



THE HARVESTER

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Hello again, Family, Friends and Harvest Time Ministries Partners. Greetings and blessings in the Name of Jesus! I pray all is well with you and your household.

Wow, summer already! I guess Florida's "rainy season" has begun, but it has been so dry that we really can use the rain. People have mentioned that as we get older it seems time passes more quickly, so now, at 76, I'm definitely experiencing that expression! But I also realize that "time" is a commodity we can never recover, so I really need to be more conscious of how I spend it. I spent a couple days in the hospital recently for symptoms which the doctor felt might be a heart problem, but, as it turned out, I probably was allergic to an antibiotic I was taking. The time wasn't wasted, though, because, after a thorough cardiac workup, I found out my heart, blood pressure, vital signs, etc. are excellent, and that's always good to know. I really didn't feel it was a heart problem but, as the young male nurse in the ER said, "Well, if your heart is OK, just consider it a tune-up, like you get for your car". Just like a guy, huh? As it turned out, during my ER visit, that young man made a commitment to the Lord and got his "ticket to heaven", so it was worth it. I'm still busy with various meetings, but haven't been to the gym for the Silver Sneakers exercises for a couple of months due to a foot injury, with wrappings and a boot off and on. In spite of that, I have lost about 10 lbs. without trying, simply cutting down on the sugar and "white" food (white bread, potatoes, white rice, etc.) and trying to eat healthier, and I do take a lot of vitamins.

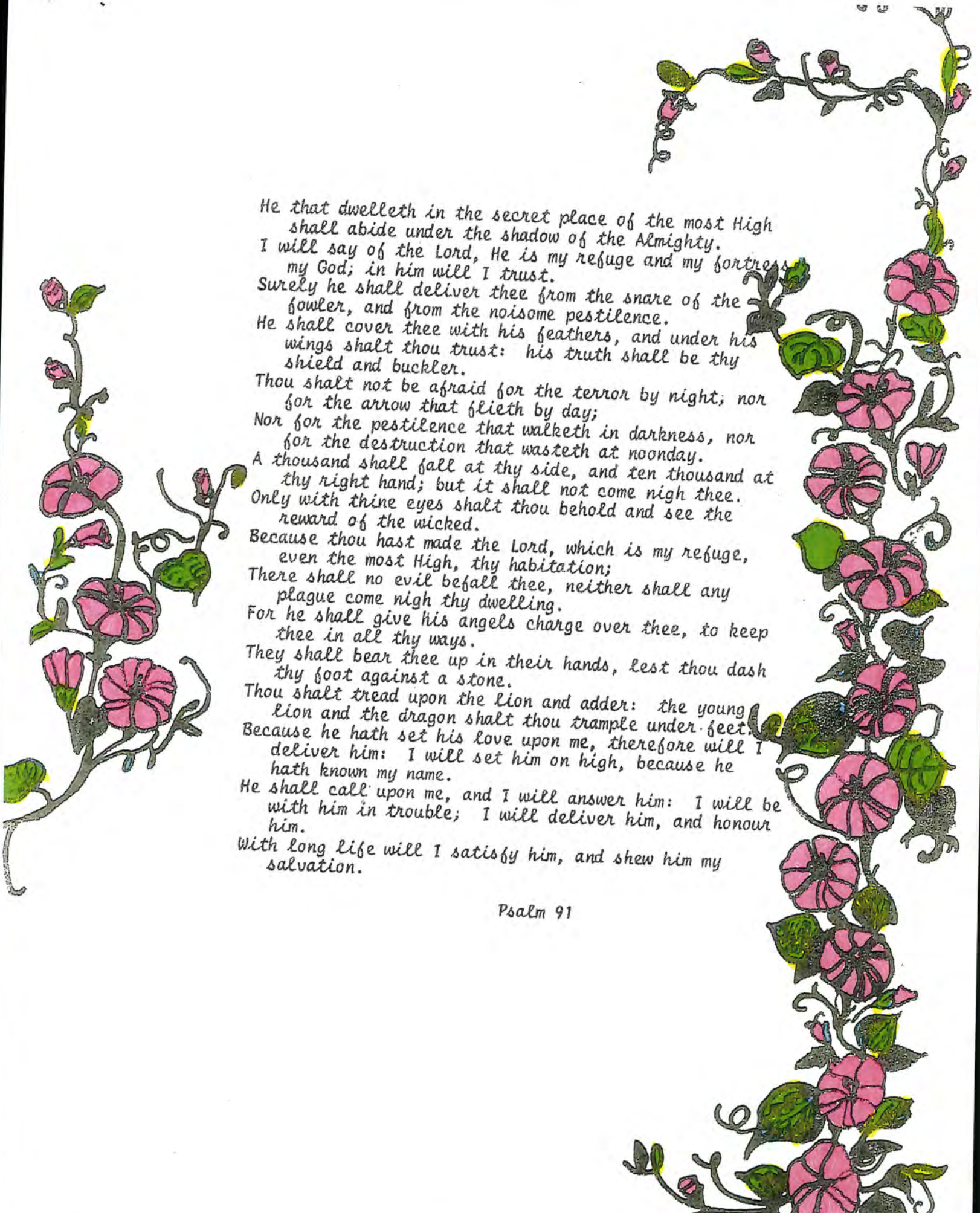
We at Harvest Time are so thankful for a couple of wonderful grants (from the Lighthouse Bay Pentathlon and Country Creek Community Charities) which will help pay for school supplies and our storage rental facilities for a year, especially since donations have been down this spring, and we just recently ordered 408 backpacks for very needy children in the Migrant Education program. We also will be purchasing supplies to fill the backpacks (thanks, Rick & Mary Alice) in the near future, since school begins the first week in August. And we need to replenish our food pantry for our next big "season" of feeding the hungry beginning in November. Our volunteer Secretary/Treasurer, Bill & Darlene Welch, are "retiring" after many years of sincerely appreciated service, and it won't be easy finding someone to fill their shoes.

It has been a great blessing to finally have regular volunteer office help two afternoons a week. Barbara and I are cleaning out the office, but 25+ years of "stuff" takes a while to sort out, eliminate, etc., and I have lost count of the number of times I have emptied the shredder basket & carted unused or outdated items to the dumpster. Barbara's daughter, Becca, is quite computer-savvy, and between the three of us, came up with (for the first time ever) a Harvest Time brochure, so we have enclosed a copy for you. It is so nice to have the new leased RICOH copier so we can now do newsletters, brochures, etc., instead of having to have them printed outside and, in the long run, should save us some money. I am learning not to be such a "saver". My husband, Don, also saved everything, it seems, but I know we don't need things saved from the 80's. Unfortunately, I have a huge supply of blank cassette tapes, which people don't use now, it seems, and Don's wonderful teachings are all on cassettes, so I need to figure out how to get them on CD. I bought a recorder that transfers them, but still need to figure out how to use it successfully.

For those of you who don't see me often, I am enclosing a recent picture of my Yorkshire terrier, Michelle, and me, taken at church this past winter. I would welcome any picture you would care to send me. And PLEASE, if you don't want to continue to receive the HTM newsletter, let me know. Contributions are always welcome, but definitely not a prerequisite for receiving the newsletter. It is our pleasure to send it to you, as long as you are reading it. Only two people have opted out, and many have said they enjoy reading it. We are blessed to send it to you!



For I was hungry, and ye gave me food; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me. (Matthew 25:35, 36, 40)



He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God; in him will I trust.
Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the
fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.
He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his
wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy
shield and buckler.
Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor
for the arrow that flieth by day;
Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor
for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at
thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.
Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the
reward of the wicked.
Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge,
even the most High, thy habitation;
There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any
plague come nigh thy dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep
thee in all thy ways.
They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash
thy foot against a stone.
Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young
lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I
deliver him: I will set him on high, because he
hath known my name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be
with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour
him.
With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my
salvation.

ASK: (WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?)

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE (Matthew 7:7)
SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND (Matthew 7:7-11)
KNOCK and it shall be opened. (Matthew 7:7)
WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE. (Luke 1:37)
ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER YOU SHALL ASK IN PRAYER,
BELIEVING, YOU SHALL RECEIVE. (Matthew 21:22)
ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT BELIEVETH.
(Mark 9:23; Mark 11:22-24)
ASK WHAT YOU WILL, AND IT SHALL BE DONE UNTO YOU.
(John 15:7, 16)

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU ARE IN A SPIRITUAL BATTLE:
(Dwight Thompson)

1. You will never outgrow warfare; you must simply learn to fight. (Put on the whole armor of God)
2. Failure is not an event; it is only an opinion.
3. Failure cannot happen in your life without your permission.
4. Struggle is the proof you have not been conquered.
5. You will never win a spiritual battle logically.
6. Warfare always surrounds the birth of a miracle.
7. No one has been a loser longer than satan.
8. Never speak words that make satan think he is winning.
9. The only power satan has over you is the power you give him.
10. Those willing to lose never do.

Get sick and tired of being sick and tired.
satan is trying to take advantage and get you to be defeated.
God is trying to lead you to what HE wants you to become

* NOTE: I never capitalize the name of satan; he's not worth it!

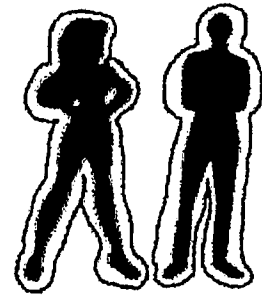
THE LORD IS MY PACE SETTER

(Excerpt from "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World")

The Lord is my pace setter...I shall not rush;
He makes me stop for quiet intervals.
He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity.
He leads me in the way of efficiency through calmness of mind
and His guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day,
I will not get stressed out, for His presence is here.
His timelessness, His all importance will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity
by anointing my mind with His oil of tranquility.
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Truly harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruit of my hours
For I shall walk at God's pace and dwell in his house forever.

DAVID'S SONG : (2 Samuel 22:21-25 - The Message Bible)

God made my life complete When I placed all the pieces before Him.
When I cleaned up my act He gave me a fresh start.
Indeed, I've kept alert to God's ways; I haven't taken God for granted.
Every day I review the ways He works; I try not to miss a trick.
I feel put back together and I'm watching my step.
God rewrote the text of my life
When I opened the book of my heart to His eyes.



A DIETER'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

"I am the Lord thy God and will help thee."

A DIETER'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou shalt have no other goal before thee. (Than to be thin.)
2. Thou shalt not make unto thyself any graven visions of foods shown on TV, in magazines, or appearing anywhere on this earth. Thou shalt not worship them.
3. Thou shalt not take to speaking unkind language concerning thy diet, for this can only harm thee.
4. Remember thy goal day and pray to me daily that thou might succeed wholly.
- 5 Honor slimness and beauty that thy days may be long and healthy upon the land which the Lord thy' God giveth thee.
6. Thou shalt not kill thy incentive.
7. Thou shalt not commit thyself unto temptation.
8. Thou shalt not steal from thy refrigerator, or cupboard or anywhere else.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness when listing thy calories.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbors figure, her ability to stay thin, or her ability to eat everything.

Dieting by the POWER PLUS DIET...
my power is God, and the plus is my new figure.

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Godspeed



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FOUR THINGS YOU CANNOT RECOVER:

1. The stone.....after the throw!
2. The word....after it's said!
3. The occasion...after the loss!
4. The time...after it's gone!

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?
A. German Shepherds.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?
A. God drove Adam & Eve out of the Garden in a "Fury". David's "Triumph" was heard throughout the land. "Honda", because the apostles were in one "Accord".

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?
A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.

There was a feud between the Pastor and the Choir Director of the Hicksville Southern Baptist Church. It seems the first hint of trouble came when the pastor preached on "Dedicating yourselves to Service" and the Choir Director chose to sing: "I Shall Not Be Moved". Trying to believe it was a coincidence, the Pastor put the incident behind him. The next Sunday he preached on "Giving". Afterwards, the choir sang as the Director led them in the hymn: "Jesus Paid It All". By this time, the Pastor was losing his temper. Sunday morning attendance swelled as the tension between the two built. A large crowd showed up the next week to hear his sermon on "The Sins of Gossiping". Would you believe the Choir Director selected: "I Love to Tell the Story"? There was no turning back. The following Sunday the Pastor told the congregation that unless something changed, he was considering resigning. The entire church gasped when the Choir Director led them in: "Why Not Tonight?" Truthfully, no one was surprised when the Pastor resigned a week later, explaining that Jesus had led him there and Jesus was leading him away.. The Choir Director could not resist: "What A Friend We Have in Jesus".

CHURCH SIGNS:

- "Church shopping? We're open Sundays."
- "Come in and let us prepare you for your finals."
- "Give satan an inch and he'll become your ruler."
- "Souler energy used here."
- "God will accept broken hearts but he must have all the pieces."
- "Swallowing pride will never give you indigestion."
- "Read the Bible - it will scare the hell out of you."
- "Our Sundays are better than Dairy Queen."
- "Get out of Facebook and get into My Book... God."
- "Get an afterlife."
- "To be almost saved is to be totally lost".

"To prevent sinburn, use Sonscreen."

"Prayer: Free wireless access."

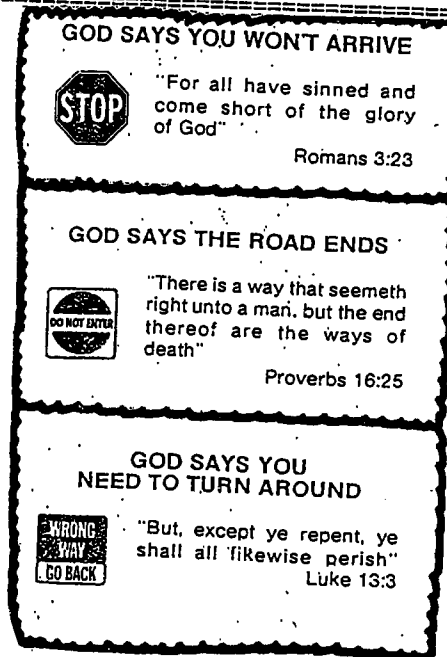
"The Easter bunny didn't rise from the dead."

"Be as good a person as your pet believes you are."

"NEED A 'FAITH' LIFT? " OR, "HOW TO GET AN EXTREME FAITH MAKEOVER":

- 1) Praise Him - I Thessalonians 5:18
- 2) Tell of Him - Psalm 9:1
- 3) Rejoice in Him - Psalm 9:2, Habakkuk 3:17-18
- 4) Sing to Him - Psalm 9:2
- 5) Believe in Him - Philipians 4:6, 12 & 13; Romans 8:28 Mark 1:22.

For the awesome, complete teaching by Pastor Riley Grandell, go to: www.thegulfshorechurch.com



Romans 10:9-10 says: *That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation*

WHAT ARE HARVEST TIME NEEDS?

- Nonperishable food, diapers, baby items
- Clothing, underwear, shoes, linens
- Volunteers to sort, pack & deliver items to camps
- Volunteer office help
- Financial donations to purchase above needs
- Your prayers for the ministry

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Blessings!
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