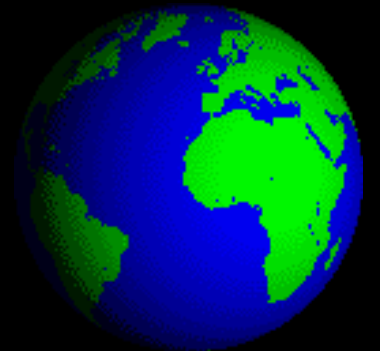


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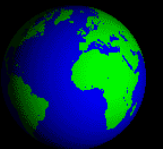
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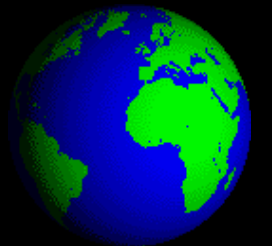
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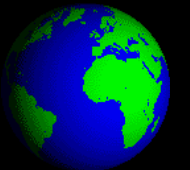


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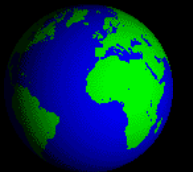
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**And let them
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– Exodus 25:8

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Health Snippet – Escarole

Health Benefits of Escarole (Seek Medical Advice)

Escarole (*Cichorium endivia*) is a member of the chicory family. It's often confused not only with lettuce but also its botanical relatives, which include curly endive, radicchio, frisée, and other bitter green vegetables. Unlike lettuce, escarole offers a pleasant bitterness and versatility. It's milder and tenderer than curly endive. It's especially popular in Italian cuisine.

2 cups (85 grams) raw escarole provides: Calories: 15, Carbs: 3g, Protein: 1g, Fat: 0g, Fibre: 3g, Iron: 4%, Vitamin A: 58%, Vitamin K: 164%, Vitamin C: 10%, Folate: 30%, Zinc: 6%, Copper: 9%, etc...

1. Promotes gut health: It provides insoluble fibre which keeps bowels regular and prevent the discomfort of constipation & piles
2. Support eye health: it has component of rhodopsin, a pigment in your retina that helps discern between lightness and darkness.
3. Reduce inflammation: kaempferol, an antioxidant in escarole, may safeguard your cells against chronic inflammation.

4. Promotes bone and heart health: A 2-year study in 440 postmenopausal women found that supplementing with 5 mg of vitamin K1 daily resulted in a 50% reduction in bone fractures, compared with a placebo group. ***Escarole has Vitamin K: 164%.***

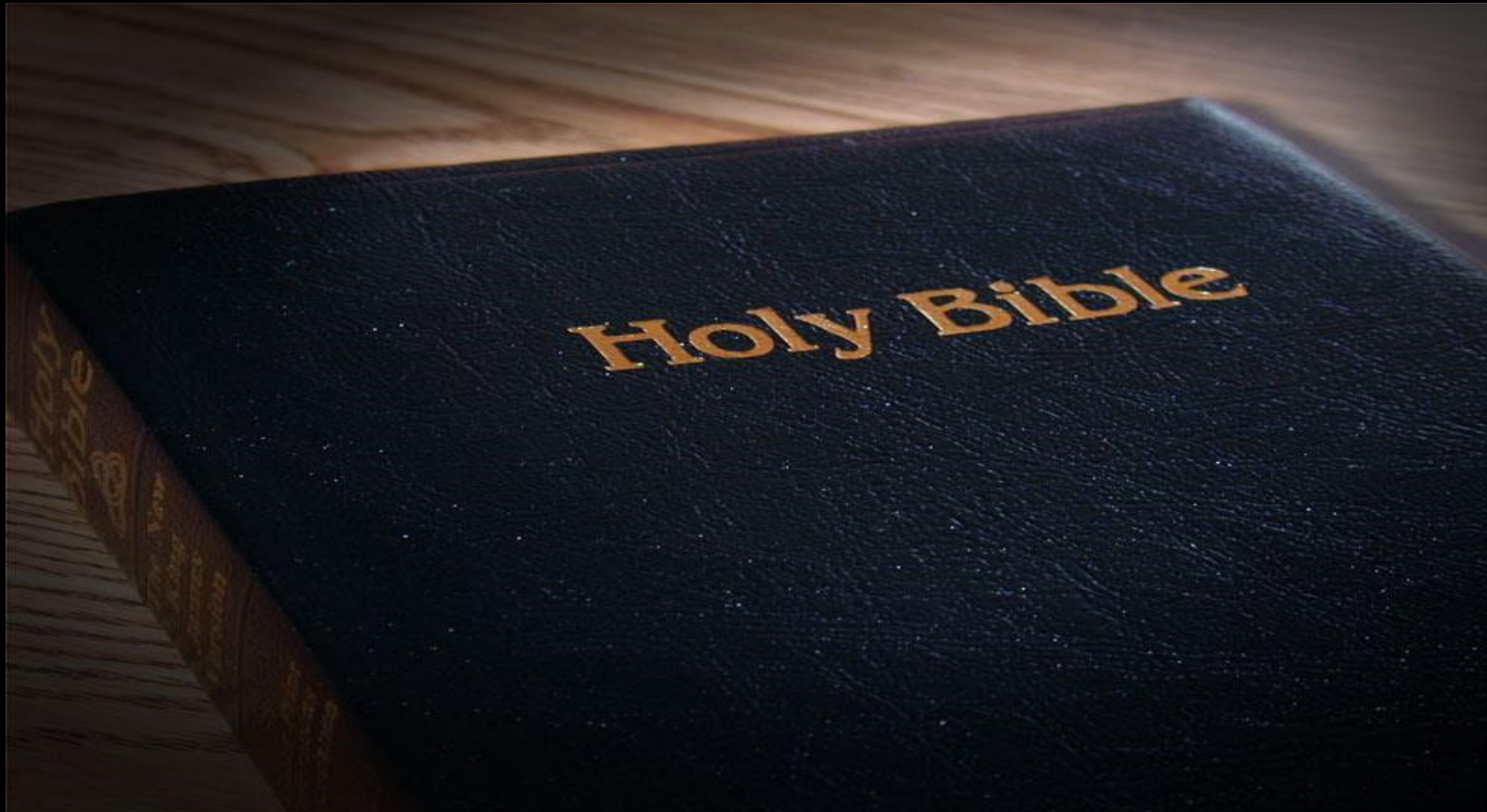
Precautions: eating escarole regularly can exacerbate kidney stones in people with kidney problems. Blood thinners like warfarin are known to interact with vitamin K. risk of blood clots.



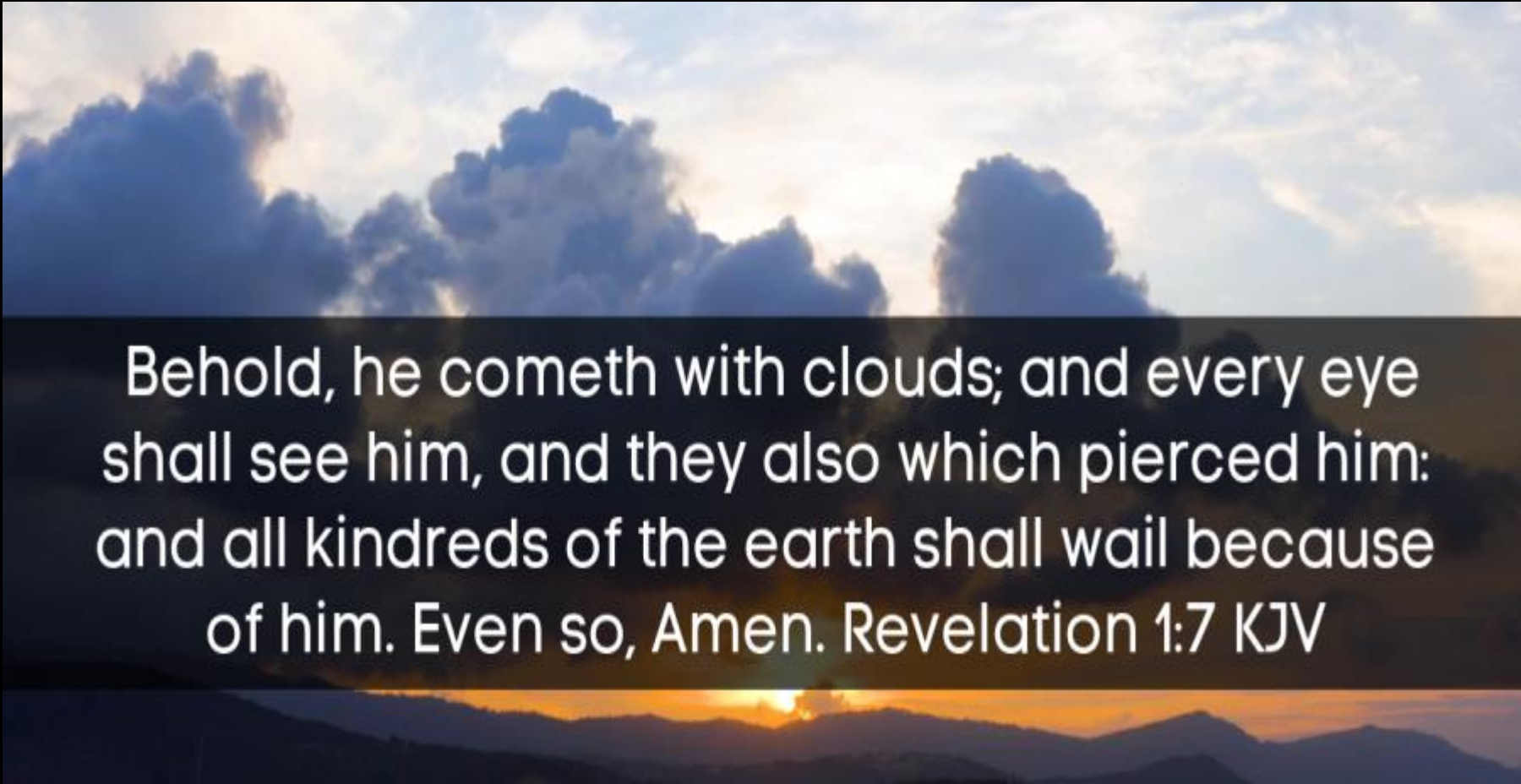
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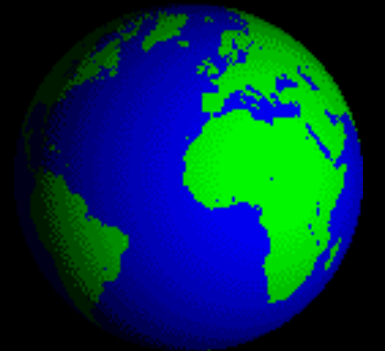
Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. Revelation 1:7 KJV



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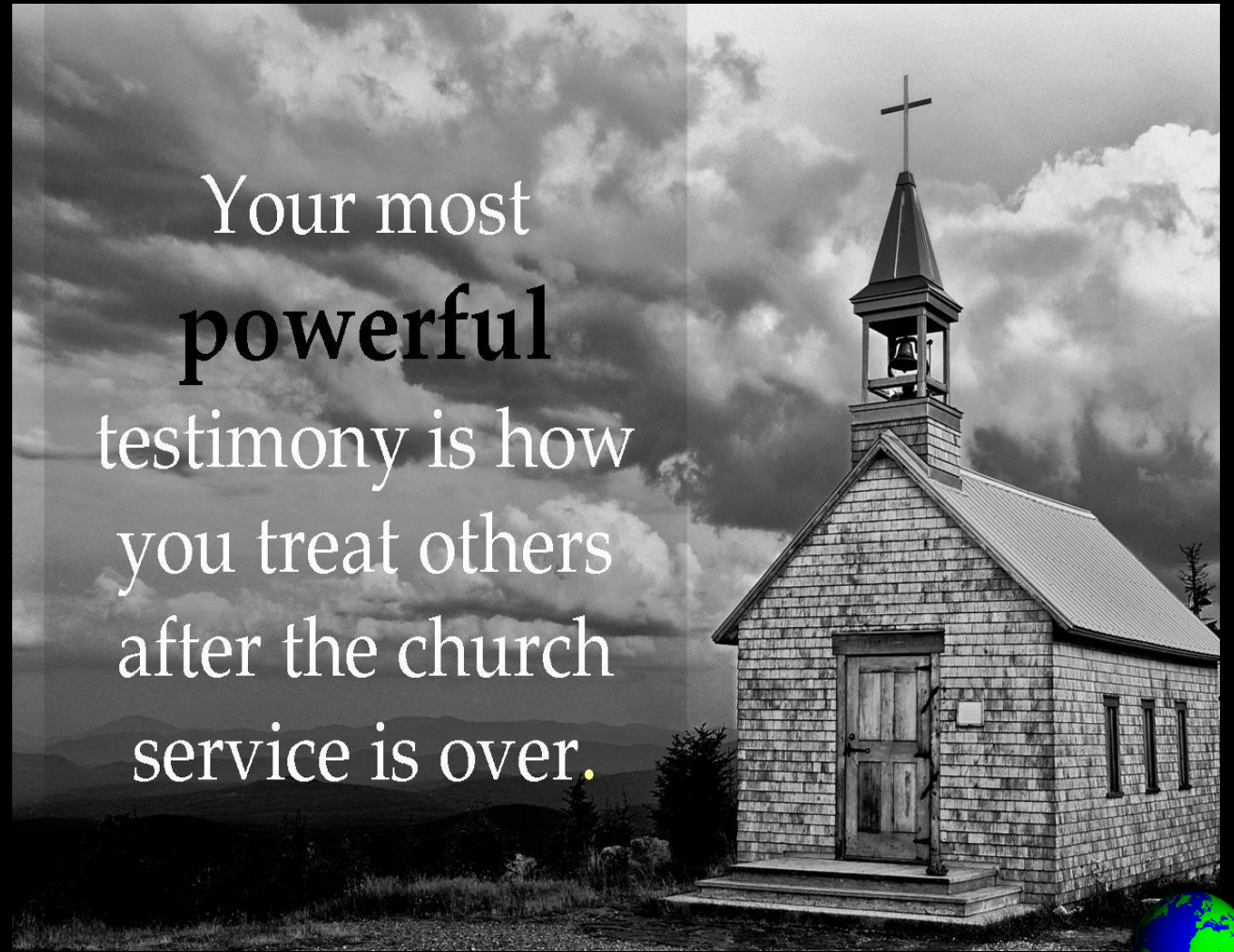
Introduction: The Testimony the World Needs

You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on your hearts, to be known and read by all men. [2 Corinthians 3:2](#).

Transformation of character is to be the testimony to the world of the indwelling love of Christ.

The Lord expects His people to show that the redeeming power of grace can work upon the faulty character and cause it to develop in symmetry and abundant fruitfulness. [Maranatha 114.1](#)

But in order for us to fulfil God's purpose, there is a preparatory work to be done. The Lord bids us empty our hearts of the selfishness which is the root of alienation. [Maranatha 114.2](#)



Your most
powerful
testimony is how
you treat others
after the church
service is over.

Introduction:

The Testimony the World Needs (cont'd)

He longs to pour upon us His Holy Spirit in rich measure, and He bids us clear the way by self-renunciation. When self is surrendered to God, our eyes will be opened to see the stumbling stones which our un-Christlikeness has placed in the way of others. All these God bids us remove. He says: "*Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.*" [James 5:16](#).

Then we may have the assurance that David had when, after confession of his sin, he prayed: "*Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.*" [Psalm 51:12, 13](#). [Maranatha 114.2](#)

The Lord's
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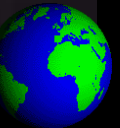


Introduction: ***The Testimony the World Needs (cont'd)***

When the grace of God reigns within, the soul will be surrounded with an atmosphere of faith and courage and Christ-like love, an atmosphere invigorating to the spiritual life of all who inhale it. . . . Everyone who is a partaker of Christ's pardoning love, everyone who has been enlightened by the Spirit of God and converted to the truth, will feel that for these precious blessings he owes a debt to every soul with whom he comes in contact. Those who are humble in heart the Lord will use to reach souls whom the ordained ministers cannot approach. They will be moved to speak words which reveal the saving grace of Christ. [Maranatha 114.3](#)

And in blessing others they will themselves be blessed. God gives us opportunity to impart grace, that He may refill us with increased grace. Hope and faith will strengthen as the agent for God works with the talents and facilities that God has provided. He will have a divine agency to work with him. [Maranatha 114.4](#)

GOD PUT A
LIGHT IN
YOU FOR A
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OTHERS.



When God Makes Up Deficiencies

We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. [2 Corinthians 6:1](#).

We are to be partners in the work of God throughout the world; wherever there are souls to be saved, we are to lend our help, that many sons and daughters may be brought to God. The end is near, and for this reason we are to make the most of every entrusted ability and every agency that shall offer help to the work. . . .

[Maranatha 115.1](#)

How the angels must feel as they see the end approaching, and see so many of those entrusted with the last message of mercy huddling together, attending meetings for the sake of benefit to their own souls, and feeling dissatisfied if there is not much preaching, while they have little burden and are doing little for the salvation of others. [Maranatha 115.2](#)



When God Makes Up Deficiencies (cont'd)

All who are indeed united to Christ by living faith will be partakers of the divine nature. They will be constantly receiving from Him spiritual life, and they cannot be silent. [Maranatha 115.2](#)

Life always shows itself in action. If the heart is living, it will send the lifeblood to every part of the body. Those whose hearts are filled with spiritual life will not need to be urged to reveal it. The divine life will flow forth from them in rich currents of grace. As they pray, as they speak, and as they labour, God is glorified. . . .

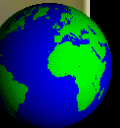
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It is not the most brilliant or the most talented whose work produces the greatest and most lasting results. Who are the most efficient labourers? Those who will respond to the invitation: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart."

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*Those who
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in God's hands
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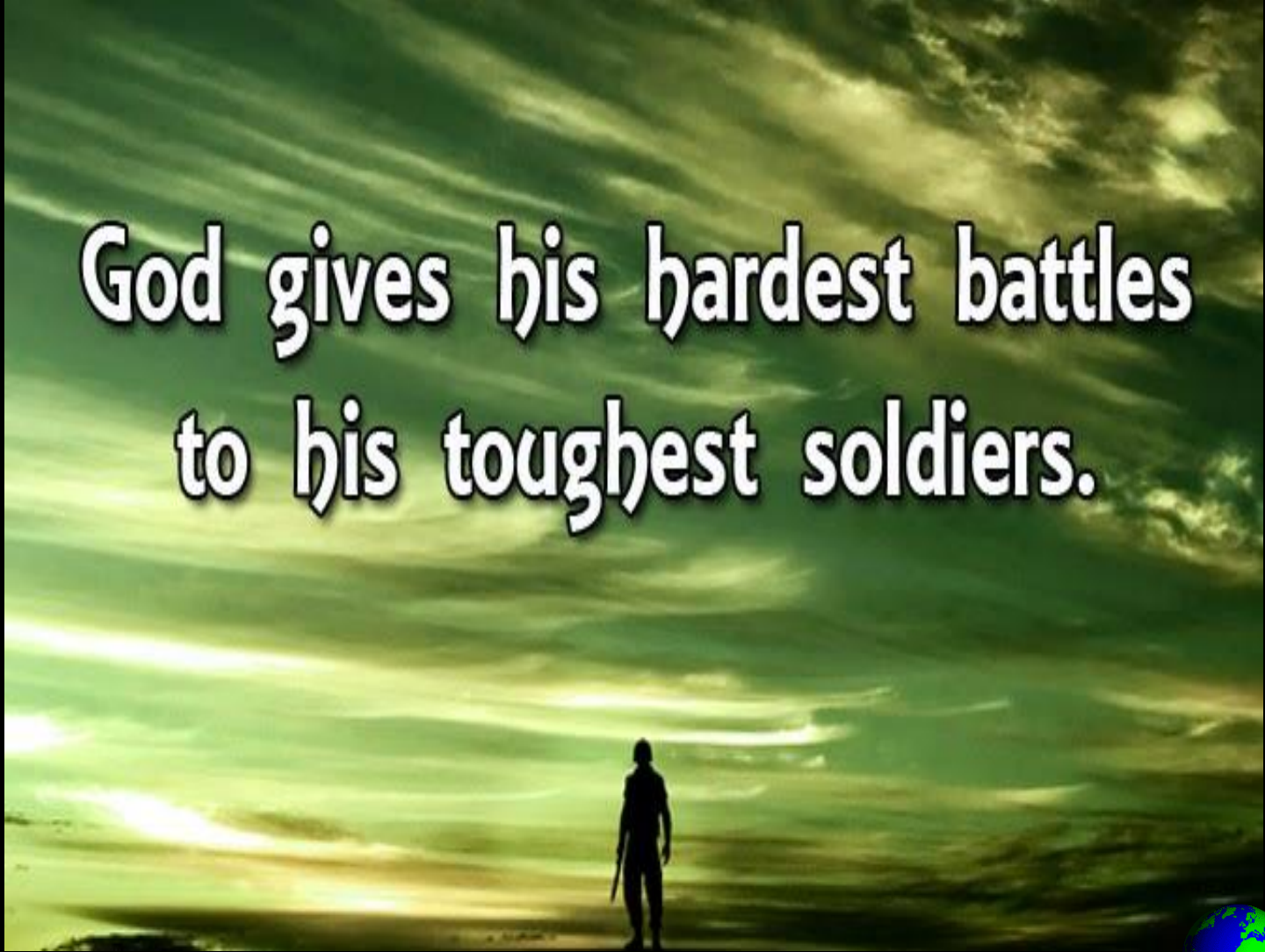


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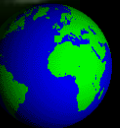
If men to whom God has entrusted talents of intellect refuse to use these gifts to His glory, after test and trial He will leave them to their own imaginings and will take men who do not appear to be so richly endowed, who have not large self-confidence, and He will make the weak strong because they trust in God to do for them those things which they cannot do for themselves. God will accept the wholehearted service, and will Himself make up the deficiencies.

[Maranatha 115.5](#)

Angels are listening to hear what kind of report you are bearing to the world about your heavenly Master. [Maranatha 115.6](#)



**God gives his hardest battles
to his toughest soldiers.**



Preaching with Power

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." [Matthew 3:1, 2](#).

John the Baptist in his desert life was taught of God. He studied the revelations of God in nature.

Under the guiding of the Divine Spirit, he studied the scrolls of the prophets. By day and by night, Christ was his study, his meditation, until mind and heart and soul were filled with the glorious vision.

[Maranatha 116.1](#)

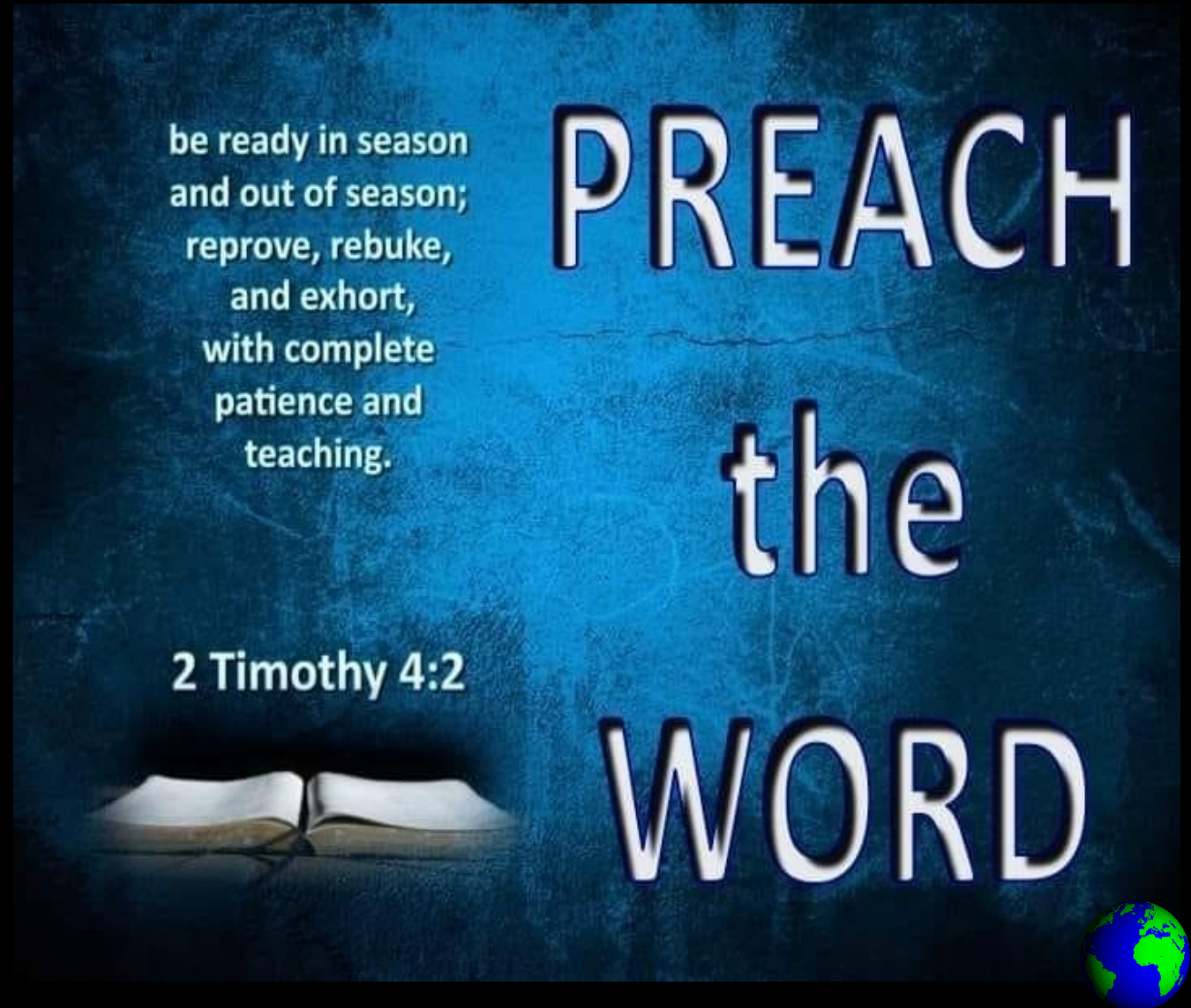
He looked upon the King in His beauty, and self was lost sight of. He beheld the majesty of holiness and knew himself to be inefficient and unworthy. It was God's message that he was to declare. [Maranatha 116.2](#)



Preaching with Power (cont'd)

It was in God's power and His righteousness that he was to stand. He was ready to go forth as Heaven's messenger, unawed by the human, because he had looked upon the Divine. He could stand fearless in the presence of earthly monarchs because with trembling he had bowed before the King of kings. [Maranatha 116.2](#)

With no elaborate arguments or fine-spun theories did John declare his message. Startling and stern, yet full of hope, his voice was heard from the wilderness: "*Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*" [Matthew 3:2](#). With a new, strange power it moved the people. The whole nation was stirred. Multitudes flocked to the wilderness. . . . [Maranatha 116.3](#)



Preaching with Power (cont'd)

In this age, just prior to the second coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven, such a work as that of John is to be done. God calls for men who will prepare a people to stand in the great day of the Lord. . . . As a people who believe in Christ's soon appearing, we have a message to bear-- "*Prepare to meet thy God.*" [Amos 4:12.](#)

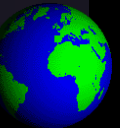
Our message must be as direct as was the message of John. He rebuked kings for their iniquity. Notwithstanding that his life was imperilled, he did not hesitate to declare God's word. And our work in this age must be done as faithfully. [Maranatha 116.4](#)

In order to give such a message as John gave, we must have a spiritual experience like his. The same work must be wrought in us. We must behold God, and in beholding Him lose sight of self. [Maranatha 116.5](#)



**THE INFILLING OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Acts 1



"Behold the Lamb of God"

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. [John 1:29](#).

John had by nature the faults and weaknesses common to humanity; but the touch of divine love had transformed him. When, after Christ's ministry began, the disciples of John came to him with the complaint that all men were following the new Teacher, John showed how clearly he understood his relation to the Messiah, and how gladly he welcomed the One for whom he had prepared the way. [Maranatha 117.1](#)

"A man can receive nothing," he said, "except it be given him from heaven. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. . . . This my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease." [John 3:27-30](#). [Marabatha 117.2](#)

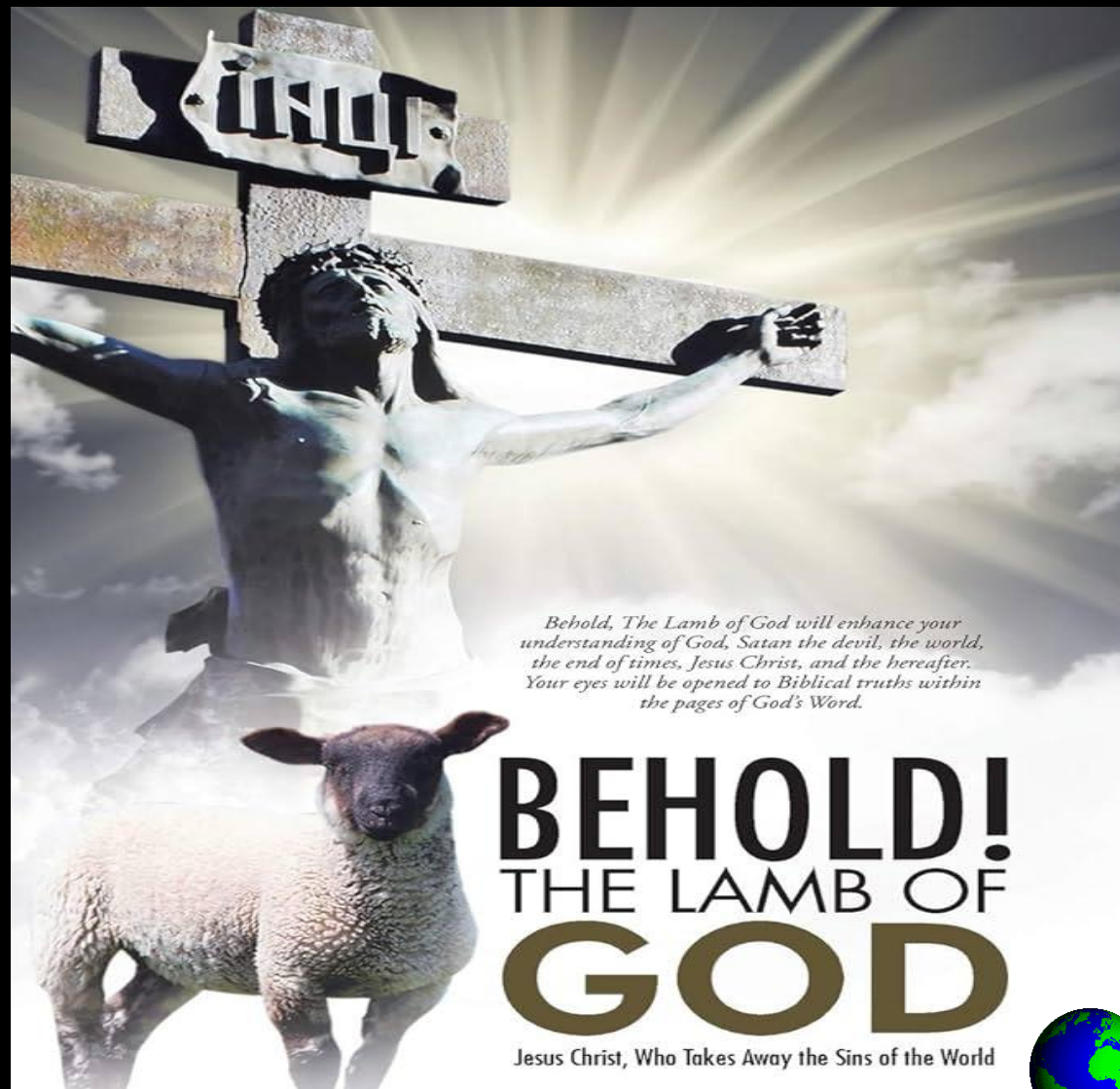


"Behold the Lamb of God" (cont'd)

Looking in faith to the Redeemer, John had risen to the height of self-abnegation. He sought not to attract men to himself, but to lift their thoughts higher and still higher, until they should rest upon the Lamb of God. He himself had been only a voice, a cry in the wilderness. Now with joy he accepted silence and obscurity, that the eyes of all might be turned to the Light of life. [Maranatha 117.3](#)

Those who are true to their calling as messengers for God will not seek honour for themselves.

Love for self will be swallowed up in love for Christ. They will recognize that it is their work to proclaim, as did John the Baptist: "*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*" [John 1:29](#). They will lift up Jesus, and with Him humanity will be lifted up. . . . [Maranatha 117.4](#)



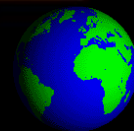
"Behold the Lamb of God" (cont'd)

The soul of the prophet, emptied of self, was filled with the light of the Divine. . . . He bore witness to the Saviour's glory. . . . In this glory of Christ, all His followers are to share. . . . We can receive of heaven's light only as we are willing to be emptied of self. We can discern the character of God, and accept Christ by faith, only as we consent to the bringing into captivity of every thought to the obedience of Christ. To all who do this, the Holy Spirit is given without measure. *In Christ "dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him."* Colossians 2:9, 10. Maranatha 117.5

THE LAMB OF GOD



JOHN 1:29-31

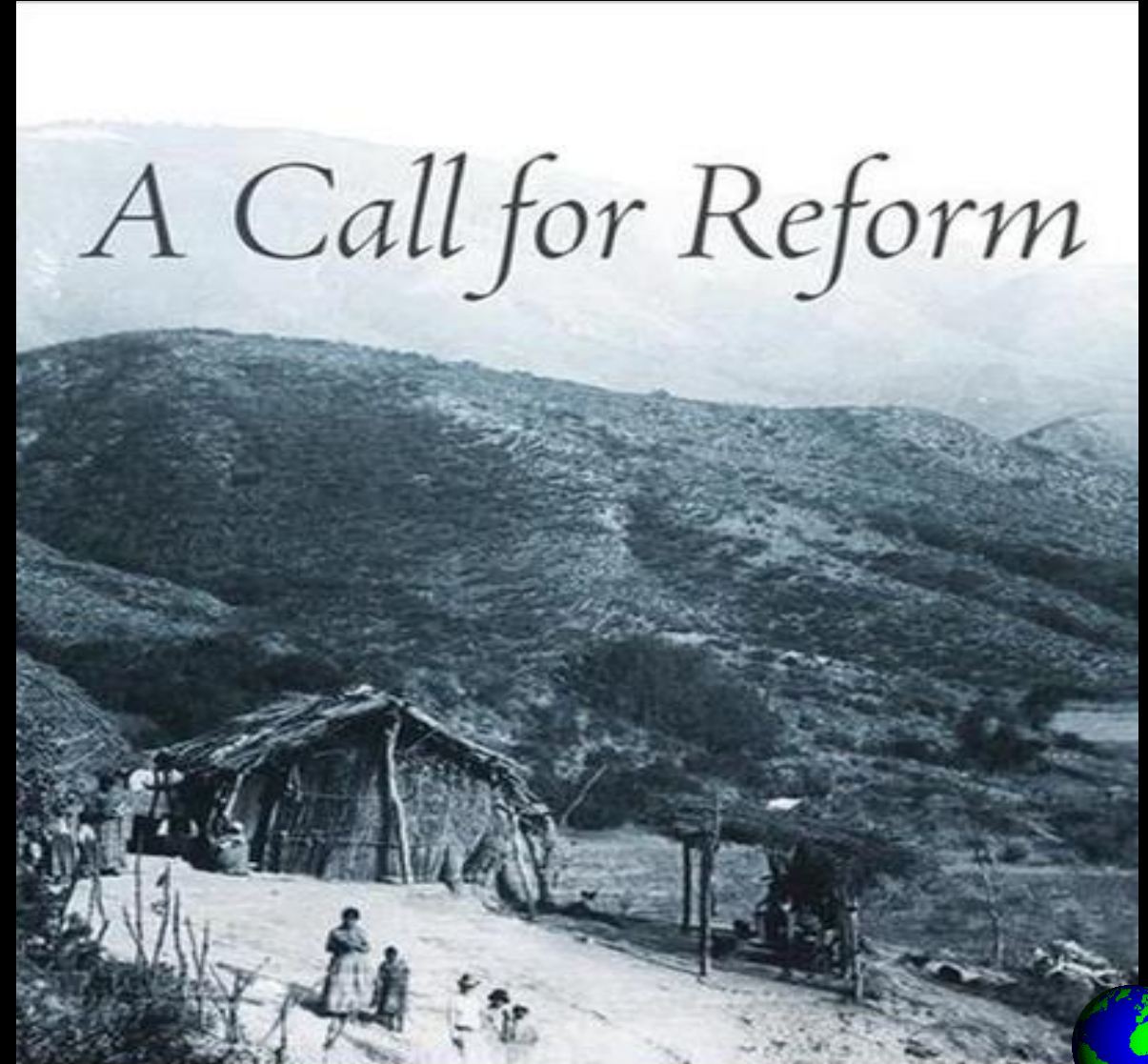


God's Call to Reform

He shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. [Luke 1:17](#).

John the Baptist went forth in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way of the Lord and to turn the people to the wisdom of the just. He was a representative of those living in these last days to whom God has entrusted sacred truths to present before the people to prepare the way for the second appearing of Christ. . . . [Maranatha 118.1](#)

Those who are to prepare the way for the second coming of Christ are represented by faithful Elijah, as John came in the spirit of Elijah to prepare the way for Christ's first advent.



God's Call to Reform (cont'd)

The great subject of reform is to be agitated, and the public mind is to be stirred. Temperance in all things is to be connected with the message, to turn the people of God from their idolatry, their gluttony, and their extravagance in dress and other things. [Maranatha 118.2](#)

The self-denial, humility, and temperance required of the righteous, whom God especially leads and blesses, is to be presented to the people in contrast to the extravagant, health-destroying habits of those who live in this degenerate age. God has shown that health reform is as closely connected with the third angel's message as the hand is with the body. There is nowhere to be found so great a cause of physical and moral degeneracy as a neglect of this important subject. [Maranatha 118.3](#)



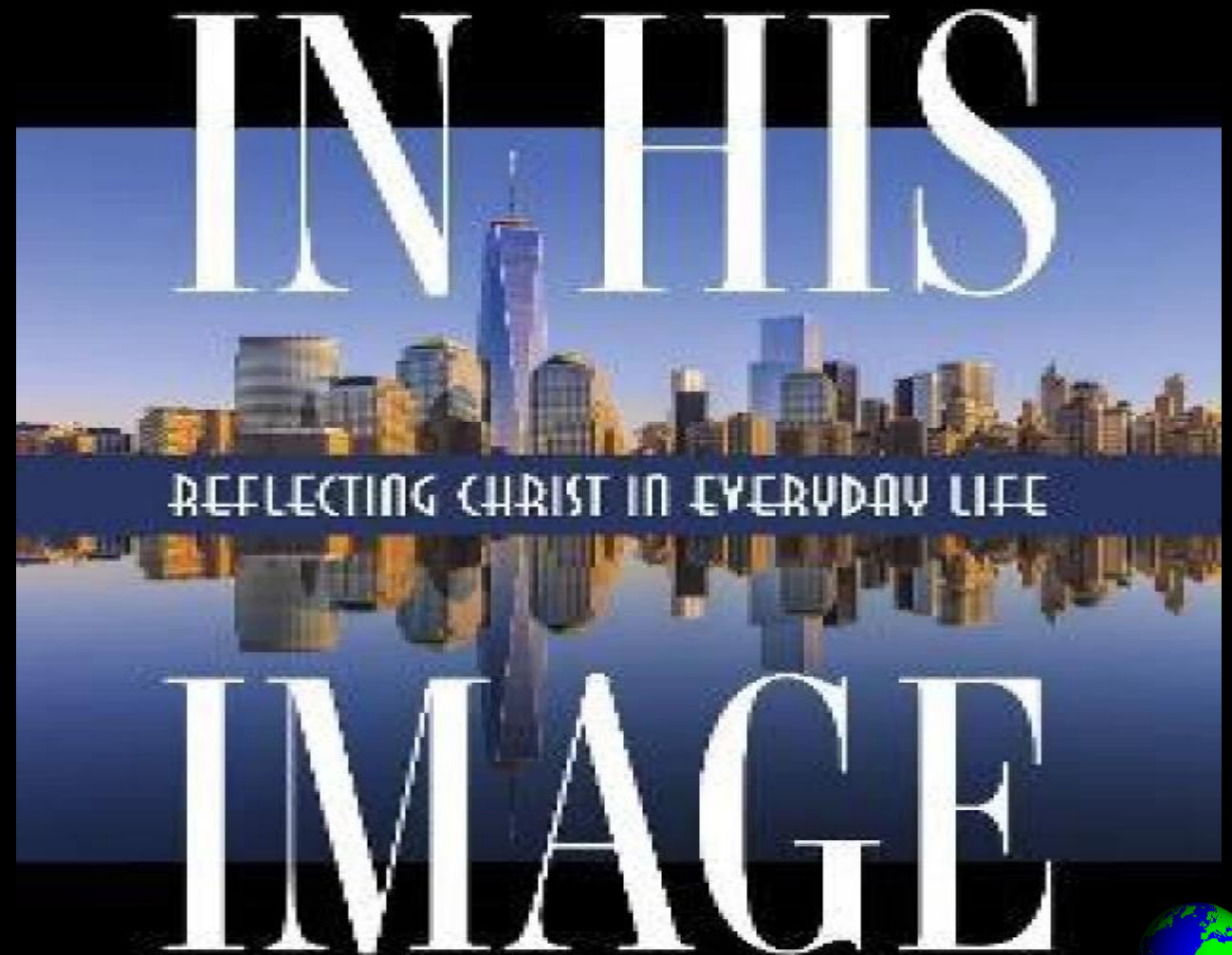
God's Call to Reform (cont'd)

Those who indulge appetite and passion, and close their eyes to the light for fear they will see sinful indulgences which they are unwilling to forsake, are guilty before God. . . . [Maranatha 118.3](#)

Providence has been leading the people of God out from the extravagant habits of the world, away from the indulgence of appetite and passion, to take their stand upon the platform of self-denial and temperance in all things. The people whom God is leading will be peculiar.

They will not be like the world. But if they follow the leadings of God they will accomplish His purposes, and will yield their will to His will. Christ will dwell in the heart. . . . Your body, says the apostle, is the temple of the Holy Ghost.

[Maranatha 118.4](#)



Promote Healthful Living

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. [Romans 12:1](#).

It is impossible for a man to present his body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, while continuing to indulge habits that are depriving him of physical, mental, and moral vigour. Again the apostle says, "*Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*" [Romans 12:2](#). [Maranatha 119.1](#)

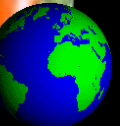
We are in a world that is opposed to righteousness or purity of character, and especially to growth in grace.



Promote Healthful Living (cont'd)

Wherever we look, we see defilement and corruption, deformity and sin. How opposed is all this to the work that must be accomplished in us just previous to receiving the gift of immortality! God's elect must stand untainted amid the corruptions teeming around them in these last days. Their bodies must be made holy, their spirits pure. If this work is to be accomplished, it must be undertaken at once, earnestly and understandingly. The Spirit of God should have perfect control, influencing every action. [Maranatha 119.2](#)

The health reform is one branch of the great work which is to fit a people for the coming of the Lord. . . . Men and women cannot violate natural law by indulging depraved appetites and lustful passions, without violating the law of God. [Maranatha 119.3](#)



Promote Healthful Living (cont'd)

Therefore He has permitted the light of health reform to shine upon us, that we may realize the sinfulness of breaking the laws which He has established in our very being. . . . [Maranatha 119.3](#)

To make natural law plain, and to urge obedience to it, is a work that accompanies the third angel's message. . . . He [God] designs that the subject shall be agitated, and the public mind deeply stirred to investigate it; for it is impossible for men and women, while under the power of sinful, health-destroying, brain-enerivating habits, to appreciate sacred truth. . . . [Maranatha 119.4](#)

He who cherishes the light which God has given him upon health reform, has an important aid in the work of becoming sanctified through the truth, and fitted for immortality. [Maranatha 119.5](#)



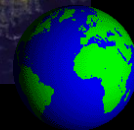
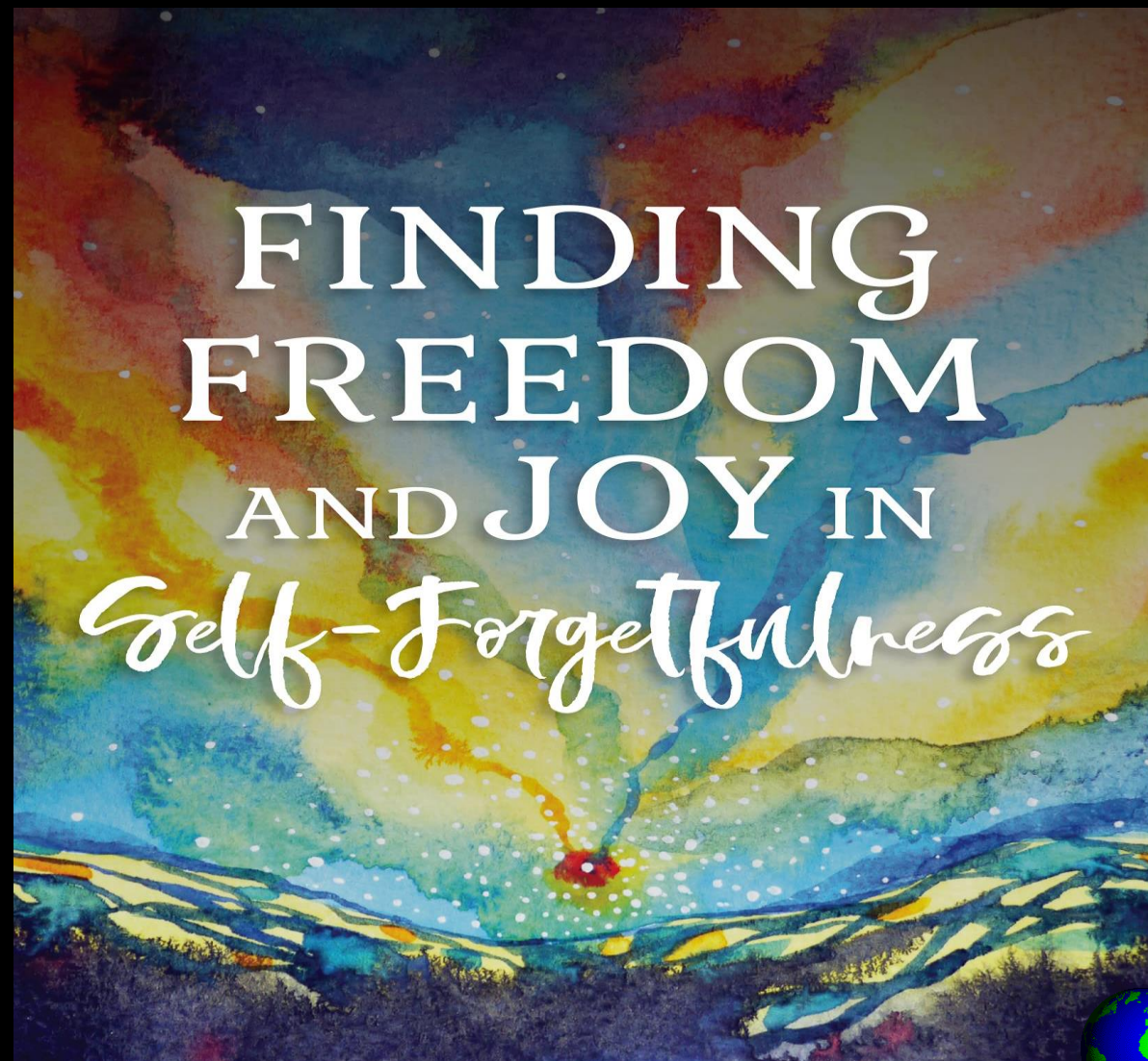
Virtue of Self-Forgetfulness

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20.

By faith Paul appropriated the grace of Christ, and this grace supplied the necessities of his soul.

By faith he received the heavenly gift, and imparted it to souls longing for light. This is the experience we need. . . . Pray for this faith. Strive for it. Believe that God will give it to you. Maranatha 120.1

There is a great work to be done in our world. This is no dreamland. Before us are living realities. On every hand are to be seen the manifestations of Satan's power. Maranatha 120.2



Virtue of Self-Forgetfulness (cont'd)

Let us co-operate with Him who works to restore and uplift. And let us not forget that he who works for Christ must recruit his strength at the source of all strength. . . .

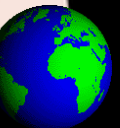
Christians need power of thought, firmness of will, and knowledge that comes from the study of God's Word. They cannot afford to fill their minds with trifles. Every day they must be renewed in spiritual power. [Maranatha 120.2](#)

Learn of Him who has said, "I am meek and lowly in heart." Learning of Him, you will find rest.

Day by day you will gain an experience in the things of God, day by day realize the greatness of His salvation and the glory of a union with Him. Constantly you will learn better how to live Christlike, and constantly you will grow more like the Saviour. [Maranatha 120.3](#)

The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness

The Path to
the True
Christian
Joy



Virtue of Self-Forgetfulness (cont'd)

If we will die to self, if we will enlarge our idea of what Christ can be to us and what we can be to Him, if we will unite with one another in the bonds of Christian fellowship, God will work through us with mighty power. Then we shall be sanctified through the truth. We shall indeed be chosen by God and controlled by His Spirit. Every day of life will be precious to us, because we shall see in it an opportunity to use our entrusted gifts for the blessing of others. [Maranatha 120.4](#)

We must forget self in loving service for others. . . . We may not remember some act of kindness which we do, . . . but eternity will bring out in all its brightness every act done for the salvation of souls, every word spoken for the comfort of God's children; and these deeds done for Christ's sake will be a part of our joy through all eternity. [Maranatha 120.5](#)

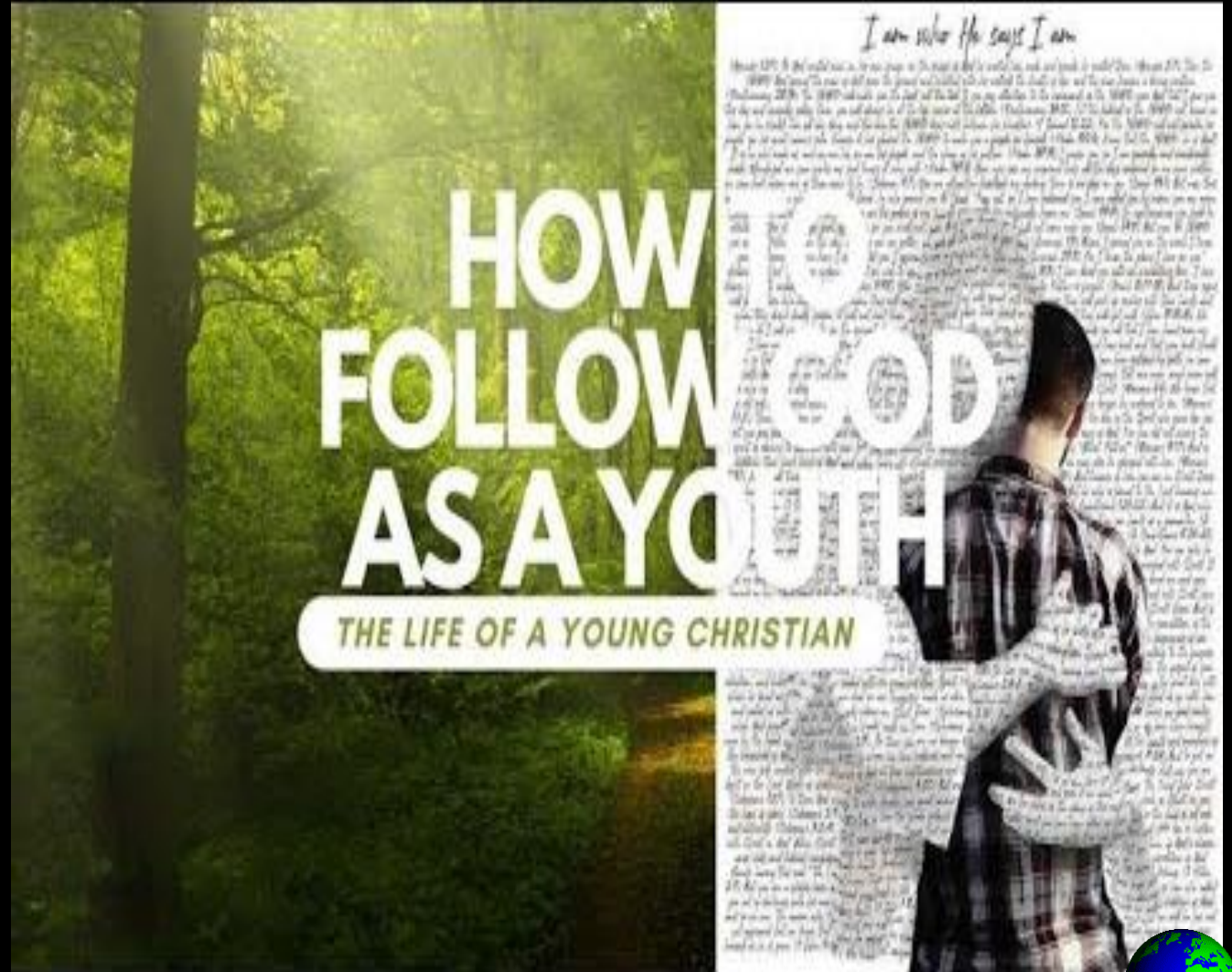


The Youth, God's Instruments

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. [Lamentations 3:27](#).

God calls young men in the vigour and strength of their youth to share with Him self-denial, sacrifice, and suffering. If they accept the call, He will make them His instruments to save souls for whom He died. But He would have them count the cost and enter upon their work with a full knowledge of the conditions upon which they serve a crucified Redeemer. . . . [Maranatha 121.1](#)

Our first work should be to bring our own hearts into harmony with God, and then we are prepared to labour for others. In former days there was great searching of heart among our earnest workers. [Maranatha 121.2](#)



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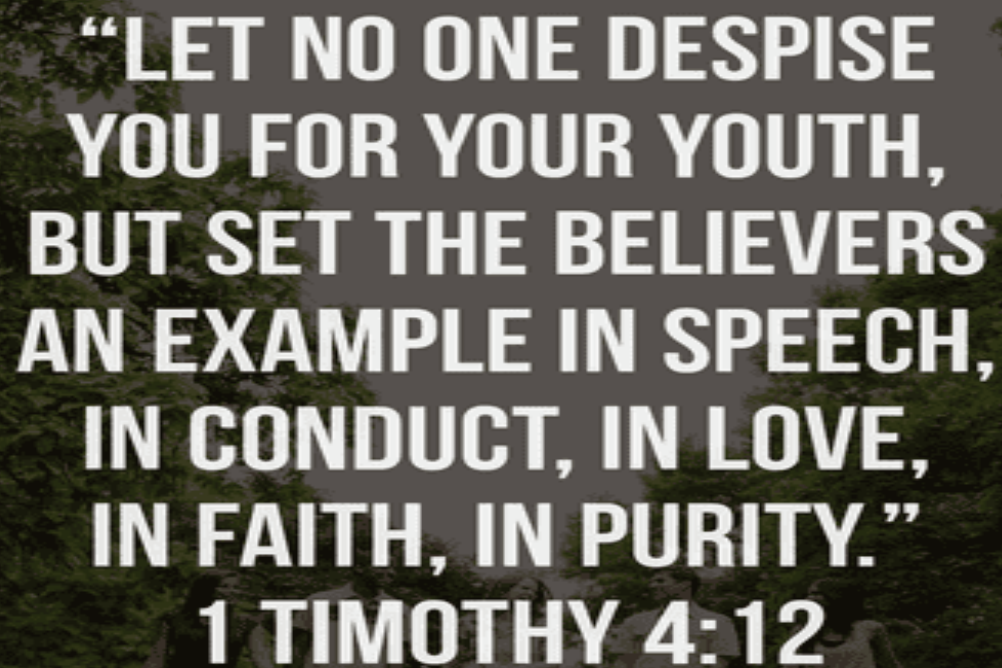
They counselled together and united in humble, fervent prayer for divine guidance. . .

. Christ's coming is nearer than when we believed. Every passing day leaves us one less to proclaim the message of warning to the world. Would that there were today more earnest intercession with God, greater humility, greater purity, and greater faith.

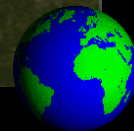
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We have a grand work to do for the Master, to open the word of God to those who are in the darkness of error. Young friends, act as though you had a sacred charge. You should be Bible students, ever ready to give to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you.

By your true Christian dignity give evidence that you know you have a truth that it is for the interest of the people to hear. [Maranatha 121.2](#)

A group of people, including children and adults, are walking in a grassy field with trees in the background. The scene is slightly dimmed to allow for the text overlay.

**“LET NO ONE DESPISE
YOU FOR YOUR YOUTH,
BUT SET THE BELIEVERS
AN EXAMPLE IN SPEECH,
IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE,
IN FAITH, IN PURITY.”
1 TIMOTHY 4:12**



The Youth, God's Instruments (cont'd)

If this truth is inwrought in the soul, it will manifest itself in the countenance and demeanour, in a calm, noble self-possession and peace which the Christian alone can possess. Those who have genuine humility, and whose minds have been expanded by the truths unfolded in the gospel, will have an influence that will be felt. They will make an impression upon minds and hearts. [Maranatha 121.3](#)

I have no higher wish than to see our youth imbued with the spirit of pure religion which will lead them to take up the cross and follow Jesus. Go forth, young disciples of Christ, controlled by principle, clad in the robes of purity and righteousness. Your Saviour will guide you into the position best suited to your talents and where you can be most useful. In the path of duty you may be sure of receiving grace sufficient for your day. [Maranatha 121.4](#)

**SO FLEE YOUTHFUL
PASSIONS AND PURSUE
RIGHTEOUSNESS, FAITH,
LOVE, AND PEACE,
ALONG WITH THOSE
WHO CALL ON THE LORD
FROM A PURE HEART.
2 TIMOTHY 2:22**



A Work for All Ages

I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. 1 John 2:14.

There are many lines in which the youth can find opportunity for helpful effort. . . .

In this closing work of the gospel there is a vast field to be occupied; and, more than ever before, the work is to enlist helpers from the common people.

Both the youth and those older in years will be called from the field, from the vineyard, and from the workshop, and sent forth by the Master to give His message. [Maranatha 122.1](#)

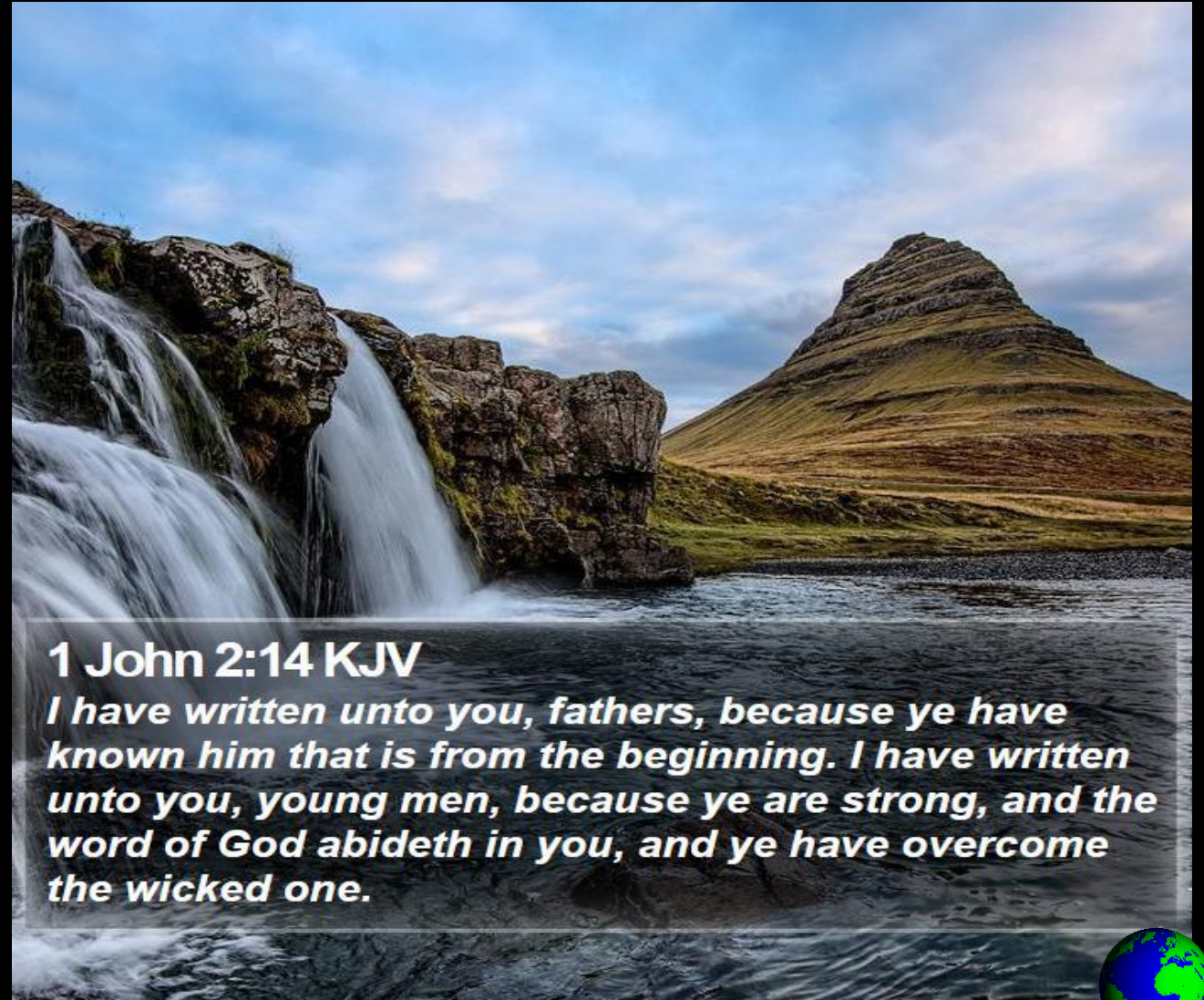


A Work for All Ages (cont'd)

Many of these may have had little opportunity for education, but Christ sees in them qualifications that will enable them to fulfil His purpose. If they put their hearts into the work and continue to be learners, He will fit them to labour for Him. . . . [Maranatha 122.1](#)

However large, however small, your talents, remember that what you have is yours only in trust.

Thus God is testing you, giving you an opportunity to prove yourself true. To Him you are indebted for all your capabilities. To Him belong your powers of body, mind, and soul, and for Him these powers are to be used. Your time, your influence, your capabilities, your skill—all must be accounted for to Him who gives all. [Maranatha 122.2](#)



1 John 2:14 KJV

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A Work for All Ages (cont'd)

The youth who finds joy and happiness in reading the word of God and in the hour of prayer is constantly refreshed by drafts from the Fountain of life. He will attain a height of moral excellence and a breadth of thought of which others cannot conceive. . . .

Those who thus connect their souls with God are acknowledged by Him as His sons and daughters. They are constantly reaching higher and still higher, obtaining clearer views of God and of eternity, until the Lord makes them channels of light and wisdom to the world.

[Maranatha 122.3](#)

With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come--the end of suffering and sorrow and sin! [Maranatha 122.4](#)



Why so Many Idlers?

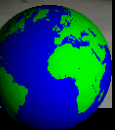
You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.

[Acts 1:8.](#)

In the trust given to the first disciples, believers in every age have shared. Everyone who has received the gospel has been given sacred truth to impart to the world. God's faithful people have always been aggressive missionaries, consecrating their resources to the honour of His name, and wisely using their talents in His service. . . .

[Maranatha 123.1](#)

The members of God's church are to be zealous of good works, separating from worldly ambition, and walking in the footsteps of Him who went about doing good. With hearts filled with sympathy and compassion, they are to minister to those in need of help, bringing to sinners a knowledge of the Saviour's love. [Maranatha 123.2](#)



Why so Many Idlers? (cont'd)

Such work calls for laborious effort, but it brings a rich reward. Those who engage in it with sincerity of purpose will see souls won to the Saviour. . . . [Maranatha 123.2](#)

"The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come." [Revelation 22:17](#).

The charge to give this invitation includes the entire church. Everyone who has heard the invitation is to echo the message from hill and valley, saying, "Come." . . . [Maranatha 123.3](#)

Hundreds, yea, thousands, who have heard the message of salvation, are still idlers in the market place, when they might be engaged in some line of active service. To these Christ is saying,

"Why stand ye here all the day idle?" and He adds, *"Go ye also into the vineyard."* [Matthew 20:6, 7](#).



Why so Many Idlers? (cont'd)

Why is it that many more do not respond to the call?

Is it because they think themselves excused in that they do not stand in the pulpit? Let them understand that there is a large work to be done outside the pulpit by thousands of consecrated lay members. [Maranatha 123.4](#)

Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church so that everyone shall be working for Him according to his ability. When the members of the church of God do their appointed work in the needy fields at home and abroad, in fulfilment of the gospel commission, the whole world will soon be warned, and the Lord Jesus will return to this earth with power and great glory.

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." [Matthew 24:14. 123.5](#)

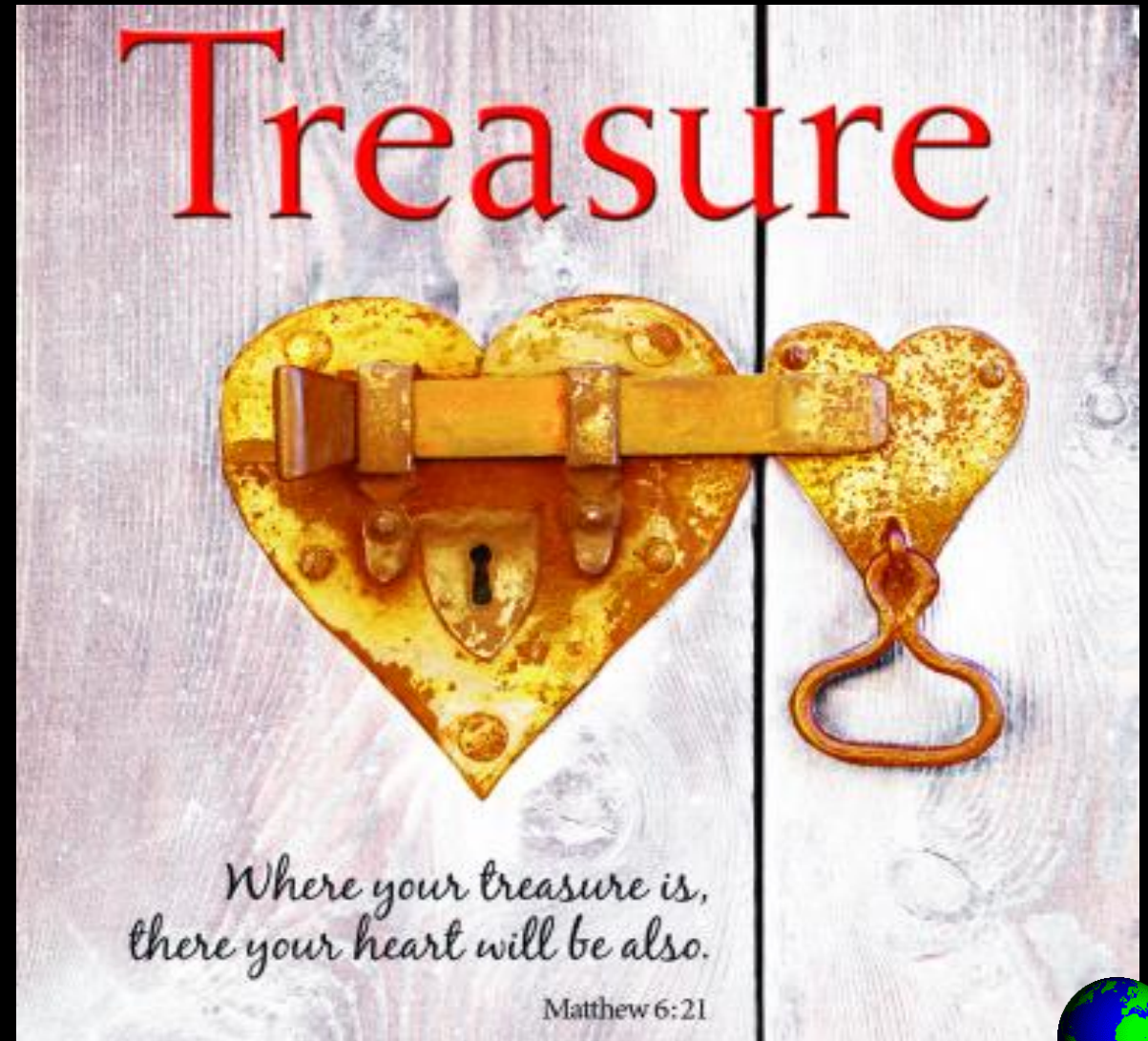


All Our Treasures for God

Freely ye have received, freely give.
[Matthew 10:8.](#)

All that men receive of God's bounty still belongs to God. Whatever He has bestowed in the valuable and beautiful things of earth is placed in our hands to test us, to sound the depths of our love for Him and our appreciation of His favours. Whether it be the treasures of wealth or of intellect, they are to be laid, a willing offering, at the feet of Jesus. [Maranatha 124.1](#)

In commissioning His disciples to go "into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Christ assigned to men the work of extending the knowledge of His grace. But while some go forth to preach, He calls upon others . . . for offerings with which to support His cause in the earth. [Maranatha 124.2](#)



All Our Treasures for God (cont'd)

Not all can make large offerings, not all can do great works, magnificent deeds; but all can practice self-denial, all can reveal the unselfishness of the Saviour. Some can bring large gifts to the Lord's treasury; others can bring only mites; but every gift brought in sincerity is accepted by the Lord.

[Maranatha 124.3](#)

Many would be surprised to see how much could be saved for the cause of God by acts of self-denial. The small sums saved by deeds of sacrifice will do more for the up-building of the cause of God than larger gifts will accomplish that have not called for denial of self. [Maranatha 124.4](#)

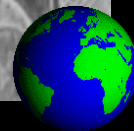
The spirit of liberality is the spirit of heaven. Christ's self-sacrificing love is revealed upon the cross. That man might be saved, He gave all that He had and then gave Himself.



GOD'S MONEY

1 CHRONICLES 29:12

BOTH RICHES AND HONOR
COME FROM YOU,
AND YOU RULE OVER ALL.



All Our Treasures for God (cont'd)

The cross of Christ appeals to the benevolence of every follower of the blessed Saviour. The principle there illustrated is to give, give. . . . The principle of worldlings is to get, get. . . . [Maranatha 124.5](#)

The light of the gospel shining from the cross of Christ rebukes selfishness. . . . Many of God's people are in danger of being ensnared by worldliness and covetousness. They should understand that it is His mercy that multiplies the demands for their means. . . .

He thus makes man the medium through which to distribute His blessings on earth. God planned the system of beneficence in order that man might become like his Creator, benevolent and unselfish in character, and finally be a partaker with Christ of the eternal, glorious reward.

[Maranatha 124.6](#)



A Twofold Life

Our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. [1 John 1:3](#).

Nothing is more needed in our work than the practical results of communion with God. We should show by our daily lives that we have peace and rest in the Saviour. His peace in the heart will shine forth in the countenance. . . .

Communion with God will ennoble the character and the life. Men will take knowledge of us, as of the first disciples, that we have been with Jesus.

This will impart to the worker a power that nothing else can give. Of this power he must not allow himself to be deprived. We must live a twofold life--a life of thought and action, of silent prayer and earnest work. [Maranatha 125.1](#)



**“In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.”**

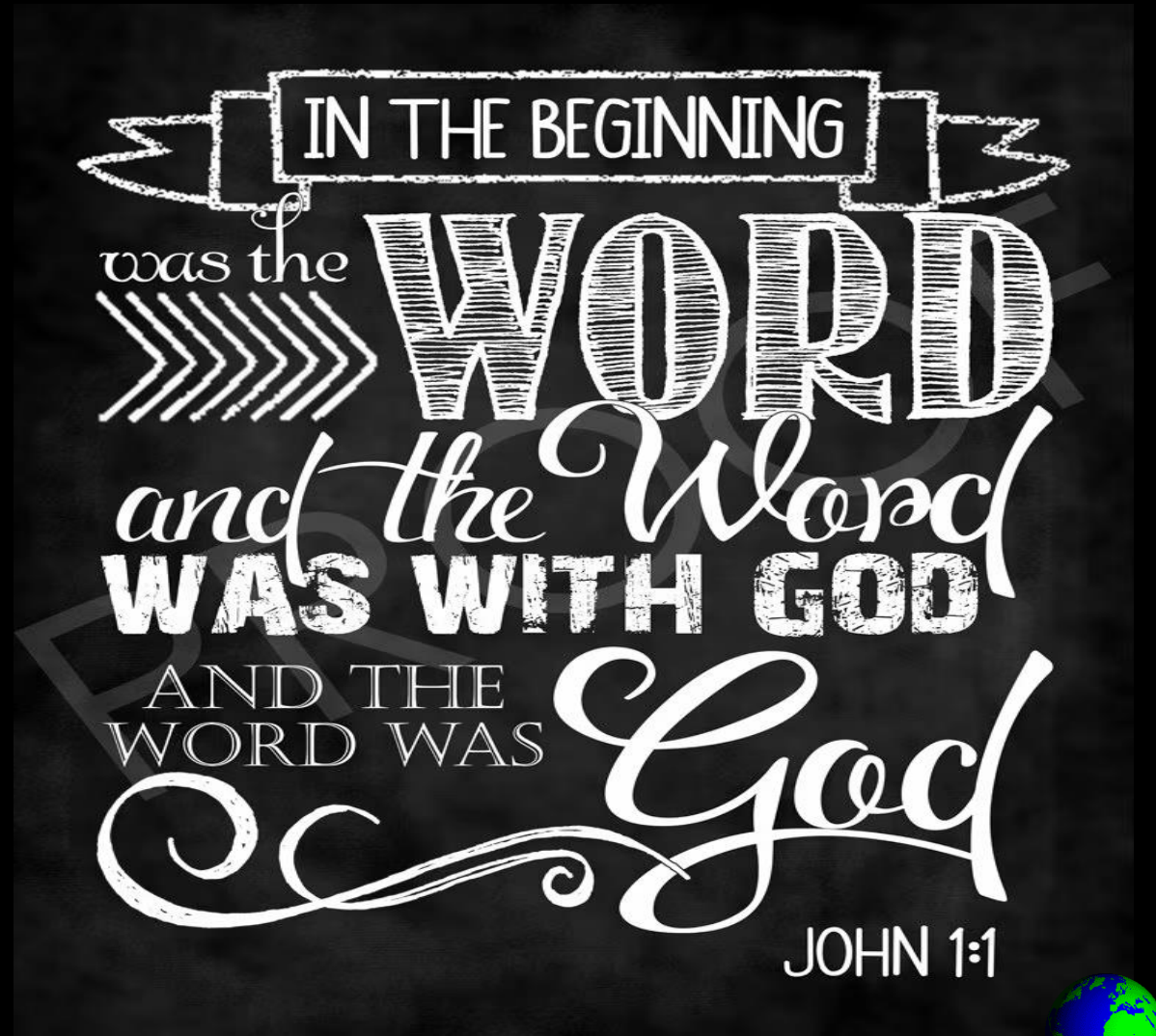
John 1:1 (KJV)



A Twofold Life (cont'd)

All who are under the training of God need the quiet hour for communion with their own hearts, with nature, and with God. . . . We must individually hear Him speaking to the heart. When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God. He bids us, "*Be still, and know that I am God.*" [Psalms 46:10](#).

This is the effectual preparation for all labour for God. Amidst the hurrying throng, and the strain of life's intense activities, he who is thus refreshed will be surrounded with an atmosphere of light and peace. He will receive a new endowment of both physical and mental strength. His life will breathe out a fragrance, and will reveal a divine power that will reach men's hearts. [Maranatha 125.2](#)



A Twofold Life (cont'd)

Many, even in their seasons of devotion, fail of receiving the blessing of real communion with God. They are in too great haste. With hurried steps they press through the circle of Christ's loving presence, pausing perhaps a moment within the sacred precincts, but not waiting for counsel. They have no time to remain with the divine Teacher. With their burdens they return to their work.

[Maranatha 125.3](#)

These workers can never attain the highest success until they learn the secret of strength. They must give themselves time to think, to pray, to wait upon God for a renewal of physical, mental, and spiritual power. They need the uplifting influence of His Spirit. Receiving this, they will be quickened by fresh life. [Maranatha 125.4](#)



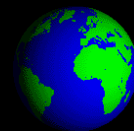
Mistaken Zeal

For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. [Romans 10:2](#).

There is a noisy zeal, without aim or purpose, which is not according to knowledge, which is blind in its operations and destructive in its results. This is not Christian zeal. Christian zeal is controlled by principle and is not spasmodic. It is earnest, deep, and strong, engaging the whole soul and arousing to exercise the moral sensibilities. [Maranatha 126.1](#)

The salvation of souls and the interests of the kingdom of God are matters of the highest importance. What object is there that calls for greater earnestness than the salvation of souls and the glory of God? There are considerations here which cannot be lightly regarded. They are as weighty as eternity.

[Maranatha 126.2](#)

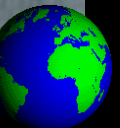


Mistaken Zeal (cont'd)

Eternal destinies are at stake. Men and women are deciding for weal or woe.

Christian zeal will not exhaust itself in talk, but will feel and act with vigour and efficiency. Yet Christian zeal will not act for the sake of being seen. Humility will characterize every effort and be seen in every work. Christian zeal will lead to earnest prayer and humiliation, and to faithfulness in home duties. In the family circle will be seen the gentleness and love, benevolence and compassion, which are ever the fruits of Christian zeal. . . . [Maranatha 126.2](#)

Oh, how few feel the worth of souls! How few are willing to sacrifice to bring souls to the knowledge of Christ! There is much talking, much professed love for perishing souls; but talk is cheap stuff. [Maranatha 126.3](#)



Mistaken Zeal (cont'd)

It is earnest Christian zeal that is wanted--a zeal that will be manifested by doing something. All must now work for themselves, and when they have Jesus in their hearts they will confess Him to others. No more could a soul who possesses Christ be hindered from confessing Him than could the waters of Niagara be stopped from flowing over the falls. [Maranatha 126.3](#)

Eternal life should engage the deepest interest of every Christian. To be a co-worker with Christ and the heavenly angels in the great plan of salvation! What work can bear any comparison with this!

From every soul saved there comes to God a revenue of glory to be reflected upon the one saved and also upon the one instrumental in his salvation. [Maranatha 126.4](#)

HANDS OF
MISGUIDED
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A Sure Foundation

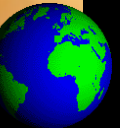
Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. [2 Timothy 2:19](#).

The Lord will have a people as true as steel, and with faith as firm as the granite rock. They are to be His witnesses in the world, His instrumentalities to do a special, a glorious work in the day of His preparation. . . . [Maranatha 127.1](#)

Ministers who have preached the truth with all zeal and earnestness may apostatize and join the ranks of our enemies, but does this turn the truth of God into a lie? [Maranatha 127.2](#)



FIRM FOUNDATION

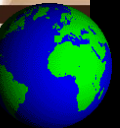
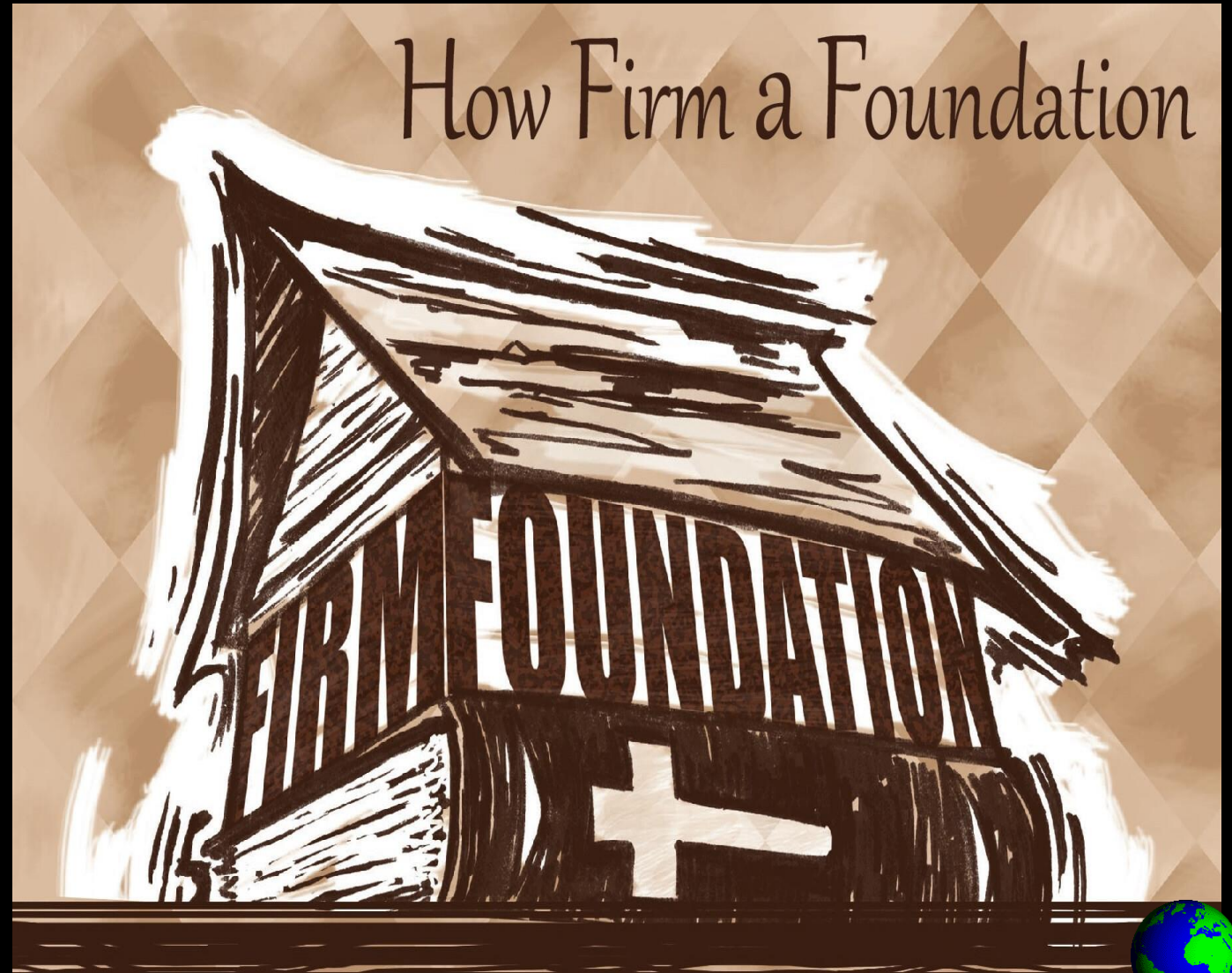


A Sure Foundation (cont'd)

"Nevertheless," says the apostle, "the foundation of God standeth sure." The faith and feelings of men may change; but the truth of God, never. . . . [Maranatha 127.2](#)

It is as certain that we have the truth as that God lives; and Satan, with all his arts and hellish power, cannot change the truth of God into a lie. While the great adversary will try his utmost to make of none effect the word of God, truth must go forth as a lamp that burneth. [Maranatha 127.3](#)

The Lord has singled us out and made us subjects of His marvelous mercy. Shall we be charmed with the pratings of the apostate? Shall we choose to take our stand with Satan and his host? [Maranatha 127.4](#)



A Sure Foundation (cont'd)

Shall we join with the transgressors of God's law? Rather let it be our prayer: "Lord, put enmity between me and the serpent." If we are not at enmity with his works of darkness, his powerful folds encircle us, and his sting is ready at any moment to be driven to our hearts. We should count him a deadly foe. We should oppose him in the name of Christ. Our work is still onward. . . .

Let all who name the name of Christ clothe themselves with the armour of righteousness. . . .

[Maranatha 127.4](#)

The time has come when we must know for ourselves why we believe as we do. . . . Let us lay up for ourselves a good foundation against the time to come, that we may lay hold on eternal life.

We must labour, not in our own strength, but in the strength of our risen Lord. What will we do and dare for Jesus? [Maranatha 127.5](#)



Therefore thus saith the Lord God,

Behold, I lay in Zion

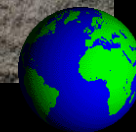
FOR A FOUNDATION

a stone, a tried stone,

a precious corner stone,

A SURE FOUNDATION

ISAIAH 28:16



Conclusion: Heaven is Waiting for You

As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. [John 20:21](#).

Of the apostles it is written, "They went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." [Mark 16:20](#).

As Christ sent forth His disciples, so today He sends forth the members of His church.

The same power that the apostles had is for them. If they will make God their strength, He will work with them, and they shall not labour in vain.

Let them realize that the work in which they are engaged is one upon which the Lord has placed His signet. God said to Jeremiah,



Conclusion: Heaven is Waiting for You (cont'd)

"Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee." Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched His servant's mouth, saying, "Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth." [Jeremiah 1:7-9](#).

And He bids us go forth to speak the words He gives us, feeling His holy touch upon our lips. [Maranatha 128.1](#)

Christ has given to the church a sacred charge. Every member should be a channel through which God can communicate to the world the treasures of His grace, the unsearchable riches of Christ. There is nothing that the Saviour desires so much as agents who will represent to the world His Spirit and His character. [Maranatha 128.2](#)



Conclusion: Heaven is Waiting for You (cont'd)

There is nothing that the world needs so much as the manifestation through humanity of the Saviour's love. All heaven is waiting for men and women through whom God can reveal the power of Christianity. [Maranatha 128.2](#)

The church is God's agency for the proclamation of truth, empowered by Him to do a special work; and if she is loyal to Him, obedient to all His commandments, there will dwell within her the excellency of divine grace. If she will be true to her allegiance, if she will honour the Lord God of Israel, there is no power that can stand against her. [Maranatha 128.3](#)

Zeal for God and His cause moved the disciples to bear witness to the gospel with mighty power. Should not a like zeal fire our hearts with a determination to tell the story of redeeming love, of Christ and Him crucified? It is the privilege of every Christian, not only to look for, but to hasten the coming of the Saviour. [Maranatha 128.4](#)

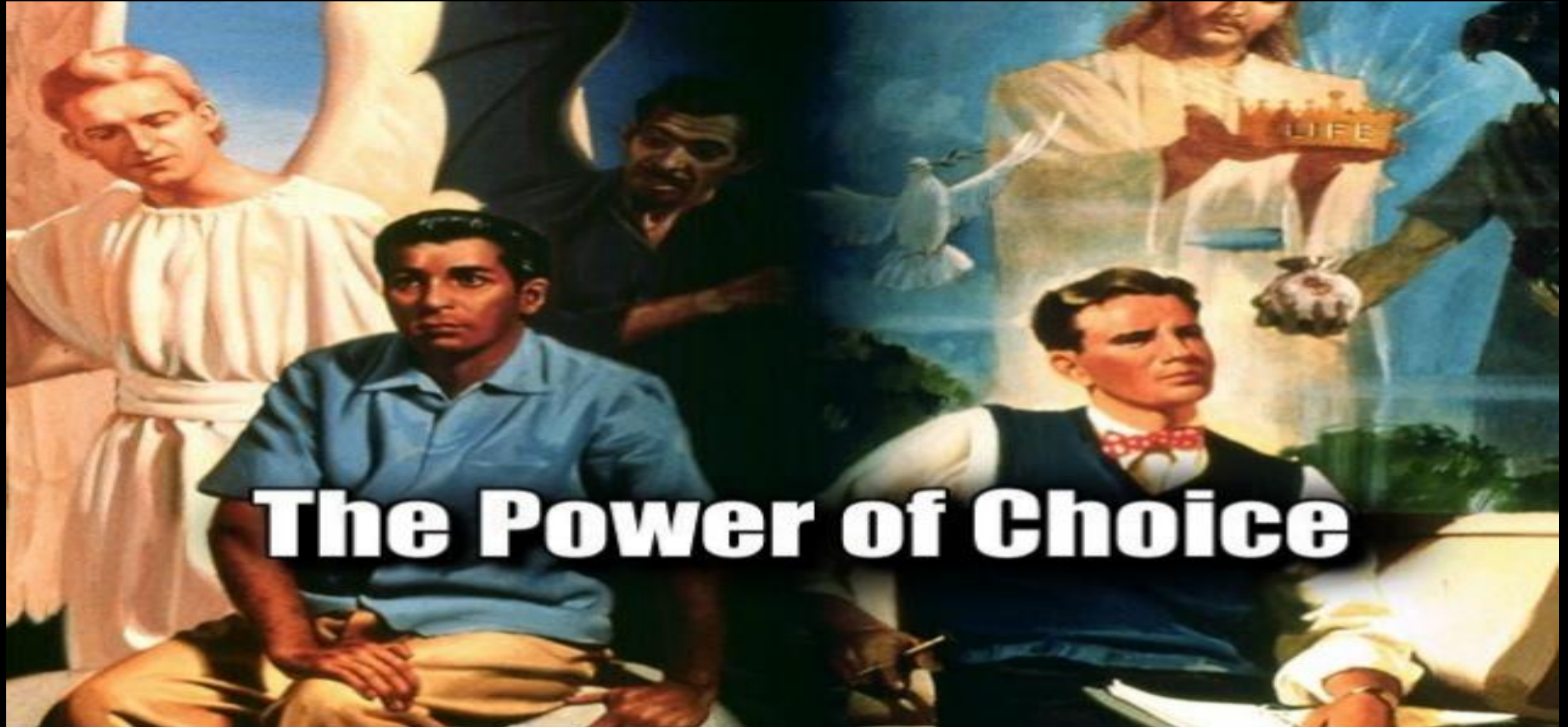


Heaven Is Waiting For You

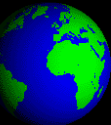
The Bible Has Told Us The Things To Come



God has given all:




The Power of Choice



An angel with a halo and wings is shown writing in a book with a quill pen. To the right of the angel is a large, ornate golden hourglass. In the background, a red devil's face with horns is visible. The scene is set in a dimly lit room with a book on a desk.

Revelation 12:12

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. –
Revelation 3:20





THE END

ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?