

THE LOOKING GLASS

by Tony Alamo

A few years after I was born again of the Spirit, I saw the Lord Jesus Christ with my eyes wide open. Sue was asleep, and I was wide awake. The room was pitch dark, when a Spirit resembling a three to four-foot fluorescent light appeared in the room. It came into the room with a hissing sound, and with another hissing sound it formed itself into an oval-shaped mirror with a gold frame around it. Jesus was sitting in the mirror. He sat upon a purple throne-like chair that was trimmed in gold. The purple fabric looked like velvet. The back of the chair came up almost to the top of His head. There were no marks on His forehead, nor were there any nail scars in His hands, because in Heaven everyone and everything is perfect.

There is no imperfection in Heaven. This means the song "I Shall Know Him by the Print of the Nails in His Hand" is not scriptural. There are no marks that Satan has caused that can enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus was wearing white clothing, and a thin gold crown around one-half inch high sat on His curly black hair. The gold crown looked so natural and proper sitting on His head that it made me wonder why people in the world with hair don't wear them. That crown looked much better than a hat. Again, I was wide awake and the vision was in full color.

Jesus is not blonde and blue-eyed with long, stringy hair. He had the same skin color as myself, olive, which everyone in my life calls Caucasian. Again, He had black, bushy hair and a gold crown, which was about a half inch thick. It sat right on the top of His head and it looked like it was supposed to be there. And again, I wondered why no one ever thinks to wear a crown because it looks so good. His eyes

were dark brown or black, and He was very handsome, better looking than any man I've ever seen. He was looking directly at me. By the way He looked at me, I could tell that He knew all about me and that He liked me as a person.

Up to that point in my life, I never knew for sure that God liked me, but I could tell that Jesus did, and the knowledge of that gave me a lot of comfort, even to this day. Would you like to know that the Lord likes you, too?

God's Word, the Bible, tells us that God loved us all so much that "He gave His only begotten Son [the Word of God], that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). This means if we believe the entire Word of God, which is Jesus,¹ then we are saved, born again of the Spirit, and on our way to Heaven. It never had occurred to me that Jesus also liked certain people, although in His Word it's plain to see that He loves some people and hates some people.² But again, it just never oc-



Pastor Tony Alamo and his late wife Susan, in the looking glass

curred to me that God liked me. It was and still is such a good thing to know. If He ever lets you know that He likes you, I'm sure that you will be relieved like I was and still am, and that you, like me, will have more confidence in approaching the throne of God and talking to Him through the Holy Spirit.

In this vision that I saw of Jesus, there was a look of concern in His eyes, like He wanted to give me some urgent warning. I didn't know what it was. He began talking to me, but His voice was broken. It was like He was on radio, on the air, and somebody was quickly turning His voice on and off, on and off, all the time He was talking to me, so that I couldn't get anything He was saying. Later, I found out that His concern was that I wasn't communicating with Him much at all. He wanted to let me know that the most dangerous thing in the world is not communicating with Him daily—praying always

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(Luke 21:36, II Thes. 1:11) and praying without ceasing (I Thes. 5:17). The thing the Lord was telling me was true. I was almost never reading the Word or praying. I wasn't seeking Him with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength through the Bible, the Word of God, nearly as much as He commands us to do for our own good.³

When I looked at Jesus, I could really tell that the Scripture that says He knew us "before the foundation of the world" (Eph. 1:4) was true.⁴ He knew everything about us, even before we were in our mother's womb, and He knows in advance what we will do with the life He gives us in this world. Being in His presence told me that.

Jesus is a Jew, just as the Bible tells us.⁵ I am Jewish. My dad was a Jew, and it's debatable as to whether my mother was. Her father's name was Torah.

When I first saw the Lord in the mirror, I thought He had come to take me to Heaven with Him. I was so excited. I got a big smile on my face, raised my arms towards Him, and said, "Lord!" I was so happy. But then He put His hand, which had no scar on it, toward me, and He said, "Not now." That was the biggest disappointment in my entire life. Heaven looked so wonderful. It was so clean and free from oppression, no death. There was no terrorism, no anti-Christ church of Rome in Heaven, and no anti-Christ government, the beast, in Heaven. There was no anti-Christ media, no filth, no unhappiness, no sadness, no pain, no death, no

³ Deut. 6:5-9, 8:3, 17:18, Josh. 1:8, Psa. 1:1-2, 19:7-11, 78:1, 7-8, 119:9, Isa. 34:16, Matt. 7:24-25, John 6:63, 8:31-32, Eph. 5:26, II Tim. 2:15, 3:15-16, Jas. 1:18-25, Rev. 1:3 ⁴ Isa. 40:21, Matt. 25:34, Eph. 1:4-5, 11, Rev. 17:8 ⁵ Gen. 14:13, 22:18, 26:4, Matt. 1:1-17, John 4:9, Heb. 2:16



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disappointments, no liars, no thieves or robbers, no curse, no adulterers, no fornicators, no rapists, no homosexuals, no lesbians, no pedophiles, no covetousness, no jealousy, no imperfection, no abuse, no murder, no corruption, no extortion, no slander, no character assassination, no twisting of words, no sickness, disease, or infirmities, no pain or suffering, no hunger, no fire, no floods, no disasters, no corrupt government agencies, no corrupt judicial system, no haters of God, no one who hates you or anyone else.⁶ There was only happiness, joy, and kindness. There was being always young and always beautiful or handsome. There was no impurity and no fear of anything, only peace, tranquility, and no annoyance ever. The climate, the weather, is always perfect.

⁶ Job 3:17, Isa. 64:4, Matt. 6: 20, I Cor. 6:9-10, I Pet. 1:4, Rev. 7:14-17, 21:1-4, 10-11, 18-27, 22:1-5

Now maybe you can understand a little bit of why it was so disappointing to me when the Lord put His hand towards me saying, "Not yet."

For the brief moment I thought I was going to be with Him, I was so excited that I forgot about everything and everybody, even my wife, Susan, that I loved so much. I wasn't able to think of her or anyone else in the world. Before this vision, I had a fear that if I ever saw the Lord, I'd be terrified. But when I saw Him, there wasn't any fear at all, only the exceeding desire to be in Heaven with Him. He looked just like a man, but I could tell when I looked at Him that He for sure possesses all power in Heaven and on earth, and with ease. Jesus said, "All power is given unto Me in Heaven and in

India

Dear Pastor Tony Alamo,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. First, I want to introduce myself. I am Kauluri. I completed my degree also, and now I am living in a small town. I am from a Hindu family, but now I am purely Christian, no doubt at all.

One day, unfortunately, I lost my parents by accident. My relatives also left me in a few days. At that time, I had no proper shelter. I worshipped so many gods of the Hindus, and followed strictly my religion's customs and practices, but there was no reply from them. My problems were increased, and it was very hard to take meals also, so I decided to die at that time. I thought, why am I living with so much trouble? Then I went to the railway station to die. At that time, a pastor was coming towards me, and he gave me a newsletter and literature which was written by Pastor Tony Alamo. Then I wanted to read them once before going to die, but fortunately, that valuable literature by you brought me back and gave me new life, so I very much appreciate Pastor Tony Alamo. Your newsletter kept me to live until today.

After I went to my house, I read completely the newsletter and the book entitled, *The Messiah*. Thereafter, I am living in Christ, and believe that Jesus cleansed my sins with His blood. I took baptism in a church which is near us, and dedicated my total life to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now I have strongly decided that I want to do gospel service, that's why now I am doing gospel service among the women, especially the young girls. Nowadays, girls are disturbing their lives with bad habits, and in our country, women also follow religious practices. They are wasting their valuable time, they are not worshipping the real God, so I want to change all of them towards Jesus Christ.

I kindly request you to please send literature and Bibles in the Telugu language. They will be very helpful to my gospel service among the women. Please give some guidelines from your side. I want strongly to do gospel service among the women in our areas.

Yours truly,
Sister Kauluri

Tadepalligudam, India

earth” (Matt. 28:18). I remember a Scripture in Job which says, Behold, He takes away, who can hinder Him? Who is able to say unto Him, What are you doing? (Job 9:12).

Susie and I had a large congregation of young, newly-saved Christians, almost all hippies, in the mid-sixties, and I got myself so involved in building, buying, and fixing living facilities for them that I was neglecting the most important thing in the world, which is reading the Bible and praying.

Jesus was warning me that I would go to Hell and the lake of fire if I wouldn't seek Him with all my heart, soul, mind and strength every day and night.⁷ He showed me that if I wouldn't read the Bible, pray, teach, and preach what I've learned, millions of souls would be lost, and I'd be accountable for all of them at the judgment bar of God on the last day.⁸ We are accountable for all the souls that we didn't win to the Lord but could have if we would have obeyed Jesus, the Word of God.⁹

The people of this world and the ministers that I hear have no idea that we are, right now, at the end of time.¹⁰ Jesus explained how dangerous it is for people to be involved with religious fiction. It is, in reality, just that—“fiction.” And the Bible calls science, “science falsely so called” (I Tim. 6:20). True science is this: “In the

beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and

darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light” and then the rest of everything created by His Word (Gen. 1:1-2:2).

Again, truth and reality is that God is beginning to pour out His wrath on this world. Ask the people in New Orleans, Indonesia, and hundreds of other places in the world. Remember this, there is no such person as “Mother Nature.” I can't believe how the people of the world can't see that at one time God destroyed the world with water.¹¹ This is a proven fact. It is history. Still they commit the same sins as they did in Noah's day. It is worse now than it ever was. It is amplified until the stench of it has reached Heaven. God the Father and His Word, Jesus, tell of the things that will abruptly come to pass. He tells us that at the end of time there “shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time,



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no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake [those of us who really believe God] those days shall be shortened” (Matt. 24:21-22). You can look into the mirror, the looking glass, the Bible, and see for yourself.

All these things will begin happening abruptly without any further warning. This earth will be turned into a nightmare for those who have not accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. They will be crying out in terror, saying “Can't science, can't fictitious religions do something about this? Can't the President, governors, and other government officials do anything about this?” No, they will not be able to do anything about it. They will be running for cover just like everyone else except those who are born-again, Spirit-filled Christians. We will be rejoicing while those who rejected God, God's Son, and God's mercy will be screaming their heads off in fear of the knowledge that their souls will soon be in Hell and the lake of fire forever.

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Responses

Pastor Alamo,

A call came in today from Houston, Texas. The woman said she read your literature in the *Houston Chronicle*, entitled, *Dry Bones*. She was moved to tears, and wanted to say the sinners' prayer, so I said the sinners' prayer with her. She was ever so thankful for your article. She requested message CDs from you, and the *Messiah* book, also more of your testimony. Praise the Lord!



My sister is the head of the counseling services for the State of Oklahoma. An associate in the Oklahoma State Government, that is on the board that determines funding for her department, received salvation after being drawn to the Lord by the *Dry Bones* literature printed in the *Oklahoman*. The man is a Jew. He now attends a non-denominational church in Oklahoma City. Buster White
Texarkana, Texas

This is the twenty-eighth in a series of excerpts from Pastor Alamo's book, *The Messiah*, to be continued in each issue until the book is complete.

The Greatest Miracle in Print: the Record of

The Messiah

According to Bible Prophecy

“To HIM give all the prophets witness” (Acts 10:43).

“In the volume of the Book it is written of Me”

(Psalm 40:7, Hebrews 10:7).

OTHER NAMES OF THE MESSIAH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

There are scores of names of the Messiah in the Old Testament; we mention but a few.

The “Servant of the Lord”

In Isaiah, the Messiah is frequently called the “Servant of the Lord,” or “My Servant” (Isa. 42:1, 52:13). As the “Servant of the Lord [Jehovah]” He is the exponent of righteousness and true humility, the Teacher and Redeemer of mankind. He fulfills all God's desires; hence, He is:

The second Adam—the perfect Man

The second Israel—the perfect Servant

The second Moses—the perfect Prophet

The second David—the perfect King

The second High Priest—the perfect High Priest

The growing purposes of God toward the whole human race, which were manifested in the creation of Adam, the election of Israel, the raising up of Moses, the appointment of Aaron, and the call of David, are brought to their full completion

by, in, and through Christ.

The “Shepherd”

Isaiah sees the Messiah as the Servant of the Lord (Isa. 42:1, 52:13), Ezekiel sees Him as the Shepherd of Israel (Ezek. 34:23, 37:24—“David” meaning the “Seed of David,” which is Christ. The word “Shepherd” in these verses means Jesus).

Christ, the truly beloved of the Father, was God and was the true Shepherd (the Word, the Door into Heaven. See John chapter 10. It shows that God gave His life to those that wish to attain life).

More Names and Titles of the Messiah

He is also the “Stone” or the “Rock” (Isa. 8:14), the “Corner” (Isa. 28:16), “Nail” (Isa. 22:21-25), “Battle Bow” (Zech. 10:4), “Shiloh” (Gen. 49:10), “Star” (Num. 24:17).

The Name “JESUS” in the Old Testament

The name JESUS is actually hidden in the Old Testament, and is found about one hundred times from Genesis to Malachi. Every time the Old Testament uses the word SALVATION, especially with the Hebrew suffix meaning “my,” “thy,” or “His,” with very few exceptions (when the word is used in an impersonal sense) it is identically the same word as YESHUA (Jesus) used in Matthew 1:21. This is actually what the angel said to Joseph: “And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name YESHUA [SALVATION]: for He shall save His people from their sins.”

Let us see how it works out in a few Old

Testament passages. In Psalm 9:14, David says, “I will rejoice in Thy salvation.” What he actually said was, “I will rejoice in Thy YESHUA [JESUS].” And in Isaiah 12:2-3, we have something truly wonderful. SALVATION is mentioned three times, presenting three great facets of Jesus and His salvation. We give them as they read in the Hebrew, with Jesus as the embodiment and the personification of the word “salvation”:

“Behold, God is my YESHUA [a reference to Jesus in His preincarnation, eternal existence (John 1:1)]; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my YESHUA [Jesus, the Word made flesh (John 1:14)]. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of YESHUA [Jesus crucified, waters of salvation flowing from Calvary (John 7:37-39, 4:10, 14)].”

VI. THE DEITY OF THE MESSIAH (CHRIST) IN BOTH TESTAMENTS

The Dual Nature of the Messiah

For a correct comprehension of the person of the Messiah, it is necessary to understand that He has a DUAL NATURE, but is a single personality: He is very God and perfect man; rather, He is the God-man, God and man in one, indivisible personality. His humanity is seen in such names and titles as Son of Man, Son of David, and Son of Abraham. His Deity is seen in such names and titles as Son of God, God, Lord, Jehovah, El and Elohim. The purpose of this present study is to present this fact of supreme importance: the Bible reveals the Messiah (Christ) to be GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH.

The Deity of Christ as Presented in Hebrews Chapter One

In the first six verses of Hebrews chapter one, these ten facts are presented about Christ, all of which prove and establish the fact of His Deity; for none of these facts could be postulated about a mere man.

(1) Christ (the Messiah) is called God's “SON” in contrast to the “prophets” who were only men, even though they were in-

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Solomon Islands

Dear Pastor Alamo,

I am much delighted to let you know that I have received your World Newsletters and a copy of *The Messiah According to Bible Prophecy*, that was included.

Pastor Alamo, may I let you know what is happened here since I received your newsletters and studied it, and what I'm doing here is to go into those broken families and share to them your message that the Lord has given you, also to share with those who do not understand God. For their first time they are very interested to listen and accept Jesus as their personal Savior.

There were forty people that were saved, but only one thing, let me tell you that these people don't have any Bibles to read, therefore, I am requesting you that you could kindly send us Bibles, if it is possible, for these forty new souls who just converted, so that I may share them with these people.

Also, Sir, I would much appreciate if you would put me on your mailing list so that I could receive more of your newsletters and books to read. Pastor Alamo, may I pray for you so that the Lord's message may continue to spread rapidly and get received with honor, and also that God will rescue you from wicked and evil people. The Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and keep you safe from the evil one, and the Lord gives you confidence in what God tells you to do.

May the Lord lead you into a greater understanding of God's love and endurance, that is given by Christ Jesus. Amen. This is from...

Your sincere friend in the Lord,
Pastor J.M.

Malaita Province, Solomon Islands

spired men (Heb. 1:1-2): "God, who...spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son."

(2) Christ is "heir of all things" (Heb. 1:2). He is the Son; therefore, He is the heir.

(3) The worlds (universe) were made through Him (Christ) (Heb. 1:2). This not only proves His pre-existence, but reveals Him as the active agent in creation (John 1:1-3): "All things were made by Him [Christ]; and without Him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:3).

(4) He is identified with the GLORY of God as much as the brightness of the sun is identified with the sun: "Who being the brightness of His GLORY" (Heb. 1:3).

(5) As the Son of God, He is identified with the identical power of God as much as the impress of a seal exactly reproduces the seal: "The express image [impress] of His person" (Heb. 1:3).

(6) He (the Messiah, Christ) is the one who upholds this vast, well-nigh infinite universe, which of course, is the work of an omnipotent God: "Upholding all things by the Word of His power" (Heb. 1:3); "For by Him [Christ] were all things created...and by Him all things consist" (Col. 1:16-17).

(7) He, Christ, accomplished the redemption of the race ALONE. No sinful man, not even a perfect man, could redeem a race of billions of lost sinners. It takes an infinite sacrifice to atone for a world of sinners. "When He had BY HIMSELF purged [made purification of] our sins" (Heb. 1:3).

(8) He now occupies the highest position in the universe, next to the Father, at God's right hand, sharing with God the Father the eternal throne. He "sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high" (Heb. 1:3). That Christ, the Lamb of God, shares the eternal throne is evident from Revelation 22:1: "The throne [singular] of God and of the Lamb."

(9) He is much better than the angels: "Being made so much better than the angels" (Heb. 1:4).

(10) Again, the Father-Son relationship of the Father and the Messiah is established. Even the angels are commanded to worship Him (the Messiah); see Hebrews 1:6: "Let all the angels of God worship Him." Remember, only GOD is to be worshipped (Matt. 4:10). "Thou art My Son...And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son [the Father's testimony to the Son]" (Heb. 1:5).

In the rest of the first chapter of Hebrews (together with the Old Testament Scriptures

from which citations are made in this first chapter of Hebrews), we discover this impressive fact: the Messiah is called by the three primary names and titles of God used in the Old Testament, and by the two primary names of Deity used in the New Testament.

In Hebrews 1:8, God the Father, speaking to God the Son (the Messiah) calls Him GOD. This eighth verse is a quotation from Psalm 45:6, where the primary name of God, "Elohim," is used of the Messiah: "Thy throne, O God [Heb., Elohim], is for ever and ever."

In Hebrews 1:10, God the Father, still speaking to and about the SON (the Messiah), calls Him LORD. This is a quotation from Psalm 102:25-27. These verses refer to JEHOVAH; see Psalm 102:16, 19, 21-22. Let us now quote this passage from the New Testament: "And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands: They shall perish; but Thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt Thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail" (Heb. 1:10-12).

Notice that in these verses (Heb. 1:10-12):

- (1) The Father (as in Heb. 1:8) is still speaking to the Son.
- (2) The Father says that the Son is the Creator of the universe: "The heavens are the works of Thine hands" (Heb. 1:10).

- (3) The Father says of the Son that He is ETERNAL—UNCHANGABLE. The universe will get old as a used garment, but of the SON (the Messiah) He says, "Thy years shall not fail" (Heb. 1:12).

The writer of the book of Hebrews adds two more inspired comments concerning the Messiah:

- (1) "But to which of the angels said He [God the Father] at any time, Sit on My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool?" (Heb. 1:13)—again showing the exalted position of the Messiah at God's right hand.
- (2) "Until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool" (Heb. 1:13), assuring all of the Messiah's ETERNAL VICTORY.

Since God the Father has testified so emphatically in this chapter of the DEITY OF CHRIST, and has given us fifteen statements that fully set forth the DEITY OF THE MESSIAH, it is folly for anyone to deny that basic truth. In fact, our eternal salvation depends on our accepting this truth of Christ's Deity: "If ye believe NOT that I am He [the Lord Jehovah], ye shall die in your sins"¹ (John 8:24).



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1. Christ here uses the words "I AM" which is the meaning of the name Jehovah (Ex. 3:14), so identifying Himself as the JEHOVAH of the Old Testament.

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There are more false prophets and other liars on earth than ever before.¹² The unsaved, the ungodly, the wicked people of the world have prepared themselves to be burned. Whether they know it or not, they have rejected God's mercy. Even though some Christians may be the very elect of God, the Lord tells us that Satan's deception will be so strong in the last days that even the very elect will be deceived if it were possible, and that possibility could only exist if the very elect would begin believing the spirit of Satan.¹³ We are to "resist [Satan], and he will flee from [us]" (Jas. 4:7). Resisting means we must fight the spiritual war, the war of words between God and Satan. We must wrestle. The Bible calls it a wrestling match. It is the match between God's Word and Satan's words.

¹² Matt. 24:3-5, 11, 23-24, I Tim. 4:1-3, II Tim. 4:3-4
¹³ Mark 13:5, 22

From our 24 hour witnessing and prayer line

A woman by the name of Erma called from New York and said to say thank you for helping her serve the Lord, and prays that we have a blessed year.

She said she read the best piece of literature, *Difficult Mountain*, and said it is truly the doctrine of Jesus. She said only Tony Alamo, from what she sees, knows the true doctrine of Jesus. She said she has been distributing the literature in New York, and she has been praying for the Lord to send Pastor Alamo to New York City. She said, "We need him." She said, "Many people that I know have been saved through literature that God has given him say, 'When will we get to see Tony Alamo?'"

She said she distributes the literature on 42nd Street, and one man walked by her, then looked back and said, "Oh! You are the one that has Alamo's letters," and he ran back and got some.

She ended by saying "thank you again," and "keep it up."

The Apostle Paul stated he "fought a good fight, [he has] finished [his] course" with the Word of God (II Tim. 4:7). By the Spirit, Paul said we Christians "wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12). This is the reason why the Lord gave me the vision of Himself in the oval-shaped mirror or looking glass. Christ was telling me to put on the full armor of God. That means to put on the entire Word of God, the Bible. Don't just read it; look into it. It is God's mirror for you to look into, to make you ready for Heaven, for you to see if you measure up to God's standard in God's Word in order to enter Heaven, or, if you will be a castaway spending eternity in Hell and the lake of fire. It is our looking glass. You will never learn of God or His Son, Christ Jesus, unless you look into the looking glass, the Bible. The mirror or looking glass is "the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by [Christ]" (John 14:6).

Study the Word of God yourself in order to see if you will measure up to God's standard so that you can spend eternity in the Kingdom of Heaven. The Bible is also the measuring stick in the eleventh chapter of Revelation, verses 1-2. It tells us if we don't measure up to God's stan-

dards by the Holy Spirit, we'll be placed outside with the lost, the Gentiles. The looking glass tells us of what sin is so that we may repent of it by the powerful blood of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. By doing this, we make ourselves ready for Heaven. This world is a dressing room for eternity. Where will you spend eternity? Will it be Heaven or Hell? Get ready to meet the Lord immediately, because the end of time is at hand.¹⁴

The Apostle Paul, by the Holy Spirit, warns everyone to arm and armor themselves with the Word of God. He says, "Take unto you the whole armor of God [the Word of God], that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand [survive the big fire which will burn the very elements]. Stand therefore [with the belt or girdle of truth which is the Word of God buckled around your waist]...and having on the breastplate of righteousness [which can only be attained through having the entire Word of God in your heart, soul, mind, and spirit]; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." This means standing on the Word of God, standing on God's promises. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, which again is the Word of God, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one (Eph. 6:13-16).

¹⁴ Matt. 24:3, 14, 29-31, 35-39, Amos 4:12, Matt. 12:36-37, Rom. 14:11-12

Mexico

Translated from Spanish

Beloved Pastor Tony Alamo,

Because of your testimony, I see that you are a true man of God, chosen by the Lord to use your body; and because of this, I have gathered much zeal and have been converted to Christ, and I am with joy to know that I can serve the living God.

I encourage you not to faint, but to keep marching the King of Heaven's highway. God will bless you, and our prayer is that our Lord Jesus Christ fills you with His blessings.

Pastor Alamo, I am asking if you can help me out with a Bible and some literature. I want to serve God, and I started to go out and distribute your literature. I've been sick, so I am asking you, Pastor Alamo, to pray for me, because I know the Lord is going to heal me. May God richly bless you.

Your brother,

B.L.

Oaxaca, Mexico

You may ask, “What is the shield of faith and how do we extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one with it?” Your and my shield of faith is our prayers of faith to God, which are incorporated within the Word of God. The God that we pray to is the only one who is able to extinguish all the fiery darts and flames that will surely come against us. God promises that when we ask for things according to His will in prayer, we will receive them.¹⁵

The Word of God clearly shows us to “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened” (Matt. 7:7-8).

Now “putting on the whole armor of God” is found in Ephesians chapter 6, verses 17-18: “And take the helmet of salvation [which means know the entire Word of God, which is Christ, and also means put on the mind of Christ, which is a mind filled constantly with the Word of God so that no one is able to deceive you], and the sword of the Spirit, which [again] is the Word of God: Praying al-

ways with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” It is for your and my own good that we do this, because if we do not, we will be castaways, just as the Apostle Paul said he would be a castaway if he didn’t preach the Word of God.¹⁶ How could he or we communicate the Gospel, the Word of God, to the lost people in the world if we ourselves don’t study the Word to know it? In order for us to know Jesus, we must know the Word, because the Word is Jesus. Hence, we cannot preach Jesus the Word unless we diligently study the entire Word of God. And how will the people of the world ever know Jesus, the Word of God, the truth, if preachers, teachers, evangelists, pastors, and prophets are not sent to them? “How then shall [the people of the world] call on Him [Jesus] in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they

preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” (Rom. 10:14-15). We cannot be saved unless we receive Him, the Word, for it is written, “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).

God magnifies His Word, the Bible, above His name (Psa. 138:2). Therefore, we must magnify His name far above ours or any other thing we value in this world. To magnify the Word of God is for our own benefit.

I was astonished to read in the book of James that the Word of God, again, which is Jesus, is the mirror, the looking glass for us to look at to see if our reflection in it is like Jesus. If we are to enter Heaven, we must look into the mirror, the looking glass, always, to see if we re-

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¹⁵ Matt. 7:7-8, Luke 11:9-10, I John 5:14-15 ¹⁶ I Cor. 9:16-17, 27



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Kenya

To Evangelist Tony Alamo,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. I have been listening to your programs for a long time, which has enabled me to receive salvation, and strengthen my faith.

It’s a pleasure to listen to direct truth about the prophecies of God being taught in these. I thank God that you preach it without hiding any truth.

Please send me a Bible and some Christian literature.

With Christian Love,
C.G.

Chogoria, Kenya, Africa

Ivory Coast

Hello Pastor Alamo,

This letter is a request for training. I am Tia. I am the former M.J.P. (New Forces) war chief. I respectfully want to request a place for my family and me in your church for pastoral training with you in the United States so that I may transmit the Word of God all over the world and especially in the western part of the Ivory Coast, which is my native region (where the war started).

I have been convinced by the Word of God. That is why I laid down my weapons to consecrate my life to God and do His work, for I know that Jesus needs me.

In hopes of a favorable reply, please accept the expression of my best wishes.

God Bless You,
T. Mameri

Ivory Coast, Africa

THE LOOKING GLASS

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flect the same image Jesus reflects into us through His Word. Jesus appeared to me, not to flatter me, but to show me the meaning of this Scripture. We cannot look into the mirror, the looking glass, to see what we are, then walk away from the mirror and forget what manner of man we are or are supposed to be (Jas. 1:24).

Solomon's book of Ecclesiastes says, by the Holy Spirit, that we must, in this mortal life that we live in this world, "Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil"

(Eccl. 12:13-14). I pray that after reading this supernatural experience which God gave me, you have made the decision to receive the Word of God, which

is receiving Jesus as your personal Savior. Don't put it off another moment. Be born again of the Spirit now by saying this prayer:

Prayer

My Lord and my God, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.¹ I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God.² I believe that He died on the cross and shed His precious blood for the forgiveness of all my sins.³ I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit⁴ and that He sits on the right hand of God at this moment, hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.⁵ I open up the door of my heart, and I invite You into my heart, Lord Jesus.⁶ Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that You shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.⁷ You will not turn me away, Lord Jesus; You will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because Your Word, the Bible says so.⁸ Your Word says that You will turn no one away, and that includes me.⁹ Therefore, I know that You have heard me, and I know that You have answered me, and I know that I am saved.¹⁰ And I thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as You command and sin no more.¹¹

1 Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 2 Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 3 Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 4 Psa. 16:9-10, Matt. 28:5-7, Mark 16:9, 12, 14, John 2:19, 21, 10:17-18, 11:25, Acts 2:24, 3:15, Rom. 8:11, 1 Cor. 15:3-7 5 Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 6 1 Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 7 Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 8 Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 9 Matt. 21:22, John 6:35, 37-40, Rom. 10:13 10 Heb. 11:6 11 John 5:14, 8:11, Rom. 6:4, 1 Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14

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Praise the Lord. May God reward you abundantly.
Pastor Tony Alamo