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ADAM AND EVE sinned. As sin goes, *“they knocked the ball out of the park.”* And it wasn't long before they heard the sound of God *going* in the garden *in the wind* (spirit) of the day. And they hid – as though hiding were possible – from Him among the trees. But the Lord called to Adam, *“Where are you?”* (As though God didn't know, but He lets us play our games.) Gen. 3.

And Adam kept up the *“game.”* *“I heard the sound (wind/spirit) of you . . . and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid.”* And God said, *“Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”* Of course God knew, but still He waited for Adam and Eve to come to the end of their excuses.

And then the finger-pointing began. *At God, no less!* The whole thing is *Your* fault, Adam claims: *“The woman whom thou gavest me, she gave it to me.”* Whoa! Could the whole thing have been GOD's fault!? After all, as Adam just so deftly pointed out, it WAS

God who *“started the ball rolling”* by giving Eve to him.

Looks like God's taking the bait because He turns to Eve and asks, *“What is this that you have done?”* Eve punts to the serpent: *“He beguiled me, and I ate.”*

God accepts the pass and says to the serpent: *Because you have done this, you will spend the rest of your days cursed above all other creatures, slithering around on your belly in the dust.*

And for all the eons since, the wily Destroyer has bided his time, believing Earth and beyond would still one day be his.

But such is not to be. For St. John heard a loud voice proclaiming from Heaven—

“Woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!” (Rev. 12:12)

The wrath is not over, but the time is short.

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God's voice once shook the earth. But now He says, *“Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven,”* indicating the removal of what is shaken, that only His kingdom will remain.

Heb. 12:18-29

Because of His great love, we have the hope—and more than that—the *expectation* that God will not only hear us, but listen to what we have to say, and do something about our problems. And because of His love, and your unfailing help, here are some of the things we've been able to do this month:

"I have been studying the Bible from age 7. Although I have fallen in life several times my faith in the Lord, my heavenly Father, has never wavered. I am new at this Unit. I have 2 Bibles. . . . I am writing to ask if you would send me a concordance. Someone in my barracks just got a book from you, and I think it would help me in my study of the Lord's Word. It is the Holman Pocket Bible Concordance. I would also like a Holman Illustrated Pocket Bible Dictionary. But if you can't send all at once, please send me what you can. And may our Lord bless you and watch over your ministries. And thank you. P.S. I know I'm asking a lot of you, and I'm sorry for that. But my son is also in prison and studying the Bible. If you can, send him something. . . . Lord bless you'all for all that you do."

You and I can't be their lawyer. (Come to think of it, the Bible only refers to a lawyer in a single instance—when the apostle Paul called for one through Titus: *"Do your best to*

speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way" Titus 3;13. The "who" and "why" to the mystery of Zenas waits us in heaven.) In the meantime, this inmate shares his thanks with us:

"I just wanted to write to thank you for sending the Bible dictionary so quickly. It's greatly appreciated. I never imagined I'd get a response, and definitely not as quick as I did. . . . Any books or Bible study materials are always appreciated. My fellow inmates and I do use them daily. God bless. . . ."

Inmates often appreciate not only our help, but the quickness with which we respond because "time" has a different meaning when every second of your life is in a controlled environment:

"I am an inmate serving a 25 year sentence, and I would like to request a Student Bible Dictionary and any Bible study materials. I am a new inmate looking for more information to go off of on my Christian studies. The dictionary looks to be a very helpful item for understanding the Bible. . . ."

We've received yet another "thank you" for one of the books you provided:

"Wanted to say thank you for the book 'A Visual Walk Through Genesis' by Stephen Miller. . . . It was by far one of the most interesting reads I've had. . . . Also I was going to ask what other material you may have. . . . Can't even say how much of a blessing you have been for me and how grateful I am. John — P.S. The Measure of a Man is in his surrender. . . ."

John (above) was quoting the founder of the SALVATION ARMY, William Booth. Booth once said, *"The greatness of a man's power is the measure of his surrender."* That simple quote has deep meaning. In other words, the measure of a man can be learned by his (our) willingness to submit our lives to do what God has for us, even if it's out of the ordinary. William Booth's congregation was made up of thieves, prostitutes, gamblers, and those less fortunate. He didn't have a traditional church, but he ministered daily to those in need.

“He calls us to trust him so completely that we are unafraid to put ourselves in situations where we will be in trouble if He doesn't come through.” Francis Chan

Each of us is a different “book.” And each page of our lives is likely to read quite differently from that of anyone else. But all of us are born with one thing in common: a built-in need for God—

“. . . Upon opening a box of books [to our chaplain], stamped inside was your contact information. For years I've done a ton of wavering, but find myself feeling comfort when I return to the Word. This time around I'd like some tools to help me stay further on track even after my return to the community. Please I am a mother of 5 . . . I would like a Bible for more regular encouragement. . . . Thank you so much for listening.”

I often wonder when a letter from someone with a significant Bible name comes to us if their parents named them praying God would watch over him or her:

“My name is Joshua. I need your help. I came across a book called Layman's Bible Survey. [We often send this book out.] If you have access to this book would you please send it to me. I would really love to study and read and reread this book. . . . I hunger for the knowledge of God's truth and understanding. Please help me to help others. . . .”

The next letter came from four women in a county jail in Kansas. I'm sometimes curious as to how God got our address to them! —

“It is very hard to get envelopes in here because you have to have money on your books. So us girls got together, and this

letter is from all of us girls. We will really appreciate anything you can send. Even Bible studies if you do those as well. So here are our names, inmate ID#s, etc. so you can send them to us. We all want to thank you for your time and understanding.”

Sadly, this letter, too, comes from a woman who is incarcerated. Their prison chapel is named *The Chapel of the Nameless Woman*. Inmates include youth and women in custody levels from minimum to death row. It can be a scary place, especially for a “newbie:”

“I am new to reading the Bible. This is my first incarceration and I am trying to change my life and live the way God wants. If you could send me a Bible and study material or Bible studies or anything that would help, it would be greatly appreciated. God bless, please and thank you.”

May God use each Bible and book to quicken the heart and spirit of the many men and women whom He has sent to our doorstep:

“CLI said you might send me free books. If so I would like to get them and any Bible studies you might have. I am in Jail now, but I will be going to prison after sentencing and would greatly give thanks for anything to further my life with Christ. Thanks and God Bless.”



God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Psa 46:1-3

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Two boxes of books and Bibles went out to this prison, and the chaplain returned a very gracious email to thank us:

"I am the Chaplain/Volunteer Coordinator for the Correctional Institution for Women. . . and I am writing to thank you for the Bibles and Christian books your organization donated to us. I truly appreciate your generosity and I know the women that reside here do as well. . . ."

Remember the husband and wife team I mentioned last month? He's chaplain in a large state jail and she's his enthusiastic "back-up." After sending them everything they requested, except for two different books we didn't have, copies of each of those very books arrived unexpectedly a week or so later. And they've now gone out to them as well. God is faithful—and so are you!

While Gene was still with us, he ministered personally at this prison, which is actually two units. It brings back a special memory because as we were walking back in for the second service that day, the guard in the tower leaned over and shouted down, "I don't know what you did in there this morning, Neill, but do it again!" Apparently the prison hotline TAC *(Tell a Convict) had already gotten word to the tower guard how well received Gene's first service had been. I

had the pleasure of talking with one of the chaplains there this afternoon. He really loves the inmates, and he invited us to send whatever I thought they would appreciate. *And because you also love them, and have made it possible, I'll be doing just that tomorrow.* †

A very few years ago most of the chaplains I talked with were older men. Covid frightened many of them into overdue retirement. "The chaplain you asked for is no longer with us" has become a familiar refrain. It happened again this week. But the chaplain's replacement was a pleasure to talk with, and her response the one I welcome most:

"Yes! Send them. We definitely will take whatever you can send. . . ."

So also said this next Chaplain from the deep South! He sounded as though he had just been praying for us to call and offer to fill his library shelves. (Well, I can hope, can't I!) In any event, books and Bibles are on the way!

IT IS A SIN to forget God, the source of Living water. The saddest verse in the Bible is God crying out to the wanderers:

My people have committed two evils;
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.
Jeremiah 2:13

Waterless cisterns in a God-forsaken world. And now the thirsty *must* have something to replace Him. Or life cannot go on. The

emptiness is too deep. The void too wide. And without His presence, there is nothing left but to try and fill the emptiness with secret sins, sorrow and weeping. Or death. As sheep without a shepherd are doomed, we too quickly become aimless wanderers across a spiritual desert. And there is no way through unless we find a way back to Him. If you think you are alone and that He doesn't care for you, listen for His voice in the sound of the Wind and the songs of the birds. Trace His love in the paths of the starry skies. *Above all, read His Word!* Though for now we stand on this side of the Promised Land, we ARE bound for that Land where joy never ends and *"life springs eternal bright and fair."*

Won't you come and go with us? And help bring with us a lost and searching soul?

Love,



Dorothy and Family

**HERE ARE SOME OF THE PRISONS AND JAILS INTO WHICH YOU HELPED US
TAKE THE LORD'S GREAT LOVE**

Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, Wilsonville, OREGON
Laurens County Jail, Laurens, SOUTH CAROLINA
East Arkansas Regional Unit, Marianna, ARKANSAS
Connally Unit, Kenedy, TEXAS
Desoto Annex, Arcadia, FLORIDA
Kentucky Corr. Inst. For Women, Pewee Valley, KENTUCKY
Arizona State Prison Eyman, Florence, ARIZONA
Allen Correctional Institution, Kinder, LOUISIANA
FCI Low, Beaumont, TEXAS
Hampton Roads Regional Jail, Portsmouth, VIRGINIA
Ocean County Jail, Toms River, NEW JERSEY
North Carolina Corr. Inst. For Women, Raleigh, NORTH CAROLINA
Gulf Correctional Institution, Wewahitchka, FLORIDA
Huttonsville Correctional Center & Jail, Huttonsville, WEST VA
Wallace Unit, Colorado City, TEXAS
Coastal State Prison, Garden City, GEORGIA
Hoke County Detention Center, Raeford, NORTH CAROLINA
Apalachee Correctional Institution, Sneads, FLORIDA
Fayette County Detention Center, Lexington, KENTUCKY
High Desert State Prison, Susanville, CALIFORNIA
Tomoka Correctional Institution, Daytona Beach, FLORIDA
Rivers Correctional Institution, Winton, NORTH CAROLINA
SCI – Fayette, LaBelle, PENNSYLVANIA
Wood County Correctional Facility, Quitman, TEXAS
Lunenburg Correctional Center, Victoria, VIRGINIA
Bay County Sheriff's Office, Panama City, FLORIDA
Varner Unit, Grady, ARKANSAS



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THE DAYS OF NOAH THE DAYS OF LOT

“21 FOR THEN there will be great tribulation such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. 22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. . . . 29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, stars will fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man. . . . 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 36 But concerning that day and hour no one knows. . .

“37 For as were THE DAYS OF NOAH, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. . . . 38 Before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away. . . . 42 Watch therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. . . . 44 you must be ready. . . .” (Matthew 24:21-44)

AND THEN JESUS DOUBLED DOWN AND SAID —

“28 Likewise, it was in THE DAYS OF LOT—they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built. 29 But on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulphur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—so will it be on THE DAY when the Son of man is revealed.” (Luke 17:28-30)

NOAH has been in the *top ten names* on the Social Security Adm.’s list **since 2009!** And it has been the *first or second* most popular baby boy’s name **since 2013!** Last year it was once again **number TWO** in popularity! *“Now when these things begin to take place, lookup and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Luke 21:28*