

# DO YOU SAY, "I ALMOST LET GO"?



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Is there anyone in the world that doesn't have some kind of problem or another? Problems such as sickness, disease, financial difficulties, the illness or loss of a loved one, depression, false accusers, imprisonment, oppression from the evil oneworld government, etc.? I could go on forever about trouble so horrible that millions of fellow humans have let go. But instead, many people seek GOD and convert to Christianity, to JESUS CHRIST.<sup>1</sup> Then they can tell others, "I almost let go, but GOD, through CHRIST, helped me. I felt like I couldn't take life any longer, but JESUS my LORD kept me so I didn't let go! GOD'S mercy and love was there for me, so I didn't let go!

I'm alive today because GOD saved me."

Many people might say, "You don't know what I've been through." But once you're with the LORD, you can say, "Nothing's going to stop me now!" When you're lonely and your heart is full of despair, just call on the name of JESUS. How precious is the name of JESUS! HE will hear you every time you call on HIM! I will say it again. HE will hear you every time you call on HIM!<sup>2</sup>

You can then say, "HE kept me!" You will say, "I was full of sorrow, with no hope for tomorrow, but JESUS heard me, and HE strengthened me when I almost let go."

JESUS, YOU came to my rescue! Where would I or anyone else be if we were not able to call on YOU, JESUS? Thank YOU, JESUS, for your mercy! Thank YOU, LORD JESUS, for your grace! In times like these, we need relief. We need a SAVIOR. We need repair. We need release from our problems, and we need miracles!

It doesn't cost a thing to pray! What would the value be in letting go for these last few minutes of time in our short lives, and then spending infinity-forever-in torment?<sup>3</sup> The LORD is always on duty to hear you and help you, so hang on to HIM and never give up!<sup>4</sup> It's not worth it! The devil wants to discourage you to the point that you will spend forever with him in fiery torments.<sup>5</sup> The torments in Hell are trillions of times worse than here, and they'll never end. Time here flies by quickly, and before you know it, you'll be standing before JESUS!<sup>6</sup> When you see HIM, you'll want HIM to say to you, "Enter into eternal life, eternal Paradise forever, (Continued on page 2)

**<sup>1</sup>** Matt. 18:3, John 10:7-9, 14:6 **2** 1 Chron. 28:9, Job 22:27, 33:26, Psa. 9:10, 10:17, 18:3, 34:15, 17, 37:4-5, 56:9, 65:2, 69:33, 86:5-7, 91:15, 102:17-20, 145:18-19, Prov. 15:8, 29, Isa. 30:19, 55:6-7, 58:9-11, 65:24, Jer. 29:12-13, 33:3, Matt. 6:5-6, 7:7-11, Acts 12:5-17, 1 John 3:22, 5:14-15 **3** Ex. 20:13, Matt. 3:12, 8:12, 13:38-42, 47-50, 18:8, 19:17-18, 25:30, 41, 46, Mark 9:47-48, Luke 16:23-28, 2 Thes. 1:9, James 2:11, 2 Pet. 2:4-9, Jude 6, Rev. 21:8, 22:14-15 **4** Matt. 10:22, 24:13, Acts 14:22, Rom. 11:22, Col. 1:22-23, 1 Tim. 4:16, 2 Tim. 2:1-3, 3:13-17, 4:5, James 5:10-11, 1 John 2:24-25 **5** Isa. 14:9-17, John 8:44, 1 Pet. 5:8, Rev. 20:10-15 **6** 1 Chron. 29:15, Job 8:9, 14:1-2, Psa. 22:29, 144:3-4, Eccl. 3:19-21 Isa. 2:22, 40:6-8, Mal. 3:5, Matt. 7:21-23, 25:31-46, John 12:48, 2 Cor. 5:10, James 4:14, 1 Pet. 1:24, Rev. 20:11-15

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MY good and faithful servant. Well done!" (Matthew 25:21).

GOD cannot use anyone who is always discouraged and depressed because they lack trust in GOD to deliver them personally. "But without faith it is impossible to please HIM: for he that cometh to GOD must believe that HE is, and that HE is a rewarder of them that diligently seek HIM" (Hebrews 11:6).

I found a place to hide where the devil can't find me. Everyone can

find it if they want it. It is the place free from watching the demise of our nation and our world. It is under the shadow of GOD'S wings, HIS WORD. I have found that hiding place, my FATHER. YOU are my refuge, my strength, my shield, my rest.<sup>7</sup>

David, the King of Israel said, "O GOD, THOU art my GOD; early will I seek THEE: my soul thirsteth for THEE, my flesh longeth for THEE in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see THY power and THY glory, so as I have seen THEE in the sanctuary. Because THY lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise THEE. Thus will I bless THEE while I live: I will lift up my hands in THY name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise THEE with joyful lips: When I remember THEE upon my bed, and meditate on THEE in the night watches. Because THOU hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of THY wings will I rejoice [because there the devil can't find me!]. My soul followeth hard after THEE: THY right hand upholdeth me. But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes. But the king shall rejoice

7 Ex. 15:2, 2 Sam. 22:3, 33, Psa. 3:3, 9:9, 27:1, 32:7, 59:9, 118:14, Prov. 14:26, Isa. 40:31, Matt. 11:28, 2 Tim. 4:18

This is an excerpt from Pastor Alamo's book,

# 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).

## VII. TYPES AND INDIRECT PROPHECIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT FULFILLED IN CHRIST

The life of DAVID, in I and II Samuel, is a similar picture of the Messiah. David was a shepherd in his youth. At first he was rejected by Saul, who sought to kill him; later, David was accepted by the nation, anointed, and crowned as their king. And so he becomes a TYPE of the greater David, who was at first the "GOOD SHEPHERD" who gave His life for His sheep; later on He will reign as KING.

AARON and MELCHISEDEC picture Christ as HIGH PRIEST; MO-SES and SAMUEL (and the rest of the prophets) are figures, shadows or types of Christ as the Great Prophet. Christ explained the BRAZEN SER-PENT, uplifted before the people as a means of deliverance from the judgment of death that fell on them because of their sin (Num. 21:5-9), as a TYPE OF HIS WORK OF REDEMPTION AND SALVATION THROUGH HIS CROSS (John 3:14-18).

JONAH, swallowed by the whale, passing through an experience of "death and resurrection," and then preaching to the Gentiles, is a picture of the One who was "three days and three nights" in the heart of the earth, and who came forth—as Jonah did—in resurrection (Matt. 12:40, where Christ Himself makes Jonah's experience a type of His own, in death and resurrection).

The TABERNACLE (Ex. Chs. 25-31, 35-40) is one of the most extensive and meaningful of all the types. Its priesthood, its offerings, its furniture, its arrangement—all are symbolic of CHRIST and the believer's approach to God through Christ.

- (1) The brazen altar stands for atonement by blood.
- (2) The laver of cleansing stands for sanctification through the "washing of water by the Word" (Eph. 5:26).
- (3) The table of showbread is a type of Christ, the food and strength of His people.
- (4) The golden candlestick, with its seven branches, is a type of Christ, the light of the world.
- (5) The altar of incense represents prayer and supplications that ascend to the throne of God (Rev. 8:3).
- (6) The mercy seat, in the Holy of Holies, represents Christ as the only means of justification and access to the presence of God. (Luke 18:13,

in GOD; every one that sweareth by HIM shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped" (Psalm 63:1-11).

Why should you let go? JESUS is your Savior. HE is the merciful and just KING of kings and the LORD of lords.<sup>8</sup> HE could have stayed in Heaven. HE didn't have to come to earth to suffer and die so that sinners could repent and be saved. HE could have spared HIS life and still had Paradise, but HE came to earth as a man.<sup>9</sup> HE suffered, died,<sup>10</sup> and rose again from the dead.<sup>11</sup> HE stayed here and paid the ultimate price for our sins in our place.<sup>12</sup> If HE wouldn't have had all this mercy for us, HE would have let us go. But in HIS mercy and love for us, HE laid down HIS life and was nailed to a cross, and shed HIS sinless blood as our sacrifice so we could be set free.<sup>13</sup>

JESUS never "almost let go." HE never thought of it. HE knows how horrible Hell is, and we know about it from HIM, from HIS WORD.<sup>14</sup> So don't be one of the statistics. Don't even think of letting go! Eternity in Hell is too long—it never ends! It's dying forever. It's full of agony and pain, and crying for mercy, which will never come. Mercy is only here for you now, while you're still alive.<sup>15</sup> JESUS says, "Come unto ME, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take MY yoke upon you, and learn of ME; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For MY yoke is easy, and MY burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Right now, you can begin a new life of hope and peace. Receive the mercy of GOD through CHRIST JESUS and become born again of *(Continued on page 4)* 

8 1 Tim. 6:14-16, Rev. 17:14, 19:16 9 Matt. 1:18-25, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 1:26-35, John 1:14, Heb. 4:14-15 10 Matt. 26:36-67, 27:24-54, Mark 14:61-65, 15:15-39, Luke 22:63-65 11 Matt. 28:1-10, Mark 16:4-20, Luke 24:13-47, John 20:19-29, Acts 1:1-3, 17:1-3, 1 Cor. 15:20, Rev. 1:13-18 12 John 3:14-17, Heb. 10:1-23, 1 John 2:1-2, 4:10 13 Matt. 26:48-56, John 10:14-18, 18:11 14 Isa. 5:14, Dan. 12:1-2, Matt. 8:11-12, 13:38-42, 49-50, 25:41-46, Mark 9:43-48, Luke 3:17, 16:19-31, 2 Pet. 2:4, 9, Jude 6, Rev. 9:1-2, 14:9-11, 19:20, 20:10, 14-15, 21:8 15 Psa. 95:6-11, Eccl. 12:13-14, Ezek. 33:11-16, Heb. 3:7-12, 9:27

where the publican's prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner," can be paraphrased, "God, meet me at the mercy seat.")

- (7) The ark, in the Holy of Holies, speaks of Christ as our representative and mediator at the right hand of God. The ark was made of wood, covered with pure gold (Ex. 25:10-11). This speaks to us of the humanity (wood) and the Deity (pure gold) of Christ. In the ark were three things: "the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant" (Heb. 9:4). These speak to us in types and pictures of the Messiah as the bread that came down from Heaven, of His resurrection, and of His perfect keeping of the law. In HIS heart alone the law remains unbroken. This also is a type of those that have been saved by faith in Christ Jesus. If we are to be the sons of God, we are to have the following in us:
  - (A) The Bread of Life, which is Christ Jesus. His name is "The Word of God" (Rev. 19:13).
  - (B) Through persecutions we are tried in the fire; we become

like gold by not recanting God's Word, no matter how fierce the fire. By standing in the Word of God we become pure as gold.

- (C) The rod of Aaron was a dead stick with no root, yet it blossomed and bore fruit. In other words, if Christ is in us, then we keep the commandments of God. Hence, Christ lives and works in us. Christ is the resurrection; we too shall be resurrected because He who is the Life never dies. Hence, we live forever in Heaven when we give up the spirit. Our carnal body is the dead stick, but our immortal soul lives on forever in Paradise because of the Bread of Life, who is the Prince of Life, who is the I AM, the Alpha, the Omega, the Beginning and the End (John 6:35, 8:58, Acts 3:15, Rev. 22:13).
- (8) The tabernacle itself speaks to us of the incarnation—Christ dwelling among His people (John 1:14).

The boards, the sockets, the curtains, the coverings, EVERYTHING connected with the tabernacle and its service, is a type of CHRIST in some way or another. The FEASTS OF THE LORD, in Leviticus chapter 23, are a beautiful and progressive revelation of the work of Christ for His people and the unfolding of the plan of God, through Christ, especially as related to Israel.

And so the wonderous story of the TYPES in the Old Testament unfolds, giving us vast and understandable revelations of the coming Messiah and of His person and work.

Messianic typology in the Old Testament opens a door to the fuller comprehension of the Messiah, the Christ of God. The book of Hebrews shows clearly that these amazing types in the Old Testament are NOT the result of mere chance, but were divinely planned to give us pictures of Christ and His offering on the cross (Heb. Chs. 5-10). Indeed, we are told that Moses, when about to construct the tabernacle, was "admonished of God...[to] make all things according to the pattern showed to [him] in the mount" (Heb. 8:5). In other words, GOD planned the typeslives of men, institutions like the tabernacle and its worship, and events in the history of Israel-to serve as illustrations and shadows "of heavenly things."

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GOD'S SPIRIT by saying this prayer unto HIM:

My LORD and my GOD, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.<sup>16</sup> I believe that JESUS CHRIST is the SON of the living GOD.<sup>17</sup> I believe that HE died on the cross and shed HIS precious blood for the forgiveness of all my former sins.<sup>18</sup> I believe that GOD raised JESUS from the dead by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT,<sup>19</sup> and that HE sits on the right hand of GOD at this moment hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.<sup>20</sup> I open up the door of my heart, and I invite YOU into my heart, LORD JESUS.<sup>21</sup> Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that YOU shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.<sup>22</sup> 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.<sup>23</sup> YOUR WORD says that YOU will turn no one away, and that includes me.<sup>24</sup> Therefore, I know that YOU have heard me, and

I know that YOU have answered me, and I know that I am saved.<sup>25</sup> 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.<sup>26</sup>

After salvation, JESUS said to be baptized, fully submerged in water, in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY SPIRIT.<sup>27</sup> Then study the King James Version Bible, and, for your benefit and the benefit of others, do what it says.<sup>28</sup>

CHRIST and GOD the FATHER now live in you through the HOLY SPIRIT. There is a way you can receive a fuller portion of the divine nature of GOD in you. The more the divine nature of GOD lives in you, the more you will be able to stand against the temptations that have so easily moved so many millions of Christians away from salvation. Pray for the baptism in the HOLY SPIRIT.<sup>29</sup> For instructions on how to receive the baptism in the HOLY SPIRIT and to receive more of GOD'S holy nature, ask for our literature or call. For without holiness, no man shall see GOD (Hebrews 12:14).

The LORD wants you to tell others of your salvation. You can become a

distributor of Pastor Tony Alamo's gospel literature. We'll send you literature free of charge. Call or email us for more information. Share this message with someone else.

If you want the world saved, as JESUS commands, then don't rob GOD of HIS tithes and offerings. GOD said, "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 [and this whole world]. Bring ye all the tithes [a 'tithe' is 10% of your gross income] into the storehouse, that there may be meat [Spiritual food] in MINE house [souls saved], 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 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" (Malachi 3:8-12).

16 Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 17 Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 18 Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 19 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 20 Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 21 1 Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 22 Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, 1 John 1:7, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 23 Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 24 Matt. 21:22, John 6:35, 37-40, Rom. 10:13 25 Heb. 11:6 26 John 5:14, 8:11, Rom. 6:4, 1 Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14 27 Matt. 28:18-20, John 3:5, Acts 2:38, 19:3-5 28 Deut. 4:29, 13:4, 26:16, Josh. 1:8, 22:5, 2 Tim. 2:15, 3:14-17, James 1:22-25, Rev. 3:18 29 Isa. 28:11-12, Joel 2:28-29, Luke 3:16, 11:9-13, John 1:29-34, 7:37-39, 14:15-29, 15:26, 16:7-14, Acts 1:1-8, 2:1-18, 32-39, 5:29-32, 19:1-7, Rom. 5:3-5, 15:13

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