heart. I found it after being transferred here. The prison I was in before was tough. I wore a black eye all of September and got my nose broken. I prayed for a way out of there, “Out of my distress. I called on the Lord and He answered me and set me free.” Like Psalms 118 said. I’m not a religious person but I’ve found myself praying almost every night now. I do not have a Bible and the book mark said write you for free bibles and books. If possible could I please receive a bible. It seems now I’m ready for one. Thank you all so much, and God bless you.”

In the too-brief year Gene and I lived in Hawaii he spoke in every prison and jail on all of the Islands. We’re still sending materials there. . . .

“Aloha, Gene and Dorothy—I’m an inmate incarcerated in OCCC, a Hawaii prison, and I’m interested in having your ‘free’ bible and Gene’s best-selling autobiography I’m Gonna Bury You. I’m a believer and love reading the Word of God. I also have a roommate in the same cell who would love the free books. Thank you for your time and love. Mahalo.”

There are *ninety-two* prisons and jails and associated penal facilities in TEXAS. This inmate writes from a prison with over 2,000 prisoners and more than 350 employees!—

“I just received your free copy of Gene’s book, and I would like to thank you for it. I also received a booklet about “Convicts are the most important people in the world to Jesus!” And the end of it says if I would like a free bible to write. Well, I would like to request a bible and also a list of other free books. I can only hope to hear from you soon.”

Our bookmarks and tracts are really getting around!

“I got a bookmark from someone and I’ve

read it and liked it. It says yall send out free bibles and books. I would like an Old Testament bible if possible and a few books if you wouldn’t mind to send it to someone who would read them and be thankful. Please, and thank you guys.”

Her letter is really more of a prayer than a request. She writes:

“I would like to please receive your free book. . . . I pray the frequency of the trauma doesn’t prevent us from praying. I pray that the constant attacks and displays of anger and evil doesn’t stop us from loving one another in Jesus’ name. Don’t let the attacks, the storms and the difficulty that remains cause us to get weary. Give us the courage and the patience to pray without ceasing and to love without strings and conditions. Help us to pray through and to love one another until hate, racism and rejection are all defeated. . . .”

Many have accepted “tolerance” as our national motto. I wonder if tolerance of evil is tolerable to the One who called us to be holy, as He is holy. I Peter 1:15

In certain circumstances I express a “*God bless you*” to people I don’t know. Most beam with approval. This quote by C.S. Lewis reminded me of those who don’t — *“When the whole world is running towards a cliff, he who is running in the opposite direction appears to have lost his mind.”*

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He has a long time to go, but he is doing everything he can to make good use of it:

“I have a very long road ahead of me and have decided to follow and serve the Lord. I am looking to help teach God’s Word, wisdom, morals and laws to fellow inmates. I am looking for any assistance you offer to help me in my journey. I have a bible but would really appreciate an in-depth study bible, or any resources that will help me on my path to becoming ordained as a minister. Paper, pens, highlighters, notebooks would also be appreciated. Please keep me in your prayers for God’s guidance. . . .”

Thanks to you, there are a lot of bible studies going on in prisons across America! —

“I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide me with a concordance, Bible dictionary and devotionals so I can gain more knowledge and understanding about the Bible. I am wanting to strengthen my relationship with God and Jesus and become a better Christian through learning and devoting my energy to my faith. Thank you and God bless. . . .”

Satan’s trickery is like drugs. In the beginning we think we can control them. And at first they’re often so very convenient to smooth away the small wrinkles in our lives. But in the end, like the devil, they take over. They’re the one(s) in control—

“I am currently being held in the County Jail East. I just received a book from our chaplain that was kindly donated by your

organization, and I would like to thank you. I am a fallen Christian trying to recover. I see this as just a speed bump in life and a huge learning lesson. Is there any way I can get additional study material to help me. . . .”

It takes a long time for some to “see the light.” But oh, how beautiful it is when it comes streaming into a prison cell!—

“I’m a child of the living God. I’m in prison and I need to renew my mind in the Word of God and to do all He wants me to do. I see you send prisoners bibles and books. I would like a new study Bible. KJV if you got it. And some books to help me renew my mind. I’m 51 years old. Being in jail is all I’ve been doing for the last 30 years. It’s time for me to put God first in my life. I would love your help in my walk with Him. I need whatever you send in Jesus’ name. May God bless you for your help to the prisoners. . . .”

I chuckle when I sometimes think there may be more Bible reading and scripture studying going on in some prison cells than there are on a city block of a town somewhere:

“I’m writing to see if you could send me a good bible to study and learn more about God and Jesus while I’m doing my time. I’m on 23 lock down now and I read and pray every day.

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of a good courage,
fear not, nor be afraid of them:
for the LORD thy God,
he it is that doth go
with thee; he will
not fail thee,
nor forsake thee.



Think you’re too young or too old to learn? The Lord God helps us all.

The following quote comes from a poster I saw way back around 1993:
“On the battlefields lie the blackened bones of countless millions, who—at the dawn of victory—lay down to rest, and resting, perished.”
NEVER give up!!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

He's new and enthusiastic. And he has his work cut out for him. . . .

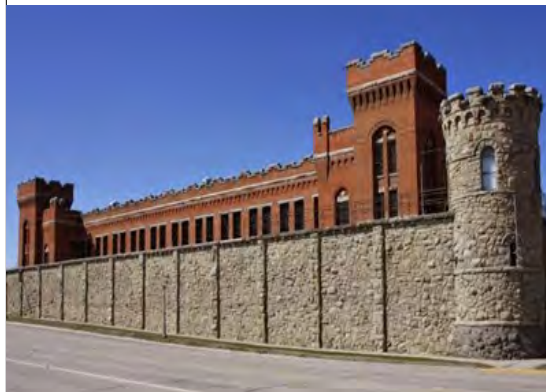
“We received everything you sent, and it was just great. We're pretty well set now. But we're looking to expand to make room for more books. When that's done, we'll be back in touch with you for additional materials. . . .”

The history of prisons within America is sometimes harsh, always fascinating. Someone should write a “good” book on their beginnings and growth down to the current era. This next prison originally held 300 men—all young male offenders. Today it houses over 1,500, including a supermax/death row area for over 450! I was expecting a new head chaplain when I called, as notes in my file tell me the last time we spoke he said he was leaving. But today, five years later, he's still answering the phone. . . .

“I remember you, Mrs. Neill. And yes, we've got room for more bibles and books! Send them on. We still don't give the inmates hardbacks, but one of our chaplains might read hardbacks if you send them . . .”

Arkansas is named for the Native American tribe that originally occupied the area. This chaplain writes:

“We have received the books, and they were very much appreciated. God bless you”



Back in the day, this was the Montana State Prison.

Built in 1871, its

history as colorful as an old “wild west” movie, it closed 100 years later (1970's) and now houses FIVE museums. *I have a photo of our then motorhome parked out front with the words, “CHRIST IS THE ANSWER” painted down both sides of the coach.* Gene and I were there ministering in meetings—including a new prison that replaced the earlier one. The initial cost to house inmates in the original facility was \$2.00 a day. Today it's \$109.51! Our latest shipment to the newer prison got there this week. The chaplain told me on the phone, *“The men are going through the boxes pulling out books as we speak!”* (Our thanks to everyone of you who made this possible!)

Back at the opposite end of America, I received an email from the chaplain at the Women's Eastern Reception Diagnostic and Correction Center (that's a mouthful!), which houses over 2,000 prisoners! —

“We received three boxes of books from The Voice of Triumph Inc. today. Thank you for your generous gift. . . .”



It is a peculiar truth that no one wants to burn in hell, and yet there are still many who blindly stoke the very fires that will send them there. God bless you for helping us to seek out those who are unaware of His saving grace and tell them, *Jesus loves you; He really does! And He will come and pour out His living waters on your troubled souls if you'll only seek Him and His kingdom.*

When the Light that was Christ finally came on in Gene's solitary underground cell, after he had wandered around in the darkness for 40 years, it was a 3 billion kw awakening. What a privilege it is, while there is still *this hour*, to make the utmost of the remaining time to bring that Light into the hearts of still more men and women in prison.

God loves you!

Dorothy

Dorothy & Family

HERE ARE A FEW OF THE PRISONS AND JAILS INTO WHICH YOU HELPED US TAKE THE LORD'S GREAT LOVE AND JOY THIS MONTH—

**NW Florida Reception Center, Chipley, FLORIDA
MCACC New Brunswick, NEW JERSEY
William Holeman Correctional Facility, Atmore, ALABAMA
Cois Byrd Correctional Facility, Murrieta, CALIFORNIA
Denver Women's Correctional Facility, Denver, COLORADO
Mt. Olive Correctional Facility, Mt. Olive, WEST VIRGINIA
Allen Correctional Facility, Kinder, LOUISIANA
Hardee Correctional Facility, Bowling Green, FLORIDA
Coyote Ridge Correctional Facility, Connell, WASHINGTON
Bledsoe County Jail, Pikeville, TENNESSEE
Haysi Regional Jail, VIRGINIA
Delta Regional Unit, Dermott, ARKANSAS
Okeechobee Correctional Institution, FLORIDA
Cummins Unit, Grady, ARKANSAS
Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, INDIANA
Luther Unit, Navasota, TEXAS
Bannock County Jail, Pocatello, IDAHO
Georgia State Prison, Reidsville, GEORGIA
Lowell Correctional Annex, Ocala, FLORIDA
Piedmont Correctional Institution, Salisbury, NORTH CAROLINA
West Tennessee State Penitentiary, Henning, TENNESSEE
Craggy Correctional Center, Asheville, NORTH CAROLINA
Panama City Jail, Panama City, FLORIDA
Middle River Regional Jail, Staunton, VIRGINIA
Suwannee Correctional Institution, Live Oak, FLORIDA
Henrico County Jail East, Barhamsville, VIRGINIA**



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THE DAY IS NOT OVER; BUT NIGHT WILL SOON BE HERE

IT WAS NIGHT when the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders came out against Jesus. They came for the Savior with swords and knives and clubs. And His traitor Judas came among them. Jesus called it *"the hour of darkness."*

But there was another traitor among them: a disciple whom Jesus had personally warned would betray Him. And though the disciple was quick to react to the crowd by cutting off the ear of the high priest's servant, he was soon quicker still to deny - three times - that he even knew the Son of God. He realized, for the first time, that to follow Jesus might actually lead by the way of the Cross. *His own cross.* And that made all the difference. Beginning to fear, Peter crumbled. *And casting about for safety, he sat down and warmed himself by the enemies' fire.*

Today we are on the brink of the most frightening war the world has ever known. The ultimate war of sin against righteousness. The last great end time battle in the eternal war of Good against Evil. A war from which there is no turning back. And no way out.

Even now, as the final **"hour of darkness"** rapidly descends, many will sit comfortably warming themselves by the fire, allowing Jesus to be crucified afresh. Only those few who see beyond the fires to a *"city whose builder and maker is God"* will walk through the flames and carry the Cross; only a very few will one day say, as did Peter, *"Thou art the Christ, Son of the living God,"* and *"Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you."*