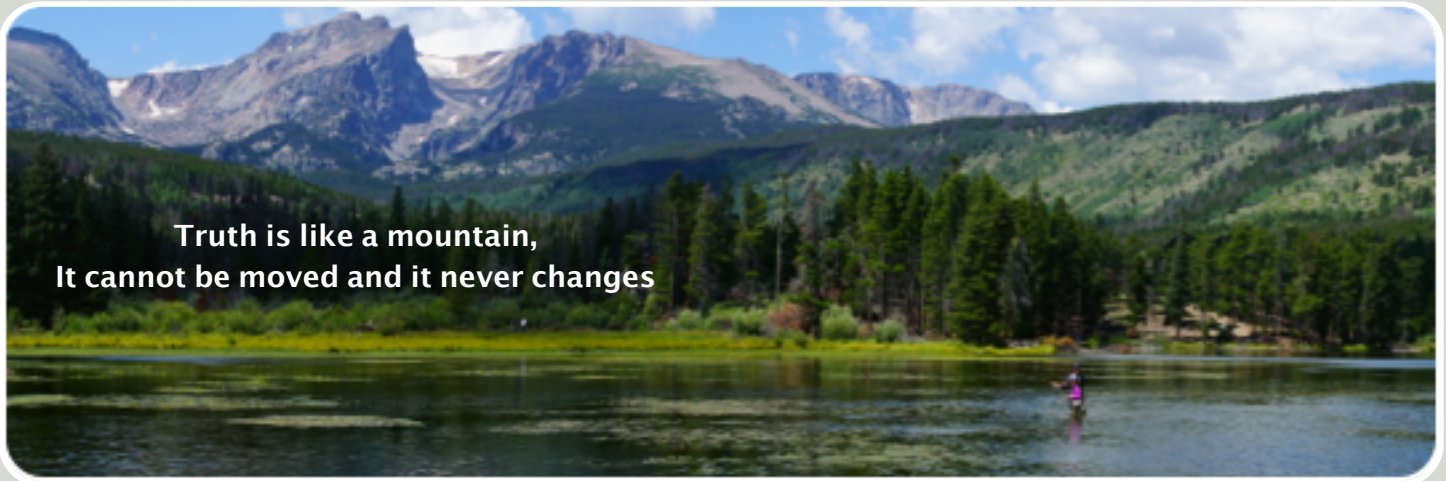


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# "TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD  
FOR TODAY**



**Truth is like a mountain,  
It cannot be moved and it never changes**

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## UPDATE

### **This month we want to talk about next month.**

In July Miss Linda and I will celebrate our 60th anniversary. We wanted to do something very special, something we had never done before, and something we could share with others. After months of searching, we decided on a trip to Costa Rica to hike the rainforests in search of exotic bird photos.

We are not going in July because on average Costa Rica gets 11" of rain that month. I guess that's why they call them, "rainforests". So, next month we will be ready to share the photos with our subscribers. If you have not yet subscribed be sure and do so. (It is free)

God has been so faithful to us and we are so grateful. To have the strength and health to be able to do something like this as we approach 80 is truly amazing.

**We are staying strong in the Lord!**

## FEATURE ARTICLE: "Does God Have Favorites?"

**WARNING: You are entering the "TRUTH ZONE". You may not like what you read. At times it may make you feel uncomfortable. That is not my goal. My goal is to speak truth that will provide spiritual guidance for you and your family in a time of great spiritual darkness.**

**You can be sure that what you read here will be TRUTH!**

I don't know if you're like me, but it seems some people get more miracles than others. Every time you see them they are talking about the most recent thing God has just done and are so vocal about it that you find yourself getting a bit uncomfortable. I can't blame them, because there is nothing more exciting than **seeing** God extend His hand and work a miracle right before your eyes. Miss Linda and I have had it happen many times and like others, we love to talk about it.

This leads me to the question I want to deal with: Does God have favorites? **Why do some always see miracles while others never see them?** This is a question I am sure many have pondered. It is tempting to throw a blanket over a difficult question like this and call it covered, but we must remember that doing this can be very damaging. A good illustration would be the standard answer some give which is: "Some just don't have enough faith." This is often followed by, "Without faith, it is impossible to please God."

There it is, question answered! But is it?

Satan's main objective is to make us feel separated from God, and one of his favorite tactics is to bring God's people under condemnation. When we make a blanket statement such as this we give him all the ammunition he needs to get the job done. Soon we begin feeling like God is withholding His blessing because, in His eyes, we are underperforming. This results in a terrible situation, making it impossible for our faith to grow. All our good intentions and efforts have only served to exacerbate the problem.

With this in mind, I would like to give you an alternative that I believe can be life-changing. It is found in Proverbs.

**Proverbs 3:6 KJV**

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him.....

Earlier in this article, I asked, **"Why do some always see miracles while others never see them?"** Proverbs 3 tells us to see God in everything. Can it be that the problem is not that God isn't working miracles, but rather that some fail to see what God is doing? I suggest this may be a bigger problem than we realize. Some may counter by arguing that a true miracle is impossible not to see. Really? Perhaps it is easier to charge God with favoritism than to accept that we are not acknowledging the hand of God in the small things we experience every day.

Let me give you some examples. When is the last time you acknowledged God and gave Him glory for the beautiful sunrise or sunset you were privileged to see? Or how about that amazing encounter you had with a beautiful bird? Miss Linda and I call these kind of things "A kiss from God." In our world, there is no such thing as a coincidence.

**We acknowledge God in everything!**

I promise, this is a great way to live and if you embrace it you will never lack for miracles.





## A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



### *“Our God Reigns!”*

It is normal for us humans to want to be in total control of our lives, but where does God fit into that? This is a question most of us wrestle with and as a result, when difficult times come we often are left

shaken and confused. Our faith feels more like a thin thread that we cling to than a solid rock on which we stand.

Most of us recognize that God needs to have at least some place in our lives, but unfortunately, our theology often places Him in a position of subordination to us. With great joy, we lift our hands and sing, "Our God reigns" but at the same time believe that He must do whatever we ask. Inevitably this will lead to problems because sooner or later God will do something that does not fit your theology and when He does He will not ask your permission. This is an absolute that will never change.

#### **Psalm 135:6 AMP**

6 Whatever the Lord pleases, He does...

#### **Psalm 115:3 King James Version**

3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

#### **Isaiah 41:4 ERV**

4 Who was able to make all this happen? Who controlled the lives of everyone from the beginning? I, the Lord, am the one. I was here at the beginning, and I will be here when all things are finished.

In spite of what these verses say, many embrace a belief system that takes away the sovereignty of Almighty God and puts them in charge. As a result, they find themselves asking, "Where is God? Why doesn't He fix this?" Some tell us it is because we lack faith while others come up with a ridiculously simple explanation that only creates more questions. They say, "When bad things happen just remember that all good things come from God and all bad things come from the devil." Now that explains everything! But, isn't God more powerful than the devil and if so, why doesn't He intervene? We cannot comprehend that God would do something different than what we want.

In the book of Isaiah God says something about himself that answers a lot of questions.

#### **Isaiah 45:7 King James Version**

7 I form the light, and create darkness: **I make peace, and create evil:** I the Lord do all these things.

How can He be good if He creates evil? The word "evil" used in this verse means adversity, affliction, calamity, distress, hurt, sorrow, trouble, and ill. Why would a good God create these things?



**"Our God Reigns!"**  
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Only God has the answers to those questions and anything we might conjure up can only be speculation. But could one answer be that He wants us to wake up to the fact that there are consequences for how we chose to live?

America is a good example. Right now America is heading toward complete destruction, and unfortunately, we can't seem to see it. We have thrown God and prayer out of our schools and in spite of the fact that almost every week there is another mass shooting we carry on as if somehow everything will be okay. The liberals tell us the problem is guns and that the only way to fix it is to disarm America. How foolish! America does not have a gun problem, America has a heart problem. If God loves America He will do exactly what He says in Isaiah 45:7. He will create adversity, distress, sorrow, and trouble until America wakes up. He will bring America to its knees, either in total defeat or in desperate repentance. **Isn't it wonderful, we get to be in charge and choose which it will be.**

If this runs contrary to what you have always believed about God then you need to change what you believe. Those who see God only as a giver of good gifts need to admit that they are failing to read and accept the entire message of the Bible.

**Hebrews 12:6 AMPC**

6 For the Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom He loves..

The more I study my Bible, the more I am convinced that the God I serve is sovereign, supreme, and the everlasting ruler of the universe.

**I can trust Him!**

He was here before time began and He will be here when time is no more. He is the Alpha and the

Omega, the beginning and the end. He does whatever He pleases and even though I am not always good with it, I am totally convinced that He has never made a mistake and never will. This is why I put my trust in Him and submit my entire life to Him. I would much rather have Him in control than me.

**He is the rock on which I stand!**

**Daniel 7:14 VOICE**

14 To Him was given authority, honor, and a kingdom so that all people of every heritage, nationality, and language might serve Him. His dominion will last forever, His throne will never pass away, and His kingdom will never be destroyed.



# P R O P H E C Y   U P D A T E

## "Prophecy Fulfilled"

### Matthew 24:4-5 Amplified Bible

4 **Jesus** answered, "Be careful that no one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error].

5 For **many will come** in My name [misusing it, and appropriating the strength of the name which belongs to Me], saying, 'I am the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed),' **and they will mislead many.**

I first saw him beside the road and was captured by the large lettering on his sign which read, "**I'M JESUS**". I told Miss Linda that I would like to talk with him to find out if he really believed he was Jesus, and then one evening I got my chance. As we were walking we saw him in a small park and I decided to engage him in a friendly conversation. Before approaching him I commissioned Miss Linda to be my official photographer. We were not prepared for what happened next.

I greeted him with a friendly, "Hi" and then asked him what his sign was all about. Immediately he became angry and told me to read the sign. He then became increasingly agitated and combative when I told him that I had read it and was just wondering if he truly considered himself to literally be Jesus.

Things took a sharp downward turn when Miss Linda asked him if he believed the Bible. His angry response was, "I am the truth." I then asked him, "Then are you the one who warned us in Matthew 24:5 about people like you?" At that point, he began to loudly curse me and call me an evil man who was of the devil. It was time to exit the area!

(Way to go Miss Linda!)

Based on his volatile anger and abrasive personality it is highly doubtful this man has any

followers, but that does not mean people like him are all as easily exposed for the frauds they are. According to [quora.com](https://www.quora.com), there are 10 men worldwide who claim to be Jesus and have thousands of followers. Believe it or not, one claims to have over 8 million followers. Another website claims that worldwide there are over 100,000 men and women who claim to be the reincarnation of Jesus. This is nothing new, but the number of people who are followers of these imposters is certainly unique to our present time. Once again we are seeing Bible prophecy fulfilled right before our eyes.

Be on guard and do not let yourself be deceived!



AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH!