



WATCHMAN'S TRUMPET



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FROM THE MISSION DIRECTOR

*Hello,
I welcome you to this new month and present to you July 2024 edition of Watchman's Trumpet. The theme of this month's edition is "Jesus Christ - The Way". Our lead text is John 14:6. In it Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

Man today is basically searching for three things: Some direction (the way), something that is real (the truth), and something that will last forever (life). Jesus represents the three to all mankind. In Him and through Him all searches for God, for lasting peace and joy, for divine -human partnership, intimacy and relationship ends. Beyond and outside Him, there is nowhere else to go. This is the position of the Bible and a claim that Jesus Himself made.

Insisting that Jesus is the only way is an especially unpopular stance in a culture based on freedom of choice. If you can go to the school of your choice, support the team of your choice, watch the cable channel of your choice, and eat the food of your choice, why can't you pray to the god of your choice? That is exactly the point. If Jesus is truly God and the only true God as He claimed to be, commitment to Him had to be exclusive. Jesus rejects the notion that we can believe whatever we like, and that we will all end up in the same place. While all roads may lead to Rome, not all faiths lead to God. Although people are allowed to hold their own opinions, they cannot make up their own truth. It cannot be

done with religion any more than it can be done with mathematics. To insist that all religions are equally true is another way to say that all religions are equally false. Jesus Christ refuses to have any colleagues.

The exclusive nature of Jesus' claim is not without foundation. Christianity teaches that all the problems of the world that causes separation from God spring from acts of sin. All of humanity's economic, social, racial, military, and educational problems come from the hatred, greed, or rebellion of the human heart. The Bible clearly revealed that through Jesus, sin has been paid for and death has been overcome. Through Jesus God revealed Himself to the world and solved all problems that may cause mankind's eternal separation from His presence and from His abode in heaven. Jesus therefore deserved our utmost and unalloyed commitment and loyalty. My prayer is that your understanding and submission to this truth will tremendously transform your life as you read this edition of Watchman's Trumpet. Welcome!

JESUS THE WAY

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6



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In John 14:1-4, Jesus told His disciples that He was going away, to His Father's house to prepare a place for them, and to return to take them to live with Him. He ended this promise by telling them that they already know the way that leads to His Father's house that He spoke about. The disciples were not sure about this. Thomas spoke their minds. He told Jesus that they did not even know where He was headed not to speak of knowing the way to the place. In their reasoning, if a man does not know his destination how can he know how to get there? John 14:5. Our text captured Jesus' reply to Thomas' inquires.

To understand the statement and its implication, we shall consider three subtopics:

1. Our guide to God's presence and heaven
2. The only way and the only Mediator
3. The way, the Truth and the Life

1. Our guide to God's presence and heaven

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." **John 14:1-3**

Jesus in the prayer He taught the disciples and by extension the church described Almighty God as His Father and God's dwelling as Heaven. So when he stated in John 14 that He was going to his Father's house to go and prepare a place for them and then come back to take them to live with Him, He was talking about bringing believers to live with Him in Heaven in the end. In connection with our text and in response to Philip's question Jesus was talking about how to get to Heaven. His statement *"I am the way the Truth and the Life"* imply that He was all that they needed and all that any man needed to get to heaven at last and live there with Him and with God forever. He is our passport and visa. He is our entry and residential permit. He is the key and has the key that unlocks the gate of heaven to men. He is everything. Intimate relationship with Jesus and His name is the only Gate pass that is recognized in Heaven and that will grant admission to anyone into the city.

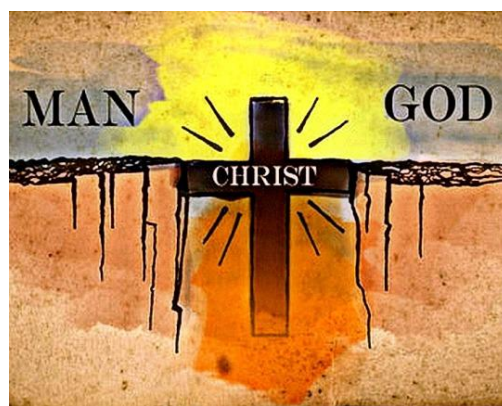
Jesus said *"I am the way the Truth and the Life"* to God's presence and to Heaven. His words revealed three essential needs of men to get to God and to Heaven. We need the way to the place, we need to learn the truth about that place and we need to acquaint ourselves with the life that Heaven's citizens live, prepare

ourselves for it and practice it while here on earth. We cannot do this on our own. We don't acquire these by rituals, accomplishment or by personal virtue. We must come through Jesus. Jesus simplified man's search for God and our responsibility of living a life that pleases Him. Jesus stated that all we need do to achieve this is to come to Him, to follow Him, stay with Him, focus on Him, depend on Him and imitate Him. As we continuously follow and honour Him, we shall not miss our way.

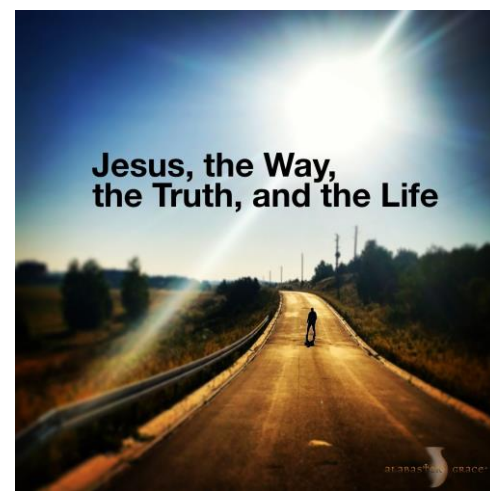
2. The only way and the only mediator

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." **1 Timothy 2:3-6**

The statement of Jesus as being the way, the truth and the life that guides our path to God and to Heaven is simply a declaration that of all the religion that men practice on earth as a way to connect with God, Christianity is the only true one; all the others are strange and false.



They will never and can never bring anyone to Heaven or to approval and acceptance with God. The words of Jesus nullifies the claim or assertion that *"Many paths"* leads to God and unequivocally affirmed that Jesus and Christianity is the only way. In which case, the Bible is the only true compass and unbroken, intimately close relationship with Christ is the only true life, and Christianity is the only true religion.



3. The way, the Truth and the Life

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. Staying with Jesus the way brings us to the truth, staying with the truth brings us to life- life eternal and life in God's presence forever. Some church fathers gave this statement by Christ different inspiring paraphrases: According to Ferus *"Jesus is the way to beginners, the truth to the progressing and life to the perfect!"* Saint Augustine stated that *"Jesus is the way leading to the truth, the truth promising life and the life that Jesus gives. He is the way on earth and the life in Heaven; He is the one to whom we go and by whom we go"* Saint Bernard stated that *"Jesus is the way in which we walk by charity, the truth we cling to by faith and the life we aspire to by hope, the way is in His example, the Truth is in His promise and the life is in His reward"*. Leigh stated that *"truth lies between way and life as if the way to life were through truth."* Thomas A Kempis stated that *"without the way, there is no going, without the truth there is no knowing and without life, there is no being. He is the way we ought to follow, the truth we ought to trust, the life we ought to hope for. Jesus is the inviolable way, the infallible truth of godly life. If we remain in His way, we will know the truth and the truth shall make us free and we shall lay hold on eternal life"*. Jesus is the fullest revelation of the person and character of God to man John 14:7. If we have known Him, we have known God, if we have seen Him, we have seen God.



ABOUT WATCHMAN OUTREACH MISSION

Watchman Outreach Mission as envisioned fundamentally comprises of men and women of faith who watch over one another and together watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Next to this primary assignment is an equally important responsibility of bringing others into the same state of watchfulness and readiness as the coming of the Lord draws near. Ours is a trans-ministerial, trans-denominational mission. Our core values include expository teaching, prayer and counselling. We train in principles and practice of Christian discipleship and equip for effective Kingdom Service.

The Lord Jesus Christ in one of His parable said “*While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept*” **Mathew 25:5**. Watchman Outreach Mission is a response of faith to this and similar warnings about events in the last days. Our response is based on the premise that prophecies, visions and revelations about the future such as the one documented in the Lord’s parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins are sign-posts by which men are warned to keep vigil to avoid disastrous end. We serve to wake up the church and men everywhere to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return.

The Mission, based in Ibadan, Nigeria, was launched in 2009 and its maiden outing took place on the 20th November of the same year. On that day, we partnered with All Nations Evangelical Ministry (ANEM), Akobo, Ibadan for Evangelistic and Medical Mission Outreach to Idi - Ose Village on Arulogun - Olorunda Road in Lagelu Local Government, Ibadan.

In the years that followed we networked with churches and other Christian groups too to implement our mandate which include conducting gospel outreaches, discipleship training for new converts, organizing and facilitating workers and ministerial training, conducting administrative reviews in churches and ministries, writing of proposals for reforms and church growth strategies that can enhance social cohesion, improve church finances and foster overall development, unity and growth of such ministries; monitoring and/or supervision of the implementation of such reforms and strategies.

Some of these Christian groups and ministries include with Christ Apostolic Church, Oke - Ife in Ajangboju, Ibadan, Nigerian Military Christian Fellowship, Adekunle Fajuyi Cantonment Chapter in Oyo - State Nigeria, Christ Gospel Mission International, Light of Jesus Evangelistic Ministry with branches in different cities in South Western Nigeria, and Ark of Salvation Church of Christ (ASCC) with headquarters at Molade, Monatan Ibadan.

Till date, although partnered ministries change from time to time depending on the leading we receive from the Lord, we remain committed to our main purpose and vision; that of service to the church and in the world to wake up men everywhere and encourage them to remain alert and watch for the Lord’s return. Through our activities, souls had been saved, believers edified and church workers’ spiritual growth and development enhanced, all to the glory of God.

WATCHMAN PRAYER HOUR



Prayer Points - For July 2024

1. Thank God for continuously drawing men to Jesus
2. Thank God for the salvation of our souls and hope of spending eternity with Christ that we have
3. Pray for grace to continuously abide in Christ
4. Pray for grace to continuously follow Christ, stay with Him, abide in Him, focus on Him, depend on Him and imitate Him.
5. Pray against diseases, oppression and death and the spirits operating through them against people in our families, communities and nations.
6. Pray that great things will begin to happen in our lives as we look at Jesus intensely and attentively, expectantly and steadily, continuously and steadfastly
7. Pray that increasingly, more people in every nation on earth and everywhere will embrace and submit to Christ as “*the way, the truth and the life*”

“ men ought always to pray, and not to faint;’ **Luke 18:1**

May the Lord hear and answer all our prayers - AMEN!

Watchman Prayer Hour holds every Saturday from 10.30am - 12.00MD. We invite you to join us at our office at Amazing Grace House, Joy Estate, Olorunda - Abaa, Ibadan . Oyo - State. Follow us on any of our social media platforms and send your inquiries or prayer requests to any of our digital addresses.

EMBRACING AND SUBMISSION TO THE TRUTH

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6,

The concept of “*truth*” as revealed by God and in the scriptures is so important that ignoring it comes with grave consequences. It could make the difference between whether a believer or any man ends up in heaven or in hell. So, what is the truth? How can we know the Truth? What do we do with the Truth?

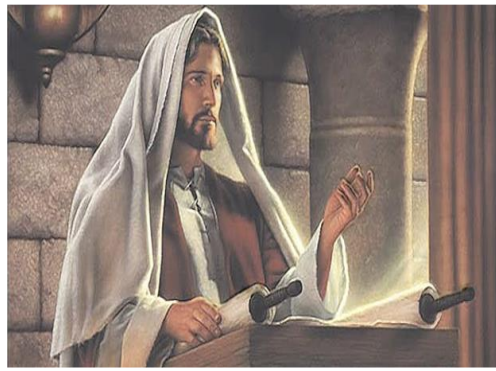
To answer these questions and understand the topic, we shall consider these three points:

1. The nature of Truth
2. Influence, inspiration and revelation of the Truth
3. Blessedness of aligning with the Truth

1. The nature of Truth

“Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?...” John 18:37-38

Truth as learnt and taught or explained in the world varies considerably to the point that defining it accurately requires deep thought. Truth is representation of things as they really are. It is the expression of unchanging and unchangeable reality. In the world what is real yesterday may no longer be real today. Scientific facts change. Secular books must periodically be edited. It is not so with God and in the Bible.



Generally and in life, we are confronted with three aspects of truth or path to truth. First is the truth as a body of beliefs and instructions. Many religions in the world have their Articles of faith which they claim to be true. Secondly, truth has behavioral component. It could be a way of life. A true person works uprightly and hates compromises of any kind that undermines sound judgment and good morals. Finally, and this is the position of God and the Bible, there is the personification of truth; Truth is a person – Jesus Christ.

2. Influence, inspiration and revelation of the Truth

“Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.” John 16:13

Jesus left no one in doubt about who He is, what He represents and the right way to go. To anyone who cares to listen to Him and read His words. Jesus said *“I am the way, the Truth and the life. No man can come to the Father but by me”* John 14:16. These words of Jesus revealed three things men need to get to God and to Heaven. Jesus represents the three to humanity. He is saying in essence that all we need to see God at the end of our lives and get to heaven is to follow Him, stay with Him, focus on Him, depend on Him and imitate Him. This is Christianity. The words of Jesus nullify the claim or assertion that many paths lead to God. Unequivocally, Jesus affirmed that Christianity is the only way. According to Christ, Christianity is the only true religion on earth among men.

2. Blessedness of aligning with the Truth

“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.” 1 John 5:20

Truth does not necessarily need to change like chameleon. This fact the Bible emphasized. Truth should be absolute, eternal and unalterable. An ideal truth should exhibit internal and external consistency. It is only Jesus that fulfills these criteria. Jesus was sentenced to death for claiming to be a King, to be the Christ and the Son of the living God. Matthew 26:63-64. Over the course of human history, nothing has changes that fact because it is the truth and will always remain true. Actually, the truth of Christ’s ascension to the right hand of God after resurrection which drew the death penalty during His cross-examination before Caiaphas the High Priest, and was considered blasphemy was attested to by Stephen in Acts 7:55-59 years after.

Everything about Christ from dateless past to a timeless future is true and remains unchangeably so. He claimed oneness and equality with God. John 14:8-11. His actions, His words and lifestyle are all consistent with the actions and nature of God. He is the fullest revelation of the person and character of God to man. John 14:17. He Himself stated clearly that if we know Him we have known God and if we have seen Him, we have seen God. This is the truth that we should embrace, accept and internalize; the truth that confers and guarantees eternal life. It is the key to abundant life and the fullness of it. It is the key to God’s presence and heaven. The wrath of God abides on those who reject Christ, John 3:36. Jesus is the Truth that leads to life eternal i.e everlasting life in God’s presence.

COMING TO CHRIST AND ABIDING IN HIM

“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” **John 6:37**

This reference revealed four things about coming to Christ and abiding in Him.

1. Those who come to Christ are invited and brought by God the Father
2. God continuously pilots and draw men to Christ
3. Those who come have a duty to continue coming
4. Jesus promise to keep safe and secure those who come to Him and desires to continue in Him

To examine these lessons in details, we shall consider three subtopics:

1. God’s strategies of bringing men to Christ
2. Christ’s promise to keep safe and secure those who come to Him
3. Conditions for comers (believers’) security in Christ.

1. God’s strategies of bringing men to Christ

“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, and they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.” **John 6:44-45**

God is a God of strategy. His wisdom is unquantifiable. His attention to details and planning made Him position certain drivers on the world’s highways to bring men to Christ.



If you find any of these chauffeur driven vehicles near you, it is saying only one thing *“Come to Jesus”*

- i. Preaching ministers Acts 8:4
- ii. The preached word Romans 10:17
- iii. The promised Spirit Revelation 22:17
- iv. The pricking conscience John 8: 7-8
- v. The passionate people Acts 4:19-20
- vi. The persistent affliction Acts 14:22
- vii. The pernicious enemies Judges 2:11, 14, 17
- viii. Perilous times Psalm 119:67
- ix. Prevailing prayers Acts 4:31

2. Christ’s promise to keep safe and secure those who come to Him.

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand.” **John 10:27-29**

We have in these references’ Christ sealed contract to keep safe and secure those who come to Him.

- vii. He will not allow sin and temptation to take them away – Peter Luke 22:31-32
- viii. He will not allow sickness and pain to take them away Matthew 8:14-15 – Peter’s mother-in-law
- ix. He will not allow storms of life to take them away Mark 4:35, 37, 39.
- x. He will not allow scarcity of supplies to take them away Luke 22:35. When I send you, did you lack anything?
- xi. He will not allow Satan or Satanic attack to take them away Mark 14:17-18. Satan’s attack was not only against Peter but all the disciples

- vi. He will not allow severe persecution to take them away. Luke 21:16-18. Not one hair on your head shall perish

Jesus promised to keep all who come to Him. He always keep His promise. But those who come also have responsibility to stay. Romans 8:35-39.

3. Conditions for comers (believers’) security in Christ

“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” **John 6:37**

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” **John 3:16**

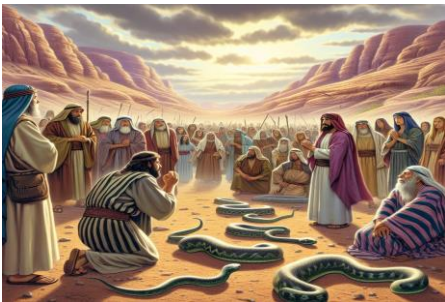
John 6:37 is a wonderful promise guaranteeing believers’ security in Christ. However, even in the chapter containing this wonderful promise some people were lost (verse 60, 66). They were lost because they did not pay attention to the words of Christ John 6:37 *“cometh”*. Safe-keeping by Christ is only guaranteed to those who come and keep coming John 8:30-31. No matter what, don’t turn your back on Jesus. John 3:16 – Believe and continue to believe. 1 John 5:4. Victory of faith overcomes the world, overcomes all things Mark 9:23.

The same set of problems confront all men in life including all comers to Christ both old and new – sins and temptations, sicknesses and pains, storms of life, scarcity of supplies, satanic attack, severe persecution and secular aspirations. The difference between those who remain and others who go back is what they remember and do when these problems comes calling.

What are we to remember and what are we to do? - 1. Remember His promise(s). There is at least a promise for every problem 2. Remember to pray Philippians 4:6. Pray prayer of faith and pray in faith. Prayer offered in faith saves James 4:15; Matthew 14:28-31.

SALVATION AND HEALING THROUGH FAITH IN THE LIFTED SAVIOUR

“And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, we have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.” **Numbers 21:4-9**



Our text described an incident during Israel's wilderness journey that has great gospel implication and significance. Israel sinned against God and they were judged. God allowed poisonous snakes to invade their camp and they were dying in large numbers from snake poisons. They turned to Moses for help and confessed their sins. God in turn told Moses to make a serpent of brass and hang it on a pole in the midst of the camp that anyone bitten by venomous snake who look at the lifted brazen snake shall live. That was what happened.



Those who were bitten by snakes were healed as they look steadfastly at the brazen snake on the pole. Referring to the incident years later, Jesus stated that the event in the wilderness prefigured the blessings that shall come to believers and all men from His crucifixion and cross. Men infested with crawling sicknesses on earth on account of sin and backsliding can receive and enjoy twin blessings of forgiveness and healing by focusing on our lifted saviour with the eyes of faith. I pray that this will happen in your life today:

We shall consider three subtopics:

1. Judgment upon sinners and backsliders
2. Confession and healing of believing people
3. Steadfast look at the lifted Saviour.

1. Judgment upon sinners and backsliders

“And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.” **Numbers 21:4-6**

It all started when descendants of Esau, Jacob's brother, denied Israel right of passage (transit permit or visa) through the King's highway that leads directly into the

Promised Land. They would now have to go around the land of Edom, travelling south first and then East before heading north - a longer route through scorching desert. They became discouraged and spoke against God and Moses. They blasphemed by claiming that God brought them through the wilderness to kill them. They lied that they have no bread to eat or water to drink. They described Manna as a light unsubstantial and contemptible food. In their estimation, corn and flour bread, the onions, garlic and cucumbers that they ate while in slavery was better than bread from heaven and the food of angels. God was displeased with them and allowed venomous snakes to invade the camp and started killing them. Many people died.

Serpents have always been part of the wilderness' ecosystem Deuteronomy 8:15 but God's protection kept them safe until they sinned. In the same way, diseases, calamities, disasters, and accidents have always been part of human history since the fall. But God commits Himself by His Spirit's power and His promises to keep safe those who abide in Christ and protect them from harm, hurt and alarm. We find here then a strong argument in favour of the need to live in freedom from sin and walk in holiness. Judgment may be delayed but ultimately, unrepentant sinners and backsliders will suffer. They will suffer on earth and eventually in eternity

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3:14-16

1. Confession and healing of a believing people

“Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, we have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.” Numbers 21:8-9,



Israel responded to divine judgment which resulted in the death of many from snake bites by confession and repentance. This is commendable. Those who cover their sins shall not prosper but whoever confesses and forsakes his or her sins shall have mercy. Proverbs 28:13. In line with God's instruction, Moses hung a bronze serpent on a pole and commanded that those with snake bite injuries who wanted to be healed should fix their eyes on it. Something begins to happen in their bodies as they consistently and continuously fix their gaze on the bronze serpent hanging on the pole. By implication, looking in God's and heaven's direction infiltrated their tissues and cells with healing virtue that pushed back the spreading venom of the snake that bite them. The healing process illustrates God's victory over Satan, light over darkness, healing and health over sicknesses and life over death.

Just like there is a connection between sin and sicknesses, there is also clearly from the wilderness experience a connection between conversion and healing. Time and eternity will justify our reliance on God, that the confidence we placed in Him and in Christ is a confidence well placed.

3. Steadfast look at the lifted Saviour

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According to Jesus, the event in our text was symbolic and prophetic. It pointed to forgiveness of sins and healing of sicknesses that those who demonstrate unwavering faith in His cross, crucifixion and sacrifice for the sins of the world will enjoy. The dead are brought back to life, light replaces darkness, liberty replaces bondage, love replaces hatred, joy replaces sadness, guidance replaces confusion, wisdom replaces foolishness, understanding replaces ignorance and perfect health and healing replaces sickness in the lives of those who by personal intimate relationship and prayers focus their eyes, hearts and minds of faith on the crucified saviour. When we look up to Jesus intensely and attentively, expectantly and steadily, continuously and steadfastly, great things begin to happen in our lives.

The world is a wilderness where men are continuously exposed to Satan's bites. Faith in Christ is the only antidote that God provided. We apply this antidote by repentance, obedience to the gospel and prayers. The Gospel is the power of God for salvation of all who believe. Believe and receive today. Faith in crucified Christ will save and heal you.



Israel's journey in the wilderness was with God. The pillar of cloud and fire was always there when they have food and when they do not, when they have water to drink and when they do not, when enemies threatened or actually attack them or when they rejoice for emerging victorious in warfare against their enemies. God was always present. Divine presence, His companionship and guidance was their greatest insurance but by continuously sinning and hardness of heart they missed Him. Now it is our time and turn. Jesus promise to abide with us always till the end. We must do nothing that can deprive us of that assurance. Those who do will miss heaven, our promised land. Jesus still saves and heals today. He will wherever and whenever ministers and believers lift Him up in their preaching of His gospel. As we lift Him up in our manners and messages, salvation, healing and many other kingdom blessings shall come to us and to those who hear us. I pray that this will happen today in Jesus name!



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George Fox was born at Ferry Drayton, Leicestershire, England in July 1624. His parents were Christopher and Mary Fox, and they raised George in a Christian home. He was different from his siblings in that he seemed to have a greater desire to seek out the things of God. He took a job tending sheep, which suited his desire and temperament. When he was twenty he went on a spiritual pilgrimage and sought out people who had singular relationships with God. He became impressed with the need to wait on God. He began to see that *"For in the Word was life, and that life was the light of men."*

Fox struggled in his relationship with God. In 1647 he met with many people, and yet none could answer the longing of his heart about the reality of God. Fox writes *"One day, when I had been walking solitarily abroad, and was come home, I was taken up in the love of God, so that I could not but admire the greatness of His love; and while I was in that condition, it was opened unto me by the eternal light and power, and I therein clearly saw that all was done and to be done in and by Christ, and how He conquers and destroys this tempter the devil, and all his works, and is atop of him; and that all these troubles were good for me, and temptations for the trial of my faith, which Christ had given me"* He began to preach on having a personal relationship with God, outside of the context of the religious structure. The power of God began to fall as he preached. One man named Brown, who was dying, had visions and prophecies about the call on George Fox's life. When he died the joy of the Lord fell on Fox and his understanding of the love of God increased significantly.

In 1648 as Fox preached and the house he was in was shaken. He taught that the church was the people and Christ was the head. He also taught that men must be led by the Holy Spirit within their own lives. He struggled against the religious leaders of the day, and often came into conflict with religious authorities. Wherever he went people would come under conviction.

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

GEORGE FOX
1624 - 1691



One day God told him to go to court and he spoke to a man on trial who was a drunkard, a pimp, and a cheat. The man came under such conviction that he could hardly stand. When the trial was over he followed Fox and repented. In 1650 Fox was asked to pray with a dying man. He shared the gospel with him and prayed for his healing. The man recovered from that time on. Fox preached in Derby and was put in jail as a blasphemer. This lasted a year.

Fox regularly experienced prophetic calls to action. While in Lichfield Fox had an experience where God told him to take off his shoes. He was filled with the fire of God and seeing a river of blood in the city, went about it crying out against the blood of the city. He found out later that the Roman emperor Diocletian had 1000 Christians murdered there. Over the years of his life he traveled all over England, Scotland, Ireland and America preaching the news of the leading and infilling of the presence of God. He was often jailed, beaten, and abused as he did so. His life was difficult and he would sleep under fences, hedges, and haystacks, often going without food.

He died on January 3, 1691. By the time of his death, the laws of the land had been changed so that religious freedom was allowed in England.

SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12

SONG OF THE MONTH

JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY

1. Jesus is the only way
Unto peace and rest;
Why not come to Him today,
And be saved and blest?
- Come, O come to Jesus,
He's the only way;
Turn from sin and seek His face
and His Word obey;
Tho' your sins be many and vile.
He'll forgive today.*
2. Jesus is the only way
Unto God and light;
Turn, O turn from sin and pray,
He will set you right. [Refrain]
 3. Vain upon your works to trust,
They cannot avail;
Trust in Jesus Christ we must,
Else our hopes will fail. [Refrain]
 4. Jesus is the only way
To life's very best;
Jesus is our guide by day,
And at night our rest. [Refrain]
 5. Jesus is God's gift to man,
Cast Him not away;
Bow to God's almighty plan,
And be saved today. [Refrain]

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