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## *SIN - PARDONABLE ?* *OR THE UNPARDONABLE*

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Many Christians who have walked with God, and then failed and sinned, cannot forgive themselves for having sinned when they KNEW it was against God's Word. And on these people the devil takes his prime targets to make them doubt that God will ever forgive them or love them again. So this article is written to help them see what GOD SAYS about HIS WILLINGNESS to forgive and restore.

Many people forget that both God and the devil have access to our MINDS to talk to us. When God created Adam & Eve and placed them in the Garden of Eden, God came and visited them every day in the cool of the evening. Yet the devil was not forbidden to come into the Garden and talk to them also. God's words gave life and assurance and warned them against doubt and sin that would bring both physical and spiritual death. Satan's words brought doubt and distrust to what God had said.

Satan APPEALED to the MIND of Eve by asking: "Did God say?" Then Satan added his lies: "You will NOT die." God said: "You shall surely die in the day that you eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and EVIL"...and the whole battle was thrown into the MIND of EVE to decide WHO she believed told the truth. She had no reason to believe Satan; he had never done anything good for her. And she surely had no reason to doubt God, for God did everything good for them. WHY did Eve DOUBT GOD'S CLEAR WORDS? "*the wiles of the devil.*" (Ephesians 6:11)

Satan has not lost his tactics of attacking YOUR MIND with evil suggestions of one sort or another, sometimes he suggests you commit ugly outright sins, saying they are not so bad--and you are smart enough not to get caught. And then he gives suggestions of how you can work things out so they look like they are good. God says all evil will be punished, but the devil says you won't be punished.

So right in your MIND you have to set up your standards. ARE YOU BELIEVING GOD'S Word or ARE YOU BELIEVING THE DEVIL'S LIES ???? STOP and think what your end will be if you follow the devil's suggestions; and what will be the END VICTORIES if you follow GOD'S WORD. Then choose which end results YOU WANT TO REAP.

The devil has two main lies he plays on everybody that will listen to him: The FIRST one Satan says: "This is not a mortal sin; it will make you wise and rich and smart; nobody will know." The SECOND lie comes immediately AFTER you commit the sin Satan tempted you to commit: "Ah, you have committed the unpardonable sin. You KNEW it was wrong and you did it. Now there is NO FORGIVENESS for you anymore. You are doomed and on your way to hell. So forget trying to live for God." **But Jesus says:** "WHOSOEVER cometh unto Me I will in NO WISE cast out." John 6:37. "If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and

to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9. I John 2:1 tells us: “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin NOT. AND IF any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”

God tells us that we have a LAWYER sitting on the right hand of the FATHER INTERCEDING FOR YOU and presenting His Own BLOOD AND SUFFERINGS ON THE CROSS as the payment for ALL your sins. BELIEVE it and you are forgiven completely. . . and God says He throws ALL your sins into the sea of His forgetfulness, never to remember them against us anymore forever. Isa. 38:17. Micah 7:19. Start at verse 18: “WHO is a God like unto Thee, that PARDONETH INIQUITY, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger forever, BECAUSE HE DELIGHTETH IN MERCY. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; He will subdue our iniquities; and will CAST ALL THEIR SINS INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA.”

Now, WHO are you going to believe? God says He has mercy and will forgive. The devil says God won't forgive you.

Jesus told us that the devil is a LIAR and the father of lies, and only comes to KILL and to destroy. BUT JESUS CAME TO GIVE US LIFE and life more abundantly. John 8:44, 47: “He that is OF GOD heareth GOD's WORDS...” So if your MIND thinks on what GOD says, you will have perfect PEACE because we trust GOD and don't listen to the devil. Isaiah 26:3; John 10:10

God commands us to love God with all our MIND as well as with all our heart. And God commands us to `Gird up the loins of our minds, and to think soberly and right and “not be tossed about by every wind of doctrine, nor by the sleight of men, nor by their cunning craftiness.” I John 1:4, Ephesians 4:14. God has given us the ‘spirit of a SOUND MIND’..to think and compare what GOD SAYS with what other people say, and with what the devil suggests in our minds or whispers in our ears. GOD EXPECTS US to listen to

what God says and BELIEVE what God says and obey it, then God has promised all His wonderful blessings to overtake us and our children..GOD commands us to take care of our MINDS... It is often said that an idle mind is the devil's workshop.’.. that is why we must keep our minds active seeking first the KINGDOM OF GOD..if we are real busy for God and building His Kingdom, we won't have time to listen to the devil's lies. Don't let the TV do your thinking for you. don't believe everything that you hear.. don't believe every spirit ..**but try the spirit to see if it is of God.. if it is according to the correct published Word of God..** for many false spirits are gone out into the world. I John 4:1.

Even when someone speaks in tongues and gives the interpretation or speaks in prophesy.. “Those that sit by JUDGE.

I Corinthians 14:27-29. The BIBLE PLAINLY SAYS D O N O T BELIEVE EVERY SPIRIT but TRY the spirits to see if they be of GOD or of the devil. Hold fast that which is GOOD and don't pay any attention to anything that does not line up 100 % with the pure Word of God.

Sometimes people will say the Holy Spirit was speaking through them to tell you to do something. You may hear voices talking to you, or feel impressed to do this or that. BUT UNLESS YOU SEE IT IN THE WORD of God, and you can move on what GOD has written, and your life lines up to the requirements God has set forth for those that God can use (Psalms 15 and Psalms 24), then don't move. 2 Timothy 2:15 still is important, and “*NOT a novice*” still holds God's wisdom. So don't condemn yourself for not running out to preach when you first got saved. We don't put babies at the front of the battle, and the *90 day wonders* in the battle fields are often the highest casualties. It was proven so in World War II

God is just as wise. He doesn't want casualties. We are called early so we can PREPARE our hearts and our heads to do God's bidding. Stop condemning yourself and start obeying God's Word as you study it now.

The salvation of man was planned of God

BEFORE He created the world. For God knows the future just like He knows the present. So before God made the world, He knew that man would fall under the temptation of the devil, so God planned to send His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to be the "Lamb of God slain before the foundation of the world." I Peter 1:20

In other words, God planned and provided for our salvation BEFORE He ever created us. God the Son, accepted to die for our sins, the Father was willing to give His only begotten Son to die in our place of punishment for our sins, and the Holy Spirit was ready to bring this salvation to man by convicting him of his sins, and when man repents, He creates in him a NEW HEART.

Then God made man and placed him in the Garden of Eden, and as soon as man sinned, GOD gave a promise to Adam that "the SEED of the woman will crush the serpent's head." This happened at Calvary when Jesus died for our sins and rose TRIUMPHANTLY from the grave with the KEYS of death and hell...and commanded us to go tell every creature this good news and cast out devils in Jesus' Name. Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Revelation 1:18. The END of Satan is found in Revelation 20.

Adam believed God's promise of the Saviour, and God provided covering for Adam's nakedness by killing a lamb and using the skin to cover Adam's nakedness, which was a type of the Lamb of God dying for us and providing His righteousness to cover our sins. So Adam was saved by FAITH in what GOD PROMISED--that the Saviour would come and die in his place.

Abraham was saved as he believed the promise God gave him. It is written: "Abraham BELIEVED GOD and it was counted unto him for righteousness." In other words, God said to Abraham: Because you BELIEVED MY WORD TO BE TRUE, you will be counted a righteous man. So the righteousness of God was counted unto Abraham for salvation and he became a righteous man, NOT because of anything he had done; he only BELIEVED GOD WOULD DO WHAT HE HAD SAID He would do.

Eternal Life is given by a PROMISE to

"WHOSOEVER WILL MAY COME and take of the water of Life freely", and to "WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH" in the provision God made for our salvation through the death of His Son on Calvary. Therefore, when we BELIEVE GOD sent Jesus to die on the cross for MY SINS, God counts us worthy of salvation, and we become heirs of eternal life. Read Hebrews 6:13-19.

In the Old Testament it was lawful to swear and take oaths truthfully. People were made to swear and vow by God. And Hebrews says that every strife was settled by swearing in the Name of God. This practice still exists in the Middle East. They settle their disputes by swearing by God and it ends all strife. Today in America, the courts have a Bible and ask people to swear by it. (We Christians refuse to *swear* and only *affirm*, because Jesus said not to swear by anything, but let your nay be nay, and your yea, yea, for more than that is evil.)

But in the Old Testament swearing was powerful, for if the person did not do what he swore to do, a curse would come on him. So when God promised Abraham a son through whom would come the Saviour who would bless the whole world, because there is no greater than God Himself, God swore by Himself saying: "AS I LIVE blessing I will bless thee."

So Paul explains to the Hebrew Christians that God gave us a promise of salvation and He CONFIRMED it with an oath. That by two immutable things in which it was impossible for God to lie, we would have full assurance that we would be saved if we believed God's promise and His oath.

SO DOUBTS OF God's willingness to save you are of the devil. The devil always wants to bring doubts about what God says, even from the beginning--and he is still at it.

But Paul, in Romans 8, brought a beautiful thought of assurance of the love of God to man, showing that NOTHING can separate us from the love of God.

GOD SO LOVED that HE GAVE JESUS to DIE in our place and redeemed us from all our sins. Jesus will be our JUDGE at the end so if the Judge is on our side and He



is our Redeemer, the devil cannot claim us to destroy us. And only Jesus can cast into hell. Luke 12:4,5.

GOD LOVES and GOD GAVE and it is not His will that any should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance. Jesus came to SEEK and to SAVE that which was LOST.

Now, if a man failed and still wants to follow God, we have God's promise that IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, He is faithful and just to FORGIVE US our sins regardless how badly we have failed God. Still God's love and mercy are greater than any sin ever committed. Paul said that Jesus came to save the CHIEFEST of SINNERS, and the BLOOD of Jesus Christ, God's Son, CLEANSSES US from ALL SIN.

We have a wonderful example of God's faithfulness to forgive if we repent and turn from our sins, in the book of Jonah. Ninevah was such a wicked city that God pronounced HIS JUDGMENT on Ninevah: "In 40 days Ninevah will be destroyed." The people knew they were worthy of the judgment. But the King commanded every one to repent and turn from their wicked ways and cry mightily to God to forgive them. They were so in earnest, they did not eat or drink, man nor beast. GOD SAW their repentance and quickly forgave them, and did not send judgment, but spared both the city and the people.

God in His faithfulness has to tell us what His judgments will be on our sins. But when we turn from our sins and ask Jesus to cleanse us from our sins, GOD IS LOVING AND HIS MERCY ENDURETH FOREVER, and He is full of JOY and of the LOVE of GOD.

He sees us turn from the devil's lies and believe that God is faithful to forgive us all our sins. Jesus gave the example of God's JOY over a sinner that repents in the parable of the Prodigal son, the Lost sheep and the lost coin ...recorded in Luke 15.

There is no reason for any man to doubt that God loves him enough to save his soul and forgive all his sins, if he is willing to TURN FROM the thing that GOD said NOT TO DO.

Because God loved us while we were yet in our sins and gave Jesus to die for our sins, God has declared HIS WILL that ALL should come to REPENTANCE. "WHOSOEVER WILL MAY COME" Revelation 22:17. 2 Peter 3:9. He confirms His promises to save us by an oath. He is our Judge and He is also our High Priest and ADVOCATE and Defender Who intercedes for us to the Father. Isaiah 53:12, Hebrews 7:25, 2:17, 4:14-16, and 8:12.

Don't fear what the devil tells you. He cannot cast you into hell. ONLY JESUS can cast anyone into hell. But Jesus does not want you to go to hell. He wants to save you and has given His promises over and over again that "WHOSOEVER cometh unto HIM, He will in NO WISE cast out." John 6:37. GOD gave His promise to save you. If you don't believe God's Word, you make God a LIAR. I John 5:10.

Now, some say: "But I sinned knowingly and willingly." That still does not make any difference as far as God's mercy and love. You might not forgive yourself, but God will forgive. When people sin against us knowingly and willingly, we as humans, might find it hard to forgive them and we only forgive when they ask forgiveness, because if we don't forgive those who trespass against us, God won't forgive us our sins we committed against God. So we are caught! We might not feel like forgiving, but we have to do it, if we want to go to heaven. This kind of forgiveness does not flow from a loving, forgiving heart. But GOD'S LOVE is different; God is not man. God IS LOVE and when HE LOVES, He is full of MERCY and His mercies endure forever. He DELIGHTS in showing mercy to even the worst sinner that will call on Him for forgiveness and deliverance from sin.

When God forgives, He forgets. When you forgive, you still remember. The Bible says that HIS MERCIES are FRESH EVERY MORNING and He is our MERCIFUL HIGH PRIEST making intercession for us continually.

So, if you have doubts about God's willingness to forgive you, do not judge God by your own human heart and feelings but KNOW that GOD IS MERCIFUL

and JUST and FAITHFUL to hear the sincere cry for deliverance from sin. GOD is FAITHFUL to fulfill all His promises He has made and confirmed with an oath.

Those who fear they have committed the UNpardonable sin and there is no more hope for them, read Hebrews 6:4-6 and let me explain what this verse is talking about: There is only one sin that cannot be forgiven and that is the sin against the Holy Ghost. And Jesus explained what the sin against the Holy Ghost is: When Jesus cast out devils, they said He was casting out devils by the power of Beelzebub, the prince of devils. But Jesus said that He cast out devils by the finger of God or by the Spirit of God.

NO ONE that has fear that he has committed the unpardonable sin has really sinned against the Holy Ghost. Anyone that wants to return to the Lord and be forgiven and saved and follow the Lord again, can be SURE that it is the HOLY SPIRIT that is putting that desire in his heart, and is drawing him back to God, and Jesus will receive him with open arms rejoicing that you are back in the fold, away from the devil's crowd.

The reason why people that commit the unpardonable sin cannot be forgiven is not because there is not enough mercy and love in the heart of God to forgive such a sin, but the impossibility is due to the plan of God that makes the Holy Spirit the One who convicts us of sin and applies salvation to us and gives us the New Birth. When we grieve the Holy Spirit away, then there is no other to convict you of sin, of righteousness and of judgment, so you will not come to Jesus for forgiveness. And that is what the Jews did; they did not want the Spirit of God to convict them and they became blind to spiritual things, desiring a murderer rather than the loving Saviour.

But as long as a person has a desire to be saved and turn from sin, then the Holy Spirit is still striving with him, and he can be SURE the LORD still loves him and will receive him again.

Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:26-29 has been interpreted wrongly by many preachers who did not notice to whom Paul was writing the book of Hebrews to, and what was the case

that required such strong warning. The following facts will help us understand why Paul wrote as he did to the Hebrews.

The Hebrew Christians believed in Jesus and received the Holy Spirit and went on fine with the Lord for a time. Then false teachers from Judaism came and mixed among them and began to tell them that this Jesus that they believed in was NOT the true Messiah. That the true Messiah had not yet come, but will be coming later. So they tried to turn them from trusting in Jesus as the Son of God, and to wait for another Messiah. And there is none other! So Paul comes here and WARNS them that IF THEY FALL AWAY FROM THE FAITH in Jesus, you cannot be renewed again to repentance, because you crucify to yourself afresh the Lord Jesus. As there will be no other Saviour coming, the Spirit of God will not work in them to hope for another Saviour. If they look for another one, there will be no other saviour.

So that was the reason Paul had to write to the Hebrew Christians such strong warning. But if you will notice right in verse 9, Paul goes immediately after severely warning them of the dreadful state of falling from grace, he comes in with encouraging them to HOLD FAST to their PRESENT FAITH SAYING: "We are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation." In other words: "STAY in your faith in Christ and stay saved. You are not lost yet, even if I thus speak to warn you; but if you withdraw from your faith in Jesus that He is the TRUE MESSIAH, then you

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will perish and not be able to be saved.”

Paul then continues his Epistle in chapter 10 verse 23, saying, “Let us hold fast the profession of our FAITH without wavering.” Then in verse 26 Paul tells them that “If we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin.” If after knowing that this is the true Messiah and Son of God, if we willingly leave Him, there remains no more sacrifice for sins...no one else will come and save you...Jesus is the ONLY SAVIOUR. There is no other name given among men whereby we can be saved.

Peter preached the same thing to the Jews on the day of Pentecost. [And in] Acts 4: “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is NONE OTHER NAME under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

So, the impossibility here is not the inability of God to forgive, but the fact that God will not save through any other and He will NOT provide a second sacrifice for our sins. Jesus is the TRUE SAVIOUR that was sacrificed for us. If you refuse to believe in Him and decide to wait for another to come, there will be NO HOPE at all because there is NO OTHER NAME GIVEN among men whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12.

There is NOT ONE case in the whole Bible of anyone who wanted forgiveness from God and was rejected. (King Saul only wanted Samuel to forgive him but never humbled himself to ask God to forgive him. Neither did he stop right there and do what God had told him to do, but only wanted to stand good before the PEOPLE.

If Judas had repented and gone to Jesus asking forgiveness, the Lord would have forgiven him, but Satan did not let him do that. Satan told him to go hang himself, there was no hope. All Judas did was acknowledge he had betrayed innocent blood, and confessed his sin to men; then in despair went out and hanged himself.

Peter denied the Lord, but in utter bitterness he wept when Jesus looked at him. And to encourage and assure Peter that Jesus

forgave him and loved him and still wanted to have him close to Himself, when Jesus rose from the grave, He told Mary: Go, tell My disciples **AND PETER TO MEET HIM IN Galilee**. Jesus wanted Peter, even though Peter had denied knowing Jesus.

As long as we are in this world, we shall be targets for the devil to shoot at with his fiery darts. Some will be doubts. But we have to RESIST the devil with the WORD of God. Resist the devil’s lies with GOD’S TRUTH. What God says will always come to pass. What the devil promises never comes to pass...and if they do, they bring heartache and pain and sorrow and death.

Jesus said: “WHOSOEVER COMETH UNTO ME, I will in no wise cast out.” “WHOSOEVER WILL let him come.”

We are told in the Bible: “Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” Use the SWORD of the Spirit; follow God’s Word. If you fail miserably, and can’t forgive yourself, remember that God is LOVE and He will forgive and cleanse you from all unrighteousness. His MERCY endureth as long as you live--and then forever! The only vital thing to remember is that God wants you to be truly sorry you ever sinned and then FORSAKE THAT SIN and come to Jesus and ask Him to cleanse you from all your sins. Then have confidence that whatever God’s Word says is for YOUR GOOD and is the very BEST WAY on earth for you to walk in. Also remember that your enemy, the devil, is walking around seeking whom he may DEVOUR, whom RESIST STEADFAST in the FAITH .... and you will have great joy and peace of God and assurance of real forgiveness.

***The only pardonable “SIN” God will not forgive is sin that is not repented of and not confessed to Him, the One who died to set the whole world free. And He is accessible no matter where you now abide!!!***

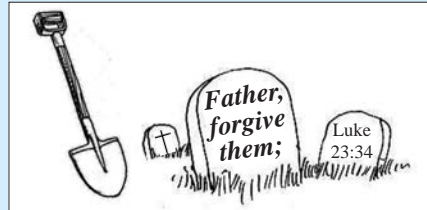
Dear readers,

This is why IBA defends the KJV Bible and warns against other versions. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 and be assured the enemy of your soul (devil) has his own deceptive versions of God’s Word!



# Forgiveness!

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When Jesus was upon the earth He performed many miracles and spoke as no other man had ever spoken. His disciples marveled that even the winds and sea obeyed His commands. The dead came back into the land of the living; sicknesses vanished; demons fled their human abode; outcasts felt the warm true love of God; every sickness and every disease was subject unto Him! Jesus spoke in John 14:12 of greater works that humans will perform. *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”*

Jesus was God! God is immortal and omnipotent; man is mortal; man is dependent upon God for all sustenance! How could mere man produce works equal to those of Jesus, let alone greater works? What could man do more than Jesus did when He walked among humanity? As I meditated upon this mystery I can only conclude that the answer lies in “God’s Graveyard of Forgiveness”

What is the most important goal in life? To gather material things, or to rid oneself of the things which will keep us from receiving heaven’s best? What will keep us out of Heaven? SIN!!! What is the main objective of the Person and Presence of the Holy Ghost in the world after Jesus departed? He came to reprove, to convince, to illuminate Heaven’s requirements! Heaven’s entrance requirements is to be washed in the Blood of the Lamb and to have white unspotted garments.

What is the greatest work that Jesus performed while upon this terrestrial planet? Redemption is what Jesus came to Earth to accomplish! He offered this commodity to all humanity! While His healing and manifestations had only benefited a comparatively few number of people, the Gift sent down from the Father above to the creation beneath gave all humanity the opportunity to be saved; to have their sins forgiven; to

be clean; to be whole; to be brought back into fellowship and communion with God the Father! Jesus came to redeem lost humanity! Jesus came to forgive sin!

Brothers and Sisters, if Jesus’ main purpose was to forgive sins, then forgiveness of sins should be our main object as we travel towards our heavenly home. We should be doing all we can to help humanity receive forgiveness of their sins. Above all else; above healing, above miracles, above life itself, we should be in the business of forgiving and representing God’s offer of pardon to all humanity!

Jesus had no where to lay His head; He possessed no money to pay His taxes; He owned no earthly property to leave behind; but He left mankind an inheritance: an offer of eternal life through forgiveness of their sins.

Forgiveness extended by a child of God to another human must not be directed only towards the lost, but must include those who are in the faith also. Jesus taught us about praying to the Father in Matthew 6:14-15: *“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”* The graveyard shovels of Christians are not just meant for unbelievers. We must follow His example to please the Father. He forgave all. We must allow the Holy Ghost to search our hearts for hidden hatred, envy, strife and ALL unforgiveness that resides therein--no matter who is involved or what has transpired. You say, “Brother Skinner, I cannot forgive. You do not know what circumstances exist. I can not forgive this!” Then, my friend, Jesus cannot forgive you. He forgave us when we were unworthy and graciously offered us His total pardon.

The greatest miracle you will ever see produced in this life is **forgiveness!** Forgiveness far surpasses any other act that

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# Standing Alone!

When you have nothing left but God, then you realize God is all you need!

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*“At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.”* (2 Timothy 4:16-17)

What seemingly appeared to be a defeating circumstance for Paul with those forsaking and leaving him all alone became one of the greatest experiences of his ministry; the Lord stood with him! What greater moment in a human's life for God to stand by and give the strength needed to continue on in this battle called “life”? We Gentiles are hearing the Gospel today because Paul stood alone!

It is human nature for an individual to seek help from those around them and depend upon their support. Ministers may run to and fro seeking help from other humans while true help may be back at the lonely mission field God has called them to. Let us look at some of the Biblical examples of those who were abandoned by family and friends only to find strength in God

*“And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: **and the people fled from the Philistines. But he stood** in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.”* (2 Samuel 23:11-12)

Shammah was one of David's might men who was listed in the Bible as one who stood for God and God stood with him! What made this man great in life was nothing human eyes would consider being of great importance or worthy of recognition. Standing alone in a field of lentils (beans) while everyone else fled to safety. While all those around him said by their actions: what value is a field of beans to endanger a life for? What value could be a field of

beans to jeopardize your life when nobody else agrees with you on the importance of just beans!

Shammah gained a listing in God's great book because his answer came back to those who fled: “These beans are important because they are God's beans!” This portion of land he stood upon was given to them by their Creator and though no one stood with him, he defended what God provided for them for sustaining life.

As all his contemporaries peeked from the hills of safety; this lone man stood and defended what no one else believed to be important in life. As they watched from their perch of safety and human understanding, one stood alone to defend the inheritance given by almighty God. As the battle waxed on and they viewed how God was using this lone human, shame began to cover those who with wives and children had fled to be with the crowd because how could beans be so important in life?

Shammah was one of David's mighty men and he had longed to be like the “man after God's own heart”! David stood alone while his brethren and all the army of King Saul hid from that great warrior of the Philistines, Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span, the enemy of God.

*“And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him. And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.*



*And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?" (1 Samuel 17:26-29)*

*"And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee." (1 Samuel 17:34-38)*

David, Shammah, and Paul (Saul) had one thing in common; they were despised by those who feared to stand for God's beans and jeopardized themselves for humanity around them. They stood for God's beans and God stood with them: *"and the LORD wrought a great victory."* If you my friend stand for God you may loose family and friends as well!

God is not impressed with talent! God is not impressed with wealth! God is not impressed with human beauty! God is not impressed with human strength! God is impressed with humility and compassion for the fruit of the earth which He longs to redeem and welcome home at the close of human life upon this field of beans called earth. He is looking and longing for "some human" to stand for what He has placed in man's hands to keep and to propagate; The Word of God! The Holy Bible! The hope of all humanity!

There is another man we must not neglect who stood alone suffering the hatred of God's enemy and cruelty of his brethren while standing in live's field of lentils defending God's great love for humanity:

## **Jesus!**

Born in a humble surrounding, never owning much which humans labor a lifetime for, no place to lay His head, no money to pay man's tax, no companions to watch with Him one hour in prayer, no one to

stand with Him at Pilate's Judgement Hall, no one able to take His place on Calvary's hill: No ONE! Isaiah 59:16 declares God found no one so He came Himself! *"And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him."*

In the story of the Prodigal Son; no man gave unto him! (Luke 15) BUT, he had a father back home to turn to! So does every human! (God) The man lame for 38 years laying at the Pool of Bethesda declared: "sir I have no man!" (John 5) BUT Jesus was standing right before him!

People, my friend will tell you that you are all alone in a field of worthless lintels in this battle called life! I assure you that if you stop looking to man and look unto Him who all alone took the keys of death and hell from the enemy of your soul, you will discover what Brother Jack M. Skinner discovered on April 27, 1969; NO ONE stands alone! *"Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me;"*

*"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* (Matthew 11:28-30)

One of the loneliest places on earth is congregating with the crowd who has fled from standing alone defending the least of the commandments of God for His name's sake! Matthew 19:29-30

If you my friend are believing the lie that "nobody" loves and cares for you, please pause and allow this man named Jesus to minister to you. Stop feeling sorry for yourself and start to give to someone less fortunate in life than yourself. Stand alone in your field of beans and wait for God to arrive and give you that warmth of His great love that surpasses all the riches of this world. *"I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."* (Acts 20:35)

When you have nothing left but God, then you realize God is all you need!

a Child of God can produce, not only for others but also for themselves! You want to be like Jesus? FORGIVE! Forgive others and forgive yourself.

*“And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover (bury) the multitude of sins.”* (1 Peter 4:8)

Jesus performed many mighty miracles during His stay upon earth, but the greatest of them all was the forgiveness (payment) of man’s sins! No matter what you believe about the meaning of the word *greater* in John 14, whether its meaning is *greater in number* or a meaning of a *greater magnitude by humans*, man has been afforded the opportunity to forgive others because with God nothing is impossible. For man to love his enemies and to do good to them who spitefully use them, is not the nature of the first Adam but of the second Adam.

A Christian should never forget the pit where they came from and the forgiveness that others showed them while they made that difficult trip of repentance to Calvary and to God’s Graveyard of Forgiveness.

Pick up your shovel; start digging a grave to help someone realize the awful stench of unforgiveness. Bury all your resentment towards others which will provide proof to all around you that God really does desire to forgive them of all their sin and guilt also! Forgive as you are forgiven! Do all you can to help your family, your friends, your enemies to make that trip to Calvary where God will cast all their sins in the sea of forgetfulness, never to be remembered again! *“Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide (bury) a multitude of sins.”* (James 5:20)

I am not purporting for you to overlook sin and to tolerate loose living. Sins that are buried by God must first be confessed to God and forgiven of God. Un-confessed sin to God is un-forgiven sin! Man has no power to release himself or another mortal from their penalty of sin before God. It will not do any good to try to bury your own un-forgiven sins yourself, but you can bury your *grudges*, your *hatred* and all *animosity* against others. Remember, you only bury dead things in a grave!

If you have been washed of your sins by the Blood of Christ, forgive yourself as God has forgiven you and bury that load that is too heavy and unnecessary to bear.

You can forgive another mortal of wrongs done unto you by them, thereby demonstrating the great love and willingness of God to forgive!! You can bury the hatchet and reveal Jesus’ great love. Bury the hatchet in the grave--not in their back to destroy. Forgive!

Jesus prayed from the cross: *“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”* (Luke 23:34) He forgave you before you ever realized that your sins nailed Him to the cross that dark day at Calvary!

Jesus stated in our beginning scripture, John 14:12, that the final act which would allow His followers to accomplish greater works was: *“because I go unto my Father.”* Jesus was about to finish His mission and was going to present Himself as the Lamb of God to the Father to complete His sacrifice for the forgiveness of mankind’s sins. He would present the perfect sinless sacrifice to the Father and then sit down at His right hand to intercede on man’s behalf.

He also promised that He would not leave man without abiding help but would send the Holy Ghost upon His arrival in heaven to mankind to convince all of sins and to guide into truth all who desired to be led. The descent of the Holy Ghost from heaven was given to assist man in performing these greater works that Jesus spoke of in John 14. *“But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. **Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide***

*you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.” (John 16:5-14)*

The Holy Ghost came to reprove of sin, righteousness and judgment and this would allow true Christians to accomplish the greater work Jesus referred to. *“Of sin, because they believe not on me.”* This inherited human flaw called *sin* must be remedied by faith in Jesus because no other remedy exists!! Jesus condescended to pay the price for **sin!** The Holy Ghost

descended to reprove all of *sin!* Man was given the responsibility of preaching to their contemporaries the need of being reconciled back to God because of **sin!**

God (Father) gave to the world the Redeemer (Son), the Redeemer gave to the world the Holy Ghost and the Holy Ghost gives to the world conviction (opportunity for forgiveness of sins)!

Should we take what God has given to us and use it for our own pleasure or was it given to us in order that we might help some soul find peace and contentment in buried sins? Is it lawful for us not to forgive when we are forgiven of God?

## TESTIMONIES

*“Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?” (John 4:29)*

Please read these testimonies written by Saints of God and prisoners who have met a man who has changed their life. These are written not to glorify any human or ministry but to expose the Love of God to every creature. The Love of God that can save any human from every sin and deliver them from their sinful habits; instilling a peace within which surpasses all human understanding no matter where they reside! “Come and see!”

**Dear Bro. Skinner,**

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus. I trust this note finds you well and satisfied in Christ. I appreciate the ministry that you and the others have and the work that you do. Rarely in this day and time do you hear the real gospel and the message of holiness taught or proclaimed even though there is a church on every corner. I have followed the Daouds and yourself for several years now. The ministry here and the missions abroad is a special work the Lord is doing. I know you have your trials and tests but I'm sure God is giving you the grace you need to face whatever comes your way. Thanks for your faithfulness to the Lord. Here is an offering to help with the ministry. May the Lord continue to bless and use you for his glory. In Christ and His service Fellow labourers for Christ,

*W. J. in TX*

**Brother Jack,**

I love receiving the magazine. I read it from cover to cover. It is so very good, the

articles that you write, and Sister Daoud's teachings, and the prison ministry. It's so nice that you send the bibles to people in the facilities. This is a great ministry to be doing the Lords work.

Sincerely,  
*V. K. in KS*

**Dear I.B.A,**

Greeting to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I am currently serving a prison sentence in Florida. I am indigent and have been looking for a KJV Bible, I have attempted to contact other Prison ministries but never received any response, this has been very troublesome. Another inmate gave me your address and told me to write as you send Bibles to inmates. He showed me his and I told him, “There is no way anyone sent you that Bible for free” Brother Skinner I would be so very grateful if you send me one of those KJV Bibles. It's a blessing to have a ministry like you that does this work for the Lord! It's really a blessing. I wish to thank you for your time and love for us inmates,



and I look forward to a response. May the Lord bless you!

*T. L. in FL Prison*

**The more I read Miracle and Missions Digest,** it's like reading God's word, the truth. If you watch the people out in the world you can see how they live. God's word means nothing if it did they would change, it's very plain in the Bible to read. It teaches you the truth. Brother Skinner is doing a good work to take over from the Daouds. He writes the truth or I would of never been with International Bible Association all these years. It gets better. Keeps your mind fresh. I'm sending some money use where you need to. God bless Brother Skinner and everyone. I'm near 89 years, I can't see very good, or write. Have got arthritis real bad. Please excuse my messy letter. Love to all. Thanks to everyone for doing God's good work.

*T. & R. G. in MO*

**Hello Brother Skinner and co-workers,**

Greetings in Jesus holy name. To all at the Bible plant. I know our Lord can supply the kind of help you need at the plant and I am believing in Him for that. May our Lord Jesus richly bless your endeavors. If some throws a bible or Miracles and Missions in the trash bin, some poor soul may come looking for food and find it and get saved, praise our Lord Jesus. We pray for you all daily, we have been sending Sunday school books and usually several M&M's along with them to a ministry sending them overseas to several countries so thank God, though it is heart breaking about the returns. There are many going out. Praise Jesus, we love you Brothers and Sisters in the Lord.

*F. & V. B. in AR*

**Dear Brother Skinner**

I am an indigent inmate serving a life sentence in the state of North Carolina I recently started attending church and made the decision to give my heart and my life to the Lord through Jesus Christ my Savior. My brother in Christ received a beautiful bound large print Bible from your association. He told me that if I wrote you, you might be able to send me one too. I would like to have my very own Bible something sturdy and well-made something I can

keep forever with me. It would be a great blessing and a tremendous honor if you could send me one of these Bibles. The Bible I use now is only a paper copy, with small print and no maps or concordance, index etc... It would be a real joy to have a Bible to help me in my studies and in my daily walk with Christ. My friend in times of trouble and a weapon against the power of the enemy. I'm praying that you will consider me worthy of such a great honor. Thank you for considering my request. God, Bless you always for the work you all do for people like us.

*J. K. in NC Prison*

**Bro. Skinner,**

My wife and I have received your literature for many years. We have sent you very little offering. Keep sending your Miracles and Missions. I have friend who is in jail. I say friend because I want him to become a Christian. I would like for you to send him your Missions digest, he will be there six or eight more months. He has a bible. I will write a long letter soon, I am 91 years old and my wife passed away five years ago. I believe in Jesus Christ and in the King James Bible. I will send a small offering.

*A. M. in WA*

**Dear IBA,**

Hello, I am currently serving time in a Texas Prison. I was told that if I would like a Bible with the New and Old Testament I should write to you. It would mean so much to me if that would be possible. I wear glasses so Large Print would be ideal for my situation. I was told that if I read on my own and really study the Bible it would be the best way to start better understanding how God can work for me. I would greatly appreciate it from the bottom of my heart. I know that donations are welcome and if you could send a receipt for the Bible so when I get out I can pay for a Bible that someone else might need, would be awesome. Thank you,

*A. I. in TX Prison*

**Dear Brother Skinner,**

Thank you so much for your Miracles and Missions magazine. It is such a blessing as I hardly attend church. Every church I visit is so far from God that I feel better staying home and reading God's word. Easter

Sunday my son and I visited a church and no mention of what Jesus did for us. Only a milk toast speech on how we can be meek. What a disgrace to our Lord and Saviour. Enclosed is a check for your missionary work. Also please send a giant print Bible in leather burgundy of mahogany. Bless you all in Christ.

*J. R. in VA*

**Dear Mr. Skinner,**

I am an inmate in a TX Prison I happened to come across your Miracles & Mission Digest. And I was very happy and moved into what I was reading. It has lifted me and brought joy to my heart. Can you please send me a packet with a Bible? I really would like to study and learn more, it's been very hard out there in the world for me. Been making too many bad choices and decisions that lead me back in here. I want to be ready for when I make it back to freedom, and not make bad choices again. Can you please help me? "Please" Thank you.

*J. R. in TX Prison*

**Miracles & Mission Digest,**

Greetings! I am currently incarcerated in TX Prison. And upon arrival to my unit I found one of your periodicals in the day room WHAT A BLESSING! Now I am writing to ask permission to be added to your mailing list please. You're on point with everything you preach on because I search the scriptures to fact check everything paraphrase of Acts 17:11 and the Holy Spirit within me is able to discern that you are not a false prophet. Thank you for that truth in this false world. It is a breath of fresh air! I am going to start a ministry and or become a missionary upon my release and I am going to learn all I can about our Savior Jesus Christ. I am also requesting a King James Version Holy Bible (Please!) it is the true Word of God without a dot or title being changed. I greatly appreciate your service to God you inspire me to continue maturing in the Word, to be a doer of the Word and to spread the Word. I will be praying for all of you and please do the same for me. Until next time friends Good Day and God Bless!

*J. S. in TX Prison*

**Dear Brother Skinner,**

I have just read your Miracles & Missions

Digest and it really touched my heart. I read the testimonies and when I was done, I knew I had to tell you mine. I went to Prison in February of 2013 and when I got there I went to a dorm B4 and in there I met a lot of Christians and within a few months the dorm went from being called B4 to (Before God). We had a preacher and another preacher come and join us with their help and the Holy Spirit God started a church in this dorm. I also met the best friend I would ever have in this dorm. Me and my friend started up a Bible Study and a prayer ministry. In that dorm, you could feel the Lord the Spirit was strong in that dorm. We even had a prayer circle in the wreck yard every Saturday night and a prayer circle at night in the dorm. I have seen a lot of prayers get answered in that prayer circle and the ones on the outside. The Lord used a lot of people in that dorm. I seen a lot of people get saved in that dorm as well. And I learned a lot about our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that the Spirit is still strong in that dorm and pray that the Holy Spirit will go into all the dorms in the TX Prisons as well as the world. There is a lot of lost souls in here for the harvest is plentiful. We have all moved on to different Units in TX. It is my prayer that everyone that was at my unit is still doing the Lords work. For the harvest season is upon us and the Lord will soon be coming back. All glory goes to our Father in heaven for everything that went on in His dorm. For without Him none of this could have been. In closing I ask everyone who reads this to go up to someone and tell them about Jesus. You never know with the help of the Holy Spirit you might lead that person to God. And I can tell you from experience there is no better feeling than leading a lost soul to their Savior Christ Jesus. May our loving gracious God in Heaven keep you all in His hand and bless you all abundantly and may our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus minister to your hearts always. May we all strive to love each other as much as the Father in heaven loves each one of us. Your Brother in Christ

*T. M. in TX Prison*

**Dear Brother Skinner,**

I have been receiving Miracles and Missions Digest for some time now, and I love

it. A church friend gave me your address to get it and I'm so happy she did, as you say it is so hard to find a church the way they used to be. I am almost eighty years old and I remember what it used to be like. Big revivals, people getting really saved. Sometimes services ran till two o'clock in the morning, the next night the people were back again. I can't send a big offering but feel like the Lord says send something. God bless you.

*E. Y. in OH*

### **My Dear Brothers & Sisters at I.B.A.,**

May this letter find each and every one of you and loved ones doing well, and strong in Spirits. My reason for this letter is to thank you all for my gift. Yes, I have received my beautiful Bible and Literature, and I am one happy fellow. May God, bless you all for your kindness, and for all you do for inmates and other people struggling out in this world. I've been locked up for 26 years flat on a 30 year sentence. And during all this time I never read the Bible and was in denial of God. Well back in June 14, 2016 I got in trouble again for the (don't know how many times) I lost count, I realized I needed help. And the help I needed I could only get it from the Lord Jesus. So, I asked the unit chaplain for a Bible while I was in solitary and got on my knees and prayed. Which I did not know how to pray but I asked the Lord to come into my heart, and help me change my ways because I was so tired of getting in trouble. And I wanted to give my life to Him, and serve Him. Well to make a long story short sense that day I confessed my Sins and asked for forgiveness. The urge of being in the middle of any kind of thing that will get me in trouble, has been very slowly erasing off my mind. I am a happy fellow hungry for the Word of God. And when I feel down and lonely I read the Bible and it gives me the Power that I cannot explain. But it is a good power that I would not want to lose. I hope and pray that you all place me on your list to receive the Miracles & Missions Digest, or any literature whenever you all can share some. Brothers and Sisters, I will not take much more of your time. May God, Bless you all and your loved ones all through the Holidays and even more.

Bye and Good Luck. A Brother in Christ  
*E. G. in TX Prison*

### **Dear International Bible Association,**

I did not have name to address this letter to so I hope that it reaches the right person. The reason I am writing is to ask you guys if maybe you can send me a Bible. I am entering a faith board recovery program here at my Prison and I do not have a Bible truthfully, I have never owned my own Bible and I have never been a church going man. When I was younger as a kid I went to church but something happened to me around the age of 13 and I quit going. But I have had time to think and have come to this conclusion, it wasn't Gods fault what had happened but I needed someone to blame. But I have watched the people here that are in this faith and they have so much peace and happiness in their hearts and I want that, not only for myself but for my wife and kids. I have an 18-year-old daughter with a kid on the way and an 18-month-old son. I just want to be a better father to them both. My daughter tries to talk with me about the Bible and I don't have half the knowledge she does and that makes me sad. So, I figure that I could write you all and maybe ya'll could help me with this endeavor. My friends in here all showed me a Bible ya'll sent him, mine doesn't have to be that nice but if you do send me one. Could you please send me a Large Print Bible I am 40 and my eyes are not what they used to be. I want to thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. Thank you all again God Bless! Sincerely  
*R. M. in TX Prison*

### **Miracles & Missions Digest readers,**

*"Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body."* (Hebrews 13:3)

I, personally am not incarcerated behind prison bars but I am constrained by God's unfathomable love to this ministry that sends free Bibles to any prisoner who personally requests one. My bonds keep me chained over eight hours a day working to make sure no one is turned away from receiving the greatest gift any human could receive in life: a King James Bible.

My chains are links of gratitude, servi-





*Eager eyes are watching, longing for the lights along the shore!*

**Let the Lower Lights Be Burning**

F. P. BLISS

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1. Bright-ly beams our Fa-ther's mer-cy From His light-house ev-er-more,  
 2. Dark the night of sin has set-tled, Loud the an-gry bil-lows roar;  
 3. Trim your fee-ble lamp, my broth-er: Some poor sail-or tem-pest tossed,

But to us He gives the keep-ing Of the lights a-long the shore.  
 Ea-ger eyes are watch-ing, long-ing, For the lights a-long the shore.  
 Try-ing now to make the har-bor, In the dark-ness may be lost.

*D.S.*-Some poor faint-ing, strug-gling sea-man You may res-cue, you may save.

**CHORUS**  
 Let the low-er lights be burn-ing! Send a gleam a-cross the wave!



*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)*

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