

DOES GOD CONDONE TORTURE?

by Tony Alamo

First Kings 15:5 states, "Because [King] David [over Israel] did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from anything that HE commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite."

After David committed adultery with Bathsheba, Uriah's wife, she became pregnant. To cover it up, David called Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, in from the battle so that Uriah might have relations with her, and he would not be suspicious that the baby in her womb was not his but David's.

Second Samuel 11:8-27 shows that "David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of meat from the king. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

"And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from thy journey? why then didst thou not go down unto thine house? And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing. And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to day also, and to morrow I will let thee

depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow. And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

"And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die. And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men were. And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

"Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king, And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached



Pastors Tony and Susan Alamo, orchestra, and choir on their international television program
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ye so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall? Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

"So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for. And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate. And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. Then David said

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unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.

“And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.”

This was the only thing that David ever did which displeased the LORD (1 Kings 15:5). He committed adultery with Uriah's wife, then, instead of murdering him with his own hand, sent him into the heat of the battle. David paid dearly for his displeasing of the LORD.¹

After all these centuries, people still haven't gotten it straight. They are still bringing many false accusations against David. The false accusers have more than likely committed more wickedness than King David, the sweet psalmist of Israel, ever thought of doing.

One of the false accusations appears in a book titled *The Big Book of Pain; Torture & Punishment Through History*. The book states that David tortured people to death by sawing them in half with saws, and hacking them to death with axes. It adds that David was the one who started this manner of execution of his enemies. David killed his enemies in war with his sling, with his sword, and with his bow and arrows.² He never sawed or hacked anyone to death. The Scripture these false accusers use is 2 Samuel 12:31, which says, “And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws [under the yoke,

work of saws to saw down trees for lumber and wood for fires, for there was no electric or gas stoves in those days. They had to use wood burning stoves.], and under harrows of iron [which means that he made them do farm work (a harrow is a heavy frame with spikes or disks used for breaking up and leveling plowed ground, etc.)], and under axes of iron [he made them chop down trees with axes for building materials], and made them pass through the brickkiln [made them work in the brickkilns to make bricks for building materials]: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon.”

There's no record of even one Ammonite receiving torture of any sort by the hand of David or at the hand of Israel. Those who write such things are wicked anti-Semites.

Here's a good example as to how the Hebrews punished their enemies for lying to them. Joshua 9:3-27 states, “And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai, They did work wily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their donkeys, and wine bottles [skins], old, and rent, and bound up; And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy. And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us. And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you? And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye? And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy GOD: for we have heard the fame of HIM, and all that HE did in Egypt,

And all that HE did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at Ashtaroth. Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your servants: therefore now make ye a league with us. This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy: And these bottles [skins] of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey. And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD. And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.

“And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them. And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjathjearim. And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD GOD of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes. But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD GOD of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them. This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which



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¹ 2 Sam. 12:1-23, chaps. 13, 15, 16:5-13, 21-22, chap. 18 ² 1 Sam. 17:14-51, 21:8-9

we swear unto them. And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be HEWERS OF WOOD AND DRAWERS OF WATER unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.

“And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us? Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my GOD. And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy GOD commanded HIS servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because

of you, and have done this thing. And now, behold, we are in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do. And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not. And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood [with axes and saws] and drawers of water [with buckets] for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.”

The truth is not at all as the authors, the anti-GOD people, who wrote the book titled *The Big Book of Pain; Torture & Punishment Through History* would have you believe. The Christians and the Jews, also called Hebrews and Israelites, have been falsely accused by Gentiles for many centuries. We are the ones who have been persecuted

in the way the writers of this book described. Again, we Christians, who are the people of GOD, and the Hebrew or Jewish Christians are testified of in the book of Hebrews as being the ones who have been persecuted and tortured to death for centuries.

Hebrews 11:35-37 states, “...And others [Christians, Hebrew Christians, the people of GOD, not Catholics] were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings [beatings], yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute [totally impoverished], afflicted, tormented...” This doesn’t sound as though we Jews and Christians were tormenting and torturing people. The torment and torture has been done for centuries by the Catholics to Christians and Jews. The Catholic and Lutheran church bells were ringing in the ears of the Jews at the Auschwitz concentration camp and many others while they were being gassed to death, put in ovens, and burned to death by the millions while the Catholic Nazi guards were laughing and mocking Jewish moms, dads, and children, who were weeping and screaming.

Many years before this, Roman Catholics held inquisitions and murdered millions of Christians and Jews. Catholics are not Christians, but are haters of Christians and Jews. They mention the name of CHRIST, but only to deceive. They deify and worship Mary. They say their enemies are the Jews and the born-of-the-SPIRIT Christians. Christians will never torture anyone.

To verify that the Jews were using axes and saws to cut down trees for building materials for the house of GOD and Solomon’s house, 2 Chronicles 2:1-3 and 8 states, “And Solomon determined to build an house for the

India

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you. May you continue to win more souls for the work of the Almighty Lord.

God is doing the greatest works in the world through you to save many lost souls. We are getting many testimonies from Hindu people. Here most of the widows turn into prostitutes for the purpose of domestic needs, and for economical struggles. Keep them in your regular prayers because even school girls (below 15 years old) also turn into prostitutes. During our Gospel service a few of the prostitutes turned into Christians, they got anointing from God, their lives filled with the Holy Spirit. Pray for them. Last week we conducted a special meeting for salvation of prostitutes in Raghudevapuram village.

Many blessings from God be with you and those people who are busy serving in your ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Solman Raju Kola

Andhra Pradesh, India

My dear Brother in Christ Tony Alamo,

Greetings to you from our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for sending the literature and *Messiah* book. It is a very powerful book. When I read the book, the Holy Spirit touched me and revealed to me things about Christ. Previously, I believed that the Father, Son, and the HOLY SPIRIT were different. But when I read the book *Messiah* I realized that Jesus Christ is the same today, yesterday and forever. He is only one God. Thank you for sending that.

Pastor David Raj

Andhra Pradesh, India

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name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom. And Solomon told out seventy thousand men to bear burdens, and eighty thousand to hew [down trees] in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them. And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, even so deal with me.

“...Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and alnum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber.” (Your servants are able to work skillfully with saws and axes to cut down trees, not to saw people in half or hack them to death with axes, which is what the author of *The Big Book of Pain; Torture & Punishment Throughout History* said the people of GOD, the Jews, did. At the time, they were hewing and sawing trees down, not murdering anybody. As a matter of fact, the Bible states in 1 Kings 4:24 that during Solomon’s reign in Israel, it was a time of peace. Also, in the later part of David’s life, he was preparing to build the house of GOD and a house for himself, so he was getting the lumber to build these by using men who could cut down trees and saw them into boards.)

It is true that when King Saul did not obey GOD by destroying all of the Amalekites, GOD rejected Saul to be the king of Israel, and made David king. The Amalekites were always the unlawful, bitter enemies of GOD’S chosen people, the nation of Israel. They were descendants of Esau, of whom GOD said, “Jacob [Israel] have I loved, but Esau have I hated” (Romans 9:13).³ The Amalekites viciously attacked Israel when they were being delivered from Egypt at the hand of Moses (Exodus 17:8-16). Because of their vicious attacks against Israel, Moses declared GOD would continually

wage war against them. GOD was angry at King Saul for not utterly destroying Agag, the Amalekites, and all that they had. King Saul kept Agag, the king of the Amalekites, alive. Samuel, the prophet of GOD, hewed King Agag, king of the Amalekites, to pieces to appease GOD (1 Samuel 15:33). Also, this is why GOD gave Saul’s kingdom to David.

Many people ask, “If GOD is a GOD of love, then why would HE command King Saul, the king of Israel, to destroy all of the Amalekites, men, women, and children, along with all of their cattle?” You may also ask, “If we, the United States, are a GODLY nation, why do we bomb people and their nations based on false information?” For example, why did we say that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction when they did not have weapons of mass destruction? Why did we bomb them when we were the only nation in the world with weapons of mass destruction, and why did we use them on so many innocent people? And why are so many people rotting in prisons on false charges, and away from their families, when the ones that put them behind bars are living

overindulgent lives on the outside? How many men and women have been executed in prison and later were found to be innocent? When GOD executes judgment on a person or on a nation, it is just judgment. This is because GOD is not unjust like men, and GOD doesn’t make mistakes. GOD’S judgments are correct judgments.⁴

A GODLY king, before he would ever go to war, would greatly seek GOD in prayer. GOD told the people of Israel that if they were going to choose a king, he must only be a GODLY king, never a Gentile, never a king that didn’t believe GOD, and never a king that would not seek GOD, especially before going into battle (Deuteronomy 17:14-15). This is because a GODLY king is responsible for those under him. He must never lie to his people. And if a king should ever lie to his people, the people should not listen to him. Proverbs 29:12 states, “If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants [his entire administration] are wicked.”

I warned President George W. Bush on several occasions that GOD told me that he (President Bush) should not go to war against Iraq. This is during a

⁴ Deut. 32:4, 2 Sam. 22:31, Zeph. 3:5, John 5:28-30

Cuba

(Translated from Spanish)

Tony Alamo World Pastor, World Christian Ministries,

Greetings from Cuba. The peace and the mercy of the Lord be with everyone. I have been able to learn about your World Ministry and I have been able to read some of the literature and review it with great admiration. Of course, I had to pass it on to another colleague and I would like to keep them.

Know that it is necessary and essential for me to give thanks to God for you and for the working group of men and women of God who support you and make possible for the Word to expand in every place of the earth.

I want it to be known that in this piece of land there are servants of God that act according to the will of the Lord and we would like to receive all the material which you distribute to the whole world.

Please, if we find grace before you and it is the will of the Lord, please, reply and tell me what I must do to receive all that material. Receive special greetings from my wife, Rev. María Esther López Bello and on my behalf as well. God bless you, keep you and cause you to greatly prosper in all your paths forever.

Rev. Andrés Lorenzo Muñoz Marrero

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time that President Bush sent me many emails, wanting me to tell him what my ideas were regarding bringing about peace in the Middle East.⁵ What I told him was directly from GOD, and he didn't listen. How many people needlessly died because Mr. Bush paid no attention to the information given to me by GOD?

When Israel decided they wanted to have a king rule over them rather than GOD, GOD told them if they insisted on this folly, HE had rules for them to follow: "When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy GOD giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations [Gentile nations] that are about me; Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy GOD shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee [it must be one from among thy brothers, one who listens to and obeys GOD]: thou mayest not set a stranger [a nonbeliever] over thee, which is not thy brother" (Deuteronomy 17:14-15). This is why JESUS said, in Luke 21:25, that in the latter days there would be distress of nations, with perplexity. This is because the leaders, which you Gentiles have set over you, don't know GOD, nor do they seek HIM. They really don't

⁵ See "Peace in the Middle East the Only Answer," vol. 05400

know what they're doing. Many people are committing suicide, ending their lives, because they don't feel that their leaders in the Vatican are sound, but instead think they are what the Bible calls insane. The Bible symbolizes the leaders of nations as "riders on horses." Zechariah 10:5 states that in these last days, "the riders on horses [the leaders of nations] shall be confounded." This is because they are not led by GOD, they don't know HIM, and they don't seek HIM. Furthermore, Zechariah 12:4, in speaking of these last days, states, "In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse [every nation] with astonishment [as you see, the whole world is astonished today], and his rider with madness [every world leader is insane]."

In the 25th chapter of Deuteronomy, GOD, by the HOLY SPIRIT through Moses, states why HE rendered GODLY, harsh judgment against the Amalekites, who are the descendants of Esau's grandson, Amalek. Moses said in Deuteronomy 25:17-19, "Remember what Amalek did unto thee [the nation of Israel] by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee [the nation of Israel], even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not GOD. Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy GOD hath given thee rest from

all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy GOD giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it." All of GOD'S ways are judgment, but HIS judgments never call for HIS people to torture anyone. However, GOD'S judgments include the death penalty, and HE never forgets who the murderers are.⁶

In 1 Samuel 15:1-11, 13-23, the prophet Samuel spoke to Saul, the first king of Israel, saying, "The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over HIS people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of HOSTS, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and donkey. And Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley. And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the

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⁶ Gen. 9:6, Ex. 20:13, 21:12, Lev. 24:17, Num. 35:16-21, 30-33, Deut. 5:17, Matt. 19:16-18, Mark 10:19, Rom. 1:28-32, 13:9, Gal. 5:19-21, James 2:11, Rev. 22:14-15



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children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt. And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly [but did not torture].

“Then came the WORD of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, It repenteth ME that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following ME, and hath not performed MY commandments. [When GOD commands the death penalty, or for that matter any penalty or commandment, HE will positively have it carried out. HE will also severely punish the person HE commanded to carry it out, the one HE ordered to carry it out, if they don’t complete their task. GOD is not a mere man. HE is not Jimmy Carter or Barack Obama. Jimmy Carter, Barack Obama, and all of us will stand before GOD and pay the penalty for whatever good or evil that we have done. GOD will remember all of it.] ...And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD. And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy GOD; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I

will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel? And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD? And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy GOD in Gilgal. And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the WORD of the LORD, HE hath also rejected thee from being king.”

If you are a born-again Christian, GOD has made you a king and a priest.⁷ Therefore, the entire Bible states that if you are disobedient to the voice of the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT, you have rejected the WORD of the LORD, and GOD will therefore reject you.

Revelation 5:9-10 confirms my words. It states, “And they [the born-again Christians, not Catholics] sung a new song, saying, THOU [JESUS] art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for THOU wast slain, and hast redeemed us to GOD by THY blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our GOD KINGS AND PRIESTS: and we [if

we continue to the end⁸] shall reign on the earth.” JESUS said in Matthew 24:13, “But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.” But the ones that shall not continue to the end will not be saved. In 2 Thessalonians 2:3, Paul, speaking of those who don’t continue to the end, says, “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day [the day of the LORD] shall not come, except there come a falling away [from salvation] first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.” JESUS said if we fall away, lose our zeal, HE will spew us out of HIS mouth (Revelation 3:16).

Many people reject the LORD by robbing HIM. Malachi 3:8-12 states, “Will a man rob GOD? Yet ye have robbed ME. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed THEE? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed ME, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in MINE house, and prove ME now herewith, saith the LORD of HOSTS, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before

⁸ Matt. 10:22, 24:13, Rom. 11:22, 1 Tim. 4:16, James 1:12, 1 John 2:24-25, Rev. 2:10-11

Haiti

(Translated from French)

Beloved,

I greet you in the precious name of Jesus! How are you doing? Thank you for your packages. They are being distributed to the unbelievers and even the idol worshippers who are very enthusiastic to read the literature, specifically the *Messiah* book. Other people have accepted Christ after reading these Newsletters.

God bless you!

François Emmanuel
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

⁷ 1 Peter 2:9, Rev. 1:5-6, 5:9-10, 20:6

the time in the field, saith the LORD of HOSTS. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of HOSTS.”

This obviously is a commandment from GOD, and we cannot disobey GOD as did King Saul, the first king of Israel. We distribute hundreds of millions of tracts in many languages all over the world. Our paper bill is into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and our bill for outgoing mail

is extremely high. GOD wants you to help us get the Gospel to the world in these last days. This is a very easy commandment to keep. We send millions of pieces of literature to our distributors on the street as well. So help us now before you die or before the LORD comes back, because it will be impossible for you to do it at that time.

First Samuel 15:24-33 says, “And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the command-

ment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the WORD of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt

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Testimony of Salvation

My name is Gerard Demoulin and I would like to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for washing me in His blood and filling me with His Spirit on June 23, 1986, and allowing me to have a testimony that I am able to share with others and lift up the name of Jesus.

I was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana, into a Roman Catholic family. I had very good parents. I was taught to go to school and get a good education. I went to church on Sundays and was taught to believe in God, which I did. I believed that there was a God in Heaven and that there was a devil in Hell; and in the Roman Catholic Church we were also taught about this non-existent place called purgatory.

Growing up as a boy, I did the normal things that a lot of boys did—played Little League baseball, I started playing music as a young boy, tried to collect as many friends as possible, but little did I know what was in store for me in the very near future.

In the late 60s and early 70s came the drug movement, the psychedelic music, soldiers coming back from Vietnam; people being introduced to marijuana and other drugs. I became part of the big experiment that the enemy of my soul, Satan, was setting up through the drug culture. At first it started out with a little bit of this and a little bit of that. What started out as a little bit of fun turned to addiction for myself and many others



Brother Gerard Demoulin

who had become a part of this demonic drug movement from the devil.

As time went on, I found myself selling drugs, using drugs, hurting and using anybody around me, and destroying myself. But thank the Lord for His mercy! One day when I was completely strung out on heroin and cocaine, I came face-to-face with Christian sisters from the Tony

and Susan Alamo Christian Foundation. They were out on the streets on 5th and Broadway, downtown Los Angeles, distributing literature and preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I was not looking for God, I was not thinking about God, I didn't volunteer for this, but God in His grace and mercy, through the power of the Holy Spirit, brought me face-to-face with these faithful witnesses.

One of the sisters witnessed to me in the power of the Holy Spirit, and the power of God came down upon me and opened my understanding and made me to know that what this sister was telling me is true, that Jesus Christ was coming back to earth again and that you must be born again of the Spirit of God if you want to make it to the kingdom of Heaven. God made me to know that if I died in the state that I was in, which was a state of sin, that my soul would surely burn in the pits of Hell throughout eternity.

So I knelt down with this sister on the corner of 5th and Broadway, downtown Los Angeles, in broad daylight and she

led me through the old fashioned sinner's prayer of repentance. I asked Jesus Christ to wash my sins away in His precious blood and to fill me with His powerful Spirit, and He did just that. I was instantaneously saved and I was instantaneously cured of my drug addiction. The drugs that I had indulged in earlier that day had no more effect upon me at all. I had become born again of the Spirit of God.

The Lord has given me a love to read His Word, a love to pray, a love to witness and testify, and it has been 28 wonderful years since I accepted Christ as my Savior. God has given me the fear of the Lord that makes man to depart from evil. I've never gone back into a life of sin and I praise and thank God for His saving power, His healing power and His keeping power.

In closing, I would like to thank my Lord that through reading His Word I know the difference between religion and true salvation. I was born and raised into the Catholic religion where the Bible was not taught, but thank God that now I know the truth, and the truth has set me free from religion and Satan's bondage. I also thank God that He has given me Tony Alamo as my pastor, and has brought me to the Alamo Ministries where I can get rooted and grounded in the Word; He has given me a pastor that truly knows through the gift of God how to rightly divide the Word, that does not compromise with Satan or the sin of this world and that preaches the all-important message to repent or perish, Jesus Christ is coming back to earth again.

I give God all the praise, the glory, the honor and the thanks in the name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

DOES GOD CONDONE TORTURE?

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of his mantle, and it rent. And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou. And also the STRENGTH of Israel will not lie nor repent: for HE is not a man, that HE should repent. Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy GOD. So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

“Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.”

Too many people have written books full of false accusations against CHRIST, true Christianity, and the

elect of CHRIST. And too many people have harmed Christians with death, incarceration, slander, false accusations, persecution, prosecution, and all manner of trials and tribulations. GOD will not forget, as HE did not forget about the Amalekites, unless you repent and do good for the evil that you have done. You would do well to study the Bible and do what it says, and forget such books as *The Big Book of Pain; Torture & Punishment Through History*. Obey GOD by believing on the LORD JESUS CHRIST and thou shalt be saved.⁹ Start out now by saying this prayer:

My LORD and my GOD, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.¹⁰ I believe that JESUS CHRIST is the SON of the living GOD.¹¹ I believe that HE died on the cross and shed HIS precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.¹² I believe that GOD raised JESUS from the dead by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT,¹³ and that HE sits on the right hand of GOD at this moment hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.¹⁴ I open up the door of my heart, and I invite YOU into my heart, LORD JESUS.¹⁵ Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that YOU shed in my

place on the cross at Calvary.¹⁶ 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.¹⁷ YOUR WORD says that YOU will turn no one away, and that includes me.¹⁸ Therefore, I know that YOU have heard me, and I know that YOU have answered me, and I know that I am saved.¹⁹ 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.²⁰

Now that you are saved, make sure you are baptized, fully submerged in water, in the name of the FATHER, in the name of the SON, and in the name of the HOLY SPIRIT (Matthew 28:18-20).²¹ Serve GOD with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30).²² Study the Scriptures, and do what they say until the day you die (2 Timothy 2:15, 3:14-17).²³

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