

# *Pure Poetry*

## *Part 3*

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## Prizes

Just fix your eyes on Jesus,  
The Author of our faith,  
And you will win prizes  
On that Judgement Day!

My first collection of poems, *If I Should Die Before I Live*, centered around the errors I was making in my own walk with the Lord, of trying to have one foot in the world while trying to also follow Jesus. There, I share, how that doesn't work and how I had to learn that lesson the hard way, as the Lord graciously showed me my lukewarm hypocrisy, and how I had to learn to decide which way I was going to go, and then get on with it, which was very painful, but only to my pride, which needed a lot of humbling, I may add.

Such hypocrisy, and how it doesn't go over well with the Almighty, as well as robs us of the joy of living the abundant life with Christ, that was the focus of *Pure Poetry, Part 2*.

In Part 3, I wanted to leave some encouragements for others, just in case it is true that the rapture is not a salvation issue, but a reward issue, meaning that it could be very possible that born-again Christians will be left behind, because God does promise to complete what He's begun and if you've ever noticed, your very first step to 'get saved' or become born-again was a decision you were very much involved in, and so it is with our growth in the Lord. It takes 2 to have a relationship, and we're not to just get saved from hell, but by God's grace, also get saved from sin along the way, so hopefully we have something to show for our lives when we give an account to the Lord at the final Judgement. Which given the fact that this life is just a testing ground which determines our welfare in all of eternity, any chance for a do-over is something we ought to be very grateful for, don't you agree? So if you are reading this post rapture, please take heart and if you recognize the rapture for what it was, and you realize what you missed, be glad. There is still hope for you! I go into much further detail about this here.

### *Propel You*

*When you're lied to all your life,  
It can be so hard to shake,  
As you realize what you've missed  
It can cause your heart to break!*

*But let this be the impetus  
Within your heart and mind  
To propel you on your journey  
For God's truth to find!*

*God Knows*

*God knows how to orchestrate  
Events so we'll obey...  
So that we'll be inspired  
to turn from our evil way!*

*God knows how to orchestrate  
To give us another try  
Because our God is gracious,  
So repent before you die!*

*Some of this may be repetitive... but here's a letter you may find encouraging. I'll also post some YouTubes soon with the same kind of message.*

**TO ANY BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIANS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND, IF THIS HAS BEEN THE CASE, THESE ARE MY THOUGHTS ON THE REASON WHY, BUT IF YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN YOU'VE BEEN BORN AGAIN AND ARE STILL HERE, THERE IS SOME COMFORT TO BE HAD, FOR YOU MAY NOT HAVE LOST YOUR SALVATION AS FAR AS ETERNALLY,,,,, ALTHOUGH YOU MAY HAVE JUST LOST IT ALONG THE WAY. YOU MAY HAVE JUST LOST BEING SAVED FROM SIN ALONG YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN, JUST LIKE I HAD, BUT IT WAS THE LORD'S STRONG HAND OF AUTHORITY IN MY LIFE THAT HELPED TURN ME AROUND. UNBELIEF IS JUST AS DAMAGING OF A SIN AS ANY, DON'T YOU AGREE? IT'S SOMETIMES JUST HARDER TO NOTICE, BUT GOD WILL ALWAYS HELP US WITH THAT.**

**DO YOU REMEMBER GOD'S PROMISE IN 1<sup>ST</sup> PETER 5:10 TO COMPLETE WHAT HE HAS BEGUN IN YOU? DO YOU STARTED THIS JOURNEY WHEN YOU WERE WILLING TO TURN FROM YOUR SINS AND BECOME BORN AGAIN? WELL, GOD NEVER FORCED YOU TO GET SAVED... AND SO IT IS WITH HIM ON THE JOURNEY. HE DOESN'T FORCE US TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW. HE DOESN'T FORCE US TO CONTINUE TO TRUST AND OBEY. BUT HE ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO FIND A WAY TO PUT US IN SITUATIONS WHERE WE CAN'T HELP BUT BE INSPIRED TO DO JUST THAT. TO BE REFRESHINGLY INSPIRED TO REGAIN OUR FOOTING AND CONTINUE TO FOLLOW. AND I THINK MISSING THE RAPTURE WOULD BE AN INCREDIBLE EXAMPLE OF HELPING US DEVELOP A GOOD HEALTHY DOSE OF THE FEAR OF LORD, WHICH IS JUST THE VERY BEGINNING OF WISDOM. HE HAS A WAY OF HELPING US SEE THE LIGHT AND TRULY TAKE OUR SIN SERIOUSLY. TO BECOME ASTUTELY CONVINCED AND REMINDED THAT THE WAGES OF SIN TRULY IS DEATH... EVEN IF IT'S JUST THE DEATH OF YOUR ABUNDANT LIFE WITH CHRIST DURING OUR SOJOURN ON EARTH, WHICH WITH OUR REPENTANCE, HE ALSO CAN REVIVE.**

**HERE'S A REALLY COOL EXAMPLE IN SCRIPTURE THAT MAY APPLY. IN ACTS CHAPTER 15, THERE WAS SERVANT WHO HAD LINKED UP WITH PAUL AND BARNABUS FOR A MISSION TRIP ONLY TO SHRINK BACK IN UNFAITHFULNESS TO THE GOAL. THAT WAS NOT OKAY WITH PAUL, BUT BARNABUS, BEING THE ENCOURAGER, (JUST AS THE HOLY SPIRIT IS) IN HIS DEALINGS WITH THIS UNFAITHFUL SERVANT, HELPED NURTURE HIM TOWARD MATURITY, AND LATER THAT VERY SERVANT BECAME VERY VALUEABLE TO PAUL, AS PAUL ACTUALLY REQUESTED HIM BY NAME SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE. IN THE SAME WAY, PLEASE TAKE HEART... YOU MAY NOW BE OF INTENSE VALUE TO THE LORD. THIS WORLD NEEDS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HUMBLE, TRUE REPENTANCE! THANK GOD FOR SECOND CHANCES!!!**

**OF COURSE, THERE ARE ALSO PROBABLY MANY LEFT WHO ONLY THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE CHRISTIANS, NOT UNDERSTANDING WHAT IT REALLY MEANS TO HAVE THEIR OWN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOD OF ALL CREATION. AS WELL AS OTHERS WHO DID UNDERSTAND, AND ALREADY MADE THEIR CHOICE TO REJECT HIM. OH WHAT A CONFUSING TIME IT WILL BE!! HANGING ONTO JESUS WILL BE THE ONLY KEY! I REALLY DO RECOMMEND CHUCK MISSLER'S COMMENTARY ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE.**

*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!**

What do you think it means to be saved by grace??? Do you remember the moment you first got saved? Were you an active participant in that decision? If you're familiar with the account regarding King David being convicted about his adultery with Bathsheba, you may have noticed that God tells us that if he would not have repented, he would have died. Can you see how God gave him grace in giving him an opportunity to repent? And then we have the Hebrew people in the wilderness in Numbers chapter 21 when they sinned against God (by complaining about the bitter waters they were facing... have you ever come across bitter water in your own journey??) After all they'd been through, after all the miracles God had already done on their behalf, when they ran into a problem, one so small by comparison... their response was to complain instead of to turn to the Lord with at least a little bit of faith, but because of what they did, God sent fiery serpents to kill them. But again, God gave them grace by providing a way out... although quite a strange one at that. God had Moses create a serpent made of brass, put it up on a pole and instruct the people to look up to it, for if they did, they would live. God provided for them, by His grace, a way out, but who can make sense of what looking up to a snake on a pole means for us today??? This is one reason I so appreciate Chuck Missler explaining that brass is the metal signifying judgement, so in essence, the people were being told that if they wanted to live, they had to look up to their judge, and in that very act of facing Him was not only looking to Him for their help, but also was an act of admitting they were guilty.

It takes a lot of courage... or what you may also call faith, for us as well to face our Judge in admittance we are guilty, as well, don't you agree? Maybe that's why in Hebrews 11 we're told that faith is believing God is, AND that He is good! And maybe that's why in John 3:14 says, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." I so enjoy how both the Old and New Testaments really compliment each other!

Scripture says by God's mercies we are not consumed. Any time on this green earth that He gives us as an opportunity to repent is a complete and utter blessing, wouldn't you agree? The sooner we admit that we got what we deserved, the sooner we'll be able to get back on our feet and be of service to the Lord.

Wayne Fowler, who is a lawyer, and runs the We Are Overcomers teachings on YouTube explains what remedial judgement is... judgement with the purpose of correction and restoration, helping one willingly submit and change. In his recent program, Remedial judgment for the left behind church, not wrath... he explains the Scriptures showing that God's wrath is not poured out on earth until midpoint in the tribulation, and expects another harvest, or rapture mid trib because it is true, Christians are not appointed to God's wrath, so it's a good thing He doesn't let the hammer fall all at once. Doesn't that sound like His mercy and grace? Just like God had on King David?

Karl Lawley has a whole lot of information for the left behind, whoever they may be (he just prays Luke 21:36 a lot), but he has many, many teachings that many find helpful during that difficult time, one amazingly overlapping the lessons for each of the 7 churches in the book of Revelation according to each of the 7 years of the tribulation.

Maybe you didn't get to succeed as an overcomer before but now could be your chance to become more than a conqueror! Just fix your eyes and Jesus and keep busy fearing Him, not man. It's kind of fun to not succumb to the fear of man, no matter how valiantly they may try!

"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

Laws of Character

- 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.

I have 3 Youtubes for the left behind:

- 1) For anyone left behind who didn't expect to still be here
- 2) Part 2 for the left behind, Luke vs. Mark vs. Matthew
- 3) Part 3, Are you religious or are you saved?
- 4) And another, The Jesus Challenge.

The following poem is about how our worst consequences can become our very best friends, if we allow them to teach us what we're needing.

Just you and only Him

Just come before the Lord,  
Just you and only Him...  
And invite His x-ray vision  
To thoroughly scan your sins!

If you've a guilty conscience  
That is the only cure...  
For it's His cleansing presence  
That alone can make you pure!

For the key to freedom  
Is that inner honesty,  
As you learn to trust the Savior  
And to fully bend your knee!!

And for every consequence  
That it took to get you here,  
Praise the Lord Almighty~  
In holy, reverent fear!

And with full submission  
As to what doth lie ahead,  
With renewed commitment,  
Out of brokenness be led!

There's still a world of lost souls  
Who need to know God's love...  
And what better man to share  
Of God's mercies, from above!!

## The Day

The day we'll look back, thorough through our life,  
Those moments when we were devoted to our Christ...

Those of intentional abiding in Him...  
Are those when our growth begins,

Seeking by choice to die to ourself,  
And live for God... OH THAT is true wealth!

## Didn't Take the Land

Have you ever grieved that you didn't trust God?  
That you coward to giants and gave into fear?  
Have you ever grieved that you didn't take the land,  
Didn't build on the Rock... didn't keep the Lord near?

If indeed that has been your lot... just as others have so...  
If you get more time to repent, pick up your cross and then GO!

## Hear Oh Israel!

Hear Oh Israel, did you not recognize the temple?  
Where God's presence you could find?  
Didn't you hear the Christ a'knocking  
on your heart and soul and mind!?

*This document is still in process of being completed.*

