

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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## The Good News

I like to divide the four Gospels according to a newspaper:

Matthew carries the advertising and announcements—"Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

John Mark carries the flaming headlines—"Jesus came," "Jesus only," "He is risen."

Dr. Luke carries the special features—the songs of Christmas, the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son.

John carries the editorials—he is the columnist. He has the discourses on the Bread of Life, the Light of the World and the Upper Room discourse.

—Dr. J. Vernon McGee



"Are there any parts of your sermon you want me to laugh at or applaud more than usual?"

## Days Gone By

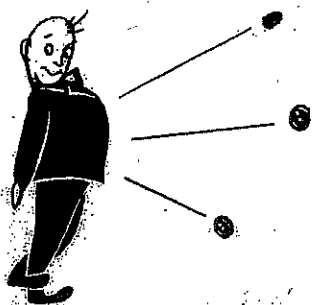
On October 24, 1875, D.L.

Moody began the great Brooklyn revival.

## GUESS MY NAME:

1. I am the son of Hagar, the bondwoman. (Gen. 16:15)
2. God said that I should be blessed and have twelve sons who would be princes. (Gen. 17:20)
3. Sarah became angry when she saw me mocking, and as a result, my mother and I went to the wilderness. (Gen. 21:9-14)
4. My half brother Isaac and I buried our father Abraham in the cave of Machpelah. (Gen. 25:9)

# Our Pride



We take pride in our birth and rank. But it's said of Jesus, He was a "carpenter's son" (Matt. 13:55).

We take pride in our possessions. But it's said of Jesus, "The Son of man hath not where to lay his head" (Matt. 8:20).

We take pride in our respectability. But it's said of Jesus, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46).

We take pride in our appearance. But it's said of Jesus, "He hath no form nor comeliness" (Isa. 53:2).

We take pride in our friendships. But it's said of Jesus, He was "a friend of publicans and sinners" (Matt. 11:19).

We take pride in our independence. But Jesus gave Himself to people and had the woman at the well draw water for Him (John 4).

We take pride in our position. But Jesus said, "I am among you as he that serveth" (Luke 22:27).

We take pride in our success. But it's said of Jesus, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

We take pride in our self-reliance. But it's said of Jesus, "He went down...to Nazareth, and was subject unto them [His parents]" (Luke 2:51).

We take pride in our abilities. But Jesus said, "I can of mine own self do nothing" (John 5:30).

We take pride in our self-will. But Jesus said, "I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father" (John 5:30), and "If thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42).

We take pride in our intellect. But Jesus said, "As my Father hath taught me, I speak these things" (John 8:28).

We take pride in our resentment and justifiable pride. But Jesus said, "Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34).

We take pride in our holiness. But it's said of Jesus, "This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them" (Luke 15:2).

We take pride in the fact we're the righteousness of God. But it's said of Jesus, "He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21).

—Rev. Milton Hubbard in *Pulpit Helps*

It's the little things that can do big things in the life of another, right?

Do some little thing for another person today and plant a seed of love. Even if you never see the harvest, others and God will.

# WE ARE EACH UNIQUE

The day you were born  
God made a plan,  
And He set it in motion  
As your life began.

He never reuses  
The same design,  
So you have your talents  
And I have mine.

The griefs you bear,  
I may never know,  
For the pain you feel  
You may never show.

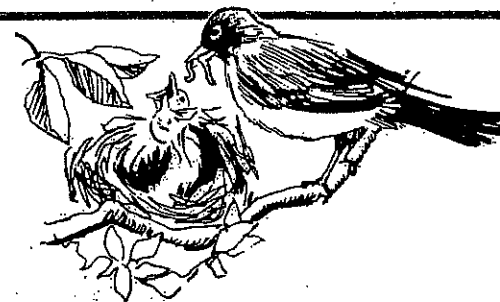
We'll both have joys,  
Hope too, and dreams,  
We'll both know disappointments  
And have unsuccessful schemes.

We'll both have successes,  
But there will be failures too,  
Because life isn't all rainbows  
With skies always blue.

The important lesson to be learned  
From all of this,  
Is that what makes you happy  
May not bring me bliss.

For God fashioned us each  
With a unique design,  
And you have your goals,  
And I have mine.

by Mary Lee Dauer of Roxana



# THE PEACE OF GOD

'Tis "perfect peace" our Saviour gives  
To all who lean on Him.

In turmoil, pain, and sickness

His eye is never dim;

He clothes the lilies of the field,

He cares for every bird;

Our very hairs are numbered,

'Tis written in His Word.

'Tis "perfect peace" our Saviour gives,

When trust in Him is laid.

The trials come, rest in Him;

He said, "Be not afraid,

I will ne'er leave nor forsake thee,

I came to give thee rest,

Then come to Me, ye weary,

Lean on my loving breast."

'Tis "perfect peace" our Saviour gives:

Ah, dear friend, 'tis for you

The storms may rage and testings

His Word is ever true.

The darkness comes, the sun still shines

Above the darkened way,

And God above will give the grace

To help you through the day.

'Tis "perfect peace" our Saviour gives,

And when the trial is o'er

And you've come forth victorious

You'll praise Him more and more;

You'll tell of Christ, your constant Friend

And of His watchful care;

Then joy unknown will answer

Your witness everywhere.

# Miscellaneous-

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\*EVENTS  
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## Buzzards, Bats, and Bumblebees

If you put a buzzard in a pen six or eight feet square and entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of his ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of ten or twelve feet. Without space to run, as is his habit, he will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top. The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash. A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler will be there until it dies unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself. In many ways, there are lots of people like the buzzard, the bat and the bumblebee. They are struggling about with all their problems and frustrations, not realizing that if they look up, they'll find the answer.

COMING SOON — COMING SOON

You do not want to miss this once in a lifetime event:

# JESUS CHRIST

DATE FOR ARRIVAL:

In a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed...

WHO CAN TAKE PART IN THIS EVENT:

WHOSOEVER shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.