

DISTRACTIONS

by Tony Alamo

The WORD of GOD is seed.¹ Seed grows if it's watered, if it gets sunshine, and if it has been sown into good soil. JESUS likens four different kinds of people to four different kinds of soil: wayside, stony, thorny, and good (Matthew 13:4-8, 18-23). In the ministry, I have seen them all. I have sown into them all, so I am an experienced sower of GOD'S seed, which is HIS WORD.

The WORD, GOD'S seed, is supposed to be planted in people.

People are to receive it on a daily basis so that it can grow to maturity.² The WORD of GOD is not only seed, it is also sunshine and water given to make us grow into the fullness of the stature of CHRIST.³

It's the WORD that has eternal life in it. It's the seed of eternal life. When the seed of eternal life, the WORD of GOD, is planted into you, then you have



Tony and Susan Alamo and some of the souls they have won to the Lord on their international television program

eternal life. If you don't receive the seed with the life of eternity in it, then you don't have life. When

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¹ Luke 8:11, 1 Pet. 1:23 ² Deut. 6:4-9, 11:18-21, Josh. 1:8, Psa. 119:9-16, Matt. 4:4, Acts 20:32, Eph. 6:13-17, Col. 3:16, 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17, 1 Pet. 2:2-3, 1 John 2:14
³ John 8:31-32, 15:3, Eph. 4:11-16, 5:25-27

From our prayer and information phone line:

A woman called for prayer yesterday. She received a newsletter at Walmart in Sulphur Springs, Texas. It was "Tony Alamo's Testimony." She found it very interesting and decided to call. She said she had been saved, and that she goes to church all the time, but she falls back into sin and needs deliverance.

I witnessed to her for quite a while and then led her through the Sinner's Prayer. She was very relieved and happy. One of the sisters from the church will be calling her to help her in the Lord. She was invited to services. Literature and the *Messiah* book she requested have been sent to her. Praise the Lord.

Missouri

To Tony Alamo Ministry,

I am writing you to tell you thank you very much for the literature you've sent me and the help you've given me. I have been unsure of my belief in the past and reading your literature and seeing for myself the things you've done has strengthened my belief in the Lord our God. Thank you so much for opening my eyes. I will continue to read your literature.

Thanks once again for your time and kindness,
Clifford Bosworth Farmington, MO

Shelley's Testimony

Dear Pastor Tony,

I wanted to share a segment of my testimony that the Lord brought back to my memory while I was listening to one of your taped messages from the 1980's. (The ones from the 1980's have always been very special to me.) You were exposing the Vatican (WE ALL KNOW THAT IS THE REAL REASON WHY YOU ARE IMPRISONED FOR THE GOSPEL) and you were just bashing their untruths, and responses from "The Pope's Secrets" were just flooding in. People were responding from all over about how they knew or they thought the things that you were saying were the truth, and now they knew for sure after reading "The Pope's Secrets." You were giving them such courage to preach the truth themselves. While listening, I felt like the Lord reminded me that that is exactly how He brought me to salvation. He exposed the Vatican to me, and He gave me dreams of the Lake of Fire (more than one time as a child and so I know for sure it is true).

As I listened to you preach, I felt like the Lord was pointing out how it is with necessity that the GOSPEL is preached IN JUST THIS WAY, IN ORDER TO SET PEOPLE FREE—in this same way that the Lord gave it to me, and that is how you are preaching it. I know that you do not need me to tell you that you are the one in this world that is preaching the WORD of GOD the correct way, but I just wanted to share this with you. You were exposing the devil, the Antichrist, and that the devil is coming from its seat in Rome, and you were preaching this with urgency because all the world is going after her

and is deceived and will be lost if she is not exposed, and quickly, BECAUSE JESUS IS COMING BACK SO SOON. You have NEVER compromised and have always preached the fear of the Lord and that all will be lost and in that Lake of Fire (that I saw) for eternity if they do not come out from among her (the Vatican and all the other false churches out there today—there are so many) and confess themselves to be sinners, ask Jesus to come into their hearts, be saved, receive the pure WORD of GOD, and forsake this world and the lies they have received, and quickly, because He is coming back way sooner than they think or have any idea. I was so excited while I was listening to you, because I realized that that is how the Lord dealt with me to bring me to salvation. I just wanted to start yelling at everyone, "LISTEN TO HIM! HE IS TELLING YOU THE TRUTH."

God opened up my understanding when I was 16 years old and HE PROVED TO ME that the Vatican was a farce and HE SHOWED ME that this supposed vicar on earth was nothing more than a lying faker. It was during the Ecumenical movement in the 60's, and the Vatican was trying to make herself more like the Protestants to win them over. They were announcing that things that THEY said were sins were no longer sins. All my life I had believed in a fictitious place called Purgatory, that I had no idea was NOWHERE in the Bible, but I never read the Bible at that time to know any better. I just believed whatever THEY told me. The Lord opened up my understanding and made me realize that I had believed in lies, and all of a sudden these words crossed through my mind: "WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO TELL ALL THOSE PEOPLE



Shelley Garner

THAT HAVE BEEN BURNING IN PURGATORY ALL THIS TIME for these sins that this supposed god on earth had just changed?!!!" I was horrified because not only had I been duped, but then that meant I was a sinner and I was going to Hell and to that horrid Lake of Fire I had seen over and over as a child. That is when my search began. I looked into Protestantism, and they just told me God was a permissive God and He knew all about my weaknesses and He would just pat me on the back when it was all over and let me into Heaven. I found out later, through your ministry, that was not true.

God in His mercy took me from New York to California where I got lost one day by myself looking for where my uncle lived. I pulled into your church lot in Canyon Country, CA, and there for the first time I heard all about the truths of the Gospel. I was a sinner—I KNEW THAT—but now there was hope, truth, and reality. The plan of Salvation was presented to me in its entirety FOR THE FIRST TIME. The Lord could have taken me ANYWHERE IF THE TRUTH WAS REALLY PREACHED EVERYWHERE, but He brought me to the ONE place that was preaching it JUST LIKE HE HAD ALREADY SHOWED ME. And that is what the Lord was showing me while I was listening to that wonder-



Chile

(Translated from Spanish)

I greet you in the great love of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

My brethren, I have distributed all the material from Pastor Alamo that you sent me. With your material I work in the women's jail. I distributed all your literature and Bibles in the jail. I need more material, if you can send them to me.

My brothers, I was overjoyed over the material that you printed, newsletter volume 07900 "Do We Live After Death?" I had sent you photos three years ago of the jail and the work that I carry out on the streets and in the hospital and out comes my testimony, in the center of the page, on the right side. With much joy I showed it to my brethren from my house of prayer.

I really run out of your material very fast. I will greatly appreciate it if you can increase the amount. The Bibles are needed in the jail. If possible, send around twelve, I will greatly appreciate it.

I will tell you a testimony from inside the jail, on behalf of one of the inmates who gave thanks to GOD. She said she was a lesbian and she had her partner, but that CHRIST has now changed her. She would glorify GOD and sang a hymn of joy. It is there, my brethren, where we use your material.

Salutations to our Pastor Alamo. There is a Christian nation here in Chile who loves him, prays for him, and is very thankful for his support. Give him our regards. MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVE TESTIMONY TO MY WORDS, AMEN.

Victor Rios Santos

Concepción, Chile

ful taped message of yours, THAT HE BROUGHT ME TO THE ONE PLACE THAT TELLS IT LIKE HE DOES, AND THAT IS WHY THEY WANT TO SHUT YOU UP. They want to shut you up so people like me cannot hear the true Gospel. Thank you for laying down your life so sinners like me could get saved and have a place to also lay down their life and serve the Lord. I am not a sinner anymore; God brought me to the strongest work on the face of the earth and saved me and gave me a chance to do something for Him in these last days, and to be able to go back out on the streets and tell others.

I love everything about your ministry. Salvation is as alive to me today as it was that snowy day in 1971 when my little Volkswagen pulled into your church's parking lot and someone came out and told me the truth. I am eternally grateful for the Blood of Jesus and the Salvation He gave to me and the blood, sweat, and tears you and Susie put into this ministry for

the winning of souls. Satan hates you, but we who know the truths in God love you and the stand for truth that you have unshakingly made, and so too would anyone love you who would JUST ASK GOD SINCERELY TO OPEN UP THEIR UNDERSTANDING like He did for me, so that they will not be lost in that Lake of Fire forever. I saw it. I KNOW IT IS THERE.

Sincerely,
Shelley

(Rev. 13:3-4, 8-9, 14; 14:9-11; 15:4; 17:1-6, 9, 18; 18:2-10, 23-24; 19:20; 20:7-10, 14-15; 21:7-8)

Malawi

Dear Apostle Tony Alamo,

Greetings in the Lord. You are my first word in my daily prayers and what I say always is about your life's work and ministry be blessed for the great work you are doing for the Lord.

Our distribution work here is still winning more souls to the Lord Jesus Christ. Glory be to God.

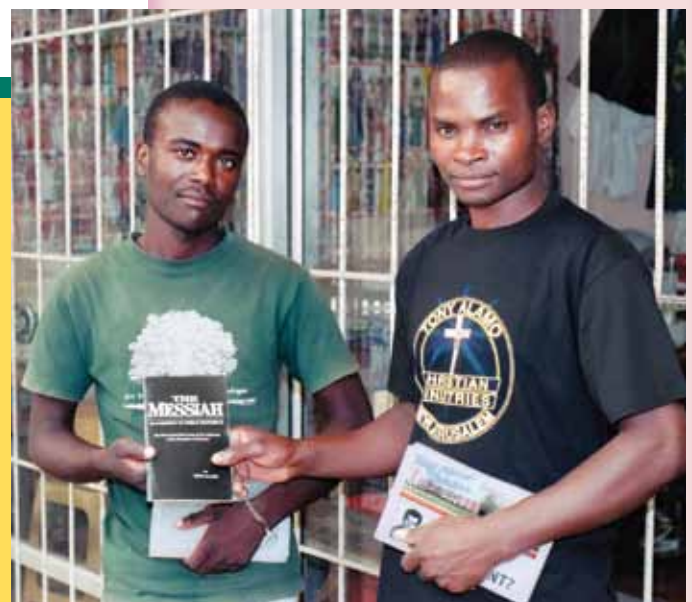
Furthermore, we would like to request ten Bibles, two thousand assorted newsletters, videos, and tapes for distribution. We would also like to request ten black T-shirts. If you also have used clothes, we ask if you may send them to help the needy people in our ministry here.

Thank you for not failing my request.

Yours in Christ's love,

Evance P. Nauliya Limbe, Malawi

P.S. Enclosed is my picture showing the time I was distributing *Messiah* books and newsletters in the city of Blantyre, Limbe Depot. God be with you always.



Brother Evance P. Nauliya winning souls with Pastor Alamo's literature at Limbe Depot, Blantyre, Malawi

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Abraham was told that his seed, which is CHRIST, would bless many nations, that was only to those who accept the life that has eternity in it, which is CHRIST (Genesis 22:15-18). The WORD of GOD is the eternal life seed. If it's in you, then it's in you. If it's not, then you're not saved.

Distractions away from the WORD of GOD are very dangerous, and the world is full of them. They all come from the evil spirit of the devil (Matthew 13:22). The devil doesn't want you to believe that he exists, but I know he does exist, and GOD wants you to know the devil exists as well. This is fundamental Bible teaching.⁴ If you won't receive this part of the WORD, you won't receive any of it.

Have you received the WORD of GOD with joy? This means you have received it in your heart, and you have endured true Christianity for a while. But wait. "When tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the WORD, by and by he is offended" (Matthew 13:21). He who is offended falls away, cannot grow to maturity, and therefore will never come to maturity. This satisfies Satan.

If you've been offended, get back to GOD through JESUS before it's too late by saying this prayer:

My LORD and my GOD, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.⁵ I believe that JESUS CHRIST is the SON of the living GOD.⁶ I believe that HE died on the cross and shed HIS precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.⁷ I believe that GOD raised JESUS from the dead by the pow-

er of the HOLY SPIRIT,⁸ and that HE sits on the right hand of GOD at this moment hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.⁹ I open up the door of my heart, and I invite YOU into my heart, LORD JESUS.¹⁰ Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that YOU shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.¹¹ 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.¹² YOUR WORD says that YOU will turn no one away, and that includes me.¹³ Therefore, I know that YOU have heard me, and I know that YOU have answered me, and I know that I am saved.¹⁴ 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.¹⁵

4 Job 1:6-12, Zech. 3:1-2, Matt. 4:1-11, 13:36-39, 25:41, Luke 10:18, 22:3, 31-32, John 8:44, 2 Cor. 11:13-15, Eph. 4:27, 6:11, James 4:7, 1 Pet. 5:8, 1 John 3:8, Rev. 2:12-13, 12:9, 20:1-3, 10 5 Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 6 Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 7 Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 8 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 9 Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 10 1 Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 11 Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 12 Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 13 Matt. 21:22, John 6:35, 37-40, Rom. 10:13 14 Heb. 11:6 15 John 5:14, 8:11, Rom. 6:4, 1 Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14

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