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### BELOVED IN THE LORD,

Once again Easter has come and gone. But the glory of the resurrection of Christ has been renewed in our hearts and minds. And we should be careful to hold it there until the season of love and hope come again!

I cannot help but wonder if Job's question hid the fact that he knew more than we might think at first glance:

*"If a man dies shall he live again?" Job 14:14*

I know he did, for it was only a few verses later he also said,

*"For I know my redeemer lives, and at last He will stand upon the earth." (Job 19:25)*

And it is those few words— "I know my redeemer lives" that grace my Gene's footstone.



ONLY he's not there. He's awaiting marching orders "somewhere beyond the blue," until we see him again.

What a glorious hope was born in our hearts that through God's mercy we will be reborn to live with Him forever!

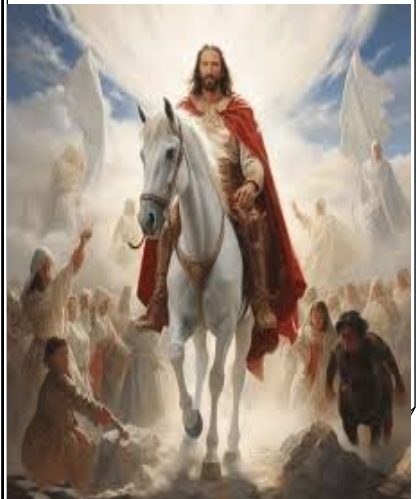
*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."  
I Peter 1-3*

For such was Jesus' unwavering personal promise, that as surely as He left to prepare a place for us, He would come again to take us back with Him.

*Is that an angel knocking at my door, or is it Jesus Himself coming to conduct me to His Father's house:*

*"I go to prepare a place for you. And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." John 14:3*

*"Thy dead shall live, their bodies shall rise. O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy!"  
Isaiah 26:19*



**It's good to help one, but it's great to help two! This inmate writes for both—**

*"I am looking to be sent a Message Bible if at all possible and other reading materials. I do a lot of reading and would greatly appreciate any religious materials available. . . . I would also like to ask about having a Bible and some religious material sent to a very special woman to me. Please and thank you. She's been having a rough time being in jail and I am asking for her to be in your prayers. Again, thank you and God bless. . . ."*

**Meanings of words change over the years. So just to be sure we were on the same page, I looked up today's meaning of the word "boggle" - which apparently means to marvel at something. Now we know. And just such a book is on its way. Smile . . .**

*"Hey! I want to thank you so much for sending me the book I'm Gonna Bury You! It's good! Do you have any other books that are really good? Something that will make my mind boggle. . . ?"*

**Here's another first-time request. (I never know what to expect!) We had to substitute on**

**this one, but have already received an acknowledgement and thank you letter for the two we did send (thanks to you)—**

*"Hi! I heard you'll send books. I was wondering if you had any Almanacs 2025. If not, I'll take the very best book on your shelf. PS I really love Almanacs because it tells about the outside world, and I love world maps inside them. So hopefully you have one or just a really good book. Thank you."*

**We really appreciated that this inmate sent us a note of thanks (in Spanish) for the book we sent. Translated, it simply said:**

*"Good afternoon, I am writing to you today to thank you for receiving the book I'm Gonna Bury You for free. Many thanks."*

**This letter is written by an inmate who is one of a growing group known as "Field Ministers." They are carefully chosen inmates who assist the Chaplains in large prisons. This prison has over 3,500 inmates—**

*" . . . I am a Field Minister and I work at the Chaplain's Department with five other field*

*ministers. We go around and minister to inmates all over the compound, and we are in need for more material for the inmates that are just coming into the system. We are thankful for the help you are willing to give us—bibles and books as well. . . ."*

**He's new to the Bible, and it's easy to understand why he prefers the NASB—**

*"I am writing to you to ask if you can possibly send me a New American Standard Bible. I have a KJV but my bunkie has a NASB, and it's a better read so if it's not too much trouble for you to send me that kind of Bible I would greatly appreciate it. I recently gave my life to Jesus and I'm doing correspondence courses. So I really need a NASB. If you have a calendar planner book to write down some verses to keep and pray with I would appreciate it. Thanks for your time and patience. GOD BLESS!!"*

**How wonderful to see someone jumping in with both feet and lots of enthusiasm ! It's great to be able to help—**

**WHAT GREAT LOVE!** According to both Mark 16:9 and John 20:1, it was Mary Magdalene, from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons, who was first to come to His tomb: ***“Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran”*** to Simon Peter and John to give them the news. What a day was about to begin!!!

*“Hello to all!! I would like to start off by saying thank you for the No Stress Bible Guide. The knowledge I have gotten from it has changed my understanding and my conversation among my fellow brothers in the Faith Based Dorm and in church. I am a lot more active than I was before. Thank you so much for helping and providing me with the tools to help me understand God’s Word. Thank God for placing your organization in my path. Glory to God!! . . . I will be writing to give you an update. Thank you again.”*

**What a beautiful greeting he opened with:**

*“Dear, my Brothers and Sisters from the same Father up above. May our God and Lord Jesus Christ have great blessings upon you all. I am writing to you to ask, please, help me with an Easy-to-Read version bible. I thank you in advance.”*

**He has spent a very long time in prison—23 years. By the time he’s eligible for parole (2026) he’ll be 70. Not many people have a place to go or a job at that point—**

*“Hope and pray all is ok and your day going well! Here in SF it’s rainy-windy and in between foggy. Wanted to thank you for the great pretty colorful calendar sent. Plus other materials you send me. Have a nice day; prayers coming your way. In the love of our Lord Jesus. . . .”*

**How I pray God does a miracle in these lives. There’s no place to go—in or out of prison—that leads to a better life:**

*“I am in prison. I saw a Bible my friend has and I asked where he got it and he told me about you. I have a little time to do, and I would like to start studying the Bible. I have a hard time reading so I’m asking if you can send me a nice ESV study bible. Please and thank you. God bless you.”*

**It’s always good to hear from those who have written before. It gives me hope that the Lord is at work in their lives:**

*“. . . I have received a few books and bookmarks from you all. I truly enjoy every book for sure. The ones about the Bible are my favorite. I look forward to getting more. Thank you.”*

**It hurts to know some woman is doing such a long prison sentence. But then, God did a miracle in Gene’s life when he turned it over to Him. So there’s hope the same may happen in another life:**

*“I am writing to request the following. Bible bookmark. Devotional. Large print Bible. Journal. I am currently serving a 15 year sentence. So anything including Bible studies would be greatly appreciated. . . .”*

**A different prison but the same request. Word gets around in prisons!**

*“Hello, I was given your address and was told I could write and request a journal and a devotional Bible. My estimated release date is July 2026. I am in a program called Pals. It is a faith based program and God is really doing a work in me and for me. I am indigent. Anything would be appreciated.”*



**“Try to develop the best that is in you. Nebuchadnezzar’s image was gold as well as clay. So are you! Find the gold and brighten it by hard rubs. You have a lurking power within you that the Creator has put within no one else. There is something for you to do which, if not done by you, will always remain undone.”** Taken from the System Bible Study

## CHAPLAINS’ CORNER

**This prison is overloaded ~ They have 500 prisoners OVER their rated capacity for 3,500! Men, women and youth are in different sections. You name it, they have a program for it. Not to mention some 35 on Death Row. I spent 35 minutes trying to find the Head Chaplain, who happens to be a woman. The delay was probably because they are not running a prison per se—they’re running the equivalent of a small (crowded) town! Anyway, we’ve now established a life line, and you have sent in our first bibles and books!**

**Texas, California and Florida continue to claim the “distinction” of having the biggest prison populations. This Florida chaplain is a regular recipient of your generosity:**

*“Called to tell you we got the box of bibles. What you sent was great. Bibles are what we needed. But if you have any Spanish books or any other Christian books in English, we could use those, too....”*

**This letter arrived from the busiest prison in the state! Our contacts there go back four years—and five different chaplains!-- So this isn’t the first time we’ve received a similar letter:**

*“Our facility takes in all new commitments to the Department of Corrections. During their stay here the volunteer Chaplaincy team goes through the barracks visiting with the inmates. And our team delivers bibles and inspirational books spreading the*

*Word of God. . . I would like to thank you for the incredible work you do and your support to spread the Word of God.”*

**I was at the post office when this chaplain returned my call. The suggestion of 100 books was his idea; he almost emptied our coffers. With 1800 inmates, I can’t blame him! But—surprise—thanks to some of you the Lord was refilling them with an unexpected bounty at the post office:**

*“Good day to you Dorothy. Thanks so much for reaching out to us. It’s always a blessing to talk to you. Thank you very much for your generous donations. They go quickly. We will gladly take 100 more hardbacks on Christian living. We will also take bibles. We are desperately in need of more bibles. They are probably our most popular item. Thank you very much for your gracious gifts to the Lord’s people. And thank you for your love for Jesus and for your service to Him. . . .”*

**When you send out as many packages and boxes as we do, it pays to follow up to make sure they have arrived. When I called this chaplain about those we had sent him, he answered—**

*“Dorothy! I’m just sitting here celebrating your generous gift of books. Just rejoicing! Very happy! Priceless treasures of faith! . . .”*

**I laughed at him as he continued “laying it on a little thick,” but he really does love the prisoners. And that’s wonderful to see.**

***And so does this next chaplain —***

*“Anything you can send us will be good and appreciated. Definitely notebooks! With 1888 men, we’re busy 6 days a week. . . .”*

Like the beginnings of some of our other national holidays, Mother's Day is also a bit "confusing." For one thing, President Woodrow Wilson may be considered the "father" of Mother's Day. On May 9, 1914 he signed a declaration that made the second Sunday of May "a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." On the other hand, copywriter Anna Jarvis is usually seen as the "mother" of Mother's Day, for creating the movement that led to the proclamation. It was on May 10, 1908, that Jarvis sent 500 white carnations to Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in her hometown of Grafton, W.Va., in honor of her late mother Ann. That date is considered to be America's first Mother's Day celebration.

Take your pick! It's still a special day! *AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL~!*

*Love, Dorothy & all the Neill Family*

To all the mothers, grandmothers (and great grandmothers), sisters, aunts, and other beloved female members of our families -- *GOD BLESS YOU* this very special day we celebrate Mothers across the U.S.A.!



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**THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO TO HELP "THE LEAST OF THESE"  
COME TO KNOW *THE ONLY ONE* WHO REALLY MATTERS IN THIS LIFE**

**Choice Moore Unit, Bonham, TEXAS  
Ouachita River Correctional Facility, Malvern, ARKANSAS  
Pinellas County Jail, Clearwater, FLORIDA  
Bertie Correctional Institution, Windsor, NORTH CAROLINA  
Santa Rosa Correctional Institution Annex, Milton, FLORIDA  
Stafford Creek Correction Center, WASHINGTON  
Grayson County Jail, Sherman, TEXAS  
Graceville Correctional Facility, Graceville, FLORIDA  
McPherson Unit, Newport, ARKANSAS  
Pinellas County Jail, North Clearwater, FLORIDA  
Bertie Correctional Institution, Windsor, NORTH CAROLINA  
Byrd Unit, Huntsville, TEXAS  
Norfolk Sheriff's Office, Norfolk, VIRGINIA  
Douglas County Jail, Omaha, NEBRASKA  
Varner Unit, Grady, ARKANSAS  
Charlotte Correctional Institution, Punta Gorda, FLORIDA  
Bradford County Jail, Troy, PENNSYLVANIA  
David Wade Correctional Center, Homer, LOUISIANA  
Lynchburg Adult Detention Center, Lynchburg, VIRGINIA**

### **IT'S CALLED *THE EMPHASISED BIBLE***

**The New Testament portion was finished in 1872. The complete bible was published in 1902! It's been so long since I acquired it, I can't remember how I came by it. But I thought you might be interested in reading a portion from that era. This is from *Psalms 107*. The Word of the Lord stands forever, and its beauty never fades! —**

**Men who go down to the sea in ships, Doing business through mighty waters;  
They see the works of Yahweh, And his wonders in the deep;**

**He speaketh, and there ariseth a tempestuous wind, Which lifteth on high its  
rolling waves;**

**They mount the heavens, They descend the roaring deeps, Their souls by trouble  
dissolveth;**

**... Then make they outcry to Yahweh in their peril, And out of their distresses,  
he bringeth them forth.**

**He calmeth the storm to a whisper, And silent are their rolling waves;**

**Then are they glad, because they are hushed, And he guideth them unto their  
desired haven. . . .**

**So He does for each of us when we cry out to Him in our troubles. *GOD BLESS YOU!***