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A God Who Hides Himself

As we are watching disasters happening world wide, one after another, we see that disaster rides in our own land. A citizen of the 70's or 80's would hardly recognize the America of today. With each new revelation of disaster we cry out to God. Seven times in the Psalms David begged God, "<u>Hide not thy face far from me</u>; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation." Ps 27:9

But it would seem that God has hidden Himself from us! We continue to see each institution fall one after another. Just when we think it couldn't get worse– it is! Even now as never before the enemy announced, they are here in our land. And yet God does not hear, or answer, or stop the destruction. We not only have been breached but an invasion is in full force worldwide. A great falling away from the faith given to the fathers is occurring at the same time. We seek God for what we want, for what he can give us. Yet it would be a disaster for us to have the whole world but not have Him!

The world is rushing to judgment, while we are amused by sports, entertainment, travel, games, fun. We have little time for seeking, loving and worshipping God. We use Sunday to appease God by our church attendance. We desire happiness instead of holiness.

In our darkest moments, God has hidden himself from us because He will not reveal Himself or rescue those who turn a deaf ear to Him and then suddenly cry out for help in a disaster. God is not mocked. "But **seek** ye **first** the **kingdom of God**, and his **righteousness**; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt 6:33 Sometimes, tragedy is the only means of bringing about true brokenness and repentance. Our cry for Him must be more than a need for rescue. We have to see and accept ourselves as utterly hopeless without Him and confess our sin and self will and forsake them. Our need for Him must not be just for the moment of crisis but for eternity. I suppose this is why I view jail or prison as a good thing. A place to become utterly hopeless and helpless and see our true and real need for God. What is important is that once surrendered, a new babe must be discipled and learn how to trust Jesus at every turn, good or bad, and <u>how to stay true to the end</u>.

God is hiding from a world who has rejected Him and wants to go their own way. All gods are not only accepted but honored and their worship protected above the Lord God. They are changing laws and times, honoring sin and men of sin. Just as it happened in Israel before the judgment that sent them out of the land and into captivity, so it is today. There is no call for true repentance, no teaching or warning of judgment. If a preacher of righteousness would stand up now, he would be ridiculed in the media just like Jeremiah who warned his leaders and was ridiculed and thrown into prison. And the people allowed it to be. Quoting Dave Hunt: "the true God is hidden from a world that has sunk to such depths that He can only reveal Himself in the worst judgment ever known."

I pray that our passion be to know Him and the depths of His love. To be grateful and thankful for Him and His goodness every single day. That we live in reverent fear of God and of the Word of God and that our lives show the world the only true, loving, and eternal God, our only hope. May Thanksgiving be a time to be thankful that we truly know and love and serve Him at every moment of every day. God bless all of you.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chron 7:14

From Leslie at the county jail...I wanted to write and thank you for helping me. At the end of the day it's on the judge. He can't give me over 25 years. God is good and I still leave everything in his hands! I have been having up and downs mostly up and I know no matter I go through daily, God blesses me the moment my eyes open! Trying to deal with our fallen world I allow myself to get confused sometimes cause I don't want to hurt people feelings or cause them to push away from God cause of their beliefs or understandings! I know God made one man for one woman, but it's hard trying to explain it to a person without sounding judgmental or hurtfull But I was reading my daily bread and the first story touched me and prompted this letter. Matthew 25:31-40...because you are who he was talking about and you have been doing the heavenly Father's work and will! Because I was hungry, thirsty for the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, the word, and change. I was living the wrong life so I was a stranger and you invited me in. I was naked and you have clothed me with your studies, and spiritual information! I was sick with sin, living the life I have been living and everything y'all been sending me is helping healing me! I'm in prison and with the studies, card, and information you have been visiting me in spirit! And I know because of God, Jesus, and the Spirit is working through you and is helping me. I want you to know you have been a tremendous help to me in changing my life learning of the Father, the Son and everything you send me! Thanks for being an angel of the Lord. Glory be to God and He bless you . Love always, Leslie.

Dear Little Lambs Inc. Just wanted to drop you these few lines to extend my profound love and respect to all of you at Little Lambs Inc. I want to let you know that <u>I received the beautiful graduation bible gift.</u> Thank you so very much. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your time and patience with me. I

learned so much from this bible study course and really allowed me to understand the Word and to get closer to the Lord. I promise you all that I will continue to study the word and pray as my journey has just begun. <u>I will be leaving solitary confinement SHU in 2 days.</u> I been here for 8 years. I will be going to general population. I will now be able to work on getting out of prison. I am a lifer and going on 25 years behind the walls. Please keep me in your prayers. Gerardo M. CA.



Graduate Harold, My Father has ordained my life for his will. That I may do what he has put me here to do. That is to be tried and polished in his wisdom and knowledge, to bring forth his fruit that have been blinded by the evil one. As God pricks their hearts here I stand. As God's plan unfolds in my life, being chosen for the greater good of mankind, I thank God for bringing me, my Beloved in Christ. Brother and Sister Salas, I thank you with much love. I prayed over a few lessons and in my spirit God gave me you. In these three years these lessons have brought joy and tears. The rebuke of correction has brought about perfection in my life for Christ, as you all have been selected, perfected, and directed in Christ. I pray that every day in this life that you all walk in the steps ordered by our God. A servant, stay in touch, I love you. Harold

Paul in California says: I'll spend an hour a day reading and praying over your tracts and other literature. Please know I have the desire to become righteous. The spirit of the Lord has taught me to stay awake a lot of the time because I do not want to be found sleeping when the Lord Jesus comes back. Today I stay awake most of the night because it is quieter and I can praise the Lord, pray and study and get more accomplished at night than during the daytime hours when there is a lot of interruptions. And I ask you to pray for me that I'll reach a lot more souls with the Gospel of Salvation. The Spirit is also teaching me not to worry and be distracted by worldly things like football and baseball on television because a lot of people are caught up in sports, television and worldly music. And one of the best things I can do is straighten me up before I can help or heal others. Thank you for being there for me and God bless you always! Bye for now, because of Jesus. Paul. Dear John & Eileen AKA Little Lambs Inc.

Greetings :) I completed your course back in 2008 and have been released since then but somehow found myself back in here after only 18 months...:(I was going to church and (thought) I was doing quite well, but my Probation Officer wouldn't let up and then one day a neighbor

accused me of peeking in her windows, so he locked me up...Well some 60 days later, I proved it wasn't me through GPS records. Come to find out the neighbor lied to get me out of her neighborhood...(I'm a sex offender)... well they was going to le me out, but by then I had been in jail 73 days and had lost my place, my job, my money was stolen out of my account, as well as losing everything I had gotten in the 18 months I was out...so yes, I blew up one day and in the end had all my probation revoked (5 years)... I walk out of here without any probation on January 25, 2019. I won't lie and say I've kept up my daily devotion to Christ and while I am mad and bitter at the world and the whole system, I don't blame God...

I lost everything, including my Study Bible I received from you guys and now that I'm ready to study once mogre I no longer have my Bible...:(so can I retake the course and receive another Study Bible? I have never done but one course since I began and that is your course because it came straight out of His word. Please pray for this bitter spirit to leave me and for me to be in God's favor once more. Thank you for all you do and God bless you in all you do...:) Scotty GA Aka one of your Little Lambs...

Dear Sir & Madam, My name is Gary and I got your address from HEART of American Prison Ministries. I was baptized and raised Catholic. However I never felt like I fit in at church. So as most teenagers I rebelled and stopped attending. When I was about 14 I was urged by a friend to come to her church, so I did. It was there that I fell in love with the Word of God all over again. I faithfully attended church services in riverside CA. I rededicated my life to the Lord and began walking with him just where I had left off years prior. I attended faithfully for I year. I made many new acquaintances and totally enjoyed the time I was there. I moved from there shortly after

ending my 10th grade year in high school. I never did find another church. I just simply gave up. Eventually I stopped reading the Bible altogether. Since that time I have aged. I married, had three beautiful boys and sadly divorced. I have not seen my children in over 3 years. I am now incarcerated awaiting trial and facing up to 15 years in the state penitentiary. All because I walked away from God. Someone once told me its never too late to go back. So here I am since March 24, 2015, I rededicated my life to studying the teachings of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. I hope to gain salvation through their Word. Thank you, peace and blessings, Gary in MO. *We have started Gary in Discipleship Training asap.*



Greetings from Erick, a brother and student in your ministry from California...

I appreciate you for being the essential equipment in my life to learn and know more and more about our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. Thank you brother because you have been of great blessing in my growth and even more to other brothers. Yes, because daily here from 8 pm to 10 pm, 15 brothers get together and thanks to Christ and you I share from these marvelous studies that you send with sacrifice and effort.

I congratulate you and encourage you to continue because if you only knew what kind of people and how many are who benefit from this great labor from your part, and the change that is tangible in these persons is marvelous. I am so thankful to God and to you that I have no clearer words of gratitude for your generosity and your goodwill. Thank you for the abundance of wisdom you shared with us and all thanks to the Lord Jesus Christ who put in your hearts this love. Brothers, I would like that you send me the books for study so that I can share even more and also Biblical tracts to give out here in this place. <u>There are 1800 persons</u>. I am very grateful and thank you.

I will soon leave this place—to go to the mountain, villages, hamlets in Honduras to talk about how good and marvelous God is and will continue to share all these studies that I have done with you. First, if God wills I finish in order to get the Study Bible at completion. So thank you, beloved ministry, because all that has happened with you has been a blessing for the furtherance of the gospel. Amen! Amen! Your Brother, Erick

OUR NEWEST BLESSING



This is my newest grandbaby, Emmet Moore. Emmet was born on Friday, October 23, after a long labor. Both baby and Momma and Dad are in excellent health. I was able to be there in Durham, North Carolina, for the birth and of course, it was so exciting. I must say, Duke University Hospital has an excellent birthing program. Natalie and Duncan, the proud parents are ecstatic to welcome this little miracle. It just reaffirms to us the goodness of God, who planned all the wonderful feelings that come when you great a newborn. The instant love that almost overwhelms you as the tiny little thing totally trusts in you creates a bond that has no equal. God has been so good to us, a totally uncomplicated pregnancy and birth and a perfect baby. I am thanking you, Lord. Amen.

Dear Partners,

Wow, it's been a hectic month. It seems I just wrote you last week! I have spent a week away to be with Natalie and Duncan for their first child. It was great. I am having a banner year with three grandbaby boys being born. We still have another one to go. He will be born in Portland, Or., in January. Little Emmet has settled in and is gaining weight and enjoying life with mom and dad.



Willie Hubbell has started the new Overcomers Program with the English speaking men from Hogar Resa of Sebring. They will be meeting every other Monday night as the Spanish group will meet on the alternate Monday night. Attending the class are Enriquie, Reinaldo Ortega, Eric

Soto, Noel Almonte, Chris Reyes, Dan Rodriguez, Angel Rivera and Raphael Colon, along with Willie Hubbell.

As we all head into the Holiday Season, we want to thank everyone for their continued support, prayerfully and financially and emotionally. Every time we read letters from inmates, I am reminded how much it means to them that you stand with them at this time. There have been some times we get letters that we know are gaming us, but most often they are heartfelt and sincere. Of course we are buying up Graduation Bibles, but we have had a big in-

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Mon...Bible Study @Avon Park Prison Mon...Overcomers in Christ, Hogar Resa Tues...Overcomers in Christ Recovery @ Avon Park Prison Tues....Biblical Marriage Family & Parenting @ Avon Park Prison Wed....Biblical Marriage Family & Parenting/Anger Management @ First Presbyterian Church Counseling by Appointment 863-273-7388 crease in graduates. We sent out 20 Graduation Bibles in October!

We want give a great big welcome back to Mary Tinberg who will be our regular Friday volunteer. Mary has lead some very powerful groups for Little Lambs Inc., the ladies codependency recovery groups as well as grading for us through the years. We are delighted to have her back with us. Welcome home, Mary! Enjoy a Blessed Thanksgiving



Much love, Eileen Sala