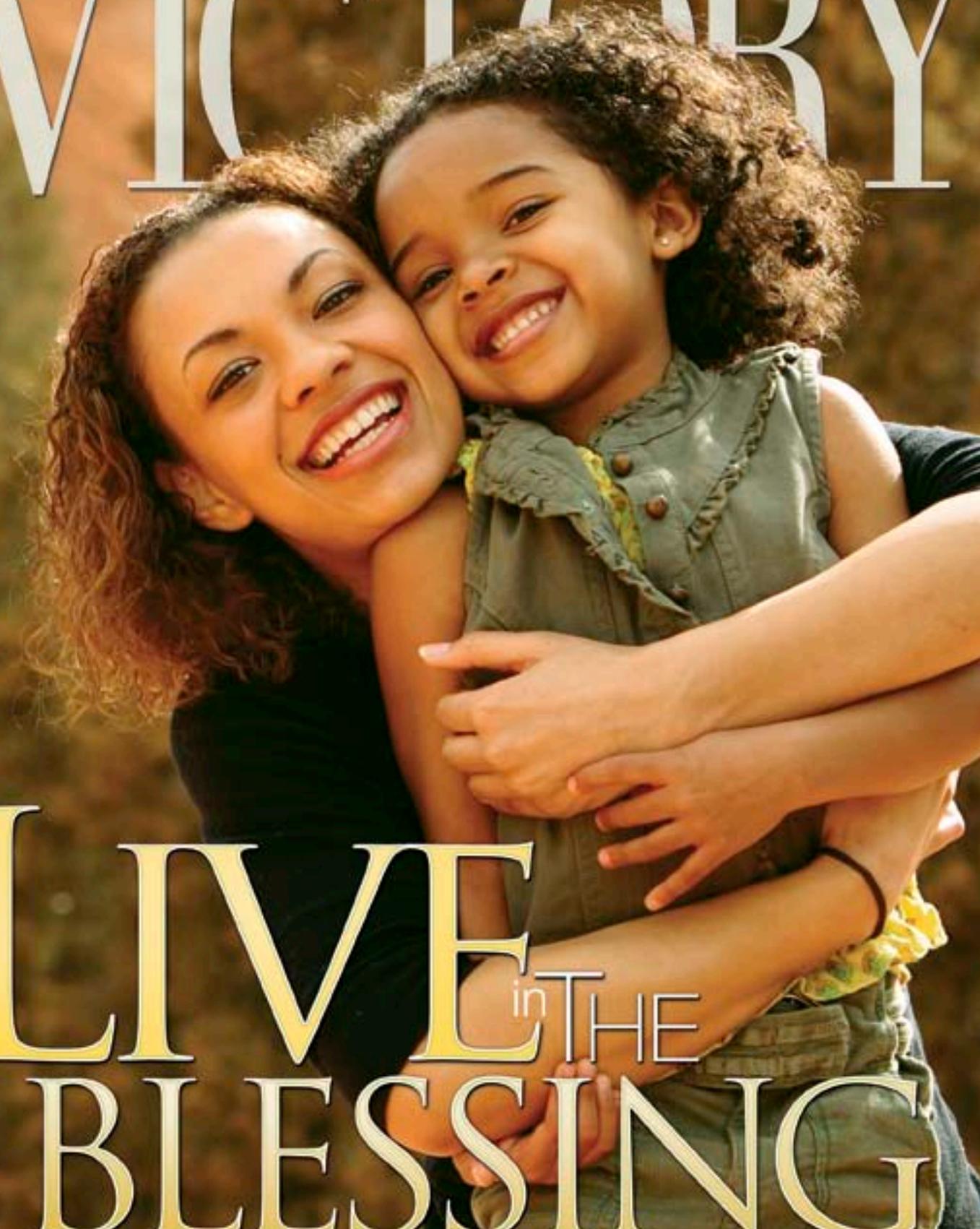




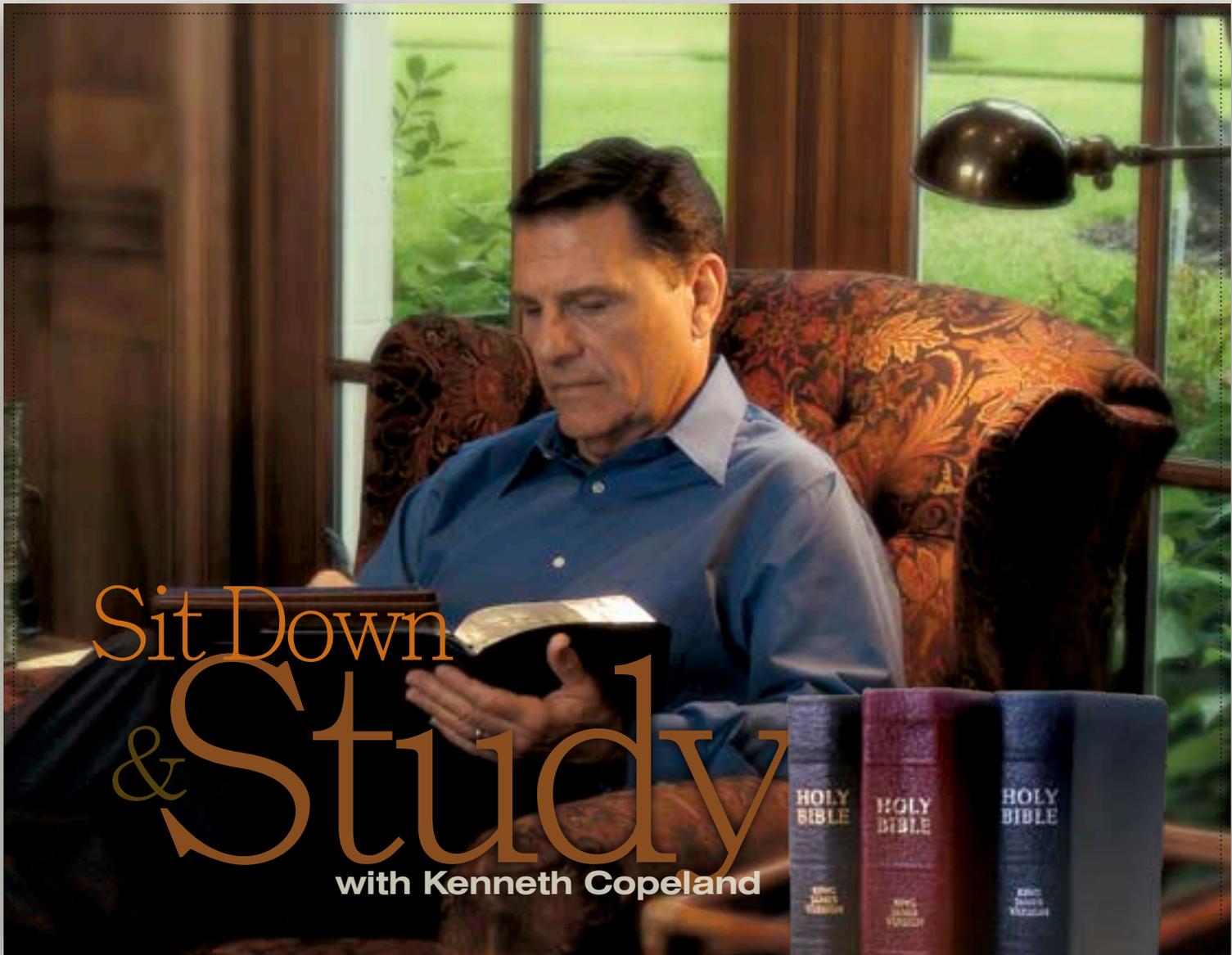
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If you are a born-again child of God, you are *BLESSED!* | For months now, that's the message I've been preaching to the Body of Christ. I've been talking about it everywhere I go, to anyone who will listen.

I am on a divine mission to let God's people know THE BLESSING God gave Adam in the Garden of Eden that empowered them to be fruitful and have dominion over the earth; THE BLESSING He gave to Abraham that made him heir of the world and a blessing to all the families of the earth; THE BLESSING that empowered the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Himself; that same BLESSING now belongs to all of us who are born-again believers. We are THE BLESSED!

"Yes, I know that, Brother Copeland," someone might say. "How long are you going to keep talking about it?"

I'm going to keep talking about it until we all get it. I'm going to stick with this message until the Body of Christ wakes up and starts living in THE BLESSING!

Now, I've been around long enough to know that won't happen overnight. We won't step into a whole new lifestyle of blessing just because we hear two or three sermons about it.

BY KENNETH COPELAND



When we try to save our own lives, we cut ourselves off from THE BLESSING because we're looking to ourselves—instead of God—to save us.

Sure, hearing those sermons will get us moving in the right direction. But if we truly want to live in THE BLESSING, we must renew our minds 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We must get to the point where our revelation of it completely governs our thoughts and directs our actions. We must, as Romans 12:2 says, be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

I learned what's involved in that kind of mental transformation many years ago when I first found out how to live by faith. I'll never forget the first time I heard a tape of Brother Hagin preaching on Mark 11:23. In one hour, I learned something I'd been hungry to know for years. I found out not only what faith will do, but how to develop and release it.

But, as powerful as it was, that one message alone couldn't totally renew my mind. It took time for me to change the unbelieving mind-set I'd developed over the years. Gloria and I both had to reprogram ourselves to think and act by faith in our daily lives by spending months listening to tapes, studying the Word, and attending every seminar on faith we could find. Day and night, we focused on learning about faith. Even in casual conversation we constantly reminded each other to talk and behave in accordance with it.

Those first months were intense, but I've found out since then that total mind renewal always requires that kind of intensity. To get it done most effectively, you have to put yourself through a spiritual version of boot camp.

I went through basic training in the Army so I know what that's like, and it's painfully rigorous. During boot camp, the U.S. military does everything necessary to turn a civilian into a soldier by changing the way he thinks, talks and acts. Obviously, transforming our minds with the Word and learning to think like THE BLESSED isn't as painful as the boot-camp process of turning a civilian into a soldier. It is, however, just as important because just as learning to think like a soldier will keep that soldier alive on the battlefield, becoming BLESSING-minded will ultimately save our lives.

Blessed Are the Poor?

No one knows that better than Jesus Himself. That's the reason He spent so much time during His earthly ministry teaching people how to understand and act in accordance with THE BLESSING. Although most believers don't realize it, that's what He was doing when He preached the message in Luke 6 called the "Sermon on the Mount."

Jesus delivered that entire message to outline the process of THE BLESSING.

Because we haven't understood that, however, there's been much confusion about what Jesus said there. Most people think, for example, that because He started His message with the statement, "Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God," (verse 20), He wanted us to believe that poverty is godly. They think Jesus taught it's a blessing to be poor.

That wasn't what He said at all. He told us THE BLESSING would remove poverty. When He said "Blessed be ye poor..." He was giving the poverty stricken the good news that their days of poverty were over. He was saying, "I'm here to restore THE BLESSING to you. You're not going to be the poor anymore because yours is the kingdom of God!"

When I think about how Jesus intended us to respond to that news, I'm reminded of the story Brother Oral Roberts tells about his once-poor, Oklahoma kinfolk. They got rich in one day when they struck oil on their struggling dirt farm in Pontotoc County. Brother Roberts said when they hit that gusher, old "Dad Roberts" took off his hat and filled it up with the oil that was raining down all around him. Then he slapped his hat back on his head, let the oil drench his face until nothing but his white teeth were showing, and hollered, "Whew! We ain't going to be poor no more!"

That's what we'll all be saying when we fully grasp what Jesus was telling us. When we really begin to see what God has given us through THE BLESSING, we'll be hollering just like old Dad Roberts did. We'll be holding our Bibles over our heads and saying, "Praise God, I'm not going to be poor anymore! I'm not going to be defeated anymore! I'm not going to be oppressed anymore. I am THE BLESSED!"

Watch Out for the 'Woes'

Of course, there's more to walking in THE BLESSING than just jumping and shouting. There are attitudes we must have and actions we must take to keep it operating in our lives. Jesus told us about them in Luke 6:27-31. He said: "Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which spitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. And as ye would that

men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.”

To people who have been brought up in the traditional, worldly way of thinking, those instructions don't make any sense at all. In fact, they sound like a recipe for disaster. Everyone knows that according to the fundamental law of the street—the worldly law of survival—you must protect yourself from your enemies at all costs.

A lot of folks have lived by that law and made millions of dollars that way. They've shoved their way to the top and flattened anyone who tried to stop them. They'll tell you that ruthless system works and they have the riches, fame and worldly power to prove it.

But do you know what Jesus said about those people?

He said, “Woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep. Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!...” (verses 24-26).

Again, many people misunderstand what He means. They assume He is teaching that riches are evil. But He isn't saying that at all. He is telling us those people are under a curse, not because they're rich but because they acquired their wealth through worldly ways instead of through THE BLESSING; and worldly wealth always brings grief and misery. It literally brings woe.

The wealth that comes through THE BLESSING, however, is quite different. It isn't gained by grabbing everything you can from people. It comes from giving to them. That's the kind of wealth that makes us rich and adds no sorrow with it (Proverbs 10:22).

Losing Your Life to Find It

“Well, I just don't see how giving could ever make me wealthy,” someone might say. “How can I ever get ahead in life if I'm always throwing away everything I have?”

Jesus didn't tell us to throw away everything we have. He told us to stop thinking all the time about how we can protect ourselves from other people, and start thinking instead about how we can be a blessing to them. He was trying to

teach us that by walking in THE BLESSING, we can get to the place where someone could steal our coat and we'd never miss it because THE BLESSING would replace it with a better one.

That's just what THE BLESSING does. It is raw, pure, spiritual power, and when we release it by walking in it by faith, it will turn any ugly, terrible situation in our lives into a veritable Garden of Eden. If you don't believe it, look at Jesus. He lived perfectly in THE BLESSING. That's why everything people tried to do to hurt or destroy Him just ended up exalting Him.

“Oh Brother Copeland, surely you're not saying THE BLESSING will work for me just like it did for Jesus!”

Why shouldn't it? It's the same BLESSING! You inherited it by faith in Him; so did I; and so has every other believer. The only reason it hasn't worked for us as powerfully as it worked for Him is because we haven't lived in the revelation of it. We've lived too much like the world lives—focusing on trying to protect ourselves and meet our own needs. Jesus said in Matthew 16:25: “Whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.”

When we try to save our own lives, we cut ourselves off from THE BLESSING because we're looking to ourselves—instead of God—to save us. We become our own God; and none of us is qualified for that position. We're not qualified to protect and provide for ourselves because we don't have the power to do it. We could work so many jobs we didn't have time to sleep, and we'd still be unable to gain the kind of wealth God wants to give us.

On the other hand, when we give our lives to God, when we pour ourselves out loving Him with all our heart, soul and strength, and loving our neighbor as ourselves, we put ourselves under the care of the One who is qualified to make us more than conquerors in every situation. We activate His BLESSING on our lives.

When God Says, 'Thank You'

“Yeah, but that turning the other cheek stuff is hard!” you might say. “I don't mind being a blessing to people who are nice,

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I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen.

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but do I really have to love those folks who act ugly too?"

You do if you want to live in THE BLESSING. For, as Jesus said:

If ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again (Luke 6:32-38).

For years we've quoted that last sentence all by itself as if Jesus said it so we'd have something to read in church at offering time. But actually, that verse is not meant to stand alone. It's part of Jesus' whole discourse on THE BLESSING.

When He said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you," Jesus is reminding us that God never meant for us to use THE BLESSING just for our own, personal enjoyment. He intends for us to spread it around so others can benefit from it. Jesus is actually reminding us of what God told Abraham thousands of years ago when THE BLESSING was given to him: "...in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3). In other words, "You are blessed to be a blessing."

To understand why it's so important to God that we pass His blessings along, we must look at things from His perspective. We must remember He doesn't just love you and me; He doesn't just love the good folks; He doesn't just love the Christians; He loves all mankind and wants to extend His kindness even to evil and ungrateful people.

But He has a problem: Those people have cut themselves off from Him. He doesn't have any contact with them. They won't come to Him to receive what He has to give.

So, how can He bless them?

He can bless them through us! Since you and I have fellowship with Him, we can receive His blessings and pass them along to those who don't know Him.

Partners and Friends know Kenneth Copeland as a powerful prophet and teacher. But often they're pleasantly surprised to discover he has a successful music ministry as well. In fact, over the past 33 years, Brother Copeland has released 32 albums—one of which included a Grammy-nominated song: "Only the Redeemed."

Kenneth Copeland's love for singing stemmed from his childhood, but took first place in 1957, when he recorded a song called "Pledge of Love" for a mainstream label...long before he accepted his God-given call to ministry.

"That very day, I received my draft notice," said Brother Copeland. "The record was released while I was in basic training in the U.S. Army. It did real well, but I couldn't do anything about it. While that record was on the move, instead of being available to accept offers to perform on national TV and on movie soundtracks, I stood guard duty.

"Today, I thank Almighty God for protecting me," he added. "Two other young men had their first records on the charts at the same time as 'Pledge of Love.' Their names were Johnny Mathis and Elvis Presley. That kind of success would have destroyed me."

When he was released from the Army, young Kenneth walked away from his 20-year dream of being an entertainer. "I didn't sing for a long time after I began this ministry. Why? I had a lot to *unlearn*. I knew how to entertain, and I knew how to sell a song. That's not what I was called to do.

"The call on my life is to preach the Word of God. I can do that with or without a melody, but the motive of my heart has to be that the Word goes forth. I'm not saying there isn't an element of entertainment in ministry music. I am saying that it's wrong for someone with a call on his life to make entertainment a priority."

Since making that decision, God has blessed Brother Copeland, with countless opportunities to use music as a ministry. His psalmist gift has enabled him to minister to those who may not listen to his teaching, but will receive his ministry in song. **VICTORY**



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Think again, for example, about the thief who steals our coat. That thief is more precious to God than any coat could ever be. Jesus bled, died and was raised from the dead for him. So when the thief steals our coat, Jesus says to us, "Don't fight him over it. Give him the coat he stole and offer to give him another one as well!"

When we do that, we end up blessing the guy God wanted to bless all along. In return, God says to us, "Thank you! Thank you, for offering that man My blessing. Keep up the good work and I'll keep supplying the money. I'll keep supplying the coats. I'll keep supplying the victory. You keep spreading My blessings; you keep giving them;

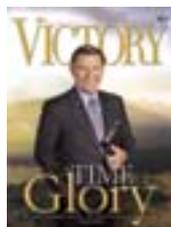
and I'll keep putting them into your hands pressed down, shaken together, running over." Can you see it?

I believe with all my heart that in the coming days, God is going to find a group of believers who will actually start doing that. I believe that a bunch of wild-eyed, love-motivated, faith folks are waking up and becoming such a blessing the whole world will take notice.

As they do, we'll finally see what Jesus meant when He said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over..." We will finally see what it really means to be BLESSED.

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When the Lord instructed Kenneth and Gloria Copeland to publish the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine, He said to them: **This is your seed. Give it to everyone who ever responds to your ministry, and don't ever allow anyone to pay for a subscription to it.**

In obedience to His instruction, they published the first *BVOV*, subtitled "A Newsletter for the Power People," in September 1973, and mailed it to about 3,000 people. Within two years, circulation had grown to 20,000.

Under the direction of their son-in-law, George Pearsons, *BVOV* became a pace-setter in the growing sphere of Christian magazines. Gloria says, "There's a ceiling on worldly publications that we don't have. They can't reach beyond where they are into the realm of the anointing. Yet, the whole purpose of our magazine is to present the Word of God on paper *through* the anointing."

And the anointing has truly made the difference in *BVOV*. Before each issue is sent out, the publishing department staff gathers to pray, releasing their faith that every person who reads the magazine will experience change in their lives by the anointed Word it contains! Articles by the Copelands and other ministers like Jerry Savelle, Mac Hammond, Billye Brim, Jesse Duplantis and Creflo A. Dollar, have indeed made a difference in hundreds of thousands of lives through the years.

Since the first days of *BVOV*, our Partners and Friends have sent in thousands of letters with their own stories of faith. These have become the foundation for the testimonies and feature articles that now appear in every monthly issue.

Today, we mail the *BVOV* magazine to over 600,000 homes in countries around the world. Knowing the good news is being spread throughout the world on the powerful voice of the printed page is as exciting today as it was 34 years ago when it all began. God is working through its pages month after month!

And the most exciting part is the lives that continue to be changed every day because the *Believer's Voice of Victory* magazine is delivering the Word and telling the stories, sowing them into nations around the world. Here's an example of how God has continually used *BVOV*!

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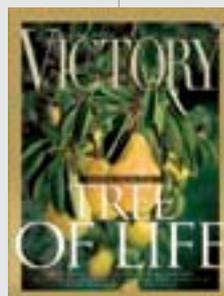
receives her husband miraculously raised from the dead. She sends her praise report to KCM. The story is written and published in *BVOV*. A Partner in England receives the magazine, and being led of the Holy Spirit, mails it to a friend—a struggling pastor in Guyana who all but consumes the magazine the day he receives it. The very next day, his newborn son, delivered months prematurely, is pronounced dead in a Brazilian hospital.

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loose its hold on his son in the Name of Jesus! His son revives!

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BY BILL WINSTON



When I began flight training in the military, we started out in ground school. We first had to get the laws of flight into our hearts and minds, so we could do on the ground what would be required of us in the air. Those laws became so ingrained in us we could do them in our sleep.

In ground school, we learned what it takes to get a plane off the ground and keep it in the air. But first we learned the basic laws of flight—the laws of gravity and lift, and thrust and drag. We learned how these laws work together to result in flight.

Before the instructors would let us go up in the plane, they had to know we had learned all the principles of flight. And we also needed to have faith in the laws we had learned. We saw them at

work day in and day out as hundreds of planes took off and landed. But when we got in the plane, we had to have no doubt that those laws would work for *us*.

A few of my fellow students had to develop their faith in those laws and overcome some fears.

One guy was afraid to land the plane. Just like the rest of us, he knew the laws of flight and the mechanics of the plane, but his faith in the landing procedure wavered. With the instructor at his side, every time he started

The Law That **Changes Everything**



This Law of Confession, like the laws of flight, has the power to take you where you want to be.

to land, fear would overtake him and he would fly by the runway. Sadly, he never got over his fear of crash landing, and eventually left the program without his pilot's wings. The laws of flight were not able to work for *him*.

Laws Work!

Now, there are some laws of the Spirit that are as basic to our faith as these laws are to flying. And just like the laws of flight, they will keep you moving upward and forward when circumstances are trying to take you down and back! The same One who made this physical realm created the spirit realm, and He guarantees the laws to work. They work for the believer and nonbeliever alike.

One of these basic spiritual laws has to do with words. It's called the Law of Confession.

God designed words to control the earth. They are basic to everything about our lives. God's words created heaven and earth. They established His intent for His kingdom in the Garden of Eden. The devil used words to convince Adam and Eve to forfeit their authority.

Jesus, the Living Word, came to re-establish God's kingdom and to show us how we were designed to live and operate in it. He demonstrated with power how to use the Law of Confession—words—to establish the will of God on this earth.

In Matthew 12:34-37, Jesus lays out this basic spiritual principle:

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

In these verses, Jesus teaches that the Law of Confession works for everyone. Whatever is in our hearts in abundance is destined to come out our mouths and establish every aspect of our lives. That's the law. That's how God designed it.

Seeing the Principle Work

You can see a good example of the Law of Confession

bringing about change in Numbers 13, where Moses sent out 12 men from the tribes of Israel to spy out the Land of Promise.

They brought back physical proof of exactly what God said they would find there (see Exodus 13 and Leviticus 20). They also brought back eyewitness reports about the people God said would be there—the Amalekites, Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites and Canaanites. They actually confessed *part* of what God had said.

But fear overtook them and the most important thing God had said to them, they failed to confess. “But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it...I am the Lord your God, which have separated you from other people” (Leviticus 20:24).

Moses had delivered God's message to them this way: “The Lord shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee” (Exodus 13:11). The land they had spied out was *their* land. God had promised it to their forefathers and to them. God had told them to go in and take it. But they had no faith in the promise of God. They didn't believe God.

Not only did they fail to confess what God had said, but most of them actually confessed the opposite. And, that failure resulted in their generation receiving exactly what they had confessed. None entered the Land of Promise...except for two—Joshua and Caleb.

God said Joshua had the Spirit (Numbers 27:18), and He said Caleb was a man of another spirit (Numbers 14:24). In other words, only these two had developed their hearts to believe God and to agree with Him. They confessed that what God had promised could be done, and they received the promise!

Your Words Change Things

This Law of Confession, like the laws of flight, has the power to take you where you want to be. The laws of flight can take you into the air and then land you safely. They are designed to work every time.

The Law of Confession works the same. It has the power to change things in your life—taking you to the places and things God has for you. If you believe His Word and fill your heart with it, you can use words the same way He did and you will get the same results. Jesus demonstrated that during His days on earth.

You have power without measure just like Jesus did. And it's contained in what comes out of your mouth.

We were designed to live this life in the flesh by the power of the spirit—our heart and what comes forth from it through our words. Look at the state of your life right now. It is a direct result of someone’s words. Mostly the words have been your own, but they probably have been undergirded by words spoken by your parents or someone else.

Yes, words have formed your life. But you can’t blame other people’s words, because God’s Word and Law of Confession have the power to override everything that has ever been said over you.

Now, I don’t know anyone who doesn’t have some things that need to improve in their lives. Those things *can* change. All we need to do is come back to this principle. God has established it so His Word can change our lives, but only by our belief and our confession. No one can stop the progress of it in our lives but us! Nothing can keep us from the life God has planned for us—except us!

What Are We Waiting On?

Since the day He created the earth, God has always looked for people who will believe His Word, plant it into

their hearts and confess it with their mouths—people who will simply agree with Him. He’s looking for a people who will use the Law of Confession to change things, not only in their own lives but in the world around them.

God has a destiny for each of us, just as He did for the children of Israel—a land of promise and safe dwelling. He has a plan for our families, our churches and our nation. Are we delaying reaching our destiny, like the Israelites, because of what has been coming out of our mouths? Are we complaining too much and not praising enough?

Have we let our confidence in God’s Word slip because we haven’t built it into our hearts in abundance? Have we filled our hearts with things contrary to God’s goodness and mercy, and let contrariness become our everyday pattern of speech? Do we realize the Law of Confession will always work in our lives according to the condition of our hearts?

If we can answer “yes” to any of these questions, and we’re not experiencing the things God has promised, it’s time to make a change.

When you make the decision to put the Law of

Confession to work to change your life, nothing can stop you. The Law of Confession supersedes everything! No principality or power can stop it. No government can stop it. Your level of education can’t stop it.

When your heart is lined up with God’s Word, Jesus’ declaration of mountain-moving faith will be yours: “For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith” (Mark 11:23).

Don’t wait another minute! Believe God, open your mouth and speak from the abundance of your heart. Let the Law of Confession start changing things for you! **VICTORY**

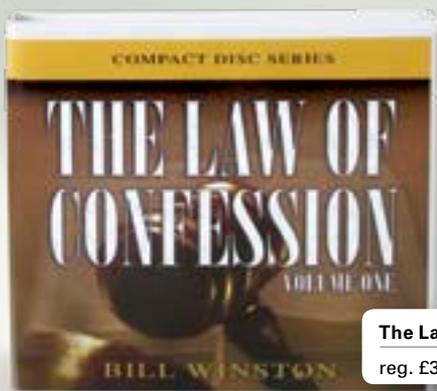
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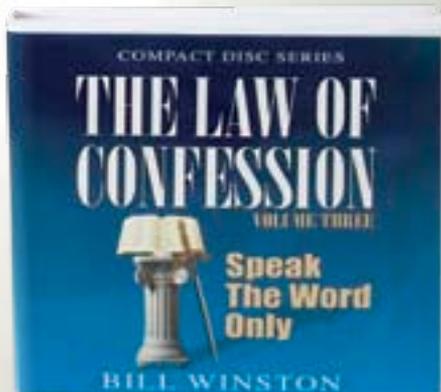
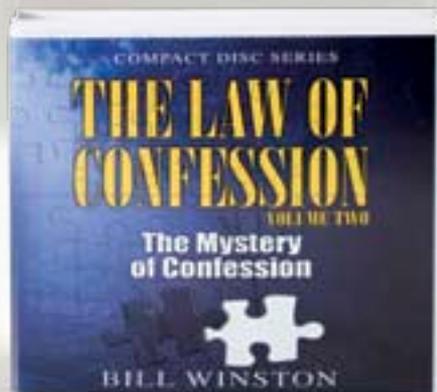
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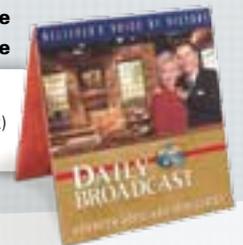
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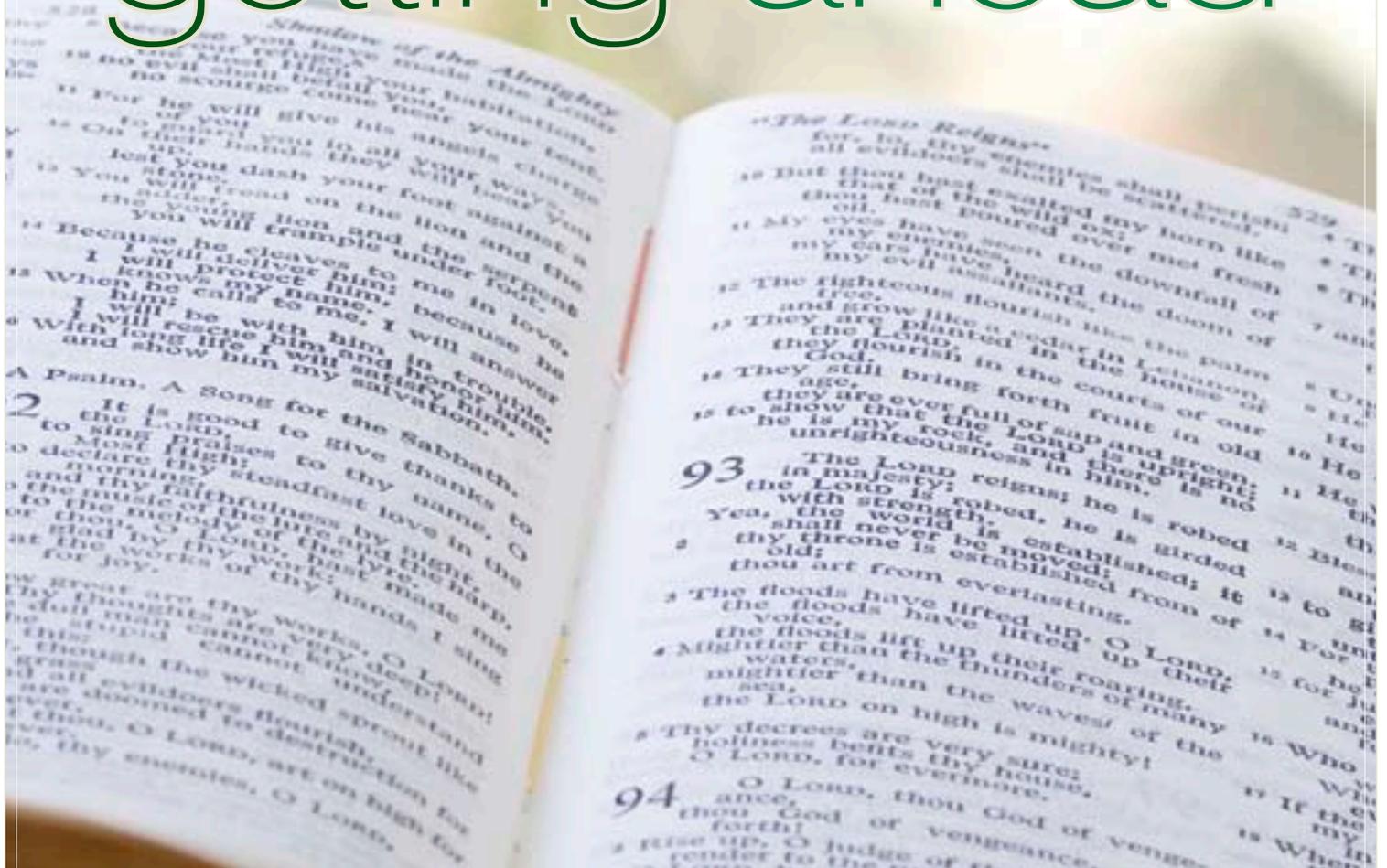
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From this moment on, I want you to stop thinking of the Bible as a storybook. I want you to stop thinking of it as a religious textbook. I want you to stop thinking of it as a history book. And I want you to *start* thinking of it as a handbook for living.

That's what it is, you know. It's the wisdom of Almighty God written down for you so you can apply it to your life and circumstances.

Consistently read and applied, the Bible will turn you into a winner. Not just now and then. Not just here and there. But every

day in every single area of your life!

Does that sound too good to be true?

Then don't take my word for it. Let the Lord speak for Himself. In Proverbs 4:7-8, He says, "[For skillful and godly Wisdom is the principal thing.].... Prize Wisdom highly and

As you put the Word first and exalt it in your life, the Word will **exalt and promote you.**

exalt her, and she will exalt and promote you; she will bring you to honor when you embrace her” (*The Amplified Bible*).

Be advised, though, this promise isn’t meant for those who want to dab a little of the Word on their lives now and then when they get in a scrape. It’s talking to those who are willing to put the Word of God first place in their lives day after day after day!

Look again at the first part of that scripture. “Skillful and godly Wisdom is the *principal* thing.” *Principal* means “first in importance.” According to that verse, you’re going to have to make God’s Word the most important thing in your life. Instead of being content with an occasional scanning of the Scriptures, you’re going to have to develop a passion for them. You’ll have to prize the Word highly, putting it before all your other activities.

When you do that, God promises that the Word will exalt and promote you and bring you to honor. Who could ask for anything more?

Put God’s Word First!

These are two very practical ways to give the Word first place in your life.

First, plan your daily schedule *around* the Word instead of trying to *squeeze* the Word into your daily schedule. As you mentally plan each day, automatically set aside time to study the Word *first*.

I know from experience what an impact that can have on your life. About 20 years ago, I heard a great man of God—Oral Roberts—say that the Lord had instructed him to read the Gospels and the book of Acts three times in 30 days in order to get a greater revelation of Jesus. That inspired me to do the same thing.

I knew the Lord wanted me to begin at once, but it could not have been a more inopportune time.

We had just moved to Tulsa so Kenneth could attend Oral Roberts University. Everything at our house was still upside down. We hadn’t even finished unpacking.

In addition to all that, I had the children to contend with. Both were at demanding ages. Kellie was 3 years old, and John was 9 months. When they wanted something, they wouldn’t wait 30 minutes, much less 30 days!

Where will I get the time? I wondered.

Still, I was determined. No matter what it took, I was going to read the Gospels and Acts three times in 30 days.

I figured how many pages I needed to read each day in my *Amplified Bible*. It came to four hours or more daily. Most of the reading had to be done while the children were asleep, so I set aside three times a day. Rising at 5:30 a.m., I read until the rest of the family woke up. When the children took their naps in the afternoon, I read again. Then, at night, I would finish whatever was left.

Regardless of what happened or what needed to be done, I put God’s Word first. I thought the other things would just have to wait until next month, but God had a pleasant surprise in store for me!

On the very first day, I sat down at 3:00 in the afternoon with my day’s work done—and I had already spent several hours in the Word! On the following days, I continued to put God’s Word first. And by the end of the week, I’d painted and antiqued four pieces of furniture from start to finish, done the ironing (which had been accumulating for weeks), and had my house in order.



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I was amazed. I would never have been able to do that under normal conditions!

Back then Kenneth and I knew very little about how to live by faith. I didn't know that the Word makes your way prosperous and causes good success (Joshua 1:8, *The Amplified Bible*). I didn't know that if you put God's wisdom first, it would exalt and promote you.

But I experienced a miracle of God just the same. By faith, I had put His Word first, and He caused Proverbs 4:7-8 to come to pass in my life.

He'll do the same for you! Whether you're a housewife, a mechanic or an executive, once you commit yourself to making God's Word your first priority, you'll begin to prosper in everything you do.

But let me warn you, you'll never get around to the Word if you wait until you have time. Satan will see to it that you never have the time. He is vehemently opposed to your feeding on God's Word.

So learn to set aside less important things. Start giving the Word first place in your schedule and everything else will fall in line. Jesus knew that. That's why He said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

Guard your time in the Word. Satan will steal it from you if he can. He'll use everything from television to church activities to lure you away from God's wisdom.

Why? Because he knows the Word makes you

free from his dominion! If he can keep you out of the Word, he can keep you bound and struggling.

Putting the Word first is something you'll have to do continually. When you get bogged down in the details of living, when you find yourself pestered by failures big and small, check the amount of time you're spending in the Word. You'll find that you've let the Word slip into second place and spent your Word time on other things.

That's what happened to Martha. Jesus Himself was in her living room teaching the Word. But she didn't think she had time to listen. She was too busy cooking dinner for Him. I'm sure it seemed like the only proper thing for her to do. After all, Jesus and His crusade team were staying in her home. Let's read that passage.

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and

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heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her (Luke 10:38-42).

I can just see Martha stewing around the kitchen banging pots and pans and feeling sorry for herself. She wanted Jesus to rebuke Mary, but instead the Master was pleased that Mary had put His Word first.

Martha could have been at the Master's feet, too, if she'd made up her mind to be. Jesus had fed thousands with a few loaves and fish. He could have just as easily prepared a banquet for all those present that day!

You may think, *What an opportunity Martha wasted! I would never do that.* But every time you allow things to swallow up your time in the Word, you're passing up the opportunity to sit at the Master's feet, just like she did.

In addition to building your schedule around the Word of God, there's a second way to give the Word priority in your life: Act on it!

Simply acquiring knowledge of the Word isn't enough. You have to put that knowledge to work in your life before it will bring results. I can sit around knowing how to turn on a light all night long, but until I apply that knowledge by getting up and flipping the switch, I'm going to be stuck in the dark.

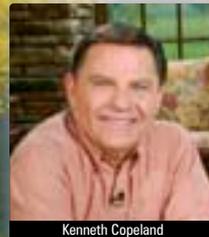
The Word of God works the same way. So, as soon as you learn something from it, take action. Do it!

Then, as you see the wisdom of the Word produce results in your life, you'll begin to prize that wisdom above all things that can be desired (Proverbs 3:15). And as you put the Word first and exalt it in your life, the Word will exalt and promote you.

Start today. Spend some quality time in God's Word. Make that the first and most important item on your agenda. Your daily activities will go more smoothly. And as you continually apply the wisdom you glean from God's Word, you'll find yourself moving ahead daily in every area of life. "This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success" (Joshua 1:8, *The Amplified Bible*). Good success belongs to you. **VICTORY**

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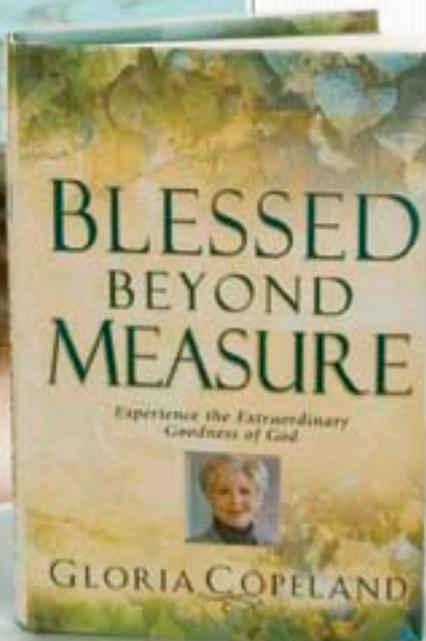
Becoming Debt Free

I would like to give Jesus all the praise. I received a note regarding a debt I owed. Since then, I prayed for debt cancellation and have been continually playing my CDs from the Great Lakes Prosperity Overflow Convention. Praise God, today I am in the overflow. Finances are coming from all directions. I have received a bonus in my salary, and I only started full time this month. I have received four payments from the Inland Revenue within the space of three weeks. Everyone keeps telling me they don't normally do that. Praise God is all I can say to them!

Thank you so much, Kenneth and Gloria, for sowing those CDs into my life. Jesus Is Lord.

D.K. | United Kingdom

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Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...

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Power of the Anointing Provides Healing

At the 2006 KCM convention in Milwaukee, Kenneth was telling people to "pull from this anointing." He also asked us to pray for our unsaved loved ones to bring them into the kingdom. So I asked the Lord, "How do I pull from the anointing?" (I'd never heard that before.) Then, I spoke by faith, "I pull from this anointing." My sister, Cathy, came to my mind. I had not spoken to her in three years. I'd recently found out she was dying from kidney disease, so by faith I "pulled" from the anointing so that she would be healed.

That evening, Brother Kenneth spoke and prophesied that someone was there who had a sister on dialysis and that her prayer of faith would heal her sister, once the sister was called.

Later, I called my sister. Within two hours of my call, the University of San Francisco Hospital called her and had found a kidney donor who was a perfect match! She'd been waiting 1½ years for a kidney. At the time she was unsaved. Hallelujah, the goodness of God led her to repentance. A month and a half ago, she called me to lead her to the Lord!

Janae Gonzales | Ooltewah, Tenn.

Promotion From God

Last year I was working in the prison kitchen for 10 cents an hour when you and Brother Leroy Thompson taught about commanding a covenant of wealth.

The devil did not want this message to reach me. The entire institution lost cable, so I rigged up an antenna so I could keep watching. I was puzzled, because I had a determined persistence to watch—I'm usually not so stubborn. Then I took six pages of notes! I sowed a month of wages in faith, even though the devil tried to make me feel shame at my little 10 cent wages. This set the course for 2006 in an astounding way!

My relationship with the Lord deepened and my prayer life became bold and intimate. My prosperity was so much more than financial. My soul prospered, Brother Copeland! Immediately, I got promoted to cook, which paid 30 cents an hour. Then I was hired for another job at 50 cents an hour. I never had visitors before, but in 2006 I had three visitors! I also received mail from family I hadn't spoken to or had contact with in years. I experienced the truth of the covenant and was supernaturally empowered to be a huge blessing to so many people and ministries. Your obedience to God's call has altered the course of my life. Glory to God!

K.O. | Arizona

Prayer Changes Things

I became disabled in 1985 because of an attack from the enemy. I was taking 17 different prescriptions a day. In 1989, things started to change. I began gradually coming off my medication.

The prayer partners at KCM prayed with me and my faith started rising. Then, in 2000, Social Security stopped my check. A short time after that they sent me a letter telling me I must pay back \$32,752. I called KCM and the minister prayed for me. I received a letter within the last 30 days saying I would not have to repay this money. Jesus Is Lord!

Rev. Danny Nations | Paris, Texas

“This baby shall live and not die!”

In August 2006, my daughter, who was about 20 weeks pregnant, began to miscarry. The doctor prepared her for the worst.

Meanwhile at home, my husband and I began to stand on God’s Word that our children are blessed. I recalled Kenneth and Gloria’s story about their granddaughter being stricken with meningitis and how they came together and took Communion over the situation. We took Communion and told the devil he had no authority—that the blood of Jesus is over our descendents.

My daughter later had an ultrasound, which showed a blood clot had formed between the uterine wall and placenta, separating the two. The doctor’s report was that there was no way life could carry on. My daughter and her husband stood on the Word that their unborn child “shall not die but live and declare the works of God.”

A week later a specialist performed another ultrasound and found that although there was a blood clot, everything else was normal. On Jan. 26, 2007, Ely, a healthy baby boy, was born! To God be the glory!

Diane Holmes | Kalamazoo, Mich.



Healing Is the Will of God

Many thanks for your prayers, precious ministry, letters and the *BVOV* magazine. My wife and I received Jesus as our Savior seven years ago. To this time, I’ve had chronic intestine inflammation. The doctors said this disease is incurable.

I’ve got the knowledge that healing is the will of God. My daughter sent me books about healing. I’ve got faith and took the promises of God about healing and proclaimed them. I’ve thanked the Lord that I’m healed, because of Jesus’ stripes. Praise the Lord! Today, I’m perfectly healed and healthy.

H.S. | Germany

The Truth Will Set You Free

This is a praise and victory report from a prayer request in 2002, when I resigned from my job in Asia to take up a new position in London. My old firm attempted to keep funds owed to me and terminate my employment after I had already resigned, raising a number of nasty allegations. I tried to settle with them and was locked into a dispute and arbitration that I didn’t want and couldn’t afford.

God immediately gave me a number of very strong promises of victory. I forgave the company and held on to God’s promises. I also remember praying that God would hold His hand against this firm, after He woke me up to look at an article in the *BVOV* magazine. It said we were to turn situations over to Him, so I released this whole matter to Him. During the trial, there were thousands of pages of documents and the night before each day of the trial, God would direct me to certain documents that would completely rebut the position of the other side’s counsel.

I just received word of a complete victory—on every count, allegation and point. We prayed at the beginning for full victory, complete payment of all amounts owed, costs and vindication.

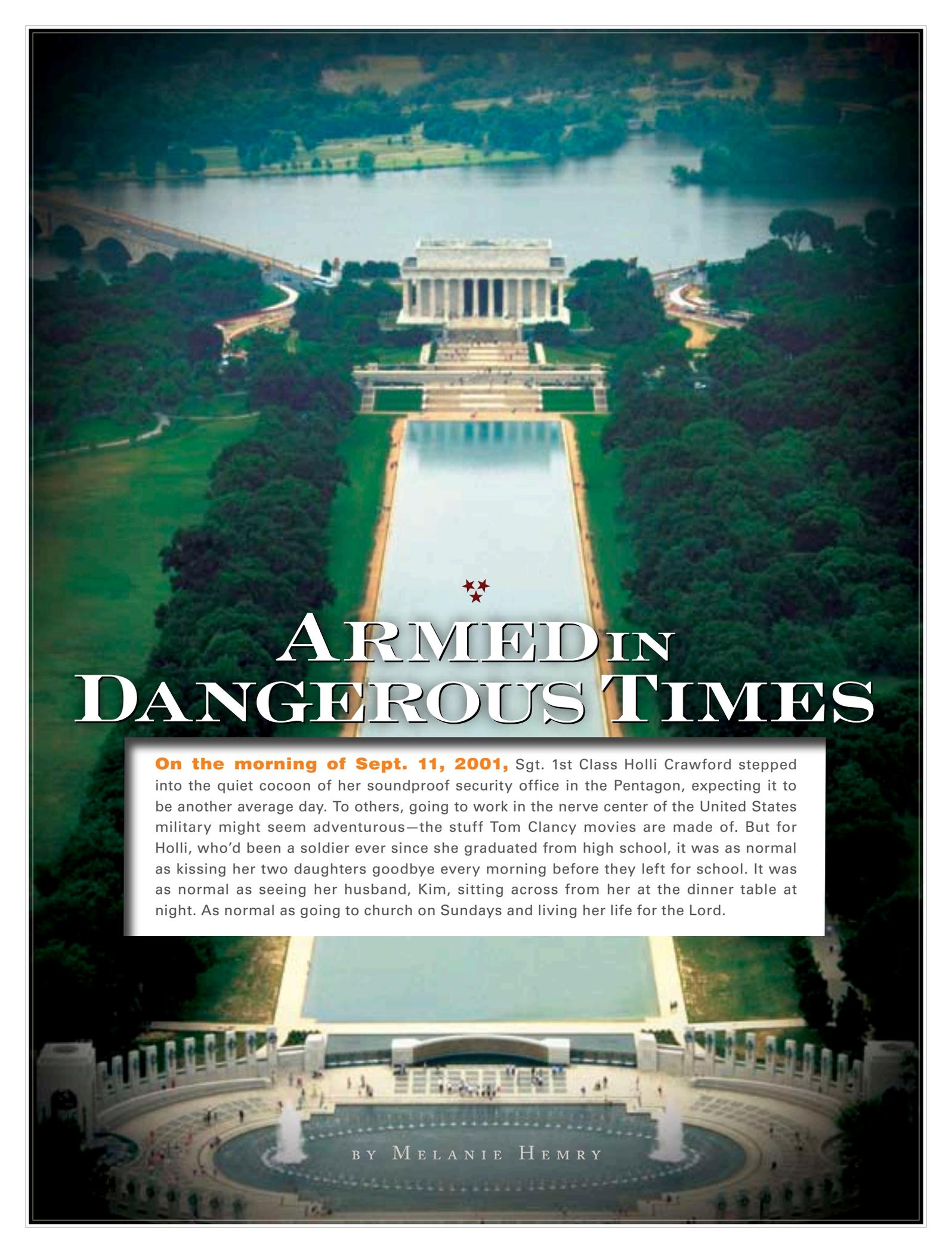
W.A. | United Kingdom

Psalm 91 Provides Protection for Troops

One of our prayer group members reported her nephew was saved by a miracle when in Iraq. He wore a headband with Psalm 91 printed on it. He was the leader of a squad whose assignment it was to knock out an Al Qaeda unit. Just before he reached the hut where the unit was, he felt impressed to read the Psalm again. He put the headband back on, went and opened the door. There were seven enemy soldiers inside. All shot at him, but none of the bullets hit him! Praise God for this wonderful, sheltering care in time of danger.

R.M.



An aerial photograph of the Lincoln Memorial and the Reflecting Pool in Washington, D.C. The memorial is a large, white, classical building with a portico of columns, situated at the end of a long, rectangular reflecting pool. The pool is flanked by green lawns and trees. In the background, a wide river (the Potomac) flows through a lush green landscape. The sky is clear and blue. The title 'ARMED IN DANGEROUS TIMES' is overlaid in large, white, serif font across the middle of the image, with three red stars above the word 'ARMED'.

ARMED IN DANGEROUS TIMES

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, Sgt. 1st Class Holli Crawford stepped into the quiet cocoon of her soundproof security office in the Pentagon, expecting it to be another average day. To others, going to work in the nerve center of the United States military might seem adventurous—the stuff Tom Clancy movies are made of. But for Holli, who'd been a soldier ever since she graduated from high school, it was as normal as kissing her two daughters goodbye every morning before they left for school. It was as normal as seeing her husband, Kim, sitting across from her at the dinner table at night. As normal as going to church on Sundays and living her life for the Lord.

BY MELANIE HENRY

“You’ve got to have so much of the Word of God already inside you that when you’re under pressure, it’s the Word that is squeezed out of you.”

Holli had decided long ago she was willing to fight for her country, and even to die for it if necessary. She never considered that particularly exciting or unusual, she just thought of it as her job.

On days like today, however, the potential violence of the battlefield seemed a distant, unlikely possibility. The sun shimmering in a clear sky and the sleepy drone of a lawnmower ambling across the Pentagon grounds made Holli glad to be alive. Glad to be a U.S. soldier in peacetime.

Then she turned on the television in her office and everything changed.

In an instant, the peacetime era so real only moments before had exploded into flames as two airliners filled with passengers crashed into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. Like millions of other Americans, Holli stared in shock at the unthinkable scene and wondered what on earth might happen next. It never occurred to her that, unlike millions of other Americans, she was sitting in the cross hairs of the terrorists’ sights.

A longtime Partner with KCM, Holli knew there was only one thing to do at a time like this. She bowed her head and made a heart cry to God. *Lord, what’s really happening?*

Outside the Pentagon, on the silver-grey ribbon of freeway that stretched into Washington, D.C., drivers still unaware of the tragedy opened sunroofs, convertible tops and windows to enjoy the morning sun as they sat gridlocked in traffic inching its way along. Many tuned radios to their favorite stations. Instead of music, they listened in horror to the breaking news.

Only a few hours drive from New York City, the D.C. commuters already felt dangerously close to the site of the attack. But when they heard the roar of jet engines bearing down on them, they realized they were sitting in front-row seats. Looking up, they saw the American Airlines jet flying so low that many feared they would be clipped by its wings. A man cutting grass looked up to see the aircraft scream overhead. One man, directly in the plane’s path, dropped to the ground and rolled under a nearby vehicle.

Dozens of people watched in disbelief as the aircraft accelerated and flew toward the Pentagon. The plane slammed into the building, bursting into flames and melting into it. The impact shook cars and buildings as a black cloud mushroomed into the sky.

Inside, survivors fell to their knees, crawling in the dark as ceilings and walls collapsed on them. An orange fireball swept through the building igniting 8500 gallons of jet fuel, and creating a fire so hot it turned glass into molten liquid.

Outside, spectators saw people dangling from windows and crawling out of debris in an attempt to escape. Firefighters on the scene discovered that the back of the Pentagon fire-truck had melted in the blast.

Boom! On the opposite side of the building, Holli Crawford paused at the sound. *Must be something at the construction site*, she thought, still riveted to the news coverage of the Twin Towers. Moments later someone pounded on her office door. Opening it, she saw people fleeing the building.

“*Evacuate! Evacuate!*” someone shouted.

Outside, Holli gasped at what she saw. The peaceful grounds of the Pentagon had erupted into a battlefield where people were fighting for their lives.

We’ve been attacked!

Black smoke blocked the sun as ash, bits of cement and debris showered down on bystanders. Bleeding, hysterical people wept; many of their spouses were trapped inside the inferno.

Children from the day-care center next door milled about in the chaos, crying for their mothers. Holli grabbed two children and rushed them away from the burning building. Others picked up toddlers and infants and carried them out of harm’s way.

When the children were a safe distance from the flames, Holli turned back to assess the scene. Hundreds of people stumbled around in shock. Yet in the midst of it all, a deep calm—



“When you’re faced with a crisis situation like Sept. 11, 2001, you don’t have time to locate your Bible and use the concordance to find a scripture to stand on.”

the kind of peace that passes understanding—settled over her.

She'd been trained by the United States Army, but that wasn't the only way she'd trained. She'd meditated on the Word of God until it was a weapon she could wield. She'd learned to use her faith, and she'd learned the art of spiritual warfare. She was armed and dangerous.

Now, on this dark day in history, evil had penetrated the Pentagon. Surely there would be war; surely she would do her part. Crawford was ready for war—and not just against the suicide bombers. She knew her enemy was the spiritual head of every terrorist organization since the beginning of time: the devil himself.

He had dared to attack her turf; now she would take it back. She didn't have to wait for orders from the White House. She was under orders from the Commander in Chief of heaven's army.

Holli walked to a co-worker. Wrapping her arms around the woman, Holli asked, "Are you OK?" Then she began to pray.

In the wake of death—Holli Crawford offered life.

The ominous rumble of an airplane approaching low sent the crowd into a frenzy of fear. *Could there be another airplane on a suicide mission?*

Taking a deep breath, Holli checked her heart.

Peace.

"It's OK," she said to those around her. Moments later the plane broke through the smoke as screams turned to cheers. The U.S. Marines had arrived. As the Marine aircraft circled overhead, use of all cell phones was forbidden as firefighters, ambulances and police used the airways.

Pentagon personnel were asked to not leave the area. For three hours, Holli went from person to person offering comfort, concern and prayer.

As word of the Pentagon attack hit the news, Holli's husband, Kim, picked up their two daughters from school. At home, they paced, prayed and answered phone calls from Holli's distraught family.

Five hours after the attack, Holli walked into her house and the waiting arms of her family. Later they watched news of the dark events of that day with great sorrow. The final count would reveal that

125 Pentagon employees, 58 passengers on Flight 77, four flight attendants and two pilots died in the blast.

A Country Mourns

"The day after the Pentagon attack we returned to work," Holli explains. "The building was still partially on fire and everything that survived was covered in thick, black soot. White body bags littered the area and rescue workers still searched for survivors.

"My daughter's best friend lost her mother in the Pentagon. She'd been deployed to Korea for a year and had only returned to her family two weeks prior to Sept. 11. Months later a woman who worked there had large clumps of hair falling out as a result of stress from the attack. The emotional toll on many of the survivors was very high."

Through it all, however, Holli found herself peaceful and unshaken. God had been preparing her for years to serve her country in just such a time as this. That training had begun when she received Jesus as her personal Savior while serving in the Netherlands. It continued when she was stationed in Florida. There she and her family joined a church where she was immersed in the teachings of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland and Creflo Dollar. There Holli learned to live by faith.

In 1999, Crawford received orders to work at the Pentagon. After moving to Washington, D.C., her first order of business was to find a church connected to KCM. She joined Victory Christian Ministries International, a ministry that, like her, was also partnered with KCM.

Settling into a new place and into a new job at the Pentagon had been challenging, but each morning when Holli tuned in to the *Believer's Voice of Victory* broadcast, she felt at home.

Ingredients for Victorious Living

"Even before 9-11, I prayed the protective power of Jesus' blood over myself and my family each day," Holli recalls. "And I prayed the 91st Psalm over us. But I'm convinced that alone isn't enough to live in victory. It's a lot like cooking. If you bake a cake, you have to put in all the ingredients. It won't turn out right if you leave out the eggs. That's the way I live my spiritual life. One ingredient may be praying for protection, but that doesn't take the place of the other ingredients: feeding on the Word of God daily, praying, singing in the spirit, attending church, sowing seed, listening to tapes and watching the broadcast.

"When you're faced with a crisis situation like Sept. 11, 2001, you don't have time to locate your Bible and use the concordance to find a scripture to stand on. You've got to have so much of the Word of God already inside you that when you're under pressure, it's the Word that is squeezed out of you.



"I realized that for me to have this assignment, it meant that God had absolute confidence in me. **Now whatever my task, I trust and rely on the anointing of God in me.**"

"If you're reacting to circumstances in your life—you're behind. I can honestly say that I was never afraid during the events of 9-11 because I was grounded in the Word of God."

The Power of Prayer

As tragic as the events of that day were, the attack on the Pentagon also paints a picture of the power of heartfelt prayers. One section of the Pentagon had been in a long reconstruction process, and it was into that site that Flight 77 flew. Over half the offices in the area were still vacant. In addition, a blast wall made of reinforced steel and concrete had been installed. Even after being hit by an airplane and the ensuing fire, that wall stood for 25 minutes before collapsing, giving many people time to escape.

In the aftermath of that tragedy the spiritual climate changed. On Sept. 11, and for months afterward, most of the Pentagon staff were hungry for prayer. Many were open to receive Jesus.

"Being a Partner with KCM is very important to me," Holli says. "It means I take part in the harvest of souls born into the kingdom from around the world. It means I can believe for and receive the anointing that's on this ministry. And it means I can enjoy the favor of God that rests on it."

Holli Crawford had no idea how far the favor of God would take her. When she received orders to leave her job at the Pentagon, she was stunned at her new assignment—the White House Communications Agency.

Specifically, Crawford and a team of others are responsible to provide communications support to the president and vice president of the United States, as well as the first lady and members of the Secret Service.

"When I first got my orders I was overwhelmed and didn't want to accept the assignment. I was so troubled I went to talk to my pastor who helped me remember exactly who I am in Christ.

"I realized that for me to have this assignment, it meant that God had absolute confidence in me. Now whatever my task, I trust and rely on the anointing of God in me. When I'm in a situation that seems impossible, I know nothing is impossible with God and I draw on the anointing.

"My assignment on earth is to serve this great nation. It doesn't matter if I'm serving the country, my family or my family of faith; it is Christ who lives in me and Christ who gives me strength."

Wherever God has assigned *you* to serve, you too must be prepared as a soldier of the Cross. You are a secret weapon in God's hand.

You are armed and dangerous. **VICTORY**

For Sgt. 1st Class Holli Crawford, partnership provided assurance and support when tragedy struck. It ignited her faith—filling her with peace amidst looming fear and terror.

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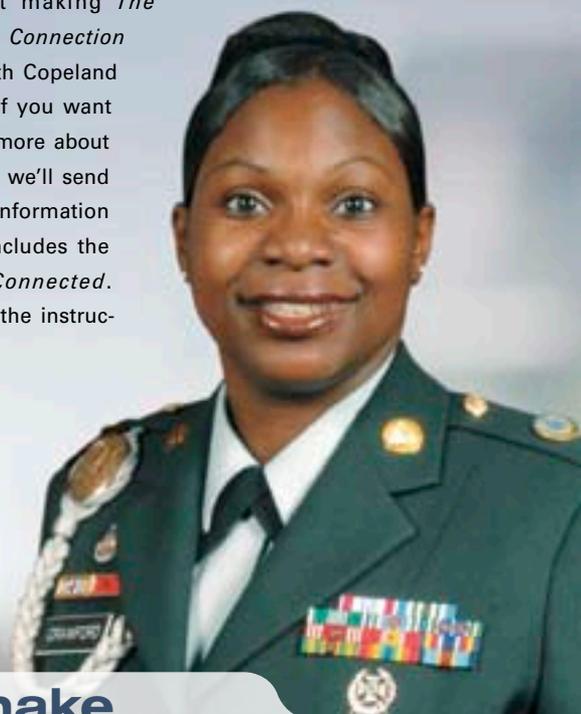
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BY KENNETH COPELAND

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God's Love can do

“If God loves me so much, how could He let me hurt so bad?” :: Have you ever asked yourself that question? :: Most of us have. At one time or another, we've looked around at the poverty or sickness or sorrow in our own lives or in the lives of those around us and wondered why God—if He is truly the loving God that people say He is—doesn't do something to stop the pain.

Many of those who've been bold enough to look for an answer to that question have gotten religious double talk instead. They've heard things like, “Well, brother, that's just something God in all His wisdom didn't intend for us to understand.”

But I want you to know something today. God does intend for us to understand it. In fact, *we must* understand it—because only then will we really be able to live the life of freedom and power He always intended us to.

So let's go to the Bible and see what God has to say about the pain that has puzzled so many of us for so long. Let's go back to the beginning and see exactly how all this trouble began.

If you'll read Genesis 1 and 2, you'll find that in the beginning, everything God created here on earth was good. It was healthy, prosperous and gorgeous—and it was designed that way because it was to be the perfect dwelling place for man.

You see, man was something really special. He was made in the image of God. He was made, as 1 John 1:3 tells us, to have fellowship with God.

That's important for you to understand. Some people get the idea that God made man so He'd have someone to dominate, but that's not right at all. God is not a dominator. “God is love” (1 John 4:16) and love needs to have someone to give to. That's why God made man. He made him so He could give him His love.

Instead of lying around squalling about how bad things are, use your authority to do something about it.



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Of course, God could have given His love to the angels, and He did. But giving to angels didn't provide total fulfillment. Why? Because the angels aren't made in His image.

That's easy enough to understand. You're the same way. Let's say, for example, you have a puppy as a pet. You can fellowship with that little pet just so much but then there comes a time when you need somebody to talk to. There comes a time when you need to have communication on your own level.

The reason you're like that is because you're created in the image of God. That's how He is. He has a desire to fellowship with someone like Himself.

Now, God is a being with authority. So, when He made man in His image, He gave him authority too. He said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:26).

It comes as a shock to some people when they find out that man—and not God—is the one who has dominion over the earth. But it's true, and Genesis isn't the only book of the Bible that says so.

In Psalm 8:6, we're told that God made man "to have dominion over the works of [God's] hands" and that God "put *all things* under [man's] feet."

"But Brother Copeland," you say, "if God really loved us, He'd have taken the earth back over when He saw what a terrible job we were doing with it!"

No, He wouldn't. God is not a liar. He never goes back on His word. He promised to give man dominion over the earth, and He is always absolutely faithful to His promises.

So, if we're going to find out how things got so far off track, we don't need to look at what God did. We need to look at what man did. Once God gave man authority over the earth, what did he do with it?

He gave it to Satan.

You know the story. Satan came to Adam's wife in the form of a serpent and deceived her into disobeying God. Adam, although he was not deceived, followed suit.

You've probably heard about that a thousand times. But the real significance of it may not have dawned on you. You see, when Satan came into the Garden that day, he didn't have any power at all. None. Zero. He

had to come in like a sneak, not even talking to Adam directly but talking to his wife.

Now Adam was standing there, and he should have kicked him out right then. But he didn't. Instead, he set aside the command God had given him and did what Satan told him to do...and when he did, he made Satan his lord.

In bowing his knee to Satan, he gave Satan the authority God had given him. He made Satan the illegitimate ruler of the earth. Immediately things changed. The earth was in the hands of the devil and death had come on all men.

The earth and everything in it was suddenly cursed.

"I thought *God* was the One who cursed it!" That's what most people say. But they're mistaken. God didn't say, "Adam, I'm going to curse the ground because of what you did." He said, "Cursed is the ground..." (Genesis 3:17).

The earth was cursed because man had given Satan lordship over it. You see, Satan is a dead spirit. I don't mean graveyard, out-of-commission dead. I mean the life that is in him is death. Everything he touches dies just like everything God touches lives.

Even if he were to try to bless something, he'd kill it. Everything he says and everything he does and everything he owns is cursed because he is a curse to start with. He's been a curse ever since he rebelled against, and cut himself off from, the Source of all blessing, Almighty God.

Can you see now what a horrible thing it really was when Adam and Eve turned the earth over to him by obeying him and making him their lord? By doing that, they took the authority God had given them, gave it to Satan, and he used it to turn sin and death and poverty and pain and disease and every other evil imaginable loose in the earth.

"OK," you say, "I see that God couldn't break His own word and take that authority back. But surely, He could do something!"

Yes, praise God, He could and He did! He sent Jesus.

Since He'd given man dominion over the earth, God Himself became a man, a Second Adam who could redeem the world from what the first Adam had done.

Just think about that! Even though Adam had knowingly and willingly turned against Him, even though he had committed the highest form of treason against God, God was not willing to make him and all his children suffer the ultimate penalty of their sin. So He went to the Cross and paid the deadly price Himself.

Through Jesus, He set us free from the curse.

As Galatians 3:13 says, “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.”

The moment you made Jesus Christ Lord of your life, you became a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17). You were delivered from the lordship of Satan. You were redeemed from the curse. I didn’t say the curse wasn’t out there anymore. It is! You can see it all around you. But now you have a choice. You have authority over it in the Name of Jesus, so you can stand against it.

“You mean the devil doesn’t have any more power over me?” you ask.

That’s right. After Jesus was raised from the dead He said, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth” (Matthew 28:18).

Did you get that? *All* power. If Jesus has *all* power, how much power is left over for the devil? None!

“But if Jesus broke the power of the curse, why didn’t He just automatically make everyone healthy, blessed and prosperous?”

Because the Lord Jesus Christ isn’t a tyrant. When Satan gained authority on the earth, he *demand*ed that all men come under the curse and die. But God isn’t like that. When He took that authority away from the devil, He didn’t *demand* that every man live. He demanded that every man be given a choice (Deuteronomy 30:19).

What I’m saying is this: God has done what needs to be done. The rest is up to you!

Don’t sit around begging God to do something about the curse of sickness or poverty or sin in your life. He’s already done all that needs to be done. He sent Jesus to the cross. He raised Him from the dead, and He translated us from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son.

He’s stripped Satan of his authority, and He’s given it back to you in the Name of Jesus. Now He expects you to use it by using that Name fearlessly.

You need to realize something. God’s way of doing things never changes. When He put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, He expected them to use the authority He’d given them. He didn’t step in and say, “Now, Adam, that Satan fellow is no good. You’d better let Me handle him. Why don’t you just stand aside there and I’ll run him off for you?”

God didn’t do that. He gave Adam His word and said, “I give you authority over everything down here. You stand guard over it...and don’t eat from that tree. It’ll kill you.” That’s all He said.

He knew the devil was hanging around there. He knew he’d try to give Adam some trouble. But He expected Adam to use his authority and God’s word to take care of it. That was all the equipment he needed.

Well, when God re-created you in Christ Jesus, He did the same thing all over again. He gave you authority over the creation He made for you. The devil is still here, just like he was in the beginning. But He’s given you authority over him. God has told you, “Put on My full armor. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Cast him out!”

So instead of lying around squalling about how bad things are, use your authority to do something about it. Cast the source of the pain out! If you’ve been sick, rise up and say, “Lord, I praise You that You’re my healer. I praise You for the authority of the blood of Jesus over this sickness. I’ve spoken to it in Your Name and I praise You that the curse is broken and I am free from all its effects.”

“Oh, but Brother Copeland, what if I said that and then still felt sick?”

Just keep on saying it. Stay with it. Don’t go back on the authority you’ve exercised. The Bible says we’re to imitate God, and according to Romans 4, God calls things that be not as though they were. In other words, He doesn’t wait until you can see it to say that it is. He says it knowing that His Word is what causes it to be.

He’s already said the curse has been broken because it was laid on Jesus. He’s already said, “By His stripes ye were healed.” He’s already said that in Jesus’ Name no sickness, no plague and no curse



Tribute to a HERITAGE OF FAITH

Dear Kenneth and Gloria,

Congratulations on 40 years of successful worldwide ministry, and a very Happy Birthday to Brother Copeland! The two of you are truly modern-day heroes. Your lives and ministry have had an eternal impact on us personally, as well as on our ministry, Victory Christian Church International.

Since 1984, when we became Partners with

KCM, we have learned how to apply the principles of faith to our everyday lives. By following your ministry closely, we not only learned how to walk victoriously, we learned to maximize the calling on our lives as pastors and teachers. In turn, we are teaching our partners to walk in victory.

Your uncompromising example of obedience

to God, excellence in ministry, and integrity of heart have permanently marked us and made us reach higher, go farther, and yes, even believe the impossible. We love you dearly. Long life and continued blessings.

Pastors Dwayne and Kitt Brewington
Victory Christian Church International
Gaithersburg, Maryland

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has any authority over you. So refuse to receive *any* of those things you've been redeemed from.

If some guy came knocking on your door and said, "I've got a box load of rattlesnakes here with your name on it," would you sign for them and bring them inside? Of course not! You'd say, "Look fella, those aren't my snakes, so get them off my porch."

Well, who is your Lord? Jesus of Nazareth. Is He really? Is He commander over your life? Whatever He says, do you do it? What He gives, do you receive it? OK then. Don't receive anything from some other god.

When the devil comes to *your* door with his stuff, stop and ask yourself, "Where does this come from?" If it comes from hell, you say, "Nope, that's not mine. Don't bring anything from hell in here to me. I don't order my goods out of hell. So you take your stuff right back where it came from. I won't receive it because it's not mine."

Poverty doesn't belong to you. So what are you doing with it? Send it back where it came from! Don't sit in church and say, "Well, I wish I could give, but I can't because I'm so poor." Cut out that "poor" talk!

Instead, start rejoicing. Get up and say, "Jesus bore my curse for me! So, Mr. Devil, you can take your poverty and get out of my house."

When you start talking like that and strapping on the armor God gave you (Ephesians 6:10-18), the devil will run from you (James 4:7). But he won't move an inch until you draw the line and use the authority God's given you and stop spouting all that doubt and unbelief.

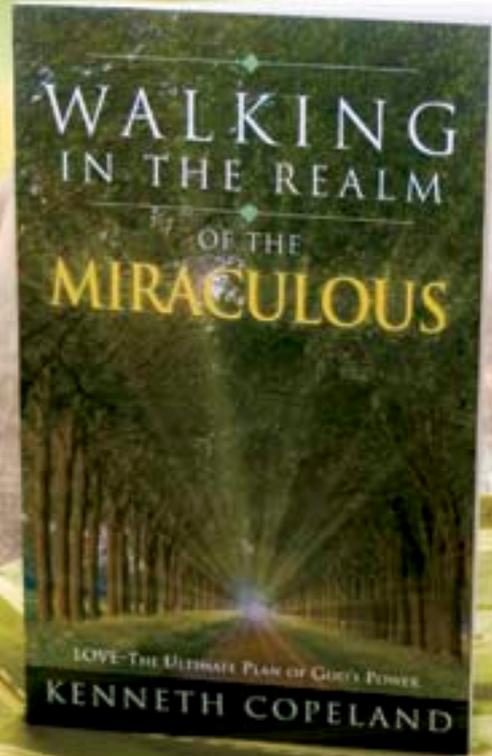
He won't budge until you release your faith. How do you release your faith? Very simply. You just say, "Thank You, Lord, that what You've promised [find the promise and be specific] in Your Word is mine. I receive it."

Then keep the switch of faith turned on. Don't turn it off when you put down this magazine. Don't turn it off when you get in your car to go to work. Don't turn it off while you're eating your meals. Don't turn it off when you go to bed.

Just keep on believing. Keep on saying, "I know it's mine. I believe I receive it according to the Word of God."

Don't be lazy about it—and don't be influenced by your feelings. What difference does it make how you feel? You're likely to have eight new feelings a day. We're not talking about feeling. We're talking about truth. Put your faith in that truth and your feelings will change.

Listen, my friend, God does care about you. He cares that you're hurting. He cares so much that He sent Jesus to die, so you could be set free from it. Then He raised Him to life again and disarmed the devil, so you'd have all the power you need to keep that freedom. He's done everything that Love can do. The rest of it is up to you. **VICTORY**



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BY GLORIA COPELAND

Stay Safe in God



WHEN I WAS A GIRL GROWING UP IN ARKANSAS, MY GRANDDADDY, POP, HAD A STORM SHELTER ON HIS PROPERTY. IT WAS A REALLY NICE SHELTER MADE OF CONCRETE, AND IT DIDN'T HAVE ANY SNAKES. IN THOSE DAYS, WE COULDN'T JUST TURN ON THE TELEVISION AND RECEIVE WARNINGS ABOUT DANGEROUS WEATHER APPROACHING. WE KNEW A STORM MIGHT BE DANGEROUS WHEN WE SAW IT AND HEARD IT. IF IT SEEMED BAD ENOUGH, OUR FAMILY WOULD HEAD TO THE SHELTER.

I remember during one storm, a small town about 10 miles up the road was nearly blown away. As a result, my relatives who lived in that

area were afraid of storms. From that time on, when they saw a storm approaching, they would come to Pop's shelter. My cousins would be there



and we'd all giggle and talk and wait out the storm. It was a pretty exciting time.

I was never afraid. I always felt safe and protected.

Possessing Precious Merchandise

That's the way I see the protection God provides for us. He is our refuge and our fortress. We don't ever have to be afraid. We can run into the shelter of His Word and stay safe during all the storms of life.

That's especially important to know because these are dangerous days, and I don't see things in the world getting any better before Jesus comes. We must know how to walk in God's protection. And, faith for that protection comes by hearing what the Word has to say about it. So we must dig in the Scripture and mine the truth.

When we spend time in the Word, Psalm 91:4 tells us what happens. It says, "...his truth shall be [our] shield and buckler."

A Hebrew commentary on Psalms, the *Tehillim*, gives us insight into that verse. It says this:

"Torah [the Word], which is God's *truth*, is a *shield* and a *weapon*, for those who study it. But casual Torah study is not sufficient. The diligent student must treat Torah, as *precious merchandise*, which is guarded and examined carefully, in order to discover His (God's) truth."

When I read that, it made an impression on me. Notice, the truth is both a weapon and a shield. And, we must treat God's Word as precious merchandise. To discover His truth, we must guard and examine it carefully.

The commentary also reveals "a *shield* protects its wearer incompletely whereas *armor*, totally surrounds its wearer [affording greater protection]."

When we carefully guard and examine God's truth it becomes our shield and *armor* (buckler). It affords us great protection. It surrounds us (on

four sides, and above and beneath). Dwelling in the secret place of the Most High enables us to walk protected through whatever trials the world is experiencing. The enemy is always shut out. He can't get to us. We're encased in a bubble of God's presence. We live in that shelter.

The power of God is in us and on us when we're walking with Him.

Wearing Body Armor

We need never be without protection.

We should wear our armor all the time. We actually have body armor. Isaiah 59:17 in the *New Living Translation* says, "He put on righteousness as his body armor..." If we've been born again, we're righteous on the inside. When we learn to live from the inside out we can enjoy greater deliverance in every area of life.

Ephesians 6:11 tells us to "put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Verses 10-14 in the *New Living Translation* say:



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Dear Brother Kenneth and Sister Gloria,

Congratulations on 40 years of preaching the uncompromised Word of God, bringing understanding to millions of believers across the world and sharing His unconditional love with us! We also want to congratulate you, Brother Kenneth, on celebrating 70 years of life. 2007 is truly a remarkable milestone for you, your family and ministry!

You continue to make a difference in our personal lives. As a result, you have made a difference in the lives of our members here at Living Faith Christian Center. In May 2005, while you both were here with us during our 20th anniversary of ministry, you delivered a word of prophecy that we were just on the first rung of a very tall ladder and how we were going to experience great growth and works due to an increase in the power of the love of God and this Word of God in our lives. You also prophesied that an increase in the healing power of God would be manifested. We continue to believe

God for full manifestation of this prophecy.

We hope you truly know how much both you and your ministry mean to us. We are so grateful to God for allowing us the privilege to be called your Partners and friends for over 20 years. Your godly leadership and standard of excellence continue to encourage and support us.

Continue walking in the blessing and in the awesome task God has given you. We know your reward will be immeasurable—here on earth as well as in heaven. We love you so much and we are so blessed to be in the same family!

Happy 40th ministry anniversary to you both and happy 70th birthday to you, Brother Kenneth!

Pastors Lamont and Connie McLean
Living Faith Christian Center
Pennsauken, New Jersey

...Be strong with the Lord's mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies and tricks of the Devil... Use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy in the time of evil, so that after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the sturdy belt of truth and *the body armor of God's righteousness*.

Not only do we have righteousness as our body armor, we also are wrapped in the shelter of the Lord's Spirit. It is called the garment of light. The Bible tells us God Himself wears this garment. It says, "...O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment" (Psalm 104:1-2).

Before Adam and Eve sinned, they wore a garment of light just like God's because they were made in His image. They were also *crowned* with glory and honor (Psalm 8:4-5). Have you ever seen a square crown? No. Mankind was *encircled* with God's glory—completely covered. I believe you and I can have that same kind of glory upon us because we are born again and re-created in the image of God.

When we trust in Him, "He will cover [us] with His pinions, and under His wings shall [we] trust and find refuge; His truth and His faithfulness are a shield and a buckler. [We] shall not be afraid..." (Psalm 91:4-5, *The Amplified Bible*).

We have nothing to fear—God's supernatural armor is protecting us when we keep Psalm 91 in our hearts and mouths.

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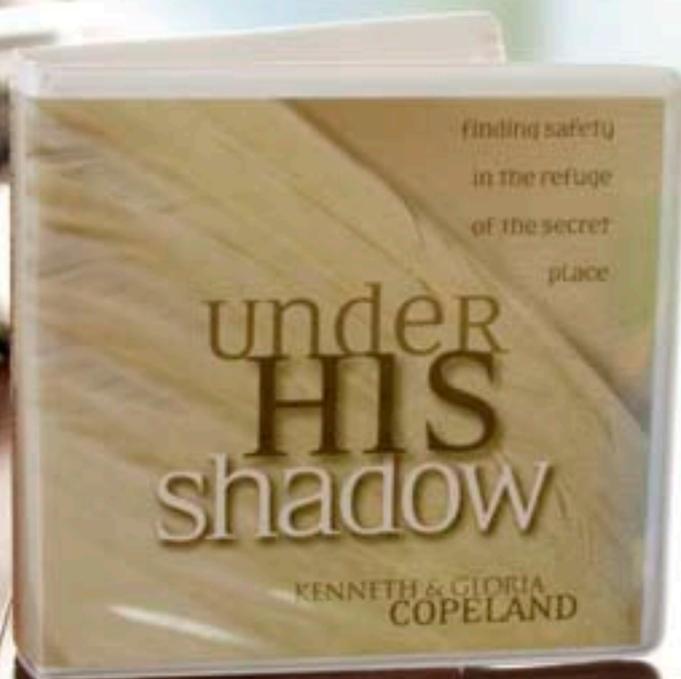
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Living Fearlessly

As we put the Word in our eyes and ears, the truth is manifest in our lives.

The more we feed on scriptures about our protection, the more faith will rise up and take over our lives, and the more freedom we will experience. If adversity tries to invade and take over our lives, we won't fold up in fear. Instead, faith will meet the crisis head-on. The Word inside us will give us God's wisdom and power to overcome and be victorious in every situation.

When we study God's Word, we are "purchasing precious merchandise." I don't know about you, but *that* precious merchandise fills my life. I guard and examine it carefully. I live in His truth.

And, my life is not lacking! I'm blessed.

God's Word has saved me. It's helped me. It has delivered me from the attacks of the enemy time and again. It's healed my body. *It's straightened out my thinking* so I could agree with Him and receive the things He has planned for my life.

All you and I have to do to be safe in this world is agree with God and act accordingly. But we have to know what He says before we can do that. It's up to us to spend time with Him and His Word.

The more time we spend with God, the more we become like Him.

Encircled in Power

As born-again believers, that shouldn't be a problem because we have God living on the inside of us! That means we're not natural people, though often believers ignore God and His Word and choose to live like natural people. But that's not God's plan for us. He expects us to put on our new nature and armor and live protected and blessed.

Epidemics, wars or disasters could occur right in our city. But as believers, we can be safe from the effects of that. We can stay in the hidden place—the *secret place* of the Most High, abiding under the shadow of the Almighty (Psalm 91:1).

When we are in that place, the power of God encircles us.

We don't have to be concerned about anything the enemy tries to throw at us. God will surely deliver us from disasters and deadly diseases (Psalm 91:3).

I know from experience this is possible. Our family has been walking in this truth for many years. For instance, when our children were young there was a scare about the Asian flu. We *chose* not to take part in it. Ken called us all together in the living room and said, "We're going to take our flu shot." John was about 5 years old and Kellie around 7. John's eyes got real big at the prospect of taking a shot.

But this was no ordinary shot. Ken began to teach the

children what the Bible says in Psalm 91 about our protection. *Right there in our living room, we took a big, powerful shot of the truth.* To this day, not one of us has had the flu. We had a supernatural flu shot that was more potent than any flu, and we have continued to stand on that Word.

The world does a fine job of trying to sell the flu. But as believers, we don't have to take it. Deliverance from sickness of any kind belongs to us. If there's an epidemic, we can be protected.

When we're hidden in the secret place, the power of God encircles us.

I believe Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were hidden in that secret place when they were thrown into the fiery furnace. They must have been encased in the power of God. God's armor must have been all the way around them, above and beneath because they came out unharmed. Not even the smell of smoke was on their clothes. (See Daniel 3.)

And, when Daniel was thrown into the lions' den, God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths (Daniel 6). Daniel had a good night's sleep in that secret place, and the lions missed their supper!

God protects those who are loyal to Him and believe in Him (Psalm 31:23).

Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Daniel and many others have known that to be true. They were delivered and God will deliver us too. He is our security (Proverbs 3:26).

We just have to use our faith, stay in the light and walk in obedience and righteousness.

Psalm 5:11-12 says: "But let all those who take refuge and put their trust in You rejoice; let them ever sing and shout for joy, because You make a covering over them and defend them.... For You, Lord, will bless the [uncompromisingly] righteous [him who is upright and in right standing with You]; as with a shield You will surround him with goodwill (pleasure and favor)" (*The Amplified Bible*).

We're favored when we walk with God. He surrounds us, encircles us and causes good to come to us.

In the day of trouble God will hide us in His shelter (Psalm 27:5). The day of trouble is when bad things are happening all around. That could be today or tomorrow. But, regardless, we never need to be afraid. Instead, we can be prepared and ready with precious merchandise in our hearts and mouths. In God's shelter, we can be clothed in the body armor of righteousness, surrounded by a bubble of protection, wrapped in a garment of light, and we can have confidence the angels are working in our behalf.

In the day of trouble, you and I can be safe and protected, hidden away in the secret place. **VICTORY**



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