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Philippians Chapter Four



Ladies and Gentlemen, on Sunday morning June 11, 1939, I was awarded a small pocket size New Testament by the preacher of the Twenty-fourth Street Church of Christ in Newport News, Virginia . The occasion was my graduation from the local High School . The preacher had several scripture references written on the presentation page. The references were from the book of Philippians, chapter four and verses thirteen and nineteen. The first one is where Paul says; "I can do all things in Him that strengtheneth me." The second one says, "And my God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." These verses were certainly needed at that time. It was the middle of the Great Depression when twenty percent of the work force had been out of jobs. I had declared myself for the ministry and had no money, no job, and no prospects that things were going to be any better. That preacher certainly picked the right verses at that time. For Paul to say he could do all things was a pretty tall order. But how could he do all things under the conditions when he lived? He had no car, no plane, no printing press, no television, no radio, no publishing house, no church building, no computer, no e-mail, no cell phone, and think of it no internet where Paul like some preachers today could download ready-made sermons and not have to get up any of his own. Yet he said he could do all things. How could he do all those things without those modern hi-tec advantages? He explained how he did it when he said he could do all things through Christ who strengthened him.

That other verse said, "My God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Think of it Paul says that God will supply our every need. We need to remember that God will decide what we need and not ourselves. We may think that we need perfect health to serve the Lord. I know of some great servants of God who serve in constant pain and I wonder how they can do so much with a sick body. Then we remember how Paul had a thorn in the flesh and he besought God three times to remove it. That sounds like a reasonable request considering the magnitude of his work, but God said no, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Now both of those scriptures were good verses for my preacher to write when he gave me that New Testament June 11, 1939.

EUODIA AND SYNTYCHE 4:2

But then there were other verses he could have added. He could have put down Philippians 4 :2, "I exhort Euodia and I exhort Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord." That would have been a very appropriate verse. You don't have to serve the Lord in His Church very long until you find that not everybody is of the same mind in the Lord. In this case Paul urged someone he called his true yoke fellow, probably the elder that did most of the teaching and preaching, to help them with all the rest of his fellow workers. Paul tries to mobilize the whole Church to put his dispute to rest. When there is trouble in the Church it is best to get the whole Church working to put the disorder to rest. When I get to Heaven and see Euodia and Syntyche I will greet them and say, "Hello Eudia and Hello Syntyche, I remember you two ladies. You were members of the Philippians Church of Christ." If they ask, "How do you remember us?" I will say, "You are the two ladies who had that big argument in Church. Ladies and Gentlemen, how will people remember you? Will it be the memories of all the troubles you cause or for something else? At any rate it would have been appropriate if those words had been written in my graduation gift on June 11, 1939.

THE BOOK OF LIFE 4:3

Another verse that could have been mentioned would have been Philippians 4:3. In that verse Paul referred to his fellow workers whose names were written in The Book Of Life. It is always good to remember that our names as followers of the Lord are written in The Book Of Life. As a Christian you can say, "Yes my name is in the Bible and I know that it is true—It was written there by Jesus—Whosoever that means you." And He knew it when He wrote it by the bright and crystal sea—That my name Is Whosoever, that means you and that means me. The Book Of Life is mentioned several times in the inspired Word. When Moses found the children of Israel worshipping the golden calf, he asked God to forgive them. He said in Exodus 32:32, "Yet now if thou wilt forgive their sin, and if not, blot me, I pray thee out of the book which thou hast written." And the Lord said unto Moses, "Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My Book." In Luke 10:20 the Lord told the seventy when they returned with glowing reports of victory over the Devil, "Rejoice not that the demons are subject unto you, but rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."

In Hebrews 12:23 Paul tells about the general assembly and Church of the firstborn whose names are enrolled in Heaven. The prophet Daniel tells in Daniel 12:1 about the time when, "Michael shall stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in The Book." Again in Revelation 20:15 the Apostle John tells us that at the Judgment Day, everyone whose name was not found in The Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. This thought is amplified in the following chapter, Revelation 21:27 when John tells about the Holy City and he says, "There shall in no wise enter into it anything unclean or he that maketh an abomination and a lie: but only they that are written in The Lamb's Book Of Life." In Revelation 3:5 the Lord Himself warns the Church at Sardis; the dead Church: "He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments: and I will in no wise blot his name out of The Book Of Life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels." These various references tell us several things about The Book Of Life. Our names are written in that book so we can rejoice. It tells us that some of the names in the Sardis Church would be blotted out of The Book He had written if they did not repent. It tells us that those whose names are not in The Book Of Life will be cast into the lake of fire. It tells us that they are in that book will enter into the Holy City. From these thoughts, from the inspired Word, it ought to be the ambition of every person to have his name written in That Book. This would have been a good verse for the preacher to put in my New Testament graduation gift if he had thought about it on June 11, 1939. (Excerpt from E.B. sermon: "June 11, 1939" still very appropriate for the thousands of high school students graduating this June 2014, seventy-five years later!)

LETTERS

Dear Mrs. Bousman,

I would like to be enrolled in your Bible studies course. It's a real big thing here in Galveston County Jail, Galveston, TX. And it's very effective! I would also like to receive one of your Bibles. Thank you for all the joy and love that you bring to our dorm!

Gary

On your Easter Sunday radio sermon over WHAS Louisville, KY, you mentioned "once saved always saved according to Paul is not true." Could you let me know where that is in the Bible. According to Baptist they say once saved always saved; I have never believed it but don't know scripture to back my belief up. Please send it to me. Thank you. I enjoy your sermons.

Shirley from KY (I sent her a sermon and scriptures.)

Dear Friends,

Greeting in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I'm writing to request a Bible I won't lie, I was given one last July 2013 but in this situation they move us quite often and on my last move it came up missing. I really hate that too because I had notes etc. When I asked to go back some of the officers aren't so kind and I was refused. Could you please send me another one? I already feel weak from not doing my daily devotions. Thank you in advance.

God's Servant, Eddie from Dell Valle, TX

Dear Bousmans,

I listen to you on WCNW, 1560 in Fairfield, OH. On April 27th you spoke about the 3rd heaven above. Do you mind sending me where in the Bible it speaks of, about the 3rd heavens? I have searched a long time for that. Thank you.

Sue from Hamilton (Sent her information on all of the three heavens.)

Dear Naomi,

My name is Dereck and I'm an inmate in Galveston County Jail. I've heard good things about your ministry from a fellow inmate. I would love to receive a Bible and some Bible studies, and pamphlet from you. My life hasn't been a picnic but I believe with a good Bible and understanding the word me and fellowshiping I can achieve greatness. I back slid terribly and lost my family by not leading properly but I know God loves me and I'm not a lost cause. Thank you.

Dereck from Galveston, TX

To whom it may concern, Happy Easter or should I say Resurrection Day? I just received the GIJAPA newsletter. Thanks much. I was doing the Bible study lessons last year but was released from jail in October 2013, since then I have come back to prison and would like to continue with the courses. I don't remember what lesson I was currently working on but I think it best that I should start over. Have a blessed day, I love y'all.

Bill from Shreveport, LA

Dear Naomi,

I hope this finds you well. As for me not much. On the 4th of April, 2014, I was extradited from the Travis County Jail in Austin, TX to the Davidson County Jail in Nashville, TN. The Nashville officers who transported me refused to permit me to take my Bible or Bible study material with me. Fortunately, I had one of your addressed envelopes amongst the few papers I was allowed to take. Would it be possible for your ministry to replace the Bible they took from me along with the Bible study course? Sorry to say that it and your GIJAPA newsletter was the only mail had received in almost a year. Clearly, I need a new batch of friends those that won't assume that I have done something just because I was arrested and abandoned me. Thank you so much for the badly needed fellowship.

John

Dear Mrs. Bousman,

I am an inmate at the Travis county Jail in Del Valle, TX. I however do not have any family and I am in need of a Bible. I conduct a "prayer circle" each night for the inmates who want to attend. Started by myself and now we have six people each night, Praise God! Could you please send me a Bible and Bible studies. I would greatly appreciate it and would be so proud to have it. Please know that it will get a lot of use.

John

Mrs. Bousman,

How are you today? I am content and in the Montgomery County Jail. I have a college degree (BBA), a family and have recently given my life to God. I was looking at the GIJAPA newsletter that a fellow inmate has and I decided to write to see if I can get on the mailing list. I would like to receive the newsletter and a Bible and any other materials you can send to help me in my walk with the Lord. Thank you.

Nicholas from Conroe, TX

Dear Mrs. Bousman

May I please start your Bible Study? I started it before, but I was locked up and the guards decided to throw my property away including your first Bible study. Thank you for the Bible, it has given me a better understanding of the word. I do believe it is the best Bible I have ever receive in my whole life.

God bless, Chase from Conreo, TX

Dear GIJAPA,

I am incarcerated here at the Ouachita River Unit in Arkansas. I have a few friends here that told me that ya'll do Bible studies and even will send me a Bible. Sometimes I have found that I fall off of my square, and that by one doing some of the Bible studies, puts me back on the right path! My friends are getting tired of me doing their studies so if you could please enroll me into your Bible studies it would be greatly appreciated.

Ty from Malvern, AR

How's it going Mrs. Naomi? May God bless the Ed Bousman Evangelistic Association! This is Rashaud from Galveston Co Jail. I've been transferred to the Holliday Unit in Huntsville, TX. While I was in Galveston I completed all the Bible studies 1-30, but I was transferred

before I could get my certificate, or next studies. I would love to continue my lessons (Acts and Jesus according to John) and if possible I would love to receive another Bible.

My name is Richard and I am currently an inmate at the Federal Medical Center in Lexington, KY. It is my understanding that you are able to send free Bibles to inmates. If this is so I would be very grateful to receive one. I would also like to receive the newsletter and the Bible studies. I thank you in advance for all you do and may God richly bless your ministry.

To whom it may concern: As I write this the world around me seems to be falling apart. Today I received two indictments that have been enhanced three times which means a simple 2 year sentence is now a 35 to life sentence. As if that's not bad enough, my fiancée and my son's mother have both resorted to selling their bodies to survive in the "oh so demanding" world out there. Sorry I didn't even introduce myself, I'm Timmie from Ft. Worth, TX. I have three young boys and I made some terrible mistakes. I'm writing to ask for a Bible that my buddy Mike says you guys offer help with. My fiancée and I are getting married despite the situation we have found ourselves in. She is only 20. I spend 23 hours a day in my cell. These lights make it impossible to see much. I love you all for this. May His will be done in your lives.

Timmie from Del Valle, TX

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I want to say a special "Thanks" to those of you that sent special gifts to GIJAPA designated for Bibles. I was able to buy 150 (\$1,500) large print Bibles for Prisoners and 10 cases (240 Bibles) of the hard back pew Bibles \$1,200. These will be sent to some of the mission Churches we help with clothes and Bibles in Philippines, The Gambia, Zambia, and India. (See letter below this article asking for clothes and Bibles, now I can send them some.) Let me remind you that I only buy Bibles when the funds are there to do so. Our first priority is the radio broadcast which cost about \$25,000 each month just to pay for air time. When you stop to think that we reach millions with the gospel each Sunday, it's a great investment of the Lord's money and a tremendous opportunity to teach. (See two letters above from listeners of the GIJAPA broadcast.) Contributions can also be made through PayPal on the web page www.gijapa.org if that is more convenient for you.



My dear sister Naomi,

How are you and your family? My family and I are well and the Church is doing fine and growing. My sister, we need Bibles and clothes. If you cannot manage to get the Bibles in our local language, you just continue to send us those in English. You can't send something you don't have. We are also going to give people the materials you send to us. All the clothes you sent for Naomi is small now. She has grown up. She needs dresses for the age of 4 years old. Thank you for your continued support of Bibles and clothes it really makes a difference in what we can do.

John Maseka, your brother and fellow servant of Christ, Zambia, Central Africa

Dear Sirs,

Report of reception on 9685kHz Sunday 9 March 2014 at 1930 Hrs UTC via a Transmitter at Nauen Germany-Beacon of Hope short wave broadcast. Programme heard was: 1930 Commencement of † “God is Just a Prayer Away” broadcast from Lynchburg, Ohio. Sermon about our master “The Carpenter” Jesus is the carpenter. End of above programme as recorded on attached audio clip - a very clear recording sent back. Please send the free material that was offered at the end of the broadcast.

John D. Tauranga, New Zealand

Dear Naomi,

I wanted to let you know that I have moved and am now currently residing in the state’s prison. I know God does everything out of reason and purpose, I just am still too stubborn to accept it and just let go. God has done a lot number of blessings through for me and even brought me back a fellow cellmate I had in county who was the one that gave me your address. Things are so different here and it has taken me a lot to get used to things and to find good people to talk to about the Bible that are honest and true. If you have any Bibles in stock will you send me one? The last time you sent me a Bible it was so nice with maps and dictionary of the items in the back. Unfortunately I don’t have any of them anymore, I had to surrender everything prior to moving here. Thanks Naomi!

Michael from Del Valle, TX

POINTS TO PONDER

A Little of This and a Little of That

There was a time when Christians went into the arena and fought lions. Most Christians today could never win a victory over a lion. How could they when they can’t even win a victory over Camels.

We have been bought at a great price. Peter says we were redeemed not with silver and gold, but by the blood of a Lamb without spot and without blemish. When the Lord

Jesus bought you, how much did He buy? In most cases all He got was one hour of their time on Sunday morning, and in some places it was one hour on Saturday night.

Saw a man in the post office. He said he went to the state of Indiana and in talking to someone mentioned that he was from Lynchburg, Ohio. He was asked if that was the place where that crazy guy lives? The man said he told him; 0 no that is Ed Bousman, he is alright, he is not crazy. I did not think about it until I left the post office. Lynchburg only has about a thousand people. How did that man know he was talking about me when he said that there was a crazy guy in Lynchburg. How come he picked me out of the other nine hundred and ninety-nine as the one who is crazy?

Several times in my sojourn on planet earth I have been in the area of a hurricane. A hurricane is a cameo of life itself Think of the great power of these storms, the wind, the waves of the sea, the downpour of water. Think of the homes destroyed, the millions of dollars in damage, the loss of lives. Yet in the center of the hurricane there is a small area called the EYE. In the EYE of the hurricane there is a great calm. In the overpowering storms of life, the Christian is at peace in the EYE of the hurricane. That is where you find the Church of Christ. The Christian knows the meaning of the words of Paul— And the peace of which passeth all understanding shall guard your thoughts and your hearts in Christ Jesus.

Paul said in Hebrews chapter two —Give heed unto the things which were heard lest happily you drift away from them. People may not know they are drifting in a river until they notice the changing shore line. Look back over your life to where you were five or ten years ago. Are you reading the word as much as then? Are you praying as much as then? Are your theological views the same as they were before you were trapped in the “Big is Better” syndrome. Remember you never drift up, you drift down. You never drift toward God, you drift toward the Devil. You never drift toward Heaven, you drift toward Hell. E.B.



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