

# ALL of Me... Given!

**A Priceless Person!  
A Profuse, Productive  
& Practical Potential!**

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Another of her songs is worded as if Jesus was tenderly...but with firm conviction...confronting His professed people. There He tells what HE has *done*, and *given* and *brought*, then asks how WE have returned the favour, so to speak.

Isaiah 50 (and other chapters!) foretells Jesus' coming, and His willing, sacrificial offering of Himself to take away our sins. In 50: 4-7 we see **tongue, ear, ear again, back, cheeks, hair, face, and face once more**. He spared none of it, in your behalf and mine. Using verses 4 and 6, we see the Father giving to the Son, then the Son giving back to the Father. WE should do likewise, and *THIS* is what Havergal's song portrays, in question form. It's not a guilt trip, nor a temporary and fruitless emotional pull. **It is real business**. The only way Jesus was sustained in His path of joy-filled agony (Hebrews 12:2) was by the conviction that *"the Lord God will help Me"* (Isa. 50: 7, 9). That is the same need WE have, if we hope to **"Give Him ALL."**

A person thus, totally-given over to God may still be criticised by the world, the devil and even the religious crowd, but **"the Judge of all the earth"** (Genesis 18:25) **will throw their "evidence" out of court** (Isaiah 50:8).

Finally, there's an **encouragement** and a **warning**. Isaiah 50:11 warns all people... religious or otherwise... against trusting in their own fake "fire." Moses' nephews made that grave mistake (Leviticus 10:1-3). They saw God's *real* fire (Lev. 9:23,24), but made their own version! Yet, in the compassionate words of Isa. 50:10, God extends His merciful hand to those who love Him, even though they may be walking in a path of difficulty and darkness. **Determine to Give Him ALL!**

The article on the inside right seems to highlight the nose, eyesight and face. This article goes even further. It's a bit like Jesus offering to wash Peter's feet. Peter refused. How could he let his Master wash his feet?! Jesus said, *"If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me"* [i.e. "nothing in common with Me"] (Jn. 13:8). Peter blurted out, *"Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"*

Jesus' primary reference, above, was to a *spiritual* washing/purifying, as mentioned in the inside article. How comparatively few professing Christians know anything about *"the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost"*! (Titus 3:5; Eph. 5: 25-27; Heb. 9:14; 10:22).

Earth's "riches" cannot compare to the treasure-chest of Christian song, *not to mention the riches of salvation!* One such song writer was the English lady, Frances Ridley Havergal. Google her songs using "cyber-hymnal." Her song, **"Take My Life and Let It Be"** lists the various aspects of her "being"—one by one—lovingly and willingly submitted to God. **Take my life, hands, feet, voice, lips, silver and gold, will, heart, love, myself!** In poetic form, in *this* and *other* songs, she held back nothing from God. **ALL was His!**



**DIAMONDS, NOT DUNCES!** An old poem says, **"A diamond in the rough is a diamond sure enough, and before it ever sparkled it was made of diamond stuff!"** Later it says, **"But when it's found and when it's ground, and when it's burnished bright, that diamond's everlastingly giving out its light!"** God has no costume jewellery—only the genuine. It is **"more precious than gold; yes than much fine gold, and sweeter than honey AND the honeycomb!"** (Ps. 19:10; 119:103). He says He will give us **"gold purified/refined in the fire, that we MAY be rich"** (Rev.3:18). The world's philosophy is more distorting than circus mirrors. What the world considers "wisdom," God counts as foolishness, and its "riches" are poverty in His eyes. Yet people from **ANY** background may receive, free of charge, **"the true riches!"**



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## Making Mighty Men ...and women!

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**3-D Powerhouses!** By using David, God made **"mighty men"** from some of the **seemingly-worst raw material in town!** The old English Bible (KJV) describes them as *"in distress...in debt...and discontented."* **3-Ds!** Such a group as this rallied around David, who was God's designated replacement for King Saul. Saul, his envious, God-forsaken, father-in-law king was hunting David for execution... and the kingdom was in chaos. Was there hope?

The **3-D words** above meant more than we think today. Sadly, much of the 3-Ds of today are self-inflicted—though often with an extra push from others. The men above needed a

rallying point and a rallying person. That point was "the cave of Adullam," and the person—David (1 Sam.22).

There were also *wealthy* people that saw good, godly leadership in David. One such man was Barzillai, whose name means **"made of iron!"** Barzillai brought provisions to David and his army when David later had to escape from his own son who planned a coup, and would have killed David. Upon his return to the throne, David invited Barzillai to live in the capital. Barzillai turned down the "perks," since he was 80 and couldn't fully enjoy the food and music. *BUT*, he asked if his son could take his place! Spiritually speaking, I pray that Barzillai's attitude catches on like fire here in London — that "older" folk would obey God, and though they might not be able to do certain things, they would be concerned for others! Such interest for others should possess *EVERY* person who truly knows God, regardless of their age. Think of *OTHERS!!*

Let's return to the **3-D "mighty men!"**

*(continued inside)*



**THE 1st CENTURY OLYMPIC CROWN** was simply a plant that soon withered away. The apostle wrote, **"Every competitor in an athletic contest practices self-control in all things. They indeed do this for the sake of securing a perishable wreath or fading garland, but we for the sake of securing a crown that will not perish."** (1 Cor.9:25). All athletic competitors must keep to the rules, & so do we! (2 Tim. 2:5). The benefit of bodily exercise can never compare to the yield of the exercise of godliness; even in *this* life, not to mention the next! (1 Tim. 4:8). And the secret of Samson's strength? **"and the Spirit of the Lord came upon Samson!"** (Judges 13:25; 14:6,19;15:14). But the mighty **MAY** fail, as did Samson. Yes, even the **spiritually-strong** must keep fine-tuned & focused until the crown is won!

## Making Mighty Men & women (continued from front page)

They were in debt. Why? We are not told. They had no banking system like recent centuries, based on debt and resulting in a very effective form of slavery. Google the easy-to-understand cartoon: **Money As Debt/ Money As Debt 2**. May God lift Londoners from “debt, distress and discontent” and into **HIS** mightiness!

Those **3-D men** who gathered around David were very possibly considered “**hopeless problems**” by King Saul. Maybe in some ways, they *were*...but the king was *worse*! Very possibly, **their 3-D condition** was greatly aided by, if not a direct result of Saul’s horrific governing of the country. Under Saul, so much became wrong in the nation; largely due to his persistent disobedience *to*, and therefore, rebellion *against* God.

Today is no different with national chaos evident all around. **One special example from these 3-D men for us to follow is seen in their leader.** Though David was the God-appointed replacement-king for the chaos-ridden nation, he never tried to overthrow the government. Even when Saul was “an easy target,” David refused to take matters into his own hands by killing him.

**The Superlative Parallel** of this rallying *point* and *person* is found in the One called “*the Son of David*.” Jesus Christ. And instead of gathering to David in the cave of Adullam, we may *ALL*...regardless of wealth or poverty... rally around this “*Son of David*.” Adullam means “a refuge;” “a retreat.” The prophet Micah refers to Adullam as “*the glory of Israel*” (1:15). Jesus Christ is God’s designated Glory for *all* mankind. He is God’s intended place for any of us...*all of us*...to go for safe refuge from sin, from Satan, and amid the fierce storms of everyday life.

In the context of life and death, Jesus was connected to a cave like Adullam. The *first* time was when he brought his friend, Lazarus, alive after

Lazarus had been dead four days (Jn. 11). On *that* occasion, Jesus remained *outside* the burial cave. On the *second* occasion, it was *Jesus Himself* that was dead...for *three* days...and was laid to rest in the garden tomb-cave. He had already challenged opposing listeners, “*Destroy this temple [My body], and I will raise it up in three days*” (Jn. 2:19-21 with Matt. 26:61). He that called Himself “*The Resurrection and the Life*” (Jn. 11:25), is *the refuge of safety* for the world, *as well as the GLORY* of the whole world! He is our rallying *Point* and rallying *Person* amid today’s ever-worsening global chaos. Don’t let pride, naivety or distress blind you.

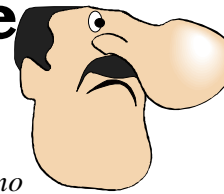
But how can the “*Son of David*” turn those who rally around *HIM*, into a **global band of “mighty men?”** Wait a minute! *He already did this*, and they “**turned the world upside-down!**” (Acts 17:6). *HOW?* By the radical work of God’s Spirit—and the Spirit of God leaves no stone unturned!

In the Bible, one apostle prayed *this*: “*Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you [purify you; make you holy] completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, Who also will do it*” (1Thess. 5:23, 24). **ENTIRE!**

Jesus had already prayed such a prayer, when He prayed for those *already-believing* followers: “*Sanctify them through Your truth; Your Word is truth.*” (Jn. 17:17). This “*work*” of God within man involves spirit, soul and body. “*Body*” in the original Greek is “*soma*,” so we could say Spirit, Soul and Soma! **3-D Powerhouses** of God result from **His 3-S work**. Fantasy-Superman had **only one S**, but even a Superman could not bring about the radical change in society that is needed. It will take God’s power through “**3-S Powerhouses**,” no matter how weak they seem! The verse above says that God “*will do it!*” The question and challenge is for us to make ourselves available! **DARE TO DO IT NOW!**

## The Nose On Your Face

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“**As plain as the nose on your face,**” or “**as plain as day**” are expressions indicating that something is obvious. “*That is obvious!*” you may say. Maybe **NOT**, to someone new at English! **Yet, even the most elementary matters** regarding the soul seem to fly over the heads of people who consider themselves intelligent! Whether a person is academic, a keen mechanic, an expert engineer, or *whatever*, all professionalism falls to the ground in embarrassed ignorance. **Why don’t we “get it?”**

**The Bible prophet, Ezekiel, had his work cut out for him.** God sent him to proclaim His message, but informed him that He knew that the people wouldn’t listen to him. Once, **God told him why.** God said “*They won’t listen to YOU because they won’t listen to ME!*” That is a shocking truth, but Jesus said the same, later. Have you ever heard God repeat Himself to you? Did you listen and obey?

In five consecutive verses, God used the phrase “*in their sight*” seven times!! **Repeat that phrase to yourself! Do it!** God sent Ezekiel, time and time again, to declare His truth and to illustrate it right in front of their eyes. These people had no excuse; well, no excuse acceptable to God nor to common sense. God spoke to them in the daytime and at twilight. That historical fact tells us that God is faithful 24/7, and has come to your location, and right when you are there! So, what are you doing about it?

God told Ezekiel the root problem: “*they are a rebellious house!*” I don’t mean to sound harsh, but this simply tells us a little of God’s assessment of the human “heart.” To Ezekiel’s older fellow-prophet, Jeremiah, God said, “*The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it?!*” Throughout the Bible, God says much more to help us understand the nature of our worst

enemy: our own heart. The “heart” (*not the one that pumps blood!*), in a “fallen,” sinful condition, is like a traitor within you, aiding the enemy. In this case, “the enemy” is Satan.

Space here is too little to give examples of the mischief and sin the “rebellious” people were up to. Poor Ezekiel! Suffice it to say that in this context, such “**rebels**” **don’t necessarily go around breaking windows, mugging pensioners, and such like.** In this context, rebels are any that refuse to allow God to be first in their life...and I mean in the practical sense. The specific types of sin that give expression in the life of such a rebel, is *in one sense*, irrelevant. Sin is sin. Lost is lost. Empty “profession of religion,” of whatever kind, will not impress God nor be acceptable to Him. “*If we say we have fellowship with God, yet walk in darkness [sin], we are a liar*” (1 John 1:6). “*If we love the world [worldly things; the ways of the world], the love of the Father is not in us*” (1 John 2:15). Such a person is “*an enemy of God*” (James 4:4).

God told Ezekiel that though these people would not listen, they will **KNOW** that there has been a prophet among them. They would know they had no excuse for their stubborn, rebellious self-will, neglect and rejection when they face God at the Judgment. Considering the millions in London, **I cannot be satisfied** just knowing that Londoners had me (and others) out here trying to point them in the right direction. May London have a heaven-sent, sin-killing turn to God that spreads fast!

**This world is heading for Judgment at the speed of a comet.** It appears to me that a horrific human network of evil is bringing about a world condition that will beg description. Those “**big boys**” believe there is no God (unless they believe *they* are God!), as they try to complete the one-world system under their Godless power. **In the meantime**, as Jeremiah, Ezekiel and others tried to warn of catastrophe ahead, so do I. Will you seek God with all your heart, receive His forgiving and renewing power, then be another Ezekiel to the rest of London? God may be pleased at this seemingly MOST unlikely time to “*open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it*” (Mal. 3:10). **Who KNOWS**, if we will **FACE** the challenge!!

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