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## THE WORK OF GOD THRU THE MAN OF GOD!



## HE will sit as a re- finer and purifier of silver.

**Malachi 3:3**

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets ,

Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Heb 1:1-2

The prophets in the Old Testament were used of God in many ways to speak to the fathers and to make them to know the heart of God. God used the prophets in this manner until John the Baptist.

There is a story in 1 Kings that is very shocking! God does not sugar coat the Scriptures. The Scripture tells it just as it happened, and we can learn a lot about mankind through the examples of others. This story is about three men of God, used in the life of Jeroboam, to do the work of God.

The first man was the prophet A-hi-jah. After Solomon had taken many strange women as his wives, they turned his heart to other gods and God was angry. He stirred up three different people to become Solomon's enemies. One of these enemies was Jer-o-bo-am. Jeroboam had been a mighty man of valour, and Solomon, seeing how industrious he was, made him ruler over the house of Joseph. It was at this time, the prophet Ahijah found him in the way, and rent his new garment into twelve pieces. What would you do if someone just walked up to you and torn your clothes in twelve pieces? This is a strange way to get a Word from the Lord!

Ahijah gave Jeroboam ten of the pieces and said, "Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee: But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake...'" God's reason for this was because Solomon had forsaken the Lord and was serving other gods. Then God spoke through the prophet and gave Jeroboam a wonderful promise. "If thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee." What a promise. But what happened after this? Solomon felt threatened after this and sought to kill Jeroboam. Jeroboam fled to Egypt and was there until the death of Solomon. Ahijah must have wondered what God was doing. I don't know how many years went by before Jeroboam came back and the man's word came to pass. Did the prophet wonder why Jeroboam left instead of becoming king? It's the man of God's responsibility to proclaim God's Word and God's responsibility to bring it to pass in His way and His time. Often, the man

This verse puzzled some women in a BIBLE study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature GOD. One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next BIBLE study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She did not mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As they watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities. The woman thought about GOD holding us in such a hot spot then she thought again about the verse that says: "HE sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in

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## THE MAN OF GOD

of God has a very difficult job.

At the time of Jeroboam's return, Solomon's son forsook the counsel of the old men and listened to his piers, which caused the kingdom to be divided and Jeroboam became king of Israel. God's Word coming to pass!

After Jeroboam became king, he began to be very insecure and worried that Israel would return to Judah so they could worship in the temple, and then would want to kill him. So, he did what religion always does. He developed his own form of worship and tried to make it look like the old. He inserted his own methods of worship. This became sin to Jeroboam and the people, so God sent a second "man of God" with a message. When we put men into the office of pastor or deacon who do not qualify, we are like Jeroboam!

This second "man of God" had a message for the king and a commandment for his own life. God told him what to say and what to do. It must have taken a lot of guts to come from Judah to Israel and stand before the king with a judgment. He could have easily been killed. At the threat of death he was willing to proclaim the Word of God!!! Very commendable.

**And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.**

**And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.** 1 Kings 13:2-3

This message angered the king and he put out his hand and commanded the men to lay hold on him. BUT, instead, the Lord caused his hand to dry up so that he could not pull it in again to him. The altar also was torn, according to the word of the "man of God".

The king asked for mercy, and the "man of God" prayed and the Lord restored his hand. Now the king is no longer threatening, but is now wanting to fellowship with him over food and drink, and offers to reward him.

The "man of God" had been told by God not to return the same way he came, and not to eat or drink. The "man of God" had no trouble saying no to the king. After all, he was ungodly, and the "man of God" did not want to be involved with him. BUT, then comes the "old prophet", one of his own, a fellow prophet.

The "old prophet" found the "man of God" sitting under an oak tree. I wonder how he felt. It had been a very scary day, it be wonderful to have had another believer to share it with?

The "old prophet" said, "I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the Lord, saying, 'Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water.'" But he lied unto him!

What! A prophet lying! Having a godly position and having the gifts of God upon one's life does not prevent them from sinning.

Often it has been preached that you do what the "man of God" says and don't question it. That is not true. The "man of God's word" should never be held above God's Word!!! The "man of God" is capable of sin, but woe to the "man of God" who allows himself to be taken in sin. Not only does it do damage to his life, but often means death to those who follow him.

The first "man of God" had no problem proclaiming God's Word, even at the risk of death, but when it came to his own life, he put man's word above God's Word. He believed the "old prophet" instead of the revealed Word he had received from God. Those who are committed to God and His work are not often moved by the world and what it has to offer, but it can be very difficult to stand upon God's Word when your Christian brother has a different interpretation. When our children were in Christian school, many of the standards God had given us to

practice were not part of the school's. Our children would say, "But everyone else does it." I'm sure you have heard that before if you are a parent, or you have said that to your parents. It was hard for us to take a stand that our church and school was not practicing. After all, they were good Christian people. Time has proven that there was good reason for the instructions the Lord had given me for our family.

What about the lying prophet? I don't know what was going through his mind that he would out and out lie to get his way and to cause a brother to disobey God. Maybe because he was old, he had been discarded and wasn't being used as he was in his youth. Maybe he hungered to visit with someone who had just heard from God. Whatever his reason was, he was wrong.

What really amazes me, is when God sent word to the "man of God", He sent it through the lying prophet! I guess if God can use a donkey, He can use a lying prophet. Don't you know that the "old prophet" must have been smitten when God spoke to him? The word was that he would not be buried in his father's sepulchre. They didn't know when or how he would die, they only knew he would not be buried in his father's sepulchre. I am sure that neither of them thought he would die that day.

When word came to the "old prophet" that the "man of God" was dead, he remembered the Word of God that the man had proclaimed, and believed it would come to pass. He went to get the "man of God" and bury him in his own sepulchre, where he also would be buried.

When God is at work there are always evidences that it is the work of His hands. The ass and the lion were still there when the "old prophet" arrived, and the lion had not eaten the "man of God" or the ass! Only God accomplish that. Are you a "man of God"? Be careful! If you are not a "man of God", are you praying for the "man of God"? He will be guilty is he fails God, and we will be guilty if we fail him, by not praying for him.

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## THE GUAY FAMILY

Then, as a little boy, he was teased about his scarred eye that was blind. Kids at school called him a “one-eyed monster”. Though he had frequent nightmares of eyes chasing him, he never realized that he was bitter about his eye injury.

After the doctor explained this to him, the seizures went away! Then, after we returned to America for furlough, a Christian counselor helped him to see that he had been bitter against God about his eye. He asked God to forgive him. Then the migraines and other problems (which we now believe were panic attacks) have all gone away.

We praised the Lord for helping us to find the solution to such a huge problem. It has been a year since Richard’s last seizure and 8 months since the last panic attack. In fact, he is healthier than ever. We are so thankful to God for leading us. We are also grateful to everyone who prayed for us during that difficult time.

While we were going through these things with Richard, I was diagnosed with Graves disease which caused my thyroid to be hyperactive. I have had radioactive iodine since we have been on furlough. Though I’m not completely well, I am improving. I am so thankful that God blessed me with a compassionate doctor, who has discounted all of my medical care.

We will return to Thailand on May 7, 2009. We can’t wait to get back home! We look forward to continuing our ministry at the Light Baptist Church and our outreach into public schools and prisons.

Thank you so much for your prayers and please continue to pray as we serve the Lord Jesus Christ in Thailand.

### Matthew Guay

A little over 8 years ago I stepped out of a Northwest Airlines 747 jet into a hot, humid September night in the country that was to be my new home. We were scared of everything

from ice to immigration. That evening, in Don Muang International Airport in Bangkok, Thailand, I wondered as an 11 year old boy what could have brought us to this place. I knew in general of course, that God had called my parents to this place, but why? I didn’t want to make Thailand my home. I didn’t want to learn Thai and I didn’t want to eat Thai food. I somehow thought that if I did these things I would quit being an American. Crazy, I know now, but it made perfect sense then. Over time, Thailand became home (I lived there after all). I learned to love Thai food (hunger helps, too), and after a while I could speak Thai without trying. Additionally, and more importantly, God had given me a love and burden for Thailand. During the last 5 years in Thailand it has been my privilege to serve in churches in and through out Thailand.

Then, in 2007, when I was trying to decide what I was going to study in college, I just couldn’t get any peace about what to do. I wanted to study aeronautical engineering, but until I decided to enroll in Bible college, I didn’t get any peace. I enrolled in the University of Texas’s TeleCampus online program ([www.telecampus.utsystem.edu](http://www.telecampus.utsystem.edu)), and also Tabernacle Baptist College’s external studies program ([www.tbc.sc/college/external](http://www.tbc.sc/college/external)). This enabled me to study from our home in Thailand and still help in the ministry also. I have also studied this way while our family has been on furlough this year, but I was planning to stay behind and finish my engineering degree in the States. But, I just couldn’t get any peace about doing this. I felt that God still wanted me to serve Him in Thailand, and after going back to Thailand in January for a 2 week trip, I felt this even more strongly. Two weeks ago our family was at the missions conference at Windsor Hills Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, OK. and during the services I knew that God wanted me to return to Thailand. I surrendered to go back to Thailand and continue helping in the ministries. Thankfully I can finish my

Bible college from Thailand, and I am going to switch to Software Engineering, which I can study online from the University of Phoenix ([www.phoenix.edu](http://www.phoenix.edu)).

God has given me great peace about this decision, and by His grace I want to help bring His peace to the Kingdom of Thailand. And now I truly understand just why our family went to Thailand in the first place. As I now know that it is the place God wants me individually as well.

*The Guay family are a part of the Galilean Baptist Church and we love them dearly. Everyone in the family (all 10) are missionaries. The children serve in the Sunday School and Matthew teaches Sunday School, plays the piano, and many times last year when his father was sick he would fill in for him. A year ago Richard was almost too sick to come home. Now, he is going back a restored man. Please pray for the family as God brings them to your mind.*

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## The Refiner !

the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, “How do you know when the silver is fully refined?”

He smiled at her and answered, “Oh, that’s easy - when I see MY image in it.”

----Author Unknown

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## What is a grandparent?

(taken from a class of 8 year olds).

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people’s.

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## SELFISNESS

Death takes our loved ones -  
We are bowed in grief. For whom?

Are we not selfish?

A mourner weeps for himself,  
The dead know nought of sorrow.

---Margaret E. Bruner





by  
*Gloria Brewster*



## INSPIRATIONS

# QUEEN ESTHER-Part four

## *How to Accomplish the Will of God Through Ungodly Authority!*



In part four we will look at Esther coming before the king for her life. When Haman sent out the decree to kill the Jews on the 13th day of Adar, Mordecai rent his clothes and put on sackcloth with ashes and went into the midst of the city and cried with a loud and a bitter cry. He even went so far as to go to the king's gate. It was a law that none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. So Mordecai went as close as he could and still stay within the law. He wasn't quiet about the matter either.

This king did not allow anybody to come into his presence with a troubled spirit. He didn't want to know about troubles in his kingdom. I guess he could just play like everything was OK if he didn't see it. I believe that Mordecai wanted the king to hear him cry, in hopes of being able to talk to the king. But Esther heard about him before the king heard, and she was EXCEEDINGLY grieved. This was going to cause trouble and she didn't want trouble. She sent her chamberlain with raiment to cloth Mordecai and to take away his sackcloth, but he would not. Esther didn't ask why he was doing this until he refused. Then she sent her chamberlain to find out what was going on. Esther was living in the palace, but she had not heard what had happened. Sometimes we can be very close to the source and still not know what is going on!

Mordecai told the chamberlain what had happened and he gave him a copy of the writing of the decree. Then he said, "Charge Esther to go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people." Esther sent back word that he knew that no one was to approach the king unless he invited them. The law was to put a person to death if he approached without being invited, unless the king would hold out his golden scepter, that he might live. Then Esther told him she had not been called to come in unto the king for thirty days.

Esther was not secure in her relationship to the king. Why had he not called for her? They had been married almost five years at that time and the honeymoon was over. He had many wives and did not need to call her all the time. I don't know about you, but that would be a very insecure feeling. I think I would have been afraid to approach this king. Remember what happened to Vasti?

Mordecai sent back to her and said, "Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and *who knoweth whether thou are come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*" Esther was the one sitting in the best seat to reach the king! The burden was put on her, BUT if she didn't want to do it, the Lord would send somebody else. Mordecai's faith and trust was not in Esther, but it was in the Lord his God. Esther had a golden opportunity to be used of God in a

wonderful way, OR, she could think of her own self and hope no one found out that she was a Jew. They all knew that Mordecai was a Jew, and if they put two & two together, they would realize that Esther was a Jew also. The hopes of keeping it a secret where not very good. There was no way she could have saved Mordecai from Haman.

Esther must have been scared and she must have felt insufficient for the task. Who, me Lord! Haven't you felt like this before?

Esther thought about it and sent this answer. Gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan and fast and do not eat or drink for three days and nights. She said she and her maidens would do likewise and then she would go in unto the king. If you were in Esther's shoes, do you have Christian friends who would go three days without food or water for you? I'm afraid, because of our prosperity, that we have forgotten how to fast and pray and wait upon the Lord.

Esther entered into this task saying, "If I perish, I perish." Esther laid her life down to the Lord and said, "If you let me perish, I'll perish, or if you desire, you will deliver me." She didn't know what the Lord would do for her. This is what you call a work of faith. It was right to do and it was necessary to do, and it was up to God as to how He would work for them. **WHAT FAITH!**

When the fast was over, Esther put on her royal apparel! The way you dress when you approach someone tells them what respect you have for them. Esther dressed her best. I don't believe that Esther looked like she had fasted. This king didn't like sadness. I believe Esther had a pleasant appearance. History says that Esther almost fainted with fear when she walked into his presence. I wouldn't doubt that; this was life or death. History says that when the king saw how scared she was he quickly held out the scepter to her. Esther obtained favour in the king's eyes. Answered prayer. God at work.

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## THE GUAY FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND



*The Guay family were our first missionaries to be published in Tid Bit's of Wisdom. God's has worked wonders in their family and we thought you might like an update. The first article is by the mother, Kristi, and the second article is by Matthew, their oldest son.*

One afternoon last February (2008), our family watched a video together. All the children, ages 4-18, sat quietly as they watched this sad story unfold. Most of us cried as we watched the family in the video go through a situation we were going through ourselves. A friend had sent the video called "First Do No Harm" in hopes of helping us.

The family in the video had a child with severe seizures. The entire family was affected by that ordeal of facing frightening seizures, test, side effects of medicine, medical bills, exhaustion, and the fear of their loved one dying.

As we turned off the video the kids began to describe their own feelings of watching their dad suffer with seizures. The video helped us to understand our own feelings and caused me to determine to find better medical care for my husband, Richard.

Richard's convulsive seizures had begun suddenly 2 months before, but he had many months with odd symptoms that could have been various types of seizures. He had suffered with migraines for years, but by the fall of 2007 they were almost constant. In addition to that, he was having memory loss. A neurologist did an EEG and diagnosed him with epilepsy. He started anti-seizure medicine and the seizures began to get worse. He spent the week of Christmas in ICU because of non-stop seizures. He went home taking 3 strong anti-seizure medicines, walking with a walker, and still having several seizures a day.

A month had passed, and I was wondering if we should leave the mission field. I was beginning to think that Richard would never get better. God had given us the strength and grace to make it each day, but I was wondering if God was telling us to go back to America. As I prayed for God to show me His will, people emailed and called to encourage us. Churches and individuals sent love offerings to pay the medical bills. Thai preachers and other missionaries preached in Richard's place. God was taking care of everything. Then 3 significant things

happened that God used to answer my prayers.

First, our landlord asked his son to try to find a doctor that could help Richard. He emailed me a name of an Epilepsy monitoring unit in Bangkok. I emailed them, but I didn't get my hopes up because a friend said that it was very difficult to get in that hospital. Then, because of the video I started emailing back and forth with a doctor in America. He advised me to bring Richard to America. With no plane ticket money for 10 people, no insurance, and a 36 hour trip with 8 kids and my husband having almost constant seizures, I didn't think it was possible to go to America. So, I called my pastor's wife, Mrs. Brewster, and she prayed with me. She asked God to lead me that night like He led the children of Israel with fire by night. I checked email one last time and at 2:00 am went to bed still praying for God to lead me.

I woke up at 6:00 am feeling an urgency to check email. I was very surprised to find that during the 4 hours that I slept the doctor in Bangkok emailed me. He said to bring Richard to Bangkok. I knew that God had led me through the night.

We arrived at the hospital the next morning. The doctor took Richard off of most of the medicines, and he began to improve! They did video and EEG monitoring for 4 days. The results showed that he didn't have epilepsy. The doctor felt that he had psychogenic seizures, which are non-epileptic seizures caused by trauma and stress. They are common in children that had traumas and soldiers after a war. He said that for 80% of people they go away after they know the cause of the seizures.

Richard's trauma had happened when he was 21 months old. He fell while running with a stick. It went into his eye. His parents were out of town so his baby-sitter called an ambulance, and he was rushed alone to the hospital. He was almost in shock as he waited for hours for his parents.

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## ESTHER-PART FOUR

Esther quickly got the king's attention. He asked her what she wanted and told her she could have up to half the kingdom! Wow! That's not bad. Esther didn't need riches and she didn't need gifts. She needed the king's heart and his attention. God had filled her with wisdom and she knew that it was going to have to be just the right time when she told him what she needed.

One thing we should remember when we need something from our authority is that timing is just as important as the request. God has made everything beautiful in His time. In our time it can look like an awful mess!

When you read the Scripture you will notice that Esther had already set up a banquet for the king before she came in. Esther didn't know if the Lord would redeem her, but she lived as though He would by being prepared ahead of time.

At the banquet the King reminded her she could have up to half the kingdom, and again he asked her what she wanted. God was saying to Esther, "Not yet, Esther!" Esther said, "If I have found favour and if it please the king, then come tomorrow and I will fix a banquet for you and Haman, and I will tell you what I need."

Are you surprised that the King could not sleep that night? He was probably trying to figure out what Esther was up to. I'm not a man, but a woman's curiosity would never allow her to go to sleep until she knew the facts.

Haman was a different story. He thought he had the world by the tail. He was so wrapped up in his glory that he didn't catch a thing. He went home and called all his friends and his wife and spent the night bragging about how wonderful he was. BUT, he couldn't enjoy his blessing because Mordecai was a thorn in his side. He couldn't wait until the thirteenth of Adar, to get even, so at the advise of his wife and

friends, he built a gallows to hang Mordecai upon. BUT, God had other plans!

Haman went very early to the court so he could kill Mordecai before the banquet. You notice that even Haman did not go in until he was called. As the king read about Mordecai, and realized he had never honoured him for saving his life, he asked who was outside, and Haman came in.

When the king asked Haman how he should honour a man whom he delighted to honour, Haman thought surely he was talking about him. Haman began telling the king how he should honour him, and he laid it on thick. Then the king told him it was Mordecai and Haman's heart fell to his toes. He knew from this minute on that he was in trouble and that the trouble had just begun!

Can you imagine Haman leading Mordecai through the streets on the king's horse, in front of the men who had gone to Haman and got Mordecai in trouble. How embarrassing!!! This man was in for a rough day.

All of Haman's friends and his wife confirmed to him that he was in trouble. Earlier, Mordecai was in sackcloth, now Haman had his head covered and was in mourning. The tide had turned.

The chamberlains had to come and gotten Haman and hastened him to get to the banquet. It was the same banquet he was so excited about yesterday, yet he didn't know who Esther is!

Again the King asked Esther, "What do you want?" Esther answered, "If I have found favour and if it please the king, let my life and the life of my people be given me at my request." Esther told the king that Haman had sold her and her people to be destroyed. She said she would not have said a word if they had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen. They knew how to accept that from the hand of the Lord. But she said, "The enemy could not undo the damage that this action would do to his kingdom." Not only was this death to her people, it

would have turned on the king for damage also. Haman would have become his enemy also.

The king demanded to know who had done such a thing. Esther said, "The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman." Esther was bold and didn't beat around the bush.

The story ended with Esther in charge of Haman and his house and the king gave his ring to Mordecai and said, "Write what you want!" Between Esther and Mordecai and the good hand of the Lord, the Jews were the victors. Haman and all his sons died because Haman wanted revenge. I'm not sure the king didn't go ahead and give Esther half the kingdom. He gave her power to do as she pleased, because it pleased her to please the king!!!

The Jews did not take advantage of the liberty God gave them. They took none of the spoil in the war. They were not out to get the people, they were out to save their lives. Today the Jews still celebrate Esther's victory on the fourteenth and fifteenth of the month of Adar.

Esther's work saved her people. It saved Mordecai's life and opened a door that would reveal Mordecai's greatness. Mordecai was one who returned to build the temple.

As women, we can make a difference if we will die to our life and live to do the will of God. If we will live to please and seek the favour of our authorities. We are making a difference everyday we live. That difference may bless lives or curse lives, but remember, "Your work lives on!" That's a sobering thought!

Who has the ear of the king (President) today?! We had better pray for an Esther!!!

---Gloria Brewster

## OUTWITTED!

He drew a circle that shut me out -

Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.

But Love and I had the wit to win:

We drew a circle that took him in!

---Edwin Marham

Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

# TID BIT'S OF WISDOM

**Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:  
for his mercy endureth for ever. Psalms 106**

The Lord has been very good to Tid Bit's of Wisdom from day one. Yet, He has allowed us to grow slowly. We have many wonderful friends who love us and are very gracious to our lives, but the first support for Tid Bit's came from a stranger to our lives. It was not a large gift, but it has come every month and has been a real encouragement to us. Then, God began to bring friends who committed to support us monthly and have been faithful in their giving. Some friends do not give every month, but as God blesses them, they share with us. Last month we received our first check from a church. About one year into Tid Bit's, we began receiving a large monthly gift, which doubled our monthly income. We knew this gift would not be permanent, but this gave us liberty to buy some equipment that was much needed.

It has been in our hearts lately to have a way to produce the paper in later years. That would be very expensive. At this time, we do not have enough monthly support to do that, and as our son counseled us, God has provided at this time a way, and we are very grateful for that way. This month the Lord put it in the heart of a friend of this paper to supply a large amount of money to be put aside for equipment for the future. This donor does not want to be recognized by name, but we thank this person for sharing their life with this ministry. This gift will not be used for monthly postage, but will be used for equipment and expenses outside of the monthly paper cost. What a God we serve that hears our heart's cry and makes provisions for us to go forward in His work. Praise the Lord for His goodness!!

We have increased the paper to 1300 last month. We had a real scare with the post office. A lady, who didn't know what she talking about, said we would have to pay 30 cents a paper to mail next month. We are now paying 17 cents a paper. That would mean, we would need twice the support we are now receiving! Thank the Lord she was wrong, but it made us stop and think, that with the post office having money problems, things could change quickly. We will just trust the Lord and keep on keeping on.

If you are reading this paper, we would like to remind you that this paper is free to you. We would only ask that you ask the Lord if He would have you be a part of this work. If the Lord does not touch your heart to support this work, then just enjoy and we thank the Lord for you. It is such a thrill to live by faith!

We are hearing from many people that they are enjoying the paper. We love to hear from our readers. We had asked people to send their testimonies to us on an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of paper. We have only received two and both of these men are in prison. What a thrill to hear from them and know our paper is reaching them. Last month we published Robert Gonzales's testimony and this month he sent a thank you to us. This month we received a testimony from Jerry Lemaine. Every month, the Shewflets take the left over papers and give them to prisoners they minister to and this is a letter from one of their people:

*I made a terrible decision two years ago and the Lord used that to change/ save my life. Some think you shouldn't find the Lord in jail because it won't last. I say, if not here, when? When you are out chasing girls, drinking, smoking, or is the best time when all that is taken away and all you have is time to think, reflect and read. All at once it all begins to make since and you wish you didn't drink and drive. Then you realize everyone is still alive, no one died. You wish your freedom wasn't gone, then you realize you never were really free. You thought you were a Christian before, but now you know what it really means to be a follower of Christ. Would I have found it on my own? I realize my own way led me down*

*this path. His way saved my life now and forever. It's not where or how you found the Lord. Take joy and understand that He is always looking for us, drunk, sober, clean, rich, poor, middle class, saved, unsaved. Now we can truly be free. This is how the Lord found me. I know He can find you too.*

**---Jerry Lemaine**  
**He also let us know he read through his Bible last year!!!**

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**No amount of wisdom can assure you that you will not have testings.**

**No amount of money can assure you that you will not have a need.**

**No position or fame can assure you that you will always be honored.**

**No favor last forever**

**No beauty last forever**

**No health last forever**

**No mind last forever**

**No talent last forever**

**Eccl 12:13**

**Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**

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--Psalms 68:11--

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## **This Is Thy Will, I Know**

**Words: Charles Wesley  
Music: "Trentham" by Robert Jackson**

**Ps 5:10**

**This is Thy will, I know,  
That I should holy be,  
Should let my sins this moment go,  
This moment turn to Thee.**

**O might I now embrace  
Thy all sufficient power,  
And nevermore to sin give place,  
And never grieve Thee more!**

## **WILL OF GOD**

And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:39-40

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. 1 Thess 4:3-6

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thess 5:18