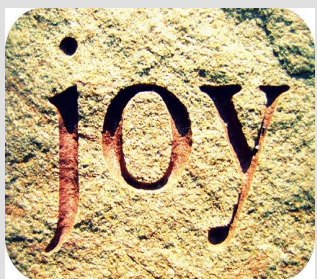


## You Make Known To Me the Path Of Life

Psalms 16:11a



In your  
Presence  
There Is fullness of  
Joy,  
At your right hand  
Are  
Pleasures  
Forevermore  
Psalms 16:11b



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## Locked In.....In Paradise!

I live in Florida which, with its beaches and daily sunshine, is paradise to most vacationers. And its as close to paradise as some folks may make it! Just sayin' here...

But this week-or month? -Florida is on Lockdown, we are unable to enjoy the weather or Disney, the beaches or restaurants everywhere- ALL closed!

This is totally new to the USA! And the newness and *fear* of it is fanned by tl media nonstop...

But Hey - It is still Paradise that we live in!

Even my home with a balcony looking out to the park and the great café a half block down-where none of us can go-But my apt where I live has a balcony which brings the outdoors in, sort of like a penthouse-to me! And both are a glorious prison!

I am very grateful too! If I weren't so blessed, I might be living in a slum! Or with an abuser, and walking on eggshells to avoid his rampages. Some **are** living like that...

Personally, I am soooo weary of the statement everywhere on TV, etc. "We're all in this together" Hello? **We know this!** It's not encouraging...so where is encouragement in the middle of this...?

Well, I'm confident that God is still in control despite man's inability-yet-to master this virus! I look to His Word if I ever My faith failing...& despite the many, many paths that religions, cults, New Agers, Mystics offers-God says in His Word "there is salvation in no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."<sup>1</sup>

Tho I'm not a scholar, I

am a student of the Bible over 50 years.And *besides*, the next verse says this: "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter & John, and perceived that they're uneducated,common men they were astonished. And they recognized they had **been with Jesus.**"

I am childlike enough to believe all this...because Jesus said "Except you be converted, and become as a little child, you shall **not** enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."<sup>2</sup>

If God is not in control, do we then go off in a cataclysmic dust cloud, consumed by plagues and viruses, or face economic failure in the world, or an earthquake's horror, or face Iran's wrath...?

I'll tell you why I **do** believe in God...because He is a God of Miracles! His miracles are proof of His Love for us. I've seen them in my own life, but let me tell you of a true story on 9/11/01, a time of crisis for the USA, also!

A couple worked in Twin Towers, he in #1 and she in #2. Pregnant and walking from her car, she stopped on the way to get a band-aid for her heel, made by a new pair of shoes. Meantime, the first plane hit Tower #1. When she got to work the doors were locked in #2. But he thot she was already at work and prayed she would get out in time. She looked up and saw the explosions for the first plane, knew it was on floors where he worked, so she prayed "If You save him, we will be missionaries for You." On his floor, he routed

several people-10 to 12 -and started down the stairwells, fighting fire and smoke.They made it to the main floor but he felt the bldg shudder... he told the people with him to stand against the elevator walls. As the bldg began to collapse around them, he told everyone to repeat the Name of Jesus,over and over. Only he survived, but all with Him named Jesus, whose Hebrew name means *salvation*.

This couple moved to Texas, had a second son, and became short-term missionaries in a church.

Tons of stories just like this occurred that day...

The cynic asks here, Then why did so many people have to *die*...?

Because you aren't promised tomorrow, Dear One! It's a fallen world, and its full of fallen people! The result of sin has made all of us a lil broken...But **God!**

"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."<sup>3</sup> Jesus came to redeem us from that sin-God's *greatest* miracle!<sup>4</sup>

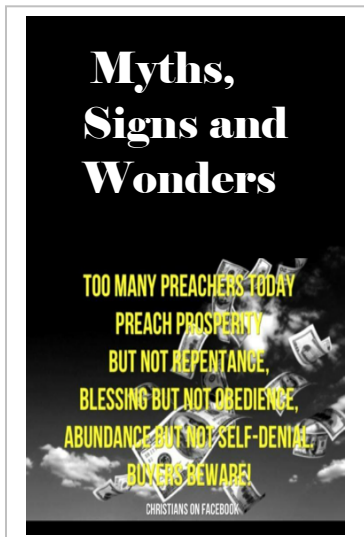
WHY did God hear that couple's prayers that day? *They had what God was looking* for...

"The EYES of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil. When the righteous cry for help,Lord hears."<sup>5</sup>

God has given us in this crisis...a *time-out!* He's promised to shake things up at the end, so that the things that can't be shaken may remain... therefore let us be *grate-ful* ...<sup>6</sup> What do you see? Blessings of family,USA, things... or only a crisis?



## The Greatest UNKNOWN is the Tenderness of a Loving God...



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Do you feel the world is broken? Do You feel the shadows are moving in...? You are not alone because more and more people are relenting to this!

The *future* itself seems more clouded recently – retirement 401k’s sacked, jobs questionable, businesses lost and then-is the entire vista of health issues.

How do we peer into the future with any reliability...? Well, we can’t! The future of the USA has become cloudy itself, with teachers and millenials who clamor for socialism –an entire voting block of 23 million out of 70 million who think socialism is the way to go. This is how Germany changed in the 1930’s and elected Hitler. *Ignorance* of history & values of freedom *among youth* does change nations...! It may change ours, if God doesn’t intervene!

God? Is God political? No, He’s apolitical. But “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of bondage.”<sup>7</sup> But God loves *freedom...* and *You!* So His people can live in peace and pursue their destiny without a godless tyrant making all the rules!

And God has a plan for *you*, and for our nation-the whole earth! And if *we* don’t look for or obey that plan, *His* plan will go on without us! But! *If* our nation will return to the Biblical principles it flourished under until people dumped Him from schools, politics & the marketplace, God’ll use our nation. If *we* don’t- His plan will go on-sadly!

You can peer into the future, with reliability...*if* you confer with His Word.<sup>8</sup> His plan for the earth is wrapping up....Oh, you will soon see cataclysmic things in nature, the skies, mankind, earthquakes, wars. But if you fully belong to Jesus, He promises you’ll be spared His anger!

Absolutely nothing is more solid than God... or His Word. You can put Your trust in Him! So during this pandemic, how does God want to use it in *your* life? Never does anything fall to the ground with God...He uses it all.

God says He has a plan for the redemption of all men on earth-It is a “whosoever will” gospel! But even tho the future is uncertain, in the world, the nation, & churches...You can be certain that God wants to deliver *you*-if you know Him -from a *holy* God’s anger at all the wickedness on earth!

“For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation thru the Lord Jesus.”<sup>9</sup> When “the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire inflicting vengeance on those 1.)who not *know* God and on 2.) those who *do not obey* the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”<sup>10</sup> (#’s 1, 2, mine.)

Use this time to restore families-dinner at the table, slow down, be grateful, teach our children to trust & rely on Him-*not* money or education! Get priorities Right. Return to HIM..!

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## Ask Agatha – How Can I Really Know God?

**Dear Agatha:** Hi Agatha. It troubles me to know a bunch of people who say they know God, but if you know them out of church? - it’s difficult to see a difference in them their unsaved neighbors! And didn’t Jesus tell us that we can *know* others by their fruit...?<sup>11</sup> I love some of these folks but fear some are not gonna arrive in Heaven! Ann

**Dear Ann:** Thank You that you have a burden for souls, and take hell

as seriously as the Apostle Paul did, ‘warning men daily.’<sup>12</sup> Just because someone says a sentence *prayer* one time does not mean salvation becomes *real*.

Jesus said “if you love Me you will keep my commandments.”<sup>13</sup>

What *is* Real is a hunger for truth in this world of lies & half-truths! If *you don’t love the truth*, you are not a candidate to really find God... because you are a candidate for deception *already!*<sup>14</sup> If you love anything more than the truth, God will give you over to that lie just like He did to Pharoah after he hardened his heart 7 times. God *let him have* the lie he embraced...<sup>15</sup>

Do you want to see God more clearly? Then *Look at Jesus*. He is the express Image of God.<sup>16</sup>

Today’s a good day for a Fresh Start...It is Good Friday, the day we remember when Jesus accepted our sin and exchanged it for *His* righteousness! <sup>17</sup>

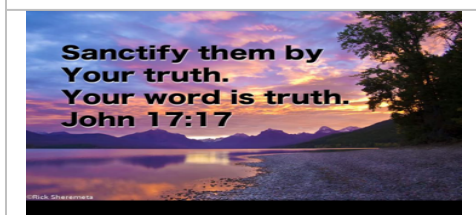
“But all who receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”<sup>18</sup>

And to answer your question, Ann... James tells us faith without works is dead! Dead is ...*Dead*. Not a proof of life in anyone! They are deceiving them selves-nodevil *needed!* *Only seeking* miracles!<sup>19</sup>

Many are deceived today who think they’re okay, who occupy a pew & sing songs!“Avoid them!”<sup>20</sup>

“Let your light so *shine* that men will *see* your good works and glorify God.” <sup>21</sup>

## Where can I find Truth?



For the Word of God became *flesh*, and dwelt among *us*.

John 1:14

