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God has allowed me to write *Hell and Judgement* as the fulfillment of a nearly decade-long desire to deliver an unvarnished message of warning to a lost world. In a demonstration of the depth of God's love and grace God has also allowed me to write *Forgiven* and in the process experience His renewing forgiveness.

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For all those who cannot speak

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PREFACE

I am a sinner saved by grace. I am trying to reach a dying world with a message of eternal life through Jesus Christ. My hope rests in Jesus Christ. It is my prayer that *Hell and Judgment Are Coming* is a meaningful message and wake-up call to a lost world. I pray you are blessed and strengthened.

All the glory and credit for the inspiration, writing, and publishing of *Hell and Judgment Are Coming, Time for Repentance is Now*, belongs to God.

Thank You Jesus!

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CHAPTER 1

UNSHAKABLE TRUTH

Hell and Judgment are coming. The notion that any nation or the world will be a utopia if we can just remove all the guns, drugs, and disparity of wealth is an illusion.

Unshakable truths shape the world's destiny. These truths do not depend on whether you or I believe them, they simply are.

First and foremost, man rebels against God but God remains sovereign. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is supreme.

Scripture is the infallible, inerrant word of God. The written word of God is so powerful that it is feared across the world.

The world cannot fix itself. Apart from Jesus Christ there is nothingness. He is the living Son of God.

Satan, rules the world for a time, but he is limited by God's sovereignty.

All of this leads to one end, the world we currently live in will end on God's timetable, according to God's plan. Neither Satan, the Antichrist, nor man can change the end of the story. But, through Jesus Christ you can change your story.

CHAPTER 2

WARRING AGAINST GOD

The world's hatred of God is so visceral that mankind will war directly against God. The spiritual and metaphysical war which rages all around, unseen by most people, will be joined by a flesh and blood war of unimaginable, real and tangible destruction. The world will join in Satan's effort to dethrone God. (Revelation 16:13-16 and 19:19).

This rebellion will be preceded by the Antichrist (Satan's puppet) demanding upon penalty of death that every living soul worship him. (Revelation 13:15). World-wide chaos, destruction, pestilence, plagues, starvation and death will proceed the gathering of the world's armies against Jerusalem (a hell on earth). (Revelation 6; and 16:1-12).

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The armies of Satan will be met by the army of God. All those with Satan will be utterly destroyed. (Revelation 19:11-21). Satan himself will be bound until God's appointed time. (Revelation 20:1-3).

At God's appointed time Satan will be released from his chains for one final rebellion. (Revelation 20:7-10). This will be the war to end all wars. *Id.* The world we know will be destroyed. (1 Corinthians 7:29 and 31; Revelation 21 and 22). Those that reject Jesus Christ will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire, a place of never-ending anguish, torment and despair. (Revelation 20:10-15).

But, how did we get here and why?

CHAPTER 3 GOD OR GOVERNMENT

Man is bound and determined to destroy himself, to destroy the world. The world will continue to spiritual downward into further separation from God until mankind literally takes up arms against God. Man's rebellion against God started when man tried to become like God. (Genesis 3:1-7).

Because of man's nature, we must be ruled by someone. Left to our own devices mankind quickly devolves into depravity. In the Garden of Eden, man chose to listen to Satan's lies rather than continue to walk with God.

Because of man's inherently sinful nature, the less we have of God the more

government we must have. The more government we have the less freedom we have. The less freedom we have the greater the tyranny. Human institutions become an instrument of Satan to be used in a futile attempt to destroy the Jewish people and make every living person worship Satan. (Exodus 1:15-22; Matthew 27; and Revelation 13:15).

William Penn, an early America settler and founder of the City of Philadelphia, PA, recognized that “*Men must be governed by God or ruled by tyrants.*”

A time will come when earth will be a living hell like the world has never seen. 1/3 of the world's trees and grass will be burnt; 1/3 of all living creatures in the sea will be die; 1/3 of the ships on the sea will be destroyed; 1/3 of the stars and the noon will be darkened; 1/3 of the world's population will be killed; and that's just the beginning. (Revelation 8; and 9:15-21).

Worship Satan or die will be the mantra of the times. (Revelation 7; and 13:6-8).

If this is how the story ends, if this is how eternity spirals too its final end, life would not be worth living. However, there is a flip-side to this story. There is a flip-side to how the whole show ends. God is in control not Satan. A such, we must watch the Director's cut.

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CHAPTER 4 GOTTA SERVE SOMEBODY

Sides are being drawn. Man's inherent nature is driving the world to the final climax, the final rebellion against God.

Limited only by God's sovereign authority, this rebellion, just like in the Garden of Eden, is being orchestrated by the temporary ruler of this world, Satan. (Genesis 3:1-6)

From this we know that there are two choices, heaven or hell; Christ or Satan. (Matthew 12:30) (Who is not with Jesus Christ is against Jesus Christ).

As the Bob Dylan song, *Gotta Serve Somebody*, illustrates: Whether a banker, barber, businessman, mistress or debutant, "You're gonna have to serve

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somebody, Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord, But you're gonna have to serve somebody.”

You serve one or the other. There is no third option.

CHAPTER 5 USURPER

Throughout time Satan has attempted to usurp God's authority and God's plan. Whether it was in the Garden of Eden; an Egyptian Pharaoh ordering the murder all first born Jewish male children; Haman's plot to kill all the Jewish people in the kingdom of Ahasuerus; King Herod ordering the murder of all male children two years old and younger born in Bethlehem; or Satan offering Jesus Christ the world if Jesus would just worship him; Satan's purpose has been to replace God as Lord of your life, to replace God. (Genesis 3:1-6; Exodus 1:15-22; Esther 3:6; Matthew 2:16-18; and Matthew 4:1-11).

Satan prowls the earth seeking to kill, steal and destroy. (Job 1:7; 1 Peter 5:8; and

John 10:10). While Satan reigns today as ruler of this world, he is limited by God's sovereignty. At God's appointed time and not before, Satan will rise on a global scale like never seen before in history. He will seek to conquer the world. (Daniel 2:21; 2 Thessalonians 2; and Revelation 13:1-10).

Satan hates the Jewish people and the nation of Israel because they are God's chosen people. (Deuteronomy 7:6). Satan hates you because you were made in God's image. (Genesis 1:26-27).

Satan hates blood bought born again Children of God because we worship Jesus Christ and will not surrender to Satan. (Revelation 13:15). Satan's goal from Genesis to Revelation is to usurp God. (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).

CHAPTER 6

CONQUEST RIDES A WHITE HORSE

The infamous, Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse begin with Conquest.¹ Like a great military leader, this Horseman goes about to conquer the whole earth militarily. Conquest is followed by War² (slaughter and strife), Famine³, and Death⁴

¹ Early Bible teachers interpreted the rider on the White Horse as Jesus. However, careful study of the comparison of scripture makes a clear distinction between Jesus Christ in Revelation 19:11-16 and the rider in Revelation 6:1-2. A widely accepted view is that the rider on the white horse in Revelation 6:12 is military conquest such as external conquering of nations (nation warring against nation). Another popular view is that the rider in Revelation 6:1-2 is the Antichrist.

² The second horseman is widely accepted as being internal strife and uprising (civil war and uprisings within a nation).

³ Throughout history, whenever nation rises against nation or internal civil war exists, famine closely follows.

⁴ Whenever conquest, war, and famine are present, death and hell are close at hand.

(Death and Hell are seen as inextricably intertwined).

And I saw when the Lamb [Jesus Christ] opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he [Conquest] that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come

and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. (Revelation 6:1-8) (KJV).

Scripture is clear, the world cannot escape its fate. But you have a choice.

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CHAPTER 7 KING OF KINGS

Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He came the first time to bring salvation to the world, to bring salvation too all those who would trust in Him as their Lord and Savior. (John 3:16-21). Yet, He was rejected by those who should have received Him. (John 1:9-13).

Jesus Christ defeated Satan on the cross, He destroyed death when He rose from the grave. (Romans 1:4; Romans 6:9, Colossians 1:13; and Colossians 2:14-15). Jesus has already won. Christ will reign without end as King and Lord. (Daniel 2:44; Revelation 11:15; Revelation 21; and 22). As so vividly described in Revelation 19:11-16:

[H]eaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he [Jesus Christ] that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his

*thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS,
AND LORD OF LORDS.*

Every knee shall bow and every tongue
confess Jesus Christ as the living Son of God.
(Philippians 2:10-11).

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CHAPTER 8

THE PREAMBLE

When asked by His disciples when He would come again, Jesus answered with a warning:

Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:4-14).

The question is not if Christ will return but when?

CHAPTER 9
THE TIME IS NEAR
(The Promise)

Jesus promises He is coming quickly. (Revelation 3:11 and 22:12). Jesus's word is faithful and true.

We must keep in mind that to the infinite God time is relative. In others words, God is without beginning or end. (Hebrews 1:10-12). He was, He is and He will be forever and ever. (Revelation 4:8). Therefore, a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day to God. (2 Peter 3:8-9). Time is in the hands of the one who created time, God.

Jesus Christ is preparing a place for you if you have surrender to Him as Lord and Savior. If He prepares a place for you, He will return for you. (John 14:1-5).

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Why wait? Why does Jesus not return today and set the world straight? Jesus waits because He loves us. Jesus is patient wishing that none should perish. (2 Peter 3:8-9).

What if He had returned the year, the month, the day, the hour or the minute before you accepted Him as your Lord and Savior?

CHAPTER 10
THE TIME IS NEAR
(Repentance)

In Acts 17:30-31 God makes it clear that the time for man (people) to put away their foolish ways is now. God has been patient with our trying to replace Him with everything, anything, and nothing. For nothing is nothing and everything is nothing apart from God.

Man (people) is a sinner. You are a sinner; I am a sinner. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:21-28). All but one; Jesus Christ was sinless. He bore your sins and mine on the cross at Calvary. (1 Peter 2:21-24).

To be a child of God we must repent of our sins and turn to Jesus as our expectant

hope. For His blood is the only acceptable sacrifice for your, mine and the world's sins.

But what are we repenting from? And what is repentance?

At its core, sin is a separation from God. (Isaiah 59:2; Ezekiel 22). Sin is an act or omission against God's word, the creator of all and everything. (Genesis 1). We can sin by doing something God has told us not to do just as we can sin by not doing something that God had told us to do. (Numbers 20:8-12; and Jonah 1).

Repentance is a term used to describe being deeply and truly remorseful for an act or acts (or omissions) against God and turning away from the behavior (changing direction). We turn from the behavior and we turn to Jesus Christ as the living Son of God. (2 Corinthians 7:8-10; 1 John 2:1-3; 1 John 3:1-10; and 1 John 3:23-24).

CHAPTER 11
THE TIME IS NEAR
(Vigilance)

God will come at a day and time when people are not expecting Him. (Matthew 25:13 and 2 Peter 3:10). In the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25:1-13, Jesus teaches an important lesson. We must be prepared; we must be vigilant; we must remain steadfast; we do not know when he will come. When the door is closed, the world's fate is sealed. (Luke 16:19-31).

As blood bought born again children of God, we should be living life like Jesus' return is imminent and the flames of hell are nipping at our heels.

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CHAPTER 12

THE RELATIONSHIP

Man was made to walk with God. But man rebelled against God when he tried to be like God. (Genesis 3). Man has been trying to replace God ever since.

You and I cannot truly find peace unless the void left when man first sinned against God (Adam ate the apple) is filled. We try to fill this void with anything and everything. Not until we fill the void in our inner most being, what some people would say is our heart or soul, with Jesus Christ can we find peace without end. (John 14:27; and Luke 24:31-32).

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CHAPTER 13

THE JUDGE

God appointed Jesus to judge all men. What will we be judged on? The answer: Our relationship with Jesus Christ. (Luke 12:8-9). Nothing else grants eternal life but a personal relationship with the living Son of God. (John 14:6).

Those that are surrendered to Jesus Christ have eternal fellowship with Jesus. We go to a place of peace and comfort forever and ever. (John 5:24 and Revelation 21). Everyone else, to eternal anguish: to the darkest dark, the hottest hot, a fire so hot that it consumes light into utter darkness. A fire that never consumes the body but torments without ceasing. (Isaiah 66:24; Luke 16:24; and Revelation 20:11-15).

CHAPTER 14

SAVED FROM HELL

You are precious to God; He has loved you from the beginning. He saw you before you were born and scheduled each day of your life. Every day was recorded in His book! (Psalm 139:16) (TLB). God does not wish that you should perish into the pits of every lasting hell. (Ezekiel 18:32). But He is a just God and those who deny His Son are already judged for their unbelief. (John 3:18).

Yet, God's love is enormous. Your sins are not so great that they cannot be covered by the blood of Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 59:1-20). He loved you and I so much that while we were still sinners He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer on a wooden cross as an atonement for your and my sins. (Romans 5).

An atonement for those who believe on Jesus Christ, the living Son of God.

The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself . . . (1 John 5:10). And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. (1 John 5:11-12).

Being saved is a relationship with the living Son of God; it is a relationship with God. This relationship does not mean that you will not face trials, heartache, pain or loss. Being surrendered to Jesus Christ has a cost. (Acts 7:54-60 and Revelation 6:9). What this relationship means is that you walk in this world with The One who created the world.

Believing on Jesus Christ for the salvation of your soul is acknowledging that

Jesus is the living Son of God (1 John 4:15); that He came in the flesh (1 John 4:2-3); He lived a sinless life (1 Peter 2:22 and 1 John 3:5); He willingly died on a cross for the forgiveness of sins (your sins) (Mark 14:36; John 12:47; and 1 John 4:10); and God raised Him from the dead (Acts 2:29-36). Believing on Jesus Christ for the salvation of your soul is surrendering your everything to Jesus as *your* Lord and Savior.

In Romans 10, versus 9 to 11 we are taught that:

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

And how do we know we are saved from hell? We take God at His word and act upon it.

If you want to surrender your life to Jesus Christ, do it. Living a life surrendered to Jesus Christ is action. Here is a prayer you can follow. You don't have to use these exact words, what matters is what is in the depth of your soul (heart):

Dear God, I am a sinner. Please forgive me of my sins. I reject the sinful path I am on and I surrender to Jesus Christ, the risen Son of God, as the Lord and Savior of my life. Amen.

If you prayed this prayer or something similar, welcome to the family. I encourage you to:

- Tell Someone
- Get Baptized
- Study the Bible
- Join a Christ Centered Church

Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to God but through the Son, Jesus Christ. (John 14:6).

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EPILOG

Hell and Judgment are Coming is not intended to be the complete work on the topics of hell, judgment, Jesus Christ or the end times. The Bible is 66 Books, 1,189 Chapters*, 31,103 verses, and 807,361 words, all of which point mankind to Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, King, Victor and Judge. The Bible does a far better job than I can ever do of explaining the world and Jesus Christ, and in much greater detail.

Test everything against the Word of God.

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PREFACE

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All the glory and credit for the inspiration, writing, and publishing of *Forgiven*, belongs to God. Thank You Jesus!

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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. (2 Corinthians 5:17).

I have asked myself many times during the past several years what makes me worthy to share God's word? What makes me believe I have a right or calling to represent Jesus Christ, the Holy and Living Son of God, to a lost and dying world? By all accounts I am a sinner. I have broken at least eight of the Ten Commandments.¹

How then can I teach about the forgiveness available through Jesus Christ? I

¹ We can sin outwardly in our flesh and inwardly in our thoughts. Sinning in our heart, while hidden from others is never hidden from God. As an example, Jesus explains that to lust after a woman is to commit adultery and to be angry with a brother is worthy of punishment. (Matthew 5:21-48).

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cannot apart from Jesus. Apart from the love and blood of Jesus Christ I am nothing more than a broken dying man going to hell. But, under the blood and love of Jesus Christ I have been forgiven and born anew.

CHAPTER 2 SAVED BY GRACE

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16).

Being saved by grace is more than just being with God for eternity. Being saved by grace is about a relationship with Jesus Christ. Being saved is about being forgiven for *all* of your transgressions (sins) against God.

You cannot work your way into heaven or into a relationship with Jesus. You cannot work-off your debt. (Ephesians 2:8-9).

A relationship with Jesus is built on faith. Faith in Jesus Christ as the living Son of God. Faith in Jesus's dying on a cross as the single worthy and acceptable sacrifice for your

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sins. Faith that through Jesus your sins have been forgiven. Faith that through Jesus you are adopted into His family. (John 1:12; John 20:31; Acts 16:31; Romans 5; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9; and Hebrews 9:13-14).

CHAPTER 3 DENYING CHRIST

But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 10:34).

Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, a man who in the face of torture and death proclaimed Jesus to a lost world, had not always demonstrated such strength. The night Jesus was taken away to face the cross, Peter denied Jesus three times. (Matthew 26:69-75). Peter, a rock of faith, was anything but that on this faithless night.

I do not know how many times you have denied Jesus, but, it's not one and done. Jesus loves you so much that He went to the cross so that you may have life and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10).

Let's look a little more at Peter. He denied Christ three times. Yet, after Jesus rose from the grave, Jesus went to Peter. For each of the three times Peter denied Him, Christ asked Peter "*Do you love Me?*" (John 21:14-17). Peter, a broken man, a man in such despair for having denied Christ, was restored by Jesus. (John 21:18).

Then Jesus told this man, who had denied Him at a crucial time in world history, to follow Him. Jesus foretold how Peter would later die rather than deny Him. Peter was forgiven and placed on assignment for God. (John 21:18).

Peter, after being filled with the Holy Spirit, went into the city where Jesus Christ had been taken captive and crucified. Peter preached to the crowds about Jesus. Likely preaching to many of the same people who had said crucify him, crucify him when Pontius

Pilot wanted to set Jesus free. Peter told the crowd that they had crucified an innocent man, the Son of God. Peter preached and three-thousand were saved. (Acts 2:1-36).

This same man who had denied Jesus three times went into the synagogue and preached Jesus born, crucified, and raised from the dead. (Acts 4:1-4). He and the Apostle John were imprisoned and told to stop preaching Jesus. Their answer in a nut shell, *is it better to serve man or God.* (Acts 4:19-20). Peter and John defied the authorities and continued preaching Jesus Christ. (Acts 5).

Like Peter, God is calling you. Like Peter, Jesus is ready to forgive you. Are you ready?

CHAPTER 4 KICKING AGAINST THE GOADS

And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads².’ (Acts 26:14).

Saul, before he was used by God to write a significant portion of the New Testament; before he was sent on assignment to reach a large portion of the non-Jewish world with the message of Jesus Christ, held the coats of the men who stoned Stephen to death. This man Saul carried arrest warrants to drag Christians to Jerusalem to be killed. (Acts 26:1-11).

² Tradition holds that “goads” is referring to a hard sharp instrument used to herd cattle or ox. It can also be called an “ox-goad”. (Judges 3:31). Kicking against a “goad” would be seen as a futile task.

Yet, while in the midst of persecuting Christians Saul met Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus. (Acts 26:12-18). Saul who is also called Paul, was redeemed by Jesus. (Acts 9:10-19; Acts 13:9).

Paul, this man who was called Saul, after being forgiven by Jesus preached Jesus throughout the Roman Empire. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit Paul is credited with writing at least thirteen books of the New Testament.

This Paul, who as Saul had sought the death of Christians, chose Christ over self. (Philippians 1:21-26). He endured prison, beatings, hunger, shipwrecks, and finally death for the sake of sharing Jesus Christ with the world. (Acts 28:1-5; 2 Corinthians 11:24-26; and 2 Timothy 4:6-8).

CHAPTER 5 THE BURNING BUSH

[A]n angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in the flame of a burning thorn bush. When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he approached to look more closely, there came the voice of the Lord: ‘I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob.’³ (Acts 7:30-34).

Moses, the man who in obedience to and under the authority of God led the Jewish people out of captivity, was first a murderer. When confronted with his act and facing his own death he fled to

³ *[T]he Lord said to him, ‘Take off the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground. I have certainly seen the oppression of My people in Egypt and have heard their groans, and I have come down to rescue them; come now, and I will send you to Egypt.’ (Acts 7:30-34).*

the wilderness⁴ where he hid for forty years. (Acts 7:30).

But God redeemed Moses. God put Moses on mission and changed history. (Exodus 3:10-22). God not only used Moses, a murderer, to deliver God's chosen people, He used Moses to deliver the Ten Commandments and write the first five books of the Bible.⁵

God used Moses and He can use you. Surrender your will to His.

⁴ *[W]hen Moses had grown up, that he went out to his brethren and looked on their hard labors; and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. So he looked this way and that, and when he saw there was no one around, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. He went out the next day, and behold, two Hebrews were fighting with each other; and he said to the offender, "Why are you striking your companion?" But he said, "Who made you a prince or a judge over us? Are you intending to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and said, "Surely the matter has become known." When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he tried to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the presence of Pharaoh* (Exodus 2:11-15).

⁵ The Ten Commandments are known the world over. The Ten Commandments form the basis of Jewish law and the law in many western nations (Don't Kill, Steal, Bear False Witness, Sleep with Another Man's Wife, . . .).

CHAPTER 6 THE COVER-UP

When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mark 10:47).

David, a shepherd boy called by God for greatness, killed Goliath, a warrior feared by all. David Killed Goliath with nothing more than faith, a sling and five smooth stones. (1 Samuel 17).

Yet, this man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22), relaxed on the job. Instead of being vigilant David allowed his eyes to wander. David, seeing Bathsheba, thought she was beautiful. Instead of turning from lust there and then, David ordered Bathsheba brought to him. David took her, causing her to become

pregnant. (2 Samuel 11). By now he is the King and can do whatever he wants.

In an attempt to cover up his sin David called Bathsheba's husband back from the war and encourages him to go to her. However, Uriah was a faithful servant and refused to enjoy the comforts of home with the nation at war. Because of Uriah's faithfulness and David's faithlessness, David ordered Uriah placed at the front of the army, knowing that this would cause his death. *Id.*

Believing his sin covered-up, David took Bathsheba as his wife. *Id.* But God knows all and sees all.

As a result of David's sin God sent a prophet to confront David. (2 Samuel 12). David, repented of his sin before God. Though God did not erase the consequences of David's actions, God forgave David. *Id.*

In spite of David's short comings, the Savior of the world came into the world through David's lineage. (Revelation 22:16).

CHAPTER 7 RUNNING FROM GOD

The word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me.” But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. (Jonah 1:1-3).

Each of us has run from God and some still are. As Jonah learned, there is no running from God. God found Jonah on the high seas (Jonah 1); God found Moses in the Desert (Exodus 2 and 3); God found David in the palace (2 Samuel 12); God found Peter fishing on the Sea of Galilee (John 21); God found Saul on the road to Damascus (Acts 26:12-18); God found Adam hiding in the Garden (Genesis 3); and God knows where you are.

CHAPTER 8 SIN

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23).

Sin is a separation from God. (Isaiah 59:2; Ezekiel 22). Sin is an act or omission against God's word, the creator of all and everything. (Genesis 1). We can sin by doing something God has told us not to do just as we can sin by not doing something that God had told us to do. (Numbers 20:8-12; and Jonah 1). We can sin in deed and/or thoughts. (Matthew 5:21-48).

Simply stated, sin is living a life separated from Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 9 THE ACCUSSER

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down, the one who accuses them before our God day and night. (Revelation 12:10).

Satan will take every opportunity you give him to throw your failures back in your face. He will bring to your mind every misdeed, every transgression, every failure, every sin you ever committed. He does this in an attempt to make you doubt your salvation. He does this to try and make you relive and rehash the pain and hurt. He does this in order steal your hope, joy, peace, and faith. Resist him and he will flee. (James 4:7)

We must never forget that Satan prowls the earth seeking to kill, steal and destroy. (1 Peter 5:8; and John 10:10). Satan is not interested in helping you. Satan does not love you. He accuses us before God in an attempt to separate us from God. (Job 1:8-11). I won't begin to speculate how Satan has access to accuse us before the Living God. I simply know it is true.

Godly grief brings about repentance and salvation whereas Satan seeks to destroy you. (2 Corinthians 7:10). Fight this attack with the shield of faith and sword of the Spirit which is the word of God. Put on the full armor of God, standing firm on your hope in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Remember, God does not use guilt over your forgiven past, that's Satan. When God forgives your past, you and your past are washed clean. (John 1:29; and 1 John 1:9).

Jesus teaches us a lesson on forgiveness in John 8:1-11. There came a day when the religious leaders were trying to trap Jesus (perhaps not the best move a person can make). These leaders brought a woman to Jesus who had been caught in the act of adultery.⁶ The punishment, stoning.

The leaders asked Jesus what was to be done. Jesus, writing on the dirt, said for those among them who are without sin to throw the first stone. Not a single stone flew. Instead, starting with the oldest men first, the crowd melted away.

Jesus looked to the woman and asked her where her accusers were? They were all gone. Jesus then said to the woman “*I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more.*” (John 8:11).

⁶ Notice, the Jewish leaders did not bring the man, who would have been caught with the woman, to Jesus. But that’s a story for another time.

CHAPTER 10 FORGIVEN

How blessed is he whose wrongdoing is forgiven, Whose sin is covered! (Psalm 32:1).

In the Old Testament, sins were covered by a blood sacrifice. This sacrifice was to be without blemish. (Ezekiel 43:22-24).

Through Jesus Christ the forgiveness of sins has been brought to the world. (Acts 17:38). Because without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness Jesus Christ willing gave Himself as a final and perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins to all who would trust on Him. (Hebrews 9:12-14; Hebrews 9:22; Hebrews 10:1-18; Romans 8:1; and Revelation 12:11).

In Jesus we have redemption of our life through His blood, the forgiveness of our

wrongdoings (sins), according to the riches of His grace. (Ephesians 1:7).

For those who may say to yourself, “*I have sinned too many times.*” “*I cannot seem to get my act together.*” “*God won’t forgive me.*” Let’s take a glimpse at a conversation between Jesus Christ and Peter.

Then Peter came up and said to Him, “Lord, how many times shall my brother sin against me and I still forgive him? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.” (Matthew 18:21-22).

For those who may say, “*My sins are too great. God won’t for forgive me.*” Remember Moses, David, Peter, and Saul.

Jesus is calling you. It is not too late to have your sins washed clean in the blood of Jesus Christ.

In scripture we are promised that God will not remember our sins if we trust on His

Son; if we are surrendered to Jesus Christ.
(Acts 3:19).

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) (ESV).

As forgiven children of God, we must also forgive ourselves. We must look to what lays ahead instead of looking back at our past. (Genesis 19:26; Luke 9:62; 2 Corinthians 5:17; and Philippians 3:13-14). It is like driving a car, if you spend your time looking in the rear-view mirror you will not get very far very soon.

CHAPTER 11 FORGIVING

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. (Matthew 6:12).

We must forgive others. Yet, we tend to judge others, especially those who commit the same wrongs as we have committed, more harshly than we were treated or want to be treated.

Jesus teaches a powerful parable about forgiveness in Matthew 18:21-35. This parable, or story, is about a servant who owed the King more money than he could ever repay. The man begged for forgiveness and mercy.

The ruler, having mercy on the servant, forgave all of the man's debts. Yet, this servant, who had been forgiven so much, had people who owed him money. What did he do? Did he

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forgive others' their debts? Did he show mercy as mercy had been shown to him? No, he demanded immediate payment.

The King, hearing about the servant's treatment of others, treated the forgiven servant twice as hard as the servant had treated his own debtors.

This parable, as well as others in the Bible, clearly teaches us that everyone who is shown great mercy, must himself grant mercy. For the measure at which you and I give, whether sparingly or abundantly, will be the measure by which we may expect to receive. (Mark 4:24).

CHAPTER 12 SALVATION

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have life eternal. (John 3:16).

Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? Have you repented of your sins (turned from your old self to a new you in Jesus Christ)?

The promise of forgiveness, the promise of a relationship with the living God is yours for the asking. You just have to trust. The walk with the creator of the world, the creator of everything that has even been or ever will be created begins with one single word, *trust*.

Trusting Jesus Christ for your salvation is trusting Jesus Christ to wash your sins away. Trusting Jesus Christ for your salvation is

trusting Jesus Christ to make you a new person. (2 Corinthians 5:17).

To truly trust that Jesus is your Savior, your Redeemer, your Protector, your King, you must trust that He cares about you; you must trust that He knows what is happening in your life.

In Matthew 10:29, Jesus reminds us that not even a sparrow falls to the earth without God being aware. How much more precious are you who are made in God's own image?

You too can be forgiven of your sins and be made anew. Trust on Jesus Christ for the salvation of your soul. Surrender to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that

you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” (Romans 10:9-11).

And how do we know we are saved? We take God at His word and act upon it.

If you want to surrender your life to Jesus Christ, do it. Living a life surrendered to Jesus Christ is action. Here is a prayer you can follow. You don't have to use these exact words, what matters is what is in the depth of your soul (heart):

Dear God, I am a sinner. Please forgive me of my sins. I reject the sinful path I am on and I surrender to Jesus Christ, the resurrected living Son of God, as the Lord and Savior of my life. Amen.

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If you prayed this prayer or something similar, welcome to the family. I encourage you to:

- Tell Someone
- Get Baptized
- Study the Bible
- Join a Christ Centered Church

Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to God but through the Son, Jesus Christ. (John 14:6).

EPILOG

FORGIVEN is not intended to be the complete work on the topics of salvation, forgiveness, or Jesus Christ. The Bible is 66 Books, 1,189 Chapters*, 31,103 verses, and 807,361 words, all of which point mankind to Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, King, Victor and Judge. The Bible does a far better job than I can ever do of explaining Jesus Christ, and in much greater detail.

Test everything against the Word of God.

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* Chapter, verse and word count are based on the NASB.

Hell is Real
Jesus SAVES
The choice is yours,
Choose wisely.