

DIFFICULT MOUNTAIN



by
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After my late wife, Sue, and I had been married a short while, God gave me a vision of a mountain. At first it was a pleasant mountain, but then it became a "DIFFICULT MOUNTAIN." In the vision, I looked tall, strong, and more muscular than I was at the time of the vision. At the time of the vision, I weighed around 155-160 pounds, but in the vision I looked as though I weighed 190-210 pounds. I was walking up the mountain quickly and with ease, even though the mountain looked as though it were at least a seventy-five to eighty degree incline. The mountain was very steep. It was a beautiful, clear day. The sky was light blue, and there was not a cloud in it. I was wondering what this vision meant.

After I saw myself walking, there was a sudden change. In less than a second, the vision, like a motion picture camera, widened and I saw my late wife, Susan, quite a distance behind me, walking up the mountain slowly. She looked weak, fatigued. She wasn't moving her arms as people who are healthy do; her arms were by her side. She was tired, yet she was pressing forward, continuing up the mountain. I wondered, as weak as she was, why it was so important for

her to climb that mountain. It made me feel bad that I was not aware of how weak she was and that I wasn't helping her. In the vision I turned around, walked down to where she was to help her up the mountain, I put my right arm around her waist, and I held her left hand in my left hand, and began pushing her up the mountain. I was wondering where this vision was going.

Again, in less than the second that I put my arm around Susan to help her get to where we were going, the vision turned from color to black and white. This same shift from color to black and white also was the case in the vision God gave me regarding Susan and me being married. Together we would do a great work for Him.¹

In both visions we became silhouettes. In the mountain vision, we and the mountain were silhouettes. The light blue sky turned dark, and a wind that was black, strong, fierce, came blowing strongly against us. This was a hellish storm far beyond my ability to describe. In this vision, it seemed almost impossible at times that we could continue fighting our way up this mountain. However, in the vision, Sue and I forcefully continued battling the storm (climbing the mountain).

When Sue and I went to Las Vegas to be married, we were married at the Red Rock Baptist Church. We're not Baptists. We believe in the Pentecostal Baptism of the Holy Spirit, but Sue arranged for us to be married there anyway. It was beautiful and calm in Las Vegas like the first part of the vision, and then, as we approached the church to be married, a real storm, a big wind suddenly began battling us. Debris and all kinds of things were flying all around us. It was, I am sure, Satan attempting to stop us from being joined together in holy matrimony. Satan knew that God had a large purpose for us, so he did everything in his power that he could do in hopes that he could stop us first from being married, and foremost from doing what we've been doing for the past forty-two years.

When we finally got into the church, the pastor greeted us, married us, and told both of us that he had never ever felt the Spirit of the Lord so strong when he had married anyone else as he did when he married us. Then he told us that he had never ever felt the Spirit of the Lord so strong in his whole life. I was surprised that Hank Snow, the singer, was there. He was our best man. I had never met him before our wedding. Later, in Nashville, we

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became best friends, but I never brought it up, and he never remembered that he was our best man at our wedding. After the wedding, we walked out of the church, and it was beautiful and calm again. The storm was over, and we very strongly felt the presence of the Lord. We were married three times in Las Vegas.

(Now, back to the vision.) The fierce storm and winds kept trying to discourage us from continuing our journey up the mountain. I know now that the storm was, and still is, attempting to destroy our end-time ministry. I also know that the vision was symbolic of us, showing me that I would continue fighting Satan's resistance against our very supernatural ministry to bring the light of the world, which is Jesus (who is the Word of God²) to everyone so strongly that He would shine through to the deceived people on earth no matter how strong and dark the storm. It reminds me of the song, "The Shepherd went out to search for the one lost sheep, and all through the night through the stormy steep, He sought till He found him, with love bands He bound him, I was that one lost sheep." Forty-two years ago, the Lord had mercy on me by giving me supernatural dreams, visions, signs, and wonders. This was what caused me to fear God, give my heart to Him, and serve Him all these years. The least I could do with the power that God gave me was to serve Him as one of His shepherds, someone who will search for all the lost sheep in the world with the light of the Gospel of Christ. "For there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," but by the name Jesus (Acts 4:12). Jesus said of anyone attempting to enter the Kingdom of Heaven any way other than through Him, "the same is a thief and a robber" (John 10:1).

The New Testament is the true prophecy of Christ. The Old Testament is the true prophecy of His coming into our world and fulfilling all the hundreds of prophecies of Him mentioned in the Old Testament, which He did fulfill in the New Testament.³ The Old and New Testaments are the one true Bible. I teach, preach, and publish the entire Bible. Because I do what God tells me to do, Satan, in opposition to God, relentlessly brings many storms against me. True born-again Christians will continue fighting through the storms to the end, moving through the many stormy mountains because of their great reward ahead, which of course, is the Kingdom

² John 1:1-2, 14, Rev. 19:13 ³ *The Messiah*, by Tony Alamo, free of charge ⁴ Luke 18:1, 21:36, Phlp. 4:6, Col. 4:2, I Thes. 5:17 ⁵ Matt. 1:18-25, II Cor. 5:21 ⁶ Eph. 6:16, Jas. 2:20, Jude 1:20

Israel

Dear Beloved Pastor Alamo,

I'm happy to tell you that I have already become a servant of God through your Gospel literature which I regularly get. I thank you very much for a parcel with a good amount of literature for distribution among my friends. I thank God for your support by sending me newsletters. They are really inspiring. I can never stop reading until I have finished reading the entire newsletter. Moreover, I enjoy rereading. The more I read, the more I understand the Word of Almighty God. I realized reading your literature influenced my life, my spirit, and moreover strengthened me to give my life to God.

I organized a small fellowship here in Israel. There are seven of us, and also seven members are there in Russia in Moscow. I send them every newsletter I get written by you. I do it with great pleasure because they are also interested, as me, to give their life to God. We are saved souls. We were lost and found again.

I thank you very much for accepting me in the family of Christians. Now I don't feel lonely. May the Lord richly bless your ministry.

Sincerely yours,
G.N.

Or-Akiva, Israel

of Heaven forever. "He that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matt. 10:22).

The shield of faith is prayer. All Christians are able to continue by praying without ceasing, by praying always.⁴ The shield (prayer) enables you and me to "quench all the fiery darts of the wicked" (Eph. 6:16). You must do the same if you expect to win an eternal place for yourself in God's kingdom.

No matter how difficult the storm, Christians must never stop searching through it for the lost souls that Jesus died for on the cross. If the salvation of one soul was and is worth the entire universe to the Lord, enough for Him to come into this world as a man, live a perfect life, die for us all, go to Hell for us all, ascend out of Hell, resurrect from the dead, then ascend into the Kingdom of Heaven,⁵ then who are we to refuse to go through much less persecution, trials, tribulation, character assassinations, and slander for His cause, especially when He goes through it with us by Him living in us with His Father by the Spirit? His cause is this: "The Lord is...not willing that any should perish [spend eternity in Hell and the lake of fire], but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9). "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (I Cor. 1:21).

(Back to the vision.) At the time I saw this vision, I was very young in the Lord, and I didn't know to come against the storm with the shield of faith, which is prayer.⁶ I'm much wiser now. I've learned to pray about everything. This is why I have been able to endure the many hellish storms, the many problems or mountains, for all these years. It is by praying to God through Christ, the one and only mediator to the throne of God the Father, that I have been able to stand and see my ministry expand throughout the

entire world.⁷ If we don't in prayer ask God to remove our troubles, our mountains, they won't go away. If we don't by prayer seek Him, it will be impossible for the Lord to eliminate our problems for us. If we don't in prayer knock, the door to Heaven will not be opened to us (Matt. 7:7-8). God can do more for us in less than a second than we ever could do in a thousand lifetimes.

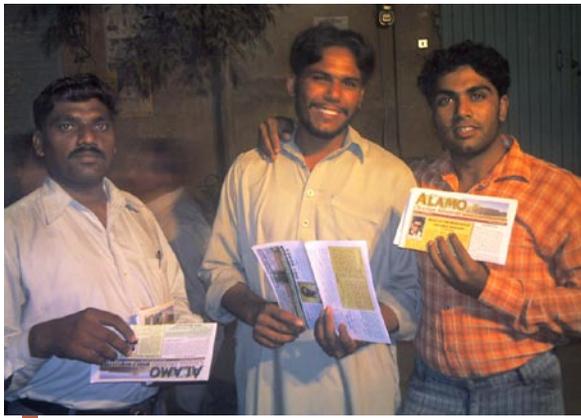
"Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (I John 5:4), which again is really our shield, our prayers. And for this reason Jesus commanded us to, "Pray always" (Luke 21:36). This is a commandment. The Apostle Paul commanded us to, "Pray without ceasing" (I Thes. 5:17). Jesus, Paul, and I know if you want victory in this present, evil world, you must "PRAY!" Faith, even faith as small as a grain of mustard seed, which is the smallest seed in the world, which is the same as a shield as small as the size of a grain of a mustard seed or a prayer as small as a grain of mustard seed, will still cause any mountain (problem) to be "cast into the sea; [and] it shall be done" (Matt. 21:21).

(Now, back to the vision.) We kept climbing. I've never stopped climbing to this very day, and I never will until I finish my work with the Lord. Again, the minute I put my arm around Susie, the vision turned from full color to black silhouettes of ourselves, and the wind that was trying to stop us from climbing the mountain was also black. Sometimes it was

⁷ Matt. 7:7, Luke 11:9, 21:36, Eph. 6:16, Phlp. 4:13, I Thes. 5:17



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so black that I couldn't see us. The vision was showing me that these were the times that we were not praying enough. The times when we were praying enough, the blackness would dim, and I could see us still climbing. Worry doesn't help. It must only be prayer. Every so often, for a flash of a second, I could see our silhouettes. Again, this was the time when we were strongly praying. I would be down on one knee, still pushing upwards, and Sue was with me, still with my arm around her. Then it became so black that I couldn't see Sue or myself at all, but I knew we were still continuing our journey through this awful storm. Life gets far too hard to have any victory without praying. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16).

At the time of this vision, I was a very young Christian. I asked Susie, who had been saved twenty-five years before I received Christ, if she knew what the vision meant. I also prayed to the Lord to find out what it meant. Sue didn't know what it meant, but the Lord told me that there would be great persecution, slanderous character assassination, brutal trials, tribulations, jailings, imprisonment, beating, stoning, treachery, betrayals, false brethren, false accusers, despisers of us that are doing the good work of the Lord, in our very near future.⁸ All of these hellish things were, in one way or another, inspired by Satan.⁹

The Lord is coming back to earth again very soon, and He wants me to tell everyone on the planet these things.¹⁰ He was showing me that the going was going to be rough and tough. However, I know the Scripture that states, "He that endureth to the end [those who continue climbing the mountain, praying continuously, and never stop to the

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"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).

(B) Isaiah 53 (continued)

(12) At the moment of death, the Messiah's humiliation was to end; and though men planned His burial "with the wicked," providence planned it "with the rich," Isa. 53:9:

"And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death."

Dying as a criminal, ordinarily His body would have been flung over the wall to be burned like offal in the fires of Topheth (west of Jerusalem); but when His vicarious sufferings were finished, no further indignity was permitted to His lifeless body. And this remarkable coincidence is truly wonderful if we reflect that the Jewish rulers would have given to Jesus the same dishonorable burial as that given to the two thieves; but the Roman authorities handed over His body to Joseph the Arimathaeon, a

"rich man" (Matt. 27:57-60), who placed it in his sepulchre in his own garden. And at once we see an agreement between the Gospel history and the prophetic words which could only be the work of the God of both prophecy and its fulfillment, inasmuch as no suspicion could possibly arise of there having been any human design of bringing the former into conformity with the latter.

The reason assigned for His honorable burial, which was so different from what had been planned or appointed for Him by His enemies, is, "He had done no violence, neither was any deceit found in His mouth" (Isa. 53:9)—another reiteration of the absolute INNOCENCE of the Divine Sufferer.

Reread with rapt interest the New Testament account of Jesus' burial to find the perfect fulfillment:

"When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph,

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end] shall be saved" (Matt. 10:22). The Lord showed me that the vision represented the war of Armageddon, the war between God and Satan for the souls of men.¹¹

I was wondering when this would happen, when Jesus would come back. I'm very surprised that He hasn't returned yet. This vision was given to me around forty-two years ago. (This update is Nov. 2006.) When would all these persecutions begin? I found out—they began almost immediately. The powers of darkness tried to make us look as though we were dangerous to the people in the world, when in reality we were bringing the most important message in the world to them, the only message that would tell them how to have God's life living in them and through them, the only message able to

keep them out of the fiery pits of Hell and the lake of fire, the only message that, if they received it, would save their souls, get them into Heaven for eternity.

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ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA: Pastor M. Jayaraju of the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries in India pictured with a few members of his church. Pastor Tony Alamo uses only the KJV Bible, and the original Hebrew, Hellenic Greek, and Aramaic texts. Almost all other versions of the Bible are laced with false doctrine.

⁸ Matt. 24:10, Rom. 1:28-32, II Tim. 3:1-4 ⁹ Rev. 13:3-7, 17:1-5 ¹⁰ Luke 21:31-36 ¹¹ Rev. 16:13-16

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who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb" (Matt. 27:57-60).

(13) After the Messiah's soul and body have been made an offering for sin, God will "prolong His days" in RESURRECTION; and He will see His seed, the fruits of His travail, Isa. 53:10:

"When Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand."

After the Messiah's offering of Himself as a trespass offering, God will "prolong His days" in resurrection and He shall "see His SEED"—saved souls—as the result of His sacrifice.

The fulfillment of this paradox, as we have already pointed out, is in the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ, who "died for our sins according to the Scriptures...and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3-4).

This fact of the Messiah's resurrection is in accord with other Old Testament scriptures, such as Psalm 16:10: "For Thou wilt not leave My soul in Hell; neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption."

Moreover, the will of God will prosper in the Messiah's hand—the Messiah will accomplish God's will with zeal, and He will indeed bring salvation and righteousness to both Israel and the nations (Isa. 42:4).

The New Testament not only tells us of the glorious resurrection of Christ, but also of the beginning of His ministry after His resurrection—working through His disciples—by which multitudes were saved.

Acts 2:41: "Three thousand souls" were saved and added to the church. Acts 4:4: "Many of them which heard the Word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand."

During the last twenty centuries of church history, multiplied millions have believed on Christ and have been saved. Christ indeed has seen SEED, and the will of God is prospering in His hand. Christ, at His second advent, will triumph, and then "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9). Truly, the Captain of our salvation is "bringing many sons unto glory" (Heb. 2:10).

(14) Not only will God be "satisfied" with the Messiah's sacrifice, but through knowing the Messiah, many shall be JUSTIFIED, Isa. 53:11:

"He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities."

Here we are given a forecast of the tremendous truth, so fully developed by Paul in the New Testament, of JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH, salvation by God's power, the Holy Spirit—because Christ died for our sins and purchased a full redemption for all. This truth of justification by faith is the grand, central truth of the New Testament.

"Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ, unto all and upon all them that believe...Being justified freely by

His great power living and working in us and through us, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:22-24).

"For by God's mighty power are ye saved through faith" (Eph. 2:8-9, Rom. 4:5-6, 5:15-19, Titus 3:5).

Lest we forget that ALL power bestowed upon believers is based on the Messiah's sinless life, His sacrificial death on the cross, His burial, resurrection, and His ascension into the Kingdom of Heaven, we again are reminded that "He shall bear their (our) iniquities." There is an antithesis here suggesting the idea of exchange or

mutual substitution: they shall receive His righteousness, and He shall bear the heavy burden of their iniquities.

This of course is consonant with the New Testament: "For He [God] hath made Him [Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we [sinners] might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (II Cor. 5:21).

(15) A strange CIRCUMSTANCE of the Messiah's death is given, Isa. 53:12:

"He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

Just as the mention of the disposition of the Messiah's garments in Psalm 22 showed true detail in prophecy, we see here a connecting incident also showing true DETAIL in prophecy, marking it as genuine. Details in prophecy, if the fulfillment matches the prophecy, are the marks that immediately identify it as being of divine origin. Christ permitted Himself, voluntarily, to be numbered, or reckoned, with criminals, showing His willingness to suffer ALL that the Father had planned for Him.

It is of more than passing interest to recall that Christ Himself quoted this Scripture (Isa. 53:12) just before His own crucifixion: "This that is written must yet be accomplished in Me, And He was reckoned among the transgressors" (Luke 22:37). This prophecy and its fulfillment becomes one of those remarkable fulfillments between the prophecies and our Savior's suffering, with Christ being crucified between two thieves (literally "robbers," Matt. 27:38).

Much has already been said about the vicarious nature of the Messiah's sufferings as given in this chapter (Isa. Ch. 53). In this, the closing verse, that fact once again is stressed: "He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

Those familiar with the New Testament will recall many Scriptures that set forth the substitutionary nature of the death of Christ. I quote but two: "Now once in the end of the world hath He [Christ] appeared to put away

Dear Pastor Alamo,

Calvary greeting to you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are writing this letter jointly to testify that the Lord is good to us because He has done a new thing in our lives by saving our souls. We are formerly Muslims but when the Lord Jesus Christ transformed our lives from darkness to light, as a result of listening to your



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sin by the sacrifice of Himself...So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many” (Heb. 9:26, 28). “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God” (I Pet. 3:18).

Many volumes have been written showing the wonders of Messianic prophecy both in this chapter (Isa. Ch. 53) and in the fulfillment in the atoning death of Jesus the Christ as described in the New Testament. I believe that by calling attention again to these phenomena, these miracles in print, the faith of many will either be generated or confirmed, both in the supernatural character of the prophecies and in their fulfillment. This prophecy shows clearly that Scripture has upon it the stamp of its divine author—the mark of Heaven, the impression of eternity. Therefore, it is beyond even the wildest belief to imagine that the resemblance in every detail between this prophetic statement in Isaiah chapter 53, written centuries before Christ’s advent, and the account of His life, death, and glorious resurrection as narrated in the Gospels, can be merely coincidental.

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Nigeria

program on Radio Africa, we realized we were on the wrong way, that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is the only way to salvation. We thank Him and we give glory to God, because our lives are not the same any longer.

As new converts, please help us to grow by sending a copy of the complete Bible to each one of us. (He lists the names of 48

former Muslims). We should have written individual letters but due to high cost of postage, we have decided to write you in this way.

We are praying for your ministry for God of Heaven to continue to mightily bless you in all your endeavors.

We are yours in Christ,
 B.A. Dugbe, Ibadan, Nigeria, Africa

Uruguay

Greetings from Pastor M.Z.,
 God richly bless you. Your web page is such a blessing. Keep it up.
 Pastor M.Z. Montevideo, Uruguay

Burkina Faso

Dear Pastor Alamo,
 Greetings of peace, love, and joy of the Lord be with you and your ministry in Jesus’ name. The main goal of this letter is to send my heartfelt appreciation and thankfulness for the Alamo World newsletters and other Christian literature you have been sending me. I have benefitted from its abundant teaching and admonishing for righteous living. One has to keep in the Lord. Your newsletters and Messiah book with your other literature has helped me to acquire more knowledge and understanding in the Word of God. You have a very significant impact on my righteous living and my desire for more of His Word, so I urge you to keep on sending the literature, which I am so eager to read and distribute to people.

Pastor, I am telling you that the distribution of your literature in general, distributing the Word of God, has been changing and winning souls for Christ. I would be happy if your ministry could send me five King James Version Bibles (three in English and two in French), six Messiah books (two in English and four in French), your messages/preaching video tapes, and I would like the black color T-shirt (XXL). I will be glad if all of my request is granted.

May the Lord continue to bless you in Jesus’ name.
 Pastor Charles Burkina Faso, Africa

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“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath [many storms], because [the devil knows] that he hath but a short time [before God casts him into the lake of fire for all eternity¹²]. And when the dragon [the ‘great red dragon,’ the devil¹³] saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the [true church of Christ, the new Israel, the New Jerusalem, the bride of Christ,¹⁴ symbolized in Revelation 12:1 as a ‘woman...[having] upon her head a crown of twelve stars’]” (Rev. 12:12-13).

Today we see this happening. The world system says the name of God and Jesus must go. His Word must totally be eradicated, they say, and true Christians must be dubbed “cults” and destroyed. To the world system, anything that is of God must be lied about and, if possible, destroyed. But God will do a quick work and destroy them, and soon, before Jesus’ soon return.

The devil is the accuser of the saints, but he is no longer able to come before the throne of God to accuse the saints of God both day and night.¹⁵ Now he accuses the saints through his devilish workers (humans) that he lives and works in. They are the incarnation of Satan on earth, and they do what Satan commands them to do, just as we, who are the continuation of the Lord’s incarnation here on earth, do what God commands us to do. Again, as Revelation 12:12 says, he is filled with wrath, because he knows that his time, the time before he shall be cast into the lake of fire, is short. He knows he’s going to have to spend eternity burning up forever with his band of evil angels and all those who follow him.

What a vision! What a mighty prophecy is this mountain with Sue and me on it with all the tribulation! What a wonderful God that would reveal these things to me in advance so that I could prepare my heart for them! It has consistently caused me to “WATCH!” as the Lord has commanded everyone to do (Mark 13:37, Luke 21:34-36), to diligently study God’s Word in depth (II Tim. 2:15) with vigilance (I Pet. 5:8), and to “pray always” (Luke 21:36), “without ceasing” (I Thes. 5:17). By my seeking Him in earnest, He has given me the power to continue on to the end.¹⁶

If fallen-away Christians feel that they’re going to be raptured out of the tribulations, or if they believe they don’t need to allow God’s

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12 Rev. 19:20, 20:10 13 Rev. 12:3, 9 14 Rev. 21:2-3 15 Luke 10:18, Rev. 12:7-10, 13 16 Mark 13:13

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fullness to live in them and work through them, they're in for a big and dreadful surprise. Christ comes immediately after the tribulations (Matt. 24:29-31). I know we're going through the tribulations because God showed me we are in the midst of the tribulations, "the beginning of sorrows."¹⁷ God's Word tells us He's going to shorten the time because of the elect, meaning all who are living in the corporate body of Christ who are doing the work with Christ, those who are accounted worthy to suffer great things as a witness to the world that we believe in Jesus, the Word of God.¹⁸ James stated, "Faith without works is dead" (Jas. 2:20). As we work for the Lord, we will be opposed. The vision I saw from God is true prophecy.

The plagues that are being sent on earth today from God are only "the beginning of sorrows" (Matt. 24:8). No one, but those of us who are allowing God to use us as His temples wherein He lives, will be able to escape the wrath of God.¹⁹ God says, "Though they dig into Hell, thence shall Mine hand take them; though they climb up to Heaven, thence will I bring them down: And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from My sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them" (Amos 9:2-3). No one can stop God from doing what He said He's going to do. And there's no other way to escape but through Christ.

Around forty-two years ago, God showed me this vision of the "difficult mountain." He showed me the difficult times that would be

¹⁷ Matt. 10:21-23, 24:8-22, 29:31, I Thes. 4:14-17, Rev. 3:10, 7:13-14 ¹⁸ Matt. 24:22, John 1:1, 14, 16:33, Rev. 19:13 ¹⁹ Matt. 13:40-43, I Thes. 1:10, Rev. 6:12-17, 8:7-13, Ch. 9, 11:18, 14:9-11, 15:1, 7, Ch. 16, 19:14-21

Zambia

Dear Pastor,

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Being silent for a long time is because the amazement of the numerous gifts you are sending to me and the whole congregation. I don't have a strong word to thank you. I received the twelve T-shirts you sent to me. May the Almighty God bless you and your ministry.

Pastor, many have also asked for them in my congregation for evangelism to the ministry. Can you kindly send more?

Pastor Tony, I have a moving testimony of a young man aged twenty-nine years, Mr. Marambo from Katete district eastern province. It is 100 km away from Chipata. He is number ten in a family of twelve

ahead for Sue and me in our ministry. When I read the Bible, I see that the entire world (even Christians²⁰) shall partake in the fourteen major plagues from God.²¹ I see now that the people of the world are terrorized because of the violence, the terrorists, the diseases, the food contamination, and everything else.

In the days of Noah, God looked and saw the violence at the end of the world. In Genesis 6:5-7, we see that "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth." And again, in Genesis 6:11-13, "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with VIOLENCE. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted His way [God's way] upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." And just look at the VIOLENCE of today, the terrorists spawn from the media, the motion picture and television industry. God sees that

today's time is the most violent time ever since the earth began. It is millions of times worse than it was in the days of Noah. If God saw the violence in the days of Noah and, because of the sinful violence, destroyed the entire world by water with the exception of eight souls, how could you think that He's going to allow the world that exists now to continue on any longer?

Jesus tells us in the words of Matthew 24:21-22: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, 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 are true Christians] those days shall be shortened."

Will God destroy them softly with raindrops like He did to the violent people in the days of Noah? Or will He destroy them with more violence today, because today the people's violence is much more than the violence in the days of Noah? Yes, the Lord is going to give them back much more than what they've sown, "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7).

It astounds me to see in the news how little men and women that God created out of the earth think they are going to devise a way to

²⁰ Rev. 3:10-12, 6:9-11, 7:13-17 ²¹ Matt. 24:13-21, 29, Rom. 2:5-6, II Pet. 2:4-9, 3:7, 10-12, Jude 5-7, Rev. 6:12-17, 11:18, 14:6-11, 15-20



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children. He was engaged in witchcraft activities since 1998. This was because he was poor and needed quick money. So he joined a bad group of witch doctors. He was, by magic, thrown into the sea, being cooked in a big pot, and he has a lot of tattoos on his body. This made him kill his own father and ten other people for him to become rich.

But in 2005 he met Jesus after reading a lot of your literature, and on July 2nd, 2005 he was delivered from this bondage and confessed. We got all the charms he had and burned them. He is now a born-again Christian. He is with our congregation.

Yours in His service,
Reverend C.S. Chipata, Zambia, Africa

India

Dear World Pastor Alamo,

Greetings to you in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are safe here by your mighty prayers and by the grace of God under the wings of the Lord. Sir, we are thankful for your sending the ten Telugu Bibles and the six English Bibles, two hundred world newsletters, ten Messiah books, one hundred pieces of the literature entitled *The Oneness of God*.

It is very useful in the Lord's ministry. We are going to upland areas to proclaim the Word of God. Many people are saved by your literature, especially *Dry Bones*. Many people are asking me to arrange a public meeting with your people and are desiring for your message. We are praying for your visit to India. Sir, we are proclaiming God's love with the only literature we have. We desire to show some pictures by a projector. Please send one projector with your video and audio cassettes or CDs. Please pray for our ministries. We are praying for your journeys, for God to surround you with His mighty angels everywhere you go. God protect your health. Please, I request you to send me two hundred Telugu Bibles to your poor servant. Please remember me and my family in your prayers. We want to see the Alamo Christian Ministries spread to every nation.

Yours in His name,

Pastor D.E.

Tadepalligudem Mandal, India

Dear Pastor Alamo,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. I believe you will receive this letter with love and peace in Jesus Christ. This is the first time I am writing you. Let me introduce myself to you briefly. Previously I was a Hindu idolator. I am saved by the grace of Jesus wonderfully after reading your message in the magazine at my friend's house. At present I am gathering with elderly people and children on Sundays for prayer and worship under a tree. Please help us with our spiritual growth.

May the good Lord bless you abundantly.

Your sister in Jesus,

K.R.

Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India

protect themselves from God's plagues. Was the world able to save itself at the time of the flood during Noah's day?²² Were the scientists, the city planners, or the building and safety commissioners able to save themselves during the flood that destroyed the entire earth during the time of Noah? The answer to that is no. How much less will they be able to save themselves from the meteorites, the earthquakes, the fires, the floods, and all the other plagues from God that will surely blast the earth very soon without warning?

How, if all the people in the world join hand in hand together, can they expect to stop these seven first plagues, which are currently being sent to earth by the Almighty God?²³ And how do they think they shall prevent the last seven plagues sent to destroy the world, which also shall be sent to the earth by God, let alone the big fire that shall melt the very elements?²⁴ "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Pet. 3:10).

Everyone in the world has mountains that are surrounding them. Most people are too spiritually blind to know it. They can't see it because they're not filled with God's Spirit. They're not born again of the Spirit. They're still dead in their sins and trespasses.²⁵ We all need Christ with His Father by the Spirit to be alive in us so that we can be alive in Him to save us from the wrath of God and the lake of fire. Today is "the day of the Lord...a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the MOUNTAINS" (Joel 2:1-2).²⁶ In today's world, we see great troubles. There are problems everywhere we look, in every direction. The way I have been able to have victory down through the years, no matter what, is because I believe God. I've been given prophecies, and I've seen many visions, dreams, signs, and wonders which have come to pass.²⁷ They, with the Word of God, have kept me steadfast through everything that Satan has thrown at me and at the many members of my church, which really is the church of the living Christ, the church of the living God. Jesus said in Revelation 1:18, "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore."

The Lord also tells us in His Word that by having faith, the shield of faith, which is PRAYER, "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked [false doctrine] shall be made

straight [by the Word of God], and the rough places plain" (Isa. 40:4). This means that by faith, the shield, PRAYER, every trouble is not only cast into the sea, it is leveled. The word "mountain" not only means problems, but is also symbolic of nations.

Many nations who feel they are powerful because of improved military economics and weapons of war shall be brought low, leveled by God's mighty power. There are not enough atomic or any other kind of bombs that can do any harm to God Almighty or His people. We currently enjoy all the commonwealth God has provided us through Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.²⁸

In confirmation to the vision the Lord gave me of the mountain, the difficult mountain, it is written, "There shall be [in the last days] a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book [the book of life]" (Dan. 12:1). Jesus prophesied of these last days, "For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. And

except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom He hath chosen, He hath shortened the days" (Mark 13:19-20).²⁹

Folks, we're living in the most difficult time ever. That's why there are so many suicides, so many people on drugs, and so many alcoholics. That's also why there is so much distress in the world, so many perplexities of nations (Luke 21:23-26), and so many irrational acts by national and international leaders (Zech. 12:4). Prepare your heart for sorrow. If you will, you will never be disappointed, and you will overcome. Again, don't think about having a good time. In this world, Christians are to be zealously busy doing not our works, but the work of God. It is in the Kingdom of Heaven that we will have rest and exceedingly good times forever.

If ever there was a need to have God's power, it is today because of today's difficulties, because of today's mountains. Esau sold his soul for a bowl of beans (Gen. 25:30-34). Are you going to sell your soul for something of this world that has no eternal value? Many people calling themselves Christians think that the Word of God is too

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22 Gen. 6:13, 17, Chs. 7-8 23 Prov. 11:21 24 II Pet. 3:10, Rev. 8:7-13, Ch. 9, 15:1, 6-8, Ch. 16, 22:18-19 25 Eph. 2:1-3 26 Deut. 4:11, Isa. 13:13, 24:16-23, Matt. 24:7-8, Mark 13:8, Luke 21:10-11, Rev. 6:8, 12-17, 8:3-6, 8-11, 9:1-11, 11:13, 16:10-11, 17-21 27 *Dry Bones, The Servant of the Lord, God's Two Witnesses, Broken to Pieces, Susan's Wedding Gown, Today's Biggest Lesson, The Bottomless Pit, Melting Cold Hearts*, by Tony Alamo 28 Eph. 2:12-22 29 Rom. 9:27-28

Difficult Mountain

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harsh, but it's not too harsh. If it seems harsh to you, what does it matter? There's no other way to enter Heaven except by receiving it. The tribulations are harsh, and you're not going to get out of them, that is, if you live. We all need to have God in us,³⁰ and we need to serve Him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength so that we'll be able to go through the tribulations like a hot knife going through butter.³¹ Some people reading this literature and believing it to be true "shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that

³⁰ John 14:23, 15:4-11, 26, 17:21-23, 26, 1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19-20
³¹ Deut. 4:29, 10:12-13, Matt. 22:37-40, Mark 12:29-34, Luke 4:8

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[do not believe the Bible shall come] unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:29).

The Kingdom of Heaven has a strong government, which is governed by Almighty God Himself. If people expect to enter into eternity, and expect to enter the Kingdom of God, they must now begin obeying the laws of the government of the Kingdom of God.³² To begin obeying the Lord, you must receive

salvation for yourself so that your family may also have a chance to possess eternal life by receiving salvation through the soul-cleansing blood that Jesus shed on the cross at Calvary.³³ Then, by Jesus with His Father by the Holy Spirit entering your spirit, your dead spirit can be resurrected to immortality—eternal life. You can begin your salvation, your eternal life, now, with the Lord, by saying this prayer:

³² Rom. 8:1-2 ³³ Acts 16:31

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

You've just completed the first step in a series of five steps which are necessary to receive salvation. Your second step is to deny yourself and take up the cross daily for the purpose of mortifying yourself, that is, for putting to death your own will, your soulful self, and the world with all of its lusts. All these must be baptized into the death of Christ.

Step three is your resurrection from the satanic life of Adam unto the sinless life of Christ. Step four is your ascension into a po-

sition of authority to reign for God on earth, and the fifth step is to reign for God on earth to the end for the purpose of bringing about the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. You must learn the Word of God, then submit yourself and do what the Word says, so that the church and the world may see evidence of your submission to God's Word, His order, and His authority in and by you.

Praise the Lord. May God reward you abundantly.

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