

That's Worth Everything!

"A Matter of Fact Becomes a Matter of Prayer!"

(A LOOK AT PSALM 139)

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Psalm 139's author found comfort in the fact that God knows him "through and through." He began by admitting that God had investigated him, perfectly knew him, and even saw him while he was still forming in his mother's womb!

Yes, he *began* with God's examining of him as a boldly-stated fact. But he ended by asking God to **keep it up!** God "searches" us, but tells us His findings, so that we may make adjustments and to be ready for "the glory world!"

A brain surgeon repeatedly lied recently about removing a patient's brain tumour; even altering the reports. The truth was discovered too late, the tumour became inoperable and **the lady died as a result.** But, thank God, "the thief on the cross" next to Jesus found forgiveness, even at such a late hour. *But don't wait!*

God will not lie about our condition. He tells the whole truth, but also effects a whole cure. **No wonder the Psalmist asked God to keep it up!** He asked God to uncover "*any wicked way*" that might be at work within him. That phrase means "*any way of grief*;" i.e. that grieves God.

Loving parents guard their children against all that would endanger them. God, "*our Father*," hates sin because it destroys His children and is the *only* thing that can send them to Hell. Yet, people over-emphasize God's "anger;" often to make God look like a vicious tyrant. "God *IS* love," notwithstanding *seeming* contradictions. We should therefore desire, above all, not to grieve Him, just as we would not wish to grieve those we truly love.

This Psalmist—"patient" desired and determined to co-operate with the ever-accurate diagnosis of God. Therefore, he

says, "and lead me in the way everlasting." There is a saying: "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." The Psalmist wanted "The Great Physician" to lead him, but he was also determined, willing and glad to take whatever He prescribed.

People in general...even many "religious" ones...want God to keep silent, avoid interfering, and keep His eyes turned away. I read about a poor young girl who went into a loft to steal apples. Hanging somewhere in that loft was an old painting of a long-forgotten ancestor of the house. The young lass apparently felt that the eyes of that portrait were following her as she crept along the floor, that is, until, in her fear, she went and tore the eyes out! The Psalmist was glad God was watching him and weighing the thoughts of his mind and heart, as well as his actions. He invited God to continue providing His course "anti-sin-biotics," for he knew it would bring the cure.

The extent of God's searching and His knowledge of man caused the Psalmist's head to spin. He said "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me...beyond me...greater than my powers. It is lofty...set on high. I cannot attain it...come near it...get up to it." A man in Holloway said to me: "What we need to do is get back to Greek philosophy!" I guess he thought it would cure the world's ills. The ultimate in Greek philosophy said "Man, know thyself!" Wonderful! It brought man face to face with the impossible! The Psalmist had found that out. But he knew that GOD knew him...personally and perfectly! His reference to God's "all-knowing" was "concrete" and specific, not abstract.

It *IS* a "happy day" when people realise their own ignorance of themselves, and gladly turn their lives over to the One who truly knows them and is there to lead them "in the way everlasting." Psalm 23 tells us that God, the Great Shepherd, leads His lambs in paths of righteousness that takes them to that "glory world"... "forever."

THAT'S WORTH EVERYTHING!

JESUS' WORDS: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled"— "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." — "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."—"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." (Matt. 5:6 Jn. 6: 35; 4:14; 7: 37,38).

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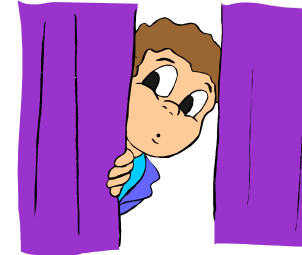
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see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so" (2 K. 2: 10). Elisha followed Elijah like a shadow, set on having that blessing... for his own sake, for the nation and for God. **He must not fail.**

A performer or contestant may face more strain if preceded by an amazing act. The life of the prophet, Elijah, was amazing and unique. He was the "prophet of fire," (1 Kings 18; 2 Kings 1 and 2) and God took him to the glory world in a chariot of fire (2 K. 2:11). Before he left, however, his servant, Elisha, asked a special favour from him—that he might have "a double portion of the spirit" that Elijah had!

In view of Israel's general wickedness, and the evil of its leadership, Elisha knew that he would need to have more of God's power and spirit upon him. **He wasn't merely seeking fame.**

I love Elijah's reply: "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you

What about now? No nation today may rightly claim that it is a world example of goodness. Evil is present and promoted globally. United Nations, indeed! Do you like it that way? Old Testament Israel apparently did. Yet, God in His infinite love, patience and mercy repeatedly warned them. They responded with arrogance, denial and other similar attitudes that paved the way for certain destruction, and it came. It came just as the sure destruction that is "in the pipeline" for our present world and its "global community."

Many people and nations fail to ever see the dark horizon. **Oh yes, there is a better horizon,** but not for such people. We need to call out for help from

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GOD'S Coming New World Order: "Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband...And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away...And He said to me, It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts...But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death...there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life" (Revelation 21: 2, 4, 6, 8, 27). **Is YOUR name in the Book?** Be Sure!

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heaven, just like Elisha did. He didn't stop with asking Elijah for "a double portion." After Elijah went up, Elisha cried out: "Where is the LORD GOD of Elijah?!" He knew he needed far more than just Elijah. So do we.

In some ways, Elisha "typified" Christ Who was, *then*, yet to come to earth in the flesh. But notice at least *one* way in which they were *different*. It was the servant, Elisha, who asked his master, Elijah, for a special blessing that would be needed for the task of turning the nation back to God. But in the case of Jesus, it was *HE*, the *Master*, that told His followers that they must wait for the coming and specific blessing they needed and were lacking to fulfil the task He gave them. That need was inward cleansing from sin. They had *already* been "made new in Christ," and therefore acceptable to God. They needed to be cleansed by God's Holy Spirit... "the Comforter"... Who would also then *fill* them with Himself.

This "Promise of the Father" that Jesus told them of, came upon them on the Day of Pentecost, an annual Jewish festival celebrating the "first-fruits" of the harvest. What a "first-fruits" harvest *that* year! 3,000 people gave their hearts and lives to God, by coming to Christ in genuine repentance and faith. It wasn't converting from one religion to another, but from sin and ignorance to the Saviour and the salvation He came to bring to all people everywhere. **That first Pentecost was "A Hard Act To Follow!"** But that first Pentecost was not Christianity's climax. Dare we believe God for "another Pentecost," even *more extensive*. I believe we may.

There are always things we cannot understand or explain. This is true in *many* subjects, including religion. Yet, much that hinders God's "*showers of blessing*" that are so desperately needed for our nations boils down to how we are treating God and His Holy Spirit.

We had better take to heart what

Jesus said about how we treat the Holy Spirit of God. St. Paul strongly supports this. St. Peter was "God's mouthpiece" through which a certain man and his wife experienced sudden judgment from God for lying to God, the Holy Ghost. Their lie involved withholding from God part of what they publicly said they had given. I fear that many professing Christians are holding back from God. This has a deadly and deadening effect, on *them* and on *others*, world-wide.

Throughout the Bible, Israel, in their rebellion against God, failed to see the coming judgment of God. The world today is as *wilfully ignorant* and as much asleep as ancient Israel. There are powers at work today that are pleased that they are keeping most people asleep. For generations, they have been bringing things to an increasingly-catastrophic, *but controlled*, state. The "performance" they have been at work to present to an intoxicated, drugged mesmerized, perverted world audience may seem to them **A Hard Act To Follow...or Resist**, much less, **Prevent**.

But their *drama* will become a *comedy* to the main Person in the audience. Psalm 2 powerfully portrays this, and says "*He that sits in the heavens shall laugh*," i.e. at their arrogant and vain attempt to overthrow Him, and His governing of and plan for this world. In the meantime, we have a privileged invitation to be members of God's *cast*, performing God's *Acts* until *HE* closes the curtain on *time*, and opens the *next* curtain for the next scene that shall never end. It will just Follow and Follow Forever, to the endless praise of God!

FRACKING: Nazi propagandist, Goebbels said: "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually believe it." 9/11 is an enormous lie. The Bible says that *ALL* liars (yes, *ALL*) will go to the lake that burns with fire and brimstone (Rev. 21:8). **Fracking** (like other evils) is **being pushed** here, in the USA, etc. (for "the big boys") by lies, intimidation, etc. Apparently opponents of **fracking** have even been called "insurgents," maybe "terrorists" next! **Fracking is disastrous!** Yet, NEVER advocate violence or evil in protest.

FREE ELECTRICITY

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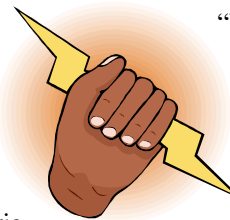
British Gas was set to offer free electricity on Saturdays to customers... *with week-day rates increasing!* The 5 big energy companies' profits rose by 74%, making them **£3.3billion**, while we had a **29% rise in bills**. Many big firms have a long, dark side to their history. Yet, one great man stands out in this field: **Nikola Tesla**.

For the practical good of man and the world itself in this context, Tesla seems unequalled. He lit up the **Chicago World's Fair** in 1896 and harnessed the **Niagara Falls** to provide electricity for the vast surrounding area. Tesla's many inventions include the **X-Ray**. His **numerous radio transmission patents** may well have been "hijacked" by my **Italian** heritage inventor, **Marconi**. He provided for **free, clean-energy electric cars in the early 1900s!** Oil giants gained by 100 years of extra pollution.

One Tesla project relates to this recent "**Free Electricity**" offer. Under construction in the early 1900s, it was to provide *free* electricity world-wide. **J. P. Morgan** (that evil man!) withdrew support from Tesla, perhaps seeing no financial gain. Tesla cared about *people*, not money.

Evil has existed since Lucifer (the great angel) became Satan, and then contaminated *man* with evil in the Garden of Eden, first by the successful temptation of Eve. Evil earthly powers under his control have planned and worked for many recent generations to bring the world to the point it is now. One of their stated tasks and methods is stripping nations of their sovereignty, "**while denying with our lips what we are doing with our hands!**" Their propaganda and denials are powerful, keeping society in slumber-land while they work. These hidden powers love to keep people asleep and absorbed with "self" by means of the fake and temporary things of this world. They make people *sleep* and they make people *sheep*.

Their task is much easier when society lacks true spirituality and information. *Spiritual* and *practical* ignorance spells certain doom. Of the two children in **Dickens' Christmas Carol**, named



"Want" and "**Ignorance**," it was "**Ignorance**" that was said to be most feared.

Some people wilfully dedicate their lives and careers to undermining faith in God. One such man said "The problem isn't sin, it's stupidity."

That may be true in some instances, but viewing some of that man's work tells me that he had a prevailingly evil goal. *Whoever* we are, unless we wilfully give our life to Christ...and walk with Him in a faith that works by obedient love...we are, by default, giving our life and influence to undermine faith in God by views and actions that directly conflict with God.

Man must be intensely spiritual, yet thoroughly practical. I say "*spiritual*," but not in an abstract, all-inclusive, "anything goes" manner. **Tesla was a genius, yet not a spiritual role model.** Tesla also appears to have lacked some practicality and planning with regards to his finances, notwithstanding his extreme generosity toward others, but that isn't sin!

There *IS* evil at work in this world which is being controlled and guided by behind-the-scenes powerful people. Yet, sin in the heart and life of the average citizen will take them to hell forever along with both *hidden* and "high profile" monsters of evil, for *SIN* is the monster.

I pray that some people in the higher ranks of these evil perpetrators will turn from their sin and evil, and turn to Christ. I also pray that multitudes from the general public, in all of its diversity, will do likewise. Jesus said that if we had faith— *even of a small measure*— we could, through God, command a mountain to be moved into the sea. Christ's statement may be figurative, yet it is no less powerful and challenging. **It may sound as crazy as some of Tesla's ideas may seem**, but I am willing to believe God for such enormous miracles. I pray that God will send a revival here in **London** that will spread throughout Britain and to the lands where all its diverse population comes from. Any thus-transformed population will begin thinking "with eternity's values in view." They will want to "**GO HOME**," for *however* long, to share the truth of God with their loved ones and others there. Tesla wanted to light the world for free. Jesus brings *eternal* light, life and liberty...at *HIS* expense. **Free to all.**

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