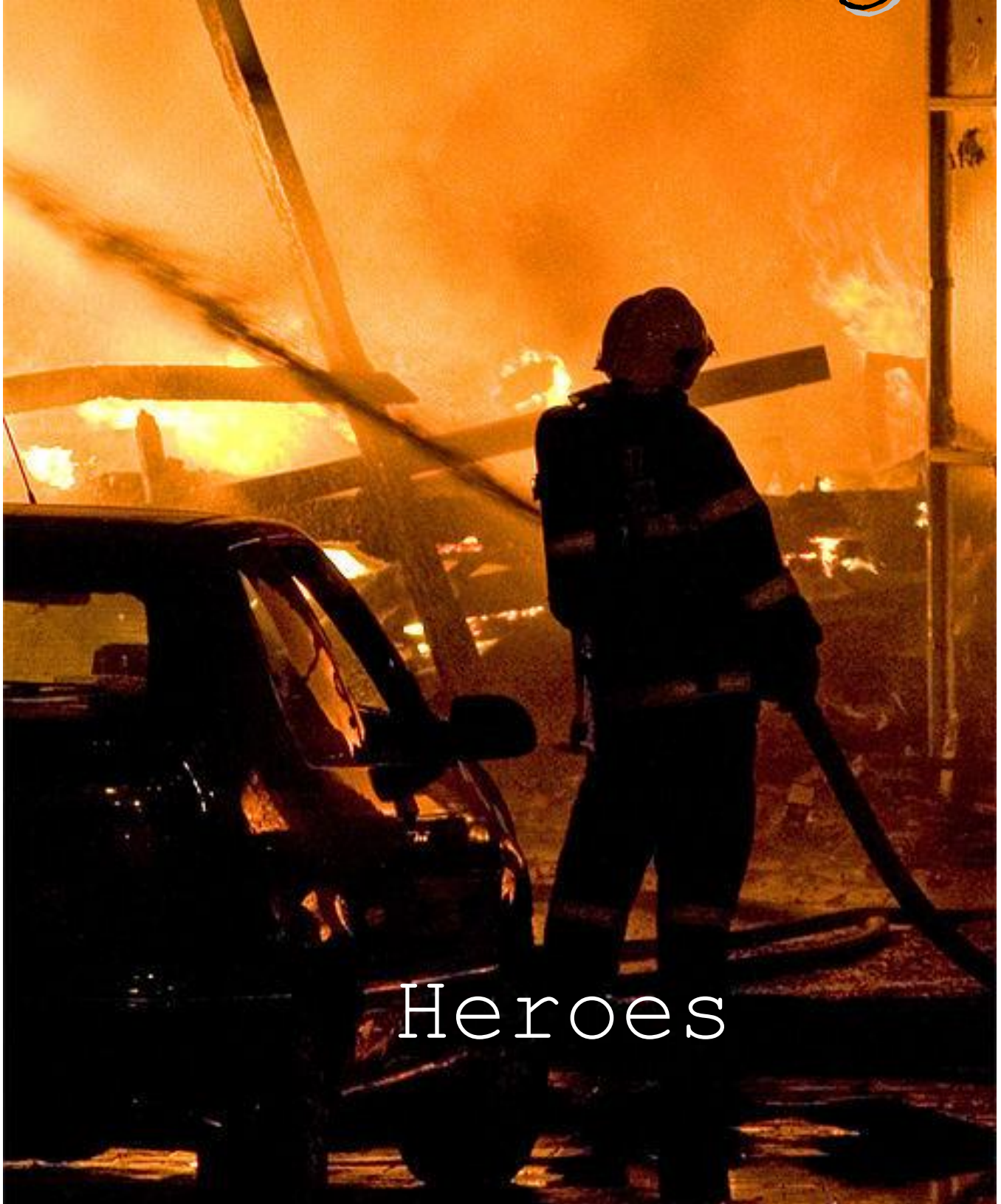


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# Heroes: Instinct, Deliberation and Love

By David M. McNabb

As Wesley Autrey stood waiting with two of his daughters for the next subway train, the 50-year-old resident of Manhattan knew nothing of the situation that was about to face him. Cameron Hollopeter, 19, suffered a medical problem and fell onto the tracks. With the train rapidly approaching the station, there was no time to think – only time to act. Autrey jumped down to the tracks, rolled the young man into the drainage trough between the rails and held him still while the two train cars passed over them with just two inches to spare. While the danger was great, no one was injured. The next day, Autrey said, "It's all hitting me now. I'm looking and these trains are coming in now. ... Wow, you did something stupid." But he has no regrets, as he said, "I did something to save someone's life."

About a week later, in Middleboro, Mass., Kevin Sullivan's quick thinking averted a horrible disaster. Sullivan, 59, was working on a highway crew on I-495. He was in a vehicle called a "crash truck," which has flashing lights and is designed to absorb shock if a driver fails to notice the work detail. He noticed a fully loaded tractor-trailer truck driving down their lane at full speed. He quickly repositioned his vehicle to take the full force of the truck. The collision flipped Sullivan's truck over the guard rail and into the woods below. Then the truck slammed into the state police cruiser that had been ahead of the crash truck, before coming to a stop. Due to Sullivan's actions, the trooper suffered only minor injuries, as did the driver of the tractor-trailer. Sullivan, who has cuts and bruises on his face, including two black eyes, and was treated for a chipped cheek bone, commented, "The only thing I felt bad about is that I didn't stop it from hitting the cruiser. That's what my job was, to keep it from hitting the cruiser."

Here we have two similar, yet entirely different heroic scenarios. One man left his home with his children, not knowing that he would find himself averting the death of a stranger. Another left his home, knowing that he would be placing himself between his fellow workers and the threat of catastrophe. While the net result is similar, the motivation is quite different: one – an act of instinct, the other – an act of deliberation.

In describing the love that Jesus has for us, I have used hypothetical scenarios like the two true-life stories here. While it is heroic when a man like Wesley Autrey jumps to the aid of a stranger, it is unclear what would have been the result had he had the time to calculate the ramifications of the situation. Could he actually be successful? How would his two daughters have coped, had the efforts been in vain and the tragedy been two-fold?

Jesus, however, had plenty of time to think about what lay ahead. When He left the splendor of heaven, in obedience to His Father, He knew that He was coming to Earth to redeem the souls of men by His death. He knew that He had the power at His disposal to prevent His own death at any time, with twelve legions of angels standing by to deliver Him, if only He asked. Much like Kevin Sullivan did with his truck, positioning himself to take the hit that would have inevitably come upon his co-workers, Jesus made His way to Golgotha, and displayed the greatest love a man can have, as He said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends..." (John 15:13-14).

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# The Lord's Passover

By C. Eldon McNabb

In order for you to follow the logic which I will use in explaining this subject, it is necessary that you hear, with your spiritual ear, the truth of Hebrews 10:1. The Apostle Paul declared, "The law having a shadow of good things to come . . ." Because that is true, all of things in the Old Testament, including the feasts of the Lord, are a prophecy of some event or events in the New Testament era. In Galatians 4:22-26, Paul referred to these things as allegories. Of course, Paul was simply agreeing with Jesus who said in Matthew 11:13, "All the prophets and the law prophesied."

Just how did they prophesy? Isaiah explained it for us in Isaiah 28:9-11, saying, "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. **For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.**" And God said it that way that His detractors "might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken."

We have a particularly well-known example of this in the Old and New Testaments in the case of "The **Lamb** of God which takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). John said "Lamb," but, in Exodus 12, when God gave to Israel the commandment concerning the Passover, He told them that the Passover lamb could be from either the sheep or the goats.

God had given a rule, but it was flexible. I believe that is because there are at least two or three precepts, one upon another, in the account of *the law of the Feast of Passover*. In keeping the feast of Passover, the nation of Israel did foreshadow the death of Jesus our Savior before He came to sacrifice Himself to redeem us from the control of Satan. Conversely, we who have been redeemed by His sacrifice do eat the Lord's Supper to show the Lord's

death until He comes to give us immortality.

However, there was much more prophesied in that first Feast of Passover than the forgiveness of our sins.

Each family of Israel had to choose, and set aside, a lamb on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month Abib, which month God also commanded should be established as the beginning of the year. In this way, their keeping of the seven-day Feast of Unleavened bread foreshadowed the time to come when, after the Lord Jesus was crucified, the Church, under the administration of Peter, would be free from the "Leaven of the Pharisees" for seven years.

During that seven years they reached "the measure and stature of the fullness of Christ:" 144,000 members, and attained unto the mark which our Savior had set for His elect: "a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing."

**Israel ate the Passover standing** with their shoes on, armed and ready to leave immediately after the supper. They left that very day, a nation which would be holy unto the Lord, and from that time, their new year symbolized that new nation. Moses simply restarted the year which had begun 6 months earlier, making that year, by their new reckoning, to be one year and six months long. At the end of this sixth millennium from Adam, it will be absolutely necessary that we roll the year back to its original time, so that Jesus will get to rule the world for a complete one thousand years.

That first Passover marked the beginning of the Nation of Israel. In like manner, the Passover on which Jesus was crucified marked the beginning of what Matthew called, "The Kingdom of Heaven" which is Christianity. Near the time of the return of our Lord, God shall change the beginning of the year back to its original time which was near the Autumnal equinox: the time year when Adam was created. By doing so, He shall mark the beginning of "The Kingdom of God," which will have overcome and prevailed to bring forth the fruits of that kingdom. There, Jesus "Shall sit upon the throne of

David in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness (for a thousand years)" (Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 16:1-5).

**The Kingdom of God was originally given** to the nation of Israel about 1,000 years before Jesus Christ "came into the world to save sinners."

However, Israel repeatedly defaulted on their responsibilities to that gift; causing Jesus to say to the chief priests and elders of the people, in Matthew 21:43, "I say unto you, The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to **a nation** bringing forth the fruits thereof." Somewhere between the ministry and crucifixion of the Christ, and the end of the first century A.D., God took the Kingdom of God away from them.

Paul said plainly that when Jesus died on that cross, the covenant of marriage which God had made with Israel at Sinai was abolished (Rom. 2:5-11; 2; Cor. 3:13). And in 70 A.D., it vanished away, (Heb. 8:13).

Until now, the giving of that glorious kingdom to another (Gentile) nation has been held in abeyance, because there had been no nation of Gentile Christians which had "brought forth the fruits" of that kingdom. However, there is now cause to expect such an event, because there is a group of Gentile Christians which is making special efforts to become adequately meritorious for God to consider giving them that great gift. Jesus does not lie. The Kingdom of God will be given to some group of Gentile Christians soon, because the sixth millennium will be over by 2013.

**To understand** the allegories which God has given for our instruction, we must hear and believe Malachi 3:6. God said "I am the Lord, I change not."

**One of the really good examples of God's consistency** from the Law to Grace: from the shadow to the real, is shown in the description of the ministries in each dispensation. Under the Law, there were two major divisions of the ministry: the "Sons of Aaron," and the "Sons of Levi." The Sons of Aaron were divided into two

sectors: the family of Eleazar, and the family of Ithamar. Those two families made up the priesthood, with Eleazar represented in two thirds of the "Twenty Four", and Ithamar in one third (1 Chron. 24:3-28). The Sons of Levi were divided into three sectors: Gershom, Kohath, and Merari, and each of those three families had a specific work assigned to it (Numbers 3:25-26, 31, 36-37).

That ministry in the Old Testament is an excellent allegory of the five gifts of the ministry which God established in the New Testament. "He gave some, apostles, and some, prophets, and some, evangelists, and some, pastor and teachers" (Ephesians 4:11-13). As in the Old, so also in the New: God has divided the ministry into two major divisions: Apostles and Prophets into one division, and Evangelists, pastors and teachers into the other.

Under the Law, the two Sons of Aaron foreshadowed the Apostles and Prophets of the Grace Age. It was those two families which offered the sacrifices, sprinkled the blood of those sacrifices upon the holy things. In the New Testament era, both Steven (Acts 7:38) and Paul (1 Cor. 3:9-10, 16-17) showed that "The Church," in the New Testament, was the fulfillment of the allegory which was set forth in the Old Testament shadow.

It is the Apostles and Prophets, of the Church of the Living God, who now minister the holy things, "Yea, the deep things of God."

The Apostle Paul boldly declared, in Ephesians 3:1-7, "I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: *How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;* that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: whereof I was made a minister, according

to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power."

The ability to understand the mysteries of the Bible is inherent in those men to whom God has given the gifts of Apostle and Prophet. Some of them also seem to be uniquely endowed with the power to lay hands on men and women who have been redeemed by the sacrifice which Jesus made on the cross that memorable Passover in His 34<sup>th</sup> year, and cause them to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. The other three gifts of the ministry are mighty in their own way. For instance, Philip the Evangelist conducted a marvelous, powerful, miraculous ministerial effort in Samaria. He cast out unclean spirits, and healed people with palsy, and those who were lame; bringing great joy to that city. However, it was necessary that the officials in Jerusalem should send the Apostles Peter and John to lay hands on them that they should receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Those great and mighty works which were wrought by the Jewish Church of the first century A.D. continued as long as those holy Apostles and Prophets were alive and able to carry on the work of the New Testament priesthood under Jesus Christ. By no later than the beginning of the second century, that fire had died out, and "Mystery, Babylon the Great" had begun to develop. The fullness of the Jews had come and gone, but the prophecy which Paul made, in Romans 2, concerning the Gentiles had not happened, and has not yet been manifested.

Paul said, "God will render to every man according to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; but glory, honor, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: for there is no

respect of persons with God" (Romans 2:6-11).

From the beginning of the second century, the Church of God disappeared and Christianity began a long descent into a pit of a combination of Christianity and the metamorphosis of the ancient Babylonian worship. That corruption of Christianity caused the thrust of the gospel to slow almost to a standstill, until the late fourteen hundreds.

When Europe began to explore the western hemisphere, God began to break the hold which Rome had on Christianity. Christians began to tear themselves loose from "Mystery, Babylon the Great," and found a haven in North America where Christianity could grow the fruit which had to be grown in order for a bride to be made ready for the coming "marriage of the Lamb." That is the event for which all mankind was created, and God allotted only 6,000 years for that preparation to be made. So God established a nation wherein a holy nation could develop among them and begin to bring forth the fruits of the Kingdom of God.

When the United States of America was just being formed, in 1780, in England, God restored to His people the doctrine, and the experience of "Holiness:" the second work of Grace which is called "Sanctification" (Romans 5:1-2). Then, in 1896, in the hills of North Carolina, God began to pour out the Holy Spirit upon those Sanctified ones. Just seven years later, in 1903, God raised up the Church of God by the prophet A. J. Tomlinson. That church, and perhaps all of her daughters, has since rejected the basic principles upon which they were founded.

The fact that that movement has stalled, does not mean that it was raised up for nothing. Jesus prophesied that a man would rise up like Noah, and be ready to save those faithful who have the "breath of life in Christ Jesus" when the enemy shall come in like a flood (Luke 17:26; Isaiah 59:19). If that organization had accomplished nothing more than to give rise to that man who is spiri-

tually called Noah, then it has accomplished much.

In the last forty years, almost all of Christianity has forsaken the right way, and have incurred the wrath of God which Paul pronounced upon it in Romans 2. The Jews had their day of God's indignation and wrath in about 70 A.D. Today, Gentile Christians are where Israel was just a few years before the wrath of God was turned loose upon them. Paul did say, "To the Jew first, and also to the Gentiles." Corruption of all kinds is rampant among God's people, and God's wrath lingers not.

Something else is also happening today; something wonderful. God is moving upon His faithful followers, and has begun to "make up His jewels" (Malachi 3:16). God has been having a book written with a list of the names of those "that feared the Lord, spoke often one to another, and thought upon His name." God said that from that book of remembrance would the people be chosen who will be the bride of Christ. It is they who shall reap the promise of "Glory, honor, and peace to the Gentiles."

There is no respect of persons with God. What God did to, and for, the Jews, He will also do to, and for, the Gentiles. God gave the glory of The Kingdom of God to the Jews, and because of their idolatry and disobedience, and the killing of His son, He took it away from them. Now it is our turn.

It is time for the completion of the fulfillment of that first Passover. The enemy is almost ready to come in upon Christianity like a flood: "the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant" (Jeremiah 4:7). Those children of God who live in America and Europe are at great risk, but there is an escape for us.

God is ready to make of us a nation "great, mighty, and populous" (Deut 26:5). However, we will have to do as Israel did on that first Passover day. We will have to put the blood of the Lamb on the lentils and doorposts of our dwellings. That

simply means we will have to acknowledge the man of God in Revelation 11:3, and his two witnesses, and go with them to the mountain of the Lord. That is to say we must also fulfill that passage in Exodus 19:4, where God said, "You saw what I did to the Egyptians, and how *I bare you on eagles wings and brought you to myself.*"

It is those two witnesses who will take us to the wedding. Will you follow the two witnesses to the wedding, or will you stay here, believing the erroneous promotion that those two do not appear until we are already gone, and suffer death at the hands of "that wicked one?" Will you sacrifice everything to save your life in Christ Jesus? Or will you sacrifice your "life in Christ Jesus" for some deceptive, erroneous doctrine which the enemy of our souls is already selling today?



## Make full proof this year

By Joel McNabb

I greet you in this New Year in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, praying that the year be filled with the joy and peace which is in Him.

On New Years Eve, I preached a sermon entitled "This New Year Make Full Proof." You may ask, "What exactly do I have to prove?"

Psalm 26: 2 says, "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart." I really like that he says "try my reins" here, because most of us are like wild horses, needing to be broken. Once we are used to the reins, Jesus, as a vaquero (Spanish for *cowboy*), can take the reins: sometimes pulling back to slow us down, and other times to prove us. He will let us see how fast we can run, similar to seeing how fast your car will go. My wife and I recently purchased a 2004 Dodge Intrepid, and every time I get behind the wheel I want to prove how fast it can go.

The psalmist David wanted to show God what he could do for the Lord who had done so much for him. He wanted God to look into his heart and see that he really meant what he believed. Do you feel like David today? Do you want God to prove you? Will you let God know how good of a runner you really are? I'm saying to you make full proof, and prove to God that you will go at full speed ahead for Him.


In 2 Tim. 4:1-8, Paul gives a charge to Timothy, his son in the Lord. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; ... they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." They will rather listen to fairy tales and fables based on stories from the bible, rather than the truth of God's word. Many people today like to hear sweet stories about how everything is alright and going to be alright. If they hear anything to the contrary, they claim that it is false doctrine. Paul said that it was Timothy's job to reprove and rebuke, as well as exhort. A rebuke is often not easy to receive. When I was a child, I sure did not like it when my father would say, "Go wait in your room. I'll be in soon." Oh the pain and agony of waiting for him to come into the room. The waiting seemed longer than the punishment. I can remember thinking, "I wish he would just come in and get it over with." While he would always wait an appropriate amount of time, as a child, this was always too long.

In verse 5, Paul says, "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." As Paul continues in verses 6-8, he is explaining to Timothy how to take care of things. He exhorts Timothy to always keep his eyes open: ready for anything, anywhere, that is going to happen; and to be strong. He needs to try and go on even if he is not quite up to it. We can say, "I don't feel like it today. I'm hurting, or too tired." God worked six days. I do not believe

He complained about it. He saw what He had done and said, "It is good." Don't you like to step back from a completed job and say, "That looks pretty good." I think you are just like God in this way. On the Fourth day, He did not stop and say, "I'm not feeling well. I'll stay home today." God worked until He was finished, and *then* He rested.

Let us, together, make full proof this year. Let us be and do all that we can for our Lord every day of this year and beyond. If you are a preacher you need to be preaching. If a singer, you need to be singing. God has a work for everyone that believes on Him, and a reward that goes with this work. How many of you would work today for no wages. I believe that I am worth every penny I make at my job. How about you? Are you on God's payroll? Do you want that final paycheck in life's labors?

Paul told us to press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling. He tells Timothy, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Tim. 4:7-8). Do you love Him today?

Will you make full proof of that this year and every year? I will be praying that you will. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He cause His face to shine upon you and give you peace. Your servant in Christ our Lord, Pastor Joel. 

## Prepared as a Bride adorned for her Husband

By David M. McNabb

As the Book of Revelation comes to a close, we hear the great prophetic declaration, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready" (Rev.

### 2007 Calendar of Events and Commemorative Dates of The People of Truth

February 4-5	45 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beginning of the End
February 13	Reformation Day
March 20	Biblical New Year's Day
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Feast of Passover / The Lord's Supper</b>
April 2	Passover
<b>May 24-27</b>	<b>Feast of Pentecost</b>
June 13	Arise, Shine Day
<b>September 27-30</b>	<b>Feast of Ingathering</b>
November 22	Thanksgiving Day (U.S.)

*Dates in italics indicate the Feasts of the Lord which are specially observed by The People of Truth. You are encouraged to make arrangements to be with us as we commemorate these important times on God's calendar in obedience to His word.*

19:7). Then, in chapter 21, John writes, "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rev. 21:2). As chapter 21 continues, we see that not only is this Holy City *as* a bride adorned for her husband, but it is, in fact, a depiction of "the Bride, the Lamb's Wife." But the Bride of the Lamb is not a literal city, but a spiritual one: God's Elect People. She is symbolized here in a city, and as the psalmist said of Jerusalem, "Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together," so also does Paul say that the Body of Christ is "fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Psa. 122:3; Eph. 4:16).

Much talk has been made over the years about the Bride of Christ. Many Christians today are awaiting the great "snatching away" of the "rapture." What is lacking in the "rapture" story, though, is the idea of a preparation. If we are to be the Bride of Christ, there must first be a preparation. In the days leading up to the ministry of Jesus, God sent a man named John, in the spirit and power of Elijah, "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:17). Yet today, mainstream Christianity has no expectation of any kind of preparation: believing only that

the trumpet shall sound without warning, and believers shall be whisked away.

The whole body of Scriptures paints a very different picture. God never changes. God is seeking a virtuous Bride for His only begotten Son, Jesus. And the wedding of the Lamb *will not come* until She is prepared for Him.

The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119. As noted in most Bibles, this Psalm is divided into 22 sections of 8 verses each, with each section named after a letter of the Hebrew alphabet. What you may not know, is that, in Hebrew, the first word of each of the eight verses of that section begins with the corresponding letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Thus, verses 1-8 begin with the letter "aleph," verses 9-16 with the letter "beth," and so on. Why is this so important? Very simply, we often call fundamental truths "the A-B-C's." In Psalm 119, not only is the first letter of each verse specifically chosen, but every verse contains one of the following ten expressions: way, testimony, precepts, commandment, saying, law, judgment, righteousness, statutes, and word. Each of these is lauded, verse by verse, in Psalm 119, for they declare the ten great and fundamental ways by which the Almighty has expressed Himself to mankind. They are the A-B-C's of God's Word.

The alphabet occurs similarly in another passage, by the hand of the Psalmist's son, Solomon, in the book of Proverbs. This passage, read in Jewish homes every Sabbath day, is found in Proverbs 31:10-31. These 22 verses speak of a "virtuous woman," and, once again, each of the verses begins with the letters of the Hebrew alphabet: verse 10 with "aleph," verse 11 with "beth," etc. Here, this style is used to make a different point. Solomon, in spite of his great wisdom, had become involved with many strange women, and with their worship, which led to his downfall, and, ultimately, to the dividing of the Kingdom of Israel. After declaring many words of wisdom, he concludes this writing with what seems to be the A-B-C's of a man's life: finding a virtuous woman. This is not only true of natural man, but also of God's very purpose for mankind: to bring forth a wife for the Son of God!

Solomon said, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD," "and a prudent wife is from the LORD." (Prov. 18:22; 19:14b). Who should obtain favor more than God's own Son?

Just what kind of Wife is God seeking for His Son: the Prince of Peace? No doubt, He is seeking the best! Even as Ahasuerus was seeking qualities that he found only in Esther, so also is God seeking a Church without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; a people which is holy and blameless.


Unlike all ten virgins of Jesus' parable in Matthew 25, both wise and foolish, the virtuous woman's candle does not go out by night (Prov. 31:18). As verse 29 says, "Many daughters have done virtuously, But thou excellest them all." She is strong, industrious, and wise. She provides nourishment for her household, and is given to hospitality.

God is looking for just such a people: a people prepared for the Lord, that excels above all others.

Dear friends, the time to play church has long since come to an end. The Day of the Lord is at hand, and He will have a glorious people. "Who can find a virtuous woman?" (Prov.

31:10). Boaz found one in Ruth. Ahasuerus found one in Esther. The question is not whether Christ will find one, but whether or not Christ will find one in us?

Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for his son Isaac. Abraham's servant prayed that God would lead him to a virtuous woman. Not only did Rebekah meet all of the criteria that the servant requested, but, when asked, she promptly replied, "I will go."

Let us, too, prove to be the virtuous woman that the Lord is seeking for His Son today, applying the words of Solomon to our collective lives, that we might be a virtuous woman prepared for the Lord. 

## Heroes

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Jesus' death was not an act of instinct, but of deliberation. He knew the shame and suffering of the cross. He knew that He had done nothing worthy of death, yet He also knew the judgment of God upon ungodly sinners, and was willing to sacrifice Himself, that we should not die, but have everlasting life!

Yes, that is the greatest love that a man can have, but did you know that there is a greater love that even this? Imagine, for a minute, that Wesley Autrey was, for some reason, unable to jump down to push Cameron Hollopeter into the trough between the tracks. Would he turn to his young daughters and say, "Girls, one of you get down there and push him between the rails! Hurry, the train is coming!?" That type of thinking strikes us as irrational! Yet that is exactly what the Father did.


The well-known passage in John 3:16 declares, "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 also wrote that the Father's actions in sending us His own Son reveal to us His great love, a love that is beyond the greatest love a man can have. "In this was mani-

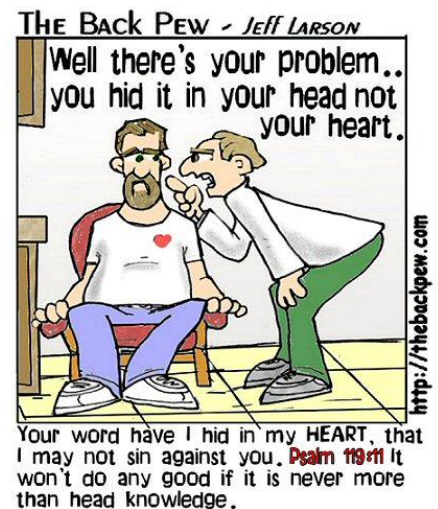
festated the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ... And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world" (1 John 4:9,14).

Such infinite, matchless love! Abraham loved and trusted God so much, that he was willing to offer up his promised son on the altar, if that was what it would have taken. God, knowing His plan of salvation, and the sacrifice He had planned in offering up His own Son, honored Abraham's intentions as though he had actually followed through.

But God did follow through, allowing His beloved Son to suffer and die. Do you believe that today? Do you know the love of God? John said, "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in Him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him" (1 John 4:15-16).

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13).

Thank God for all the heroes in the world, but especially for His great love that has saved us from so great a death, and has made us sons and daughters in the household of faith. 



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