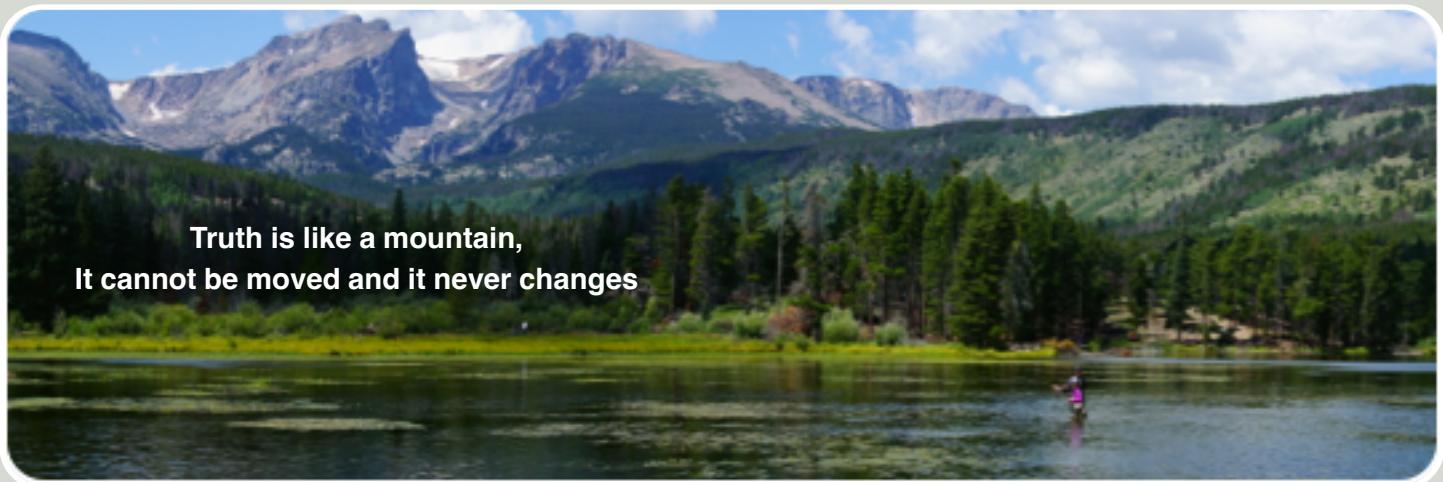


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"TRUTH"

A SURE WORD
FOR TODAY



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

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UPDATE

February is the month we celebrate love. This is good because love is wonderful! Nothing quite compares to the emotions one feels when they fall in love. But far too often, couples find themselves falling uncontrollably out of love. We have seen this happen quickly, and we have also seen it happen slowly over the course of many years. Either way, it is a tragedy because in most instances, it could have been avoided.

In the feature article this month, we share a very simple thing that couples can do to avoid seeing their love shrivel and die. Miss Linda and I have used it, our children have used it, and our grandchildren are using it. And it works! Be sure and check it out.

FEATURE ARTICLE: "Water Your Plant!"

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 our goal. Our 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!

February is the month when we celebrate love. Young children exchange valentines, and adults express their love to one another in wonderful, creative ways. This is all good because, as the old song from 1955 says, "Love is a many-splendored thing."

The lyrics are:

Love is a many-splendored thing
It's the April rose that only grows in the early spring
Love is nature's way of giving a reason to be living
The golden crown that makes a man a king
Once on a high and windy hill
In the morning mist, two lovers kissed, and the world stood still
Then your fingers touched my silent heart and taught it how to sing
Yes, true love's a many-splendored thing

I have always been fascinated by the effect love has on people. It's a strange feeling, hard to describe. It makes people do foolish illogical things, disrupts their thought process, and completely scrambles their emotions. I speak from experience. Before meeting Miss Linda, I had dated many girls, but when I fell in love with her, it was an experience totally new to me. She smote my heart, and when she told me she loved me too, it made me feel like the king of the world. It was like nothing I had ever experienced before.

But I am also reminded of another love song by Nat "King" Cole. Here are some of the lyrics to, "When I fall in love."

In a restless world like this,
Love is ended before it's begun.
And too many moonlight kisses,
Seem to cool in the warmth of the sun.

Over the years, I have been fascinated by the breakups I have witnessed. People who had seemed so in love became bitter enemies, often trying to destroy each other. I have found myself asking, "What happened? How is this possible?" There are a million answers to those questions, but I will limit myself to only one.

They forgot to water their plant.

I know you are probably wondering, what on earth is he talking about? I used this at my grandson John's wedding as an admonition to him and his wife, Olivia. I said, "Supposing as a wedding gift I gave you a beautiful plant, full of blossoms and lush green leaves. What would happen to that plant if you put it out in the sun and never watered it? Soon it would lose its beauty, shrivel up, and die. That plant is like your love. Today, it is a thing of beauty, but if you do not care for it, it will lose its beauty and die. So, water your plant every day. By that, I mean consciously do the things that say to your mate, "I love you more than anything in the world. You mean more to me than you'll ever know."

I am happy to report that over the next several years, I regularly received phone calls from them, telling me what they had done to water their plant that day. The rest of our family picked up on the saying and began reminding one another to "water your plant." As a result, all our marriages, including mine, became stronger.

And so today I want to encourage you to take a good look at your love. Is it as beautiful as it once was, or have you neglected it? Yes, love is a splendid thing, but it requires constant care if it is to remain beautiful and strong.

It is time to start watering your plant every day!



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



“WE ARE A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD”

I want to ask you a question: How do you see yourself as a Christian? Are you what a Christian ought to be? Ask 10 different people that question, and you will probably only get one answer. Nearly everyone will say they are trying,

but probably could do better. It would be rare to find anyone whose identity is based entirely on what God says rather than on their works. In this article, I will attempt to show you who you are in Christ and what God has said about you. Prepare to get your mind blown!

Recently, I watched a movie in which an adult tried to help a teenage girl see what God had to say about her. She gave her an assignment to read the first chapter of Ephesians and write down everything it said about her. Here is what she put on her list.

- I am blessed.
- I am chosen.
- I am without blame.
- I am accepted.
- I am forgiven.
- I am redeemed.
- I am predestinated according to His purposes.
- I am loved.

This list is wonderful, but it is what I would call, "Christianity 101." These should be the fundamental beliefs we hold. What amazes me is how quickly we forget them and revert to seeing ourselves through the lens of our own good works. It is no wonder we spend so little time living in victory. The Word says, "as a man thinks in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7)

Having said all that, I want to expand your understanding of what God has to say about you. But I must warn you, this goes far beyond the list we got from Ephesians 1. And, coming to a point where you can accept it and come into agreement with it will stretch your faith farther than it has ever been stretched before. Are you ready? Fasten your seatbelts children, because you are about to go on a ride, more exhilarating than anything you have ever experienced.

I Peter 2:9. Amplified Bible

9 **But you are** a chosen race, a **royal priesthood**, a consecrated nation, a [special] people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

I want to note that this verse does not start with "But you can be if..."; It starts with "But you are." Everything we read here tells us what our God has already done, and what I find most amazing is that God considers us royalty. In His eyes, we are kings and priests. We are a royal priesthood!

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In the book of Revelation, we find two other portions of scripture that confirm this.

Revelation 1:5-6 KJV

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:9-10 KJV

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

So what is your view of yourself? Hopefully, it's not as someone trying to be a better Christian, but rather as someone who knows who God says they are. Scripture makes it unmistakably clear that our identity is not to be found through effort, discipline, or performance. It is something we receive through faith in Jesus Christ.

This is where true victory begins. When you wake up each day knowing you are a king and a priest, chosen by God, washed and redeemed by His blood, you stop striving for approval and start walking in purpose. You begin to proclaim His excellence because you are overwhelmed and amazed by what He has done.

The challenge is simple, yet profound: come into agreement with what God says about you. Renew your mind. Refuse to define yourself by past failures or present struggles. Instead, boldly embrace your identity as kings and priests unto God—and then go live

like someone who knows exactly who God says they are.

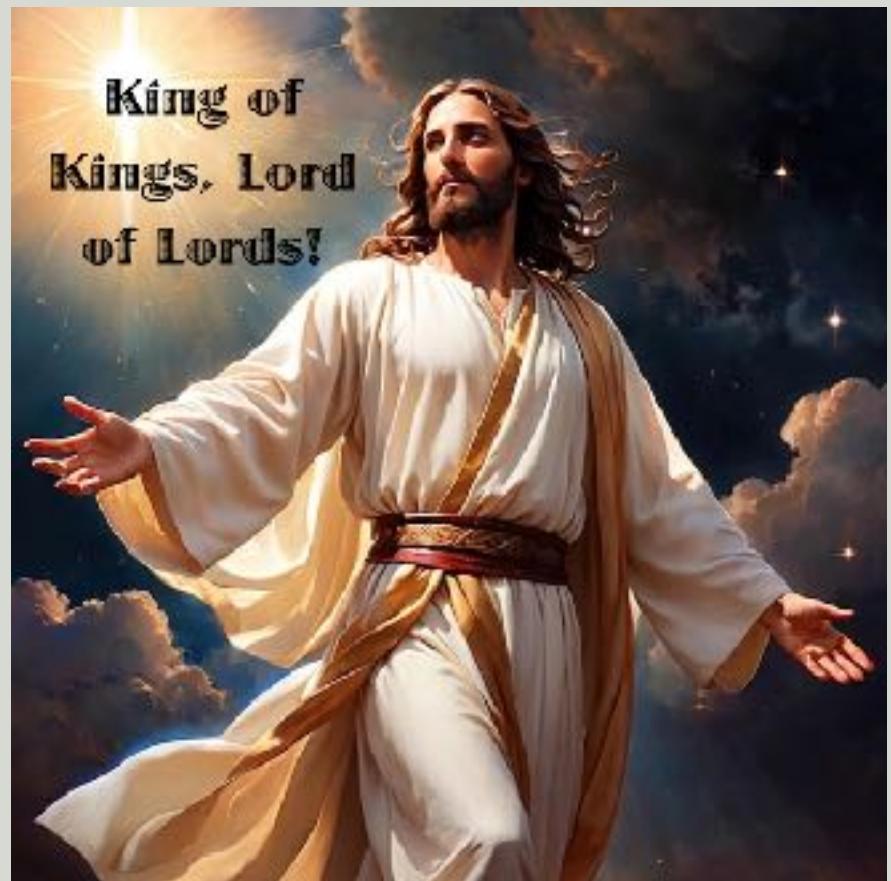
So, do you get it? Are you sure? If you think you do, then here is a test for you.

Revelation 19:16 KJV

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Ask yourself: who are these kings He is King over? If your answer is: The kings referred to are the kings of this world, then I am sorry, you still don't get it. But who else could this be referring to? Is it not more likely that you and I are the kings this refers to?

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, neither has it entered into the mind of man what God has prepared for those who love him.



PROPHETIC UPDATE

"Prophecy Fulfilled!"

One of our goals for the Prophecy Update has always been to help you understand how current events fit with Bible prophecy. Certainly, what we have been observing in Iran would qualify for that assignment. At the time I am writing this, Iran has been the focus point of world news, with hundreds of thousands filling the streets of every major Iranian city calling for the removal of the radical Islamic leaders who have ruled ever since the Shah was overthrown in 1979. At this time, we still do not know what the outcome will be, but by the time you read this, it may have already happened.

While this would be an answer to prayer, it raises many questions about the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38, because in the fifth verse of that chapter, the first nation listed as coming against Israel is Persia, which is modern-day Iran. On the surface, what is happening now seems to run contrary to this, but could it actually result in the fulfillment of a portion of Ezekiel 38? It could, and I will show you how.

During the last 47 years, Iran has become the leader of state-sponsored terrorism, and as a result, Israel has not known a day without the threat of terrorist attacks. We need to remember that terrorist groups in the Middle East, such as Al-Qaeda, ISIS, the Islamic Brotherhood, Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis, have all been funded and armed by Iran. Should Tehran be toppled, the entire world will be a much safer place, but the biggest change will come to Israel. I am very sure we will see video footage of Israelis dancing for joy in the streets.

But how does this all fit with what the Bible says in Ezekiel 38? To answer this question, we need to look at only two verses.

Ezekiel 38:8;11 KJV

8 After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: **but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.**

11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; **I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates...**

These two verses have always been the fly in the ointment of those who have taught that the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38 was imminent. From her birth to this current time, Israelis have never lived in safety. They live behind walls of stone, iron gates, and bars, necessitated by the constant threat of terror. This is an undeniable truth!

If Tehran falls, Israel could very possibly enter an era of peace and prosperity, the likes of which it has never known. Without money and arms, terror groups will quickly lose their strength, and the Abraham Accords will set the direction for the entire region.

Once again, I am amazed at how God brings to pass that which He has said. For 47 years, Iran has cursed Israel and vowed to destroy her. When they did this, they sealed their own fate because they set themselves against God.

This leaves us with only one question: How then is it possible that a future Iran would still attack Israel and fulfill Ezekiel 38? As you can see, I don't have the space to answer that question. But I promise there is an answer, and I will bring it to you next month.