

PURE POETRY PART 2

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Illegal Immigration

Illegal immigration aint an issue up in glory,
There's just one way to enter,- you can read it in God's story!

And His name is Jesus, Who did pay the entrance fee
For anyone who would decide unto Him to bow their knee!

Never Die a Virgin

Never die a virgin when it comes to knowing Christ...
For the thing that we need most is His pure love within our life!
Oh, never die a virgin when it comes to things of God...
Being born again's the best thing that can happen on this sod!

Everything here's been invented by God's only Son, the Christ!
And what can beat the moment that you gain eternal life?
He wants to dwell within in us, in our heart and mind and soul...
And you cannot get much closer, or at least that is the goal.

Maybe that's why mankind hungers for such inner unity...
And the Lord will lift your spirit when you seek Him honestly!!!
Oh, never die a virgin when it comes to knowing Christ...
For the thing that we need most is His pure love within our life!

So if your time alone with Jesus ever seems a waste of time,
Quit pretending, but be honest, and you'll soon be on cloud nine!!
For God can give you a hope you never dreamed that could exist...
So your private times alone with God, please be sure not to miss!!!

(For the creation and Creator are meant to be together,
Not only in the hard times but also in fair weather!
So why wait until your airplane is just about to crash
To reach out for the Almighty's saving help to ask?)

Break All Boundaries

*God can break all boundaries of our human limitations
When you just surrender in your own negotiations!
For His leadership is flawless, His ways are good and pure,
Leading those to glory who do have the ears to hear!*

*(Remember when you did wrong and He tapped you on the shoulder?
But when we refuse to listen, His voice will just grow colder!)*

Strange Sensation

Just like that strange sensation
That comes from drinking that hard liquor,
The light of truth can hit your brain
but even so much quicker!

It's like being hit with lightning
Or exchanging death for life...
For some it's like the moment
When you knew you met your wife!

You will feel your head spin
When it's the truth, you recognize
And that veil is lifted
That's been blinding your own eyes!

Did you know that Scripture says
Truth can make us drunk when we will hear it?
And it can REALLY drown our sorrows,
If we turn to the right Spirit!

So go have some time together
Between just you and the Lord,
Let Him show you that He loves you
With a passion that this world cannot afford!

Sometimes I think people who don't know anything about the Bible have a better understanding than many so-called Christians do regarding what it really means to be saved from sin. They're just actually being more honest about the fact they don't want to, no matter what the consequences are. Wayward Christians who don't walk the talk might do well to hear Billy Graham's message on YouTube is titled The High Cost of Following Christ or Paul Washer's message, Examine Yourself. (If you happen to know any, do them a favor and tell them about it, would you?) By the way, there's a lot of awesome Billy Graham movies about the changes God can make on YouTube for free

Don't Know What You're Missin'

If you've never been forgiven,
You don't know what you're missin',
For when to God you do confess
With no grounds of self-defense,
The utter fact you broke the law,
Though you don't understand it all,
You'll sense His love for you the more
For truth is how we really score!
So if you've never been forgiven
Please make sure that you're not missin'
The best thing ever in this life,
To know the Savior, Jesus Christ!

Jews Did Better

Want to be buttered up and shmoozed
With more lies than you can tell...
Just so you don't feel bad
While on your way to hell?

Or want someone to please warn you,
And to shake you to the core?
And if you don't respond,
To shake you even more?

We Christians, we have failed you,
Most are cold and compromised...
If the Jews did better,
That would not be a surprise!

The Jews kept the Word of God extremely thoroughly intact over thousands and thousands of years as proved by the Dead Sea Scrolls. It's no wonder why the devil hates them so much! There's a movie about the Holocaust with possibly worse demonic activity than the filth shown on prime time, called *The World Will Tremble*, and although the hatred in the movie is pointed at Jews, what it reveals is the utter, evil contempt the devil has for all mankind.

When's the last time you heard about how bad hell is? Revelation 14:11 says, "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night...".

Sinners

*Sinners live like sinners,
And that's what you'd expect-
But saints who live like sinners,
May the harshest judgment get.*

*To never have one victory-
To live life ruled by sin,
You'd better check your heart out
If you have the Lord within!*

Don't You Want

Don't you want this attitude, and this attitude alone?
That staying here's a sacrifice, cuz you're ready to go home?
Don't you want that attitude? It could be yours today!
Get things right with Jesus-and let Him guide your way!

The man who wrote most of the New Testament wrote, "But I am hard pressed between the two. My yearning desire is to depart (to be free of this world, to set forth) and be with Christ, for that is far, far better; But to remain in my body is more needful *and* essential for your sake.", Philippians 1:23,24

Change Our Galaxy

*There's one thing in the Bible
That could change our galaxy-
Revelation twenty one verse eight,
Just you read it and you'll see!*

*There's one thing in the Bible
That could change our universe,
And that's the King of Kings
Who can free us from sin's curse!*

*There's one thing in the Bible
That can set the sinner free,
That's the payment Jesus made
For sinners, just like me!*

Adam and Eve

Even with one single sin, we can lose it all-
Just as we learn when Adam broke even just one law!

And when they tried to hide it, fig leaves would never do...
For all attempts by man can't cover sin- it's true!

Blood was then required to cover all their shame,
Death of the innocent, and for us it is the same!
(And that's the very reason for which Jesus came!)

Do you know the difference between religion and Christianity? Religion demands that you have to do something to be good enough for God to accept you. Christianity is all about the fact that He already did, and now the ball is in our court, so to speak. Romans 5:8 tells us...

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.", "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.", John 3:16.

Hard to Fake it

When you're disappointed
To discover you're not perfect-
You may choose to try fake it,
But you wonder if it's worth it-

When we know that we're not flawless
There is only one good option-
To be thankful that God loves us
And be open to adoption!

For the benefits of being
In the dear Lord's own family
Are utterly amazing
Which I hope that you will see!

Rock Bottom

**The value of hitting rock bottom
Is that there's only one way then to look,
And finding the Savior is worth it,
No matter the pain that it took!**

Absolutely Unbelievable

What an absolutely, unbelievable intensely a huge mess
We folks down here can create! It's true, you must confess!

What an absolutely, unbelievable, intensely a huge God
That it takes to fix us, because we're really flawed!

What an absolutely, unbelievable, intensely love divine
That Jesus has for sinners, like this soul of mine!

What an absolutely, unbelievable patient God He is,
To give us yet another chance to be fully His!

Do you know there are several religions whose teachings have a Jesus who is drastically different than the one in the Bible? People are absolutely free to believe in whichever one they want to, but to me, it sounds to me like somebody out there has been up to no good, just trying to create confusion!

Proverbs 14:12, "There is a way *which seems* right to a person, But its end is the way of death."

Religions Only Purpose

Religions only purpose is to make the Lord look boring,
But when you discover Jesus, your spirit will be soaring!
Religions only purpose is to make Christianity look bad,
No wonder folks lose interest, if religion's all they've had!

Consider How

Call right now for a free quote
On what it takes to go for broke,
And before you go and have a stroke
Consider how God's word you've choked!

Just One Thing

I think when we're in glory
We all will raise a toast
For there will be just one thing
About which we will boast...
The fact that God had mercy
To the willing uttermost!

The Cry for Justice

When God's laws aren't heeded,
It proves how much they're needed!
The cry for justice can be heard
There's always lessons to be learned!

A broken promise, hatred, lust-
Every single one's unjust!
Murder, gossip, stealing, lies-
Each of these God's laws defies!

There's an incredible allegory titled The Pilgrim's Progress about a man escapes disaster and has a big adventure as he seeks to follow the Lord, full of mistakes, victories and lots of adventure and drama. In one version on YouTube, a young Liam Neeson plays the role of the evangelist, but The Pilgrim's Progress, overall, is the second bestselling book in the world, next to the Bible. Where are you on your big adventure??

Why Wait

Oh where are you on your journey,
Do you know why you are here?
Do you really know your purpose?
Are all your duties clear?

Oh where are you on your journey,
Have you met the God of love?
He's the One who can fulfill you,
Who you've been dreaming of!

Saturday at 2

If you had a date with God this Saturday at 2,
Would you do much different, if that is what you knew?
We all will have a date with God- We just don't know when-
It's always wise to be prepared- Make sure you're born again!

The Great Physician

We turn to doctors for advice
For every health condition,
But we neglect to turn to God,
The Great Physician!

For that's a name He's known by,
It's a fact that's surely true
But Counselor and Friend and Priest
Are also His names too!

The King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
Redeemer and High Tower,
Deliverer and Lamb of God,
With holiness and power!

Mean and Rude

*You really didn't have to
Be so mean and rude,
Or can you just not help it?
That rotten attitude!?*

*For each of us affect the next,
Just like dominoes,
And each of us will reap in life
Exactly what each sows!*

*So sow an act of kindness-
See for yourself it's true
God's laws of reciprocity
Might just do the trick for you!*

Before You Check Out

Hey, before you check out,
However that may be-
Quickly in an accident
Or somehow more slowly,

Make sure that you are ready
Cuz you never know just when
Your number will be called
And your last day will end.

So before you check out
Make sure that you decide
If you'll choose the narrow path
Or slip slide down the wide!

Now both paths have their problems
But the narrow leads to life,
Though God will never force you
To trust in Jesus Christ.

So before you check out
And begin eternity
Turn from sin to Jesus!
LORD, help the blind to see!!!

Smartest Prepper

The very smartest prepper
Has forethought and is wise
And has his house in order
Long before he dies!

He's taken care of business
Regarding all his sin,
With guaranteed assurance
That he will enter in...

Enter into heaven-
Knowing he can't miss,
Because he's been forgiven-
Such preparation's bliss!!

Special Kind of Love

*I wish I could describe the depths from which I have been freed,
And exactly how God's healed me and met my every need!*

*I wish I could describe to you how very good God's been
So everyone would come to Christ, to Christ alone! And then...*

*All we'd want to ever do is worship God, above-
And learn to love each other with His special kind of love!*

One Goal

*Some people have one purpose,
They seem to have one goal-
To help you grow in patience
Way deep within your soul!*

*And they take their job description
Oh so seriously
Even though they do their job
Just voluntarily!*

Bring Your Heart Along

When you praise God with your lips,
Make sure to bring your heart along,
For when they're in full alignment,
There is power in your song!

Dwelling on a Fault

If you're dwelling on a fault
Then I think that you should move
Whether from an earthquake
Or a poor attitude!

If you're dwelling on a fault
Just think about God's love,
The peace He will provide
Is a blessing from above!

Use What You Have

**God already knows what you know-
And all that you need so that you can grow...
So if you are finding that He seems a bore-
Just use what you have and He'll give you more!**

I know a Doctor

Ever pretend to be an angel
Though corrupt so deep within?
Ever act like you are alright
Though full of wounds and sin?

If so, I know a Doctor
Who can cure every ill!
He never charges money
And can change the way you feel!

His therapy does wonders
And He even makes house calls-
He really has the most amazing way
Of breaking prison walls!

Be prepared to be real honest
For He will always know
If you are just wasting time
Because He sees your soul.

If You Were Perfect

**It's no fun if you were perfect
Cuz you'd never get the chance
To see how God can help you
In every circumstance.**

**It's no fun if you were perfect
Cuz you may have never learned
The depths of God's compassion
And how it can't be earned!**

**It's no fun if you were perfect
Cuz you never may have known
The only perfect Father-
The One who's on the throne!**

**But it's fun to grow more perfect
And become more whole and new,
As you get to witness changes
That only Christ can do!**

Glad to Share

If you have no burdens, I'll be glad to share-
I'll tell you my complaints, Oh, almost anywhere!
No matter if they do result from my willing sin,
And are my consequences... Oh let me just begin!

In the same way that it is physically, it takes time to mature, which we can't even begin spiritually until we are given life when we are born again. That's just the start and that's also what I didn't understand for a long time as a Christian. (I like the original name, "Christ Follower" better, because it reveals just what we are supposed to be doing. But anyway, no wonder I was so miserable! I thought being 'saved' and secured, guaranteed to go to heaven was all there was to it. But there is more, oh so very, very much more!!!

Colossians 1:10 explains "...so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord to please *Him* in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing in the knowledge of God, may you be strengthened *and* invigorated with all power, according to His glorious might, to attain every kind of endurance and patience with joy." Gosh, now doesn't that sound like mission impossible! To go through every kind of endurance with joy!!!! God still is in the business of miracles though!

Growth Hormone

**In your walk with Jesus,
Do you need some growth hormone?
You might just turn to Hebrews,
But James can help, alone!**

**For do you give God thanks
Through your every circumstance,
Or do need to be reminded
That on your own, you can't?**

**You can't! You'll never make it!
Without depending on His Word
But you'll find it mighty powerful
When you apply just what you've heard!**

Perfect GPS

If you keep the great commandments
In the forefront of your mind,
That's like the perfect GPS
That you can ever find!

To love the Lord with all you've got
With heart and mind and soul
And learn to love each other,
That is the highest goal!

For if you really listen,
When you're going the wrong way
The Spirit will enlighten you
And help to guide your way!

Some People

Some people seem triggered to argue
Some people seem triggered to fight...
Some people seem like they have to prove
That all the time they are right.

Some people are triggered as gentle,
Some people are triggered to love...
Which of the people are you the most like
Of the 2 choices above?

Chuck Missler used to tease that there's nothing like a good old high school reunion to make you thankful for unanswered prayer!!!

Knocked Myself Out

I almost knocked myself out
When I actually repented,
And admitted that I was so wrong
And to the Lord, relented!

I almost knocked myself out
When I actually repented,
Never mind the other person
I had wrongfully offended!

Oh I almost knocked myself out
When I actually repented,
And learned that I felt better
When my stubborn pride was dented!

The Difference

***I can't believe the difference
And how deeply this is true-
When I not only know Your Word
But when it's also what I do!***

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment", Hebrews 9:27

Reincarnation

**Reincarnation has one thing that is true
That after each one's death here, there is more too.
But Scripture says there's a chance of only one
Life to live- Find Jesus before the time you're done!**

Rejected

If you haven't been rejected,
If you wait long enough-
You'll get your chance to bear it,
Although it's super tough!

But if you're facing some rejection
And you know that kind of pain-
Call on Christ to help you,
Because He felt the same!

The Bestest Thing

The bestest thing I've ever found
About our Lord, above,
He knows when we need prodding
Or His gentle kind of love.

For He's both strict yet patient,
Though His words cut like a knife!
But He'll take us from intensive care
To soar amazing height!

The bestest thing I've ever found
After I discovered truth,
Is to see God orchestrate my life
Pure faithful from my youth.

And use all circumstances
as opportunities,
To teach me I can trust Him
And help me aim to please!

Turn Yourself In

Where'd you get that courage
To turn yourself right in?
And to be so honest
About your guilt and sin?

Where'd you get that courage
To turn yourself right in?
You say if we confess we're guilty,
That this is how we win?!

Subtle Traps

*Lying is a sin,
But complaining is one too...
There's just so many subtle traps
We tend to fall into!*

*Lying is a sin
But complaining is as well...
But when we will admit it,
That's our ticket out of jail!*

*Lying is a sin
But complaining is one too...
Just ask the Lord for His help
and He will see you through!*

The Curse

The most amazing thing there is in this whole wide universe

Is that our God is willing to save us from the curse!

Get To See

*If you're really stubborn
In your will and in your mind,
Just ask the One who made you,
As your problem He can find!*

*And if you're really broken
In your deep soul and your heart,
You'll get to see how good God is,
When you let the healing start!*

Matthew 7:3-5, "Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and look, the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye!"

So Bad

*Your sin is so bad,
Your sin is so bad,
Your sin is so bad, I find...*

*Your sin is so bad,
Your sin is so bad,
I'm sure it's much worse than mine!*

Can't Compete

**Worldly pleasures, worldly pleasures,
They just can't compete
With God's majestic kind of love,
Which really can't be beat!**

**(For His ways always take first place
When He's in our driver's seat!!)**

Hero

*If you want to be a hero
Whether to a few or all...
You can make a difference
In the big ways or the small.*

*Sometimes it's just a smile
To the old man down the street,
Or sincere encouragement
To strangers that you meet.*

*It could be words of warning
About the wreck ahead,
Including sharing Jesus
With folks before they're dead!*

Real Serious

Each time with earnest heart, you seek to walk with God,
No matter what you're doing, you'll do a better job!
And if you hear a sermon that does not challenge you
To take your sin real serious, then with that church be through!

Members Only

**God's family's like a private club
That is for members only...
But He'd love for you to join it
So if you find that you are lonely
Confess to Him your sins right now
And accept Him as your Lord.
That's the simple entrance fee
That all men can afford!**

Desperation

It was only desperation
As my major motivation
Causing me to search and seek
Because inside I was a freak!

It was only desperation
As my major motivation
And today I'm glad for it,
For I'm no longer in the pit!

Less Than Good

If Father God seems boring or even slightly less than good,
Then you may not know Him as beloved children should!

A Critic

If you need a critic,
You can choose to pay a fee,
Or why not just get married?
They'll do the job for free!

But if you need a helper
Who's motive's always kind,
Why not simply ask the Lord above,
He already reads your mind!

And He can thus best teach you
And your healing then can start-
Because He also knows just how to help
The motives of your heart!

Did you know one of the most amazing things about living after the cross, that the temple is no longer needed to be able to meet with God, but indeed our own bodies have become the temple of the Holy Spirit... well that's if we allow Him. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears *and* listens to *and* heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he [will eat] with Me.", Rev. 3:20.

Just That Great

**Even animals kill with purpose- but sadly with mankind,
There's no constructive motive for murder that we find.
So if you're sick with anger, bitterness and hate,
I'll tell you that He healed me, forgiveness that great!**

Friends

Friends in high places,
And friends in the low,
It's good to have friends,
Wherever you go!

Friends in high places,
(Think outside the box!),
Please open your door
Whenever Christ knocks!

Have you familiar with Jack London's story called White Fang? It's about a dog who was used for dog fights, being rescued by someone who loved him, and it took the dog a while to be able to trust. When we have been hurt, that can be our situation as well, but there's nothing like that break through moment!

That Moment

There's nothing like that moment
When we learn who we can trust,
And sense the love of Jesus
Who created all of us!

There's nothing like that moment
When we really come to know
That the Lord does love us,
And how He loves us so!

There's nothing like that moment
The love of God breaks through
Because it really heals your heart
And deeply changes you!

Here's a fun fact. Names, especially in the Bible, have definitions. When you list the genealogy from Adam all the way to Noah, instead of using the names but their definitions, you find a very interesting statement, which is literally... Man (because that's what the name Adam means...)... Man is appointed mortal sorrow but the blessed God shall come down teaching that His death shall bring the despairing comfort. That's the whole good news of the gospel, right there! See Chuck Missler's YT for more details, "Hidden Codes- Adam to Noah, Names, Translations, Prophecy."

That Choice Alone

**Ever known a person whose honest heart seems closed?
And the more you try to reach them,
The harder that it grows?**

**When you think of Jesus, has your heart open doors?
Please know He says He'd save you,
But that choice alone, is yours!**

**God knows this world is painful and it's easy to get hurt,
He knows just all about us,
And that we're made from dirt.**

**For with sacrificial effort, He's done everything He can
To provide a way to bridge the gap
Between Himself and man.**

Nothing So Exciting

*There's nothing so exciting
As answers when you pray,
With explicit confirmation
He has heard just what you say!*

*There's nothing so exciting
When God fulfills your need,
Directing your adventure
While you're growing like a weed!*

*There's nothing so exciting
When life seems a mystery,
But you're still excited
For your next discovery!*

Kim Jong Un

*Kim Jong Un can't block truth
However hard he tries
For all creations evidence
Around us lies!*

*And we have a conscience,
A sense of wrong and right
And if we do not kill it,
It will help us in the fight!*

*No Kim Jong Un can't block truth
No matter what he does,
Because it's in the human soul
To need God's kind of love!*

*So Kim Jong Un,
Read the Bible on your own,
Then I bet that you'd insist
There is one in every home!*

Remember That

*If you won't trust God and you won't obey,
And refuse instruction along your way-
There's really no one else to blame-
Just remember that when you complain!*

Do you remember the movie Star Wars and how there were so many different looking characters, especially in the bar scenes? The funny thing is that there's a lot of truth to that on earth, but it's just reversed. On the outside, we may look fairly similar, but not so on our interiors! For when we receive Christ, we are born again,,, we become spiritually alive and a new creation.

Look Silly When You Try

If you're trying to convince God that you're right and He is wrong,
Please know you cannot change Him, no matter just how long
You seek to stive tell Him, including reasons why...
And no matter just how hard and loud and insisently you cry!
(And by the way you sure do look so silly when you try!)
But if you're trying to convince God that right is wrong... and wrong is right,
You don't know what you're up against- You'll NEVER win that fight!!!

These Wars Are Won

If the Lord were to build an army,
Would you be one He'd recruit?
Do you make use of His weapons?
Are you busy bearing fruit?

Are you overcoming fear and sin
Or are you being overcome?
You can always ask the Lord for help,
That's how these wars are won!

There's a couple of movies out there with incredibly true spiritual lessons. The Trueman Show, because everything about our life IS being recorded for all to see, (which makes you really thankful for the fact that we repent from... the confessed sins to God, He forgives and forgets). And Groundhog Day, because we will never advance and grow until we finally surrender to the Lord by faith, one lesson at a time. We can even spend years and years just going through the motions like reading the Bible, prayer and going to church without any change at all! Without any faith at all! No wonder that gets boring!

Ugly Contest

Some people can be spiteful-
Some people can be mean,
I know I was about the worst
This world has ever seen!

But it's not an ugly contest-
And there's no good prize to win!

So I wonder why so many
Strive to prove they're good at sin!
Entering Was Free

Hey, before you check out
Although entering was free,
The working staff has kept a tab
Detailed and carefully...
Of everything you've done-
That's the Owner's policy.
And what you've done with Jesus
If in Him you've put faith,
And every step of trusting Him
That you have ever made.
So before you check out,
Be prepared to pay your fee...
For everything in this life costs
But salvation... that is free!

Walmart

Walmart has the answer-
If it's your house that needs deep cleaned...
But when you're dealing with yourself,
Your choice is friend or fiend!

One of them is very thorough
And without a doubt you'll know
Your house is put in order
Due to peace within your soul!

The other just will whitewash
And can just change your outside,
And although you think you're clever,
There's still rottenness to hide.

Rottenness that taunts you,
And with others interferes
Cuz it ruins your relationships
With both God and your peers!

So if you are in the market
For an overwhelming change
The hired help your using-
You may want to rearrange!

(Oh, it might hurt a little
Or sometimes a whole lot,
Depending on just how much

Sin and pride you've got!)

Did you know the Bible says that all of our sins are ultimately against God, no matter what person happened to be involved, See Psalm 51:4 and Matthew 12:36. And the beautiful thing is that we don't even have to understand just why we did wrong, we just have to be honest with God that we did!

Turn Turn Turn

You probably will recognize this song from the Byrds... well, sort of. Most of the words of this song about there being a time for everything were from the book of Ecclesiastes. Other words from Scripture that I think would be most helpful are:

From every sin, turn, turn, turn!

There is a reason,

Turn, turn, turn,

Full of chances to prepare

For Judgement.

"He has also planted eternity [a sense of divine purpose] in the human heart [a mysterious longing which nothing under the sun can satisfy, except God]", Ecclesiastes 3:11b.

One Verse Alone

One verse alone could change the world,
Proverbs fourteen twenty seven...
John three sixteen comes really close
As it points us all to heaven!

First John one verse eight and nine
Are also just as great!
But there's that verse in Romans,
Chapter eight verse twenty eight-

(That's the one I look for to
To make sure it's still there...
Every time I stumble and
Need to clear the air.)

God's word has all the answers,
Whatever our needs be,
And each of them can change the world,
And Oh so beautifully!

Save You Money

This advice may save you money,
The best counsellors are free,
Just ask the folks who know you
If they know what's wrong with thee...

But if you want to hear it
from a heart with gentle care,
God alone can help you,
Any time and anywhere!

For your work performance
Alone is known by God,
With thorough evaluation
Whether on or off your job!

But if you'd rather think you're perfect
And that you have no utter need,
You can wait until that time
It's in person that you meet!

Child Abuse

There's one good thing about child abuse-
It makes you appreciate God's love,
For we all need a good father- our Father from above!

There's one good thing about child abuse,
Yes, there surely, surely is...
It just might be what prompts you to decide to become His!!

"For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.", Romans 6:23.

Why Bother

**Why bother with a church
When you know it is not right...
One where sin is welcomed,
As they keep out truths light?**

**If you want to live in darkness,
God gives you that right,
But why bother with a church
That won't lead you to life?**

Risk Your Life

When you see the truth of God
It becomes so crystal clear,
That choice that lies before you,
To abort it or draw near!

There's 2 options on the menu
That the Lord does cater..
To be honest 'bout it now,
Or risk your life on later!

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"But to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the right [the authority, the privilege] to become children of God, *that is*, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name.", John 1:12

Dog House of the Lord

*Do you feel you're in the dog house,
That great big dog house of the Lord?
Have you a sense that you've displeased Him,
And you're not in one accord?*

*There's no deep peace in your spirit,
Are you're anxious for the day
When everything about your life
Will be put on full display?*

*God offers a solution because
He dearly wants this so...
To be fully reconciled,
With His love He'd have you know!*

Romans 1:1 assures us, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

How Patient God Can Be

*Every time I grow in Christ
I'm less impressed with me,
Though each of His convictions
Have served to set me free.*

*But one I let Him show me
My pure depravity,
That's when it really hit me
How patient God can be!
Out Of Gas*

*If you're on the narrow road
But you're running out of gas,
And just going through the motions
Seems to be just where you are at...*

*You might just check your compass,
If you're going the right way-
If you've lost that inner joy
Of pursuing Christ each day!*

*So if you're on the narrow path
And you're running out of gas,
And just going through the motions
Seems to be where you are at...*

*This is what does help me
And I hope it helps you too..
Just find one verse in Scripture
You don't think is wholly true...*

*And with all your heart pursue it,
Cuz it will sure change you..
For what good are God's instructions,
If they're not also what we do?*

*To believe in God is one thing
But trusting is another..
Just ask the Lord to show you,
And new life you will discover!!*

A Really Big Huge Dose

*Are you going through the motions
Without change or real progress?
That's when church gets boring,
Are you willing to confess?*

*When investing of your time as such
Makes no difference,
Except to impress others,
Don't you want deliverance?*

*Remember evolutionist-
Who God declares the fool
Waste their time and money
As they pay their tithes at school.*

*But what you need's a Bible
And a really big, huge dose
of the fear of God
for that can change your life the most!*

Answers in Genesis is a great ministry to look into regarding the evidence of creation if you are willing to hear it before you meet the Creator, yourself. Or Lee Strobel has lots of material as well, if you've been brainwashed.

"What, what would have become of me] had I not believed that I would see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living! Wait and hope for and expect the Lord; be brave and of good courage let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect the Lord.", Psalm 27:13, 14.

Who can read that and still believe that we are not saved by faith, and by faith alone? It's sort of like how some people don't understand what it means to be saved from sin, not just its consequences.

Chuck and Nancy Missler are who taught this lesson in a way even I could understand (oh and don't miss out on their study, The Kingdom, The Power and The Glory: The Overcomer's Handbook, at least if you want to get really blessed by the Lord... but the word salvation in English has different meanings in Greek and Hebrew.

The first meaning is justification, referring to when we first come to Christ and receive eternal life, becoming a new creation freed from hell, the gift that's free to us, but cost Jesus everything. But then the race is on! Think about it as when the Hebrew people were delivered out of the bondage of Egypt. But if you know your Bible, you'll know they still needed Him desperately to get to the promised land, Who could survive 40 years in the desert without miraculous help, anyway?? Which is all about the next stage, sanctification. Just as when we're born here physically, hopefully we grow. And hopefully our first decision to trust Christ to get us to heaven is not our last. We are supposed to grow, bear fruit, overcome sin, be transformed into the image of Christ, and the like, and God will someday reveal the opportunities that we had to do so, and reward us accordingly... or not... The book of Exodus is full of

lessons we still need today. The last meaning of the word salvation has to do with glorification... and that is about when we get our new bodies up in heaven, with no more pain or sickness, YAY!!!

It Changes Thee

With a little bit of courage
And some creativity,
Each time that you trust Jesus,
You'll find it changes thee!

Maybe that's to be more faithful,
Or just to hold your tongue.
Or refrain from hearing music,
That really shouldn't be sung!

Maybe it's not stealing,
But each comes with a prize...
Though when what you 'do's' not done by faith,
That's where the difference lies!

For works alone can't save you
Cuz that's just wasting time
If your motivation
Aint trusting the Divine!

Have you ever started watching a movie half way through and had to figure out by yourself who the good guys are vs the bad guys, as well as just what is going on anyway? That's sort of like how life is on this planet when you are born here. There's a certain joy when you discover the truth, when you finally figure it out for yourself.

I just love hearing testimonies from Christians as they share what the Lord has been teaching them, and how He is answering their prayers! As well as hearing all the evidence about the Bible, and only the Bible, being the only source of real truth in the world., whether that's from a historical or scientific evidence. Or even my own experience of God's working in my own life, at least when I have let Him.

One of my favorite testimonies was actually printed in our local newspaper, about the difference the local Christian shelter was making. Flo had to endure molestation by her father, during which he would actually quote the whole of Psalms 23! Understandably, she grew up hating God and ended up in crime and drugs, and you don't have to think very hard to figure out why. But when she got arrested, she was given the choice of going to prison or the Christian rescue mission. Now given her background, that was a really hard decision, but when she got to the shelter and started hearing what the Bible actually said,,, when she started hearing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ, it changed her life forever, and she just beams the joy and radiance of the love of Christ like nobody's business!! It is a comfort to know God is in control and all such sins like her father's will have their payback eventually. It is also a comfort to know God is still in the business of allowing people to be set free from sin, when we are honestly willing to confess it (admit we were wrong) and repent (agree with God how very wrong sin is and turn from it to His ways, instead). Even the Apostle Paul who wrote the majority of the New Testament had been guilty of hunting down people for murder... Christ Followers no less, and he was thinking he was actually doing God a favor. That is until the Lord got ahold of his heart. There's a fascinating interview between a

Christian Pastor and a rabbi who doesn't believe in Jesus, all about the life of that apostle and how he was converted, available at The Teacher and the Preacher – Apple Podcasts.

Have you ever seen the changes over time in people that occur the longer they've walked with the Lord? Well, it's maybe more obvious in those who are going the wrong way, but I've had the privilege of knowing at least 2 people whose very countenance and character changed so utterly completely before and after they met the Lord, it was amazing to behold! They'd been so very hurt in life, they were filled with such a deep, dark vindictive spirit... the power of being enveloped in God's love transformed them from head to toe so much that they just couldn't stop telling others about Him! Go figure!

I praise God for freeing me of severe depression and the ugly desire of killing myself, by pressing into the Lord, and pressing into the Lord, one moment, one day at a time... learning how true it is that sin's wages are death, no matter if I was already born again or not. Death to the abundant life I was missing out on, when I wasn't taking God's word absolutely seriously. And I have a hunch a lot of people are going to be very angry at Christians, and rightfully so, for not trying harder to tell them not only the warning God gives us in Scripture about the dangers of hell, but how wonderful a walk with Jesus really is! Billy Graham, where are you when we need you?!! Gosh, check out any of his many messages on YouTube, I dare you!

Romans 12:2, "Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, *even* the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]."

Cheerful Giver

*Your money God's not seeking
Til you give it from your heart...
He loves a cheerful giver,
That that's not where He starts.*

*For as we learn to trust Him
With heart and soul and mind,
Eventually we'll want to give
In ways of EVERY kind!*

Sometimes it's frustrating when you realize that essentially, all you can really give back to God is your gratitude. I like the statement, "You can never out give God, but you sure can have fun trying!!!" Talk about blessings on overflow, my word!!!

Do you know the biggest thing God wants for you? To be saved. After that, He wants for us to grow, because we're not as prone to get so beat up in the war we find ourselves within. We just have to decide whose side that we're going to be on!

We Grow When

*We grow when we sow to the spirit,
Not when we walk in the flesh.*

*We grow when we live for God's kingdom,
When in it- our life we invest!*

One thing I really appreciate about the Lord is how kind He is when I need to be corrected. For it truly is His kindness that leads us to repentance! (That's in Romans 2:4, and it's usually a clue if you're ever confused between if it's the Lord trying to help you out with conviction about something that you did, or if it's the devil who tries to condemn you that you, yourself is the problem, and you can you've succumbed to his lies because you'll sense that there's nothing that can be done to remedy the situation.

Your World Explodes

*Have you noticed how your world explodes
When faith makes it to the surface?
When that knowledge in your heart
You obey because it's worth it?*

*As you implement those strategies
And you just pure let it go
It affects each and every organ
From your head down to your toe!*

*It affects the things that happen
In that realm within the skies
And can make your head grow bigger
As you have done what is wise!*

Batting Average

*The devil's batting average
Is less than one percent,
For that's how many promises
That Satan's ever kept!*

*And though his looks are flawless
And his words are very smooth,
His contempt for all mankind*

He will always prove!

Have you ever read The Foxes Book of Martyrs? It's full of eyewitness testimonies about people dying for their faith with a supernatural joy that can't come naturally, as they willingly give their lives back to the God who gave His life for them. One account is about a 13 year old girl named Margaret. My prayer is that if I ever have to face it, the Lord would help me do as well as her, just a 13 year old girl! Sometimes it's actually easier to give our lives to the Lord that way though, rather than seeking to live for Him every day... one moment by moment, by moment, by moment.

Can't Blame God

*You can't blame God
If you won't take His calls,
And refuse to turn to Him,
No matter what befalls!*

*You can't blame God
If you refuse His help,
For that is a decision
You have to make yourself!*

Not Done Yet

God can heal the broken,
And cause the blind to see,
God can even remove
The stony heart in me!

For everyone who seeks Him
With all their soul and mind
Are guaranteed the Lord of love
For their own self to find!

So if you're in the market
Be sure that you can get
Complete new transformation
For God is not done yet!

Do you think it's wise to rely on gossip about what the Bible says? Although sometimes, because we are created in God's image... I think we can recognize the truth when we hear it. But since this whole world is

just so full of bad news, sometimes it's hard to actually believe that there really is any really, really good news to be had!

God's Kingdom

If you've invested in God's kingdom
Or you're just getting started
You'll find it is the cure
For the very hard of hearted!

For when you make investments
By all you say or do,
You'll reap the best rewards in life
As you discover He is true!

Afford - Or

**Let your conscience be your guide
For if it's in working order,
You'll recognize your debt of sin
Is one you can't afford- Or**

**You can live in guilt and shame
With only your own self to blame
Cuz Jesus Christ has paid your way
So please say yes to Him, today!**

Pity Parties

*If you're having pity parties,
I just hate to interrupt,
But one thing that might help you
Is to remember to look up!*

*For Jesus Christ did suffer
More than words can tell,
And He'll help you bear your cross
And how to do that well.*

Get the Memo?

Did you get the memo
Of God's good and upright warning?
To flee the wicked wrath to come
Or spend your time for-lorning
The fact that you ignored it,
As you pay the utter price

Of refusing to accept God's Son
And His loving sacrifice!

Simple Solution

If you believe in evolution
Oh so simple a solution,
Is found in Romans chapter 1,
And I won't rob you of the fun
To discover truth for your own self
So get your Bible off its shelf!

If you are in the medical field or if you've ever had a baby, or if you've ever been a baby... you may want to watch the YouTube, "Human Gestation and the Feasts of the Lord. Coincidence or Intelligent Design." If that interests you, you may want to see my YouTube, The Feasts of the Lord for Dummies part 1", and if that interests you, see "Cosmic Codes by Chuck Missler."

Here's just a short note about what I found amazing about the feasts. There are 7 major feasts of the Lord and the first 4 were fulfilled to the day, which makes many wonder if the Lord won't keep up the same track record. For example, the day of the year that the Hebrew people escaped Egypt called the Passover, that is the same day of the year, although much later, that Jesus rose from the grave. (Not to mention, it's the day that Noah's ark landed.) And in both cases it was a whole new world, as Christ's death made way for there to be more need for the temple, as the Holy Spirit who is to live within US, came soon after, on the 4th feast, the original event being the law being given at Sinai on that date, years earlier. How the feasts are celebrated sure pictures Jesus all over the place!!!

Ugly Awful Truth

You can kill with hatred,
Or even with neglect!
I'm not talking about house plants,
But a human soul- and yet
The ugly awful truth is
That there are some who'd
Become much more convicted
If that's the treatment that plants get!

Turn Off Your Radio

*There's never been an issue
That you will ever find
So you never have to worry
About flying blind...*

*For there is a control tower
Way up there in the sky,
That is glad to help us
Every time we fly!*

*But if you really choose to,
You can turn off your radio
To the Lord's directions,
Which would help you so!
One Moment, One Decision*

*One moment, one decision
Can change the rest of life
Especially the moment
We put our faith in Christ!*

*The first one is a doozy
As we become His child,
The rest's a roller coaster
That really can get wild!*

*But onward toward maturity
Is His precious call,
For each time that we listen,
He becomes our all in all!!*

In Private

*If you'd tell the Lord in private,
That you're wrong and He is right,
That's when things will start to change
And you'll gain new insight!*

True Riches

*When you think about true riches
The most expensive things in life...
Those gifts that are so costly
That involve a sacrifice-*

*Do you think of Jesus
Our dear Lord, the only Christ?
Who willingly came down to earth
Just to give His life?*

Money

*No matter how much money
That you may happen to amass,
It can't buy you a grateful heart
Or the joy that lasts!*

Higher Education

This higher education class just really blows my mind-

**With just how long it's taking me to learn how to be kind!
There's been so many field trips full of failed attempts I've tried...
But I know I cannot pass until the Lord is satisfied!**

Really Broken

If you've been really broken
Then you might just get to see
How very deep and able
God can deliver thee...

Though there may come moments
Where you so want to give in,
If you'd turn to Jesus,
He'd heal your heart within!

For faith is much like breathing-
Take one moment at a time-
To learn and do God's Word,
And let it fill your mind!

Believing that He loves you
No matter how you feel,
For the more you trust Him,
The more that you will heal!

Have you ever heard what Doreen Virtue has to say... (a former witch who is very familiar with spiritual warfare) in her YouTube, "False Christ of The Chosen, Jesus Calling & The Shack."
Bioweapons

Have you heard of bioweapons,
That can inflict your soul?
Rob you of your joy and leave you less than whole?

The Bible says we live by faith,
And a lack of it can kill,
Leaving you a captive, without your own free will!

That's why that old darn devil
strives to make the truth look bad,
For that's the only path to freedom that mankind has ever had!

For good works cannot save us,
God's not into bribery!

Faith in Jesus Christ alone is heaven's entrance fee!

Carbo Loading

You can talk about God's grace all day
And do your carbo loading,
But if you need more stamina
Be sure to feed on protein!

Because the walk with our good Lord
Is ever uphill climb,
That leads us toward perfection
If we are so inclined!

Cuz if you are not changing
And finding transformation,
From all those carbs you're eating,
You should take a big vacation!

Why not take some time and focus
On the fear of God,
And ask Him to reveal in you
Any places you are flawed!

Just start with any sins in you
That you already know,
And once you have repented,
The Lord will help you grow!

Did you know Romans 14:23 tells us, "...whatever is not from faith is sin." Take unbelief for example and consider that when you read the most famous verse in the Bible...

John 3:16, 17, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him."

Don't You Ever Dare

Please don't you ever dare
to just throw your life away-
Either all at once or by little, day by day...

For each moment has a purpose,
Each trial has a goal,
To help you live for Jesus- the true Lover of your soul!

Proactive

**How proactive are you?
Do you seek just what is best
On a daily basis,
Or when your life's a mess?**

**How proactive are you?
If you'll search then you will know
God can prevent your problems
If by faith in Him you'd go!**

**Talk about a motive
To want authority!
If you trust Him He will guide you
Unto victory!**

Movies that I'd share include any by the Kendrick Brothers, their latest is The Forge but they have several. My favorite of all times, Second Glance, which I previously mentioned in part 1 of my poetry is just one of many, most are free on YouTube, by Christiano Films. Brave the Dark is by Angel Studios, and although they didn't mention Jesus by name, you can see His healing love all over the place in it.

If you're into books, A Chance to Die by Elizabeth Elliot is a powerful biography of someone completely sold out for Jesus, whom God used to rescue girls being used as sex slaves. But of course, you can never beat the Bible itself. I'd recommend starting in either Romans or John, or listening to a teaching by Chuck Missler on any and every book of the Bible. He can even bring Leviticus to life!

When it comes to Bible versions though, from my own experience, I would never recommend The Message or the NIV. The devil sure likes to try to get in there and cloud man from the truth any which way he can, including all the churches where He isn't even welcome. But take one verse for example, Romans 10:4, which in many versions says that Christ is the end of the law. I learned from Pastor Mark Biltz that if you know your Hebrew, you'd understand that in the same way that the finish line is at the end of a race, it could also be said that it is the goal of the race, so a better translation (and he has his own online at El Shaddai Ministries),,, a better translation is that Christ is the goal of the law, because for heaven's sake, we ARE still supposed to obey the Lord!!!

There's a website, Blue Letter Bible, that has all the words in Scripture in such a way that with one click you can look at each word's definition. The Amplified Version puts the definitions within the verse. Oh Look! Here are a few to spend time with, right now!!!

"Then [with a deep longing] you will seek Me *and* require Me [as a vital necessity] and [you will] find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.", Jeremiah 29:13.

"For God so greatly loved *and* dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.", John 3:16.

Karl Lawley, in his book, *Encrypted*, as well as in his YouTube's, and ministry called *Porsches and Prophecy*, he has some pretty fascinating information about the Bible codes found in the Psalms as well as many other place. *Encrypted* will be especially valuable to anyone who is left here after the rapture, as it maps out more details regarding what to expect during each of the 7 years. From what he is seeing, the false messiah (the one the Jews believe is the real messiah) arises to fame soon after the rapture and just may be around 30 years old in the year 2029. He may have been born in Romania, and descends from the line of David. Remember he will be afflicted in his right eye by a possible assassination attempt but miraculously heal. That information is in "Part 2- Unlocking the Mysterious Timeline Hidden in the 7 Churches of Revelation."

Spielberg

Have you come unto the place yet
Where it's your honest will
Do yearn for God's plan more than yours
No matter how you feel?

Maybe cuz you've seen God
Be right so very often
When you haven't understood,
That your stony hearts been softened?

Like characters in movies
who obey the movie's author-
Spielberg can't hold a candle
To all that God can offer!

Do Not Read the Bible

If you decide you don't want love,
Than do not read the Bible...
Especially with the attitude
Of a humble child!

For if you've ever noticed,
God won't force you to believe,
He takes no joy in judgment,
If this you can conceive!

For He is full of mercy
But also He is just,
And it's our job before we die
To decide who we will trust!

And we could die tomorrow
Or we could die today...

There's a peace when you're prepared,
At least that's what I say!

"For man knoweth not his time.", Ecc. 9:12a
The Lord's Security

Each act is caught on camera
By the Lord's security,
Not one thing will go unnoticed
And this service, here is free!

No it never costs a quarter,
Not even one thin dime...
For justice will be served
Unto all of humankind!

We'll come before the Judge
Each of us- one by one...
All will be laid bear
Before Jesus, God's own Son.

Every crime will be replayed,
All wrongs will be made right-
All things that were hidden
Will then be brought to light.

(And if you're covered by Christ's blood-
Then you will be alright!)

I'd like to share one more note about the feasts of the Lord... some call them the feasts of the Jews, but not the Bible, although it involved the Jews, but can you see how each of these is a blessing to you?

- 1) God rescues the Hebrews from the bondage of slavery in Egypt, just like He's willing to free us from the bondage of sin. That was called Passover when a lamb was sacrificed, later to be the date, even to the very hour, the Lamb of God was sacrificed (for that's the name that John who did baptisms used, when he introduced and baptized Jesus.)
- 2) The next feast commemorates when the Jews quickly left Egypt, which is the day that Christ was quickly buried.
- 3) The third is the famous crossing of the Red Sea, when Jesus passed from death to life in His resurrection.
- 4) The 4th had to do with Christ's ascension and when the Holy Spirit was given.
- 5) The 5th through the 7th haven't been fulfilled yet, but the fifth has a very unique nickname, "No one knows the day or hour" which Mark Biltz explains in his YouTube, Feast of Trumpets, also known as Rosh Hashanah, usually falling in September on the Gregorian calendar, and starts a 10 day period when we're supposed to focus on making sure we've done everything we can to have peace with our fellow man. How it is celebrated could point to the rapture, or the return of Christ in some way.
- 6) The 6th is the high holy day of Atonement where we are to spend a day wrestling out with the Lord, if we have everything right between ourselves and God. It's the one day of the year the high priest could enter the

holiest place in the temple to make sacrifices for himself and all the others, but thank God, we don't need it anymore, and we can meet with God within our own heart and mind and soul. Or we can choose to push Him out... either way. This could be the day that the false messiah who comes after the rapture, goes into the temple, proclaiming himself to be God, and then the Jews are to scramble as fast as they can as unfortunately, there will come a 2nd holocaust even more severe than the one before.

- 7) The 7th is called Tabernacles and is to commemorate the provision of the Lord for the Hebrew or Jewish people during their 40 year stint in the desert of the wilderness, which could have been much shorter but was extended to their own choice of unbelief, a sin as damaging as any. Just read John 3:16 with that in mind, and you will see!

To tabernacle together means to dwell and fellowship together, and this could point to when Jesus sets up His reign on earth for the next one thousand years, before it's a wrap and all here is said and done.

Gosh, and some people thought that in the movie series, Back to the Future, that the book full of sports scores that Biff got his hands on was valuable! We can be sure and certain that the nation of Israel will survive, no matter just how bad it is going to look when every nation comes against them in the latter days!!! But if you're really right with Jesus, you'll be watching from the rafters!

Has your walk with Jesus changed you? Ephesians 2:8 and 9 say, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." James 2:20 is a bit more blunt, "But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Romans 6:16 sheds some light on this topic too..., "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?" Which way are you going today?

The Most Beautiful Place

**The most beautiful place on Earth to be
Is when you trust God willingly,
When everything within your flesh
Is not convinced that God knows best-
But with joy you're overwhelmed
With the key to joy you've found,
As you obey and dare and trust
The Lord is good, and true and just!
And you become a sacrifice,
Laying down for God, your life.
(But there's one thing true you need to know,
Trials are the things that help us grow!)
No, There's no place on Earth as great
As to WHOLLY trust God with your fate!**

Star Card

**Make sure to have a star card
For without it you can't fly,
I'm not referring to our government
But the one up in the sky!**

**Make sure to have your star card
And have your passport ready,
Christ could come at any moment,
Keep running, strong and steady!**

**For the race that's set before you
Is full of opportunities
To hunger for God's righteousness,
So Him alone, we please!**

**So make sure to have your star card-
May your life's manifestation
Be the light of Jesus
To this darkened generation!**

"Lean on, trust in, *and* be confident in the Lord with all your heart *and* mind and do not rely on your own insight *or* understanding. In all your ways recognize, *and* acknowledge Him, and He will direct *and* make straight *and* plain your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; reverently fear *and* worship the Lord and turn [entirely] away from evil. It shall be health to your nerves *and* sinews, and marrow *and* moistening to your bones.", Proverbs 3:5-8.

As Pastor Mark Biltz says, when you go visit a foreign country, you can tell a lot about it by its laws. On his Shaddai Ministries website... Biltz lists all of the 613 laws of God listed in Scripture, not including all the silly ones that man thought needed to be added, like a red heifer having only 3 white hairs! But here are just a few... (Before I go on, did you know that pomegranates were used in the décor of the tabernacle? And that pomegranates just so happen to have 613 seeds?! That is just ONE of a myriad of fun discoveries in Scripture!)

Fundamentals of Torah: (Torah means the first 5 books of the Bible.)

- 1 To know there is a God Exod. 20:2
- 2 Not to entertain thoughts of other gods besides him Exod. 20:3
- 3 To know that He is one Deut. 6:4
- 4 To love Him Deut. 6:5
- 5 To fear Him Deut. 10:20
- 6 To Sanctify His Name Lev. 22:32
- 7 Not to profane His Name Lev. 22:32
- 8 Not to destroy objects associated with His Name Deut. 12:4
- 9 To listen to the prophet speaking in His Name Deut. 18:15

10 Not to test the prophet unduly Deut. 6:16

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11 To emulate His ways Deut. 28:9

12 To cleave to those who know Him Deut. 10:20

13 To love Jews Lev. 19:18

14 To love converts Duet. 10:19

15 Not to hate fellow Jews Lev. 19:17

16 To reprove Lev. 19:17

17 Not to embarrass others Lev. 19:17

18 Not to oppress the weak Exod. 21:22

19 Not to speak derogatorily of others Lev. 19:16

20 Not to take revenge Lev. 19:18

21 Not to bear a grudge Lev. 19:18

God even has a law about caring for a mother bird in Deuteronomy 22:6!

Since we know Jesus is coming for a bride without spot, wrinkle or blemish, one of the messages I found most helpful in explaining what those are is on YT by Mark Biltz, "Spots,, Wrinkles and Blemishes."

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