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Beloved of God, Greeting: Protection

"The Lord is my Rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; the God of my Rock; in Him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my savior; thou savest me from violence.

"I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

"When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid: the sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me: in my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God; and he did hear my voice out of His temple, and my cry did enter into His ears."

This Psalm of Thanksgiving is recorded in II Samuel 22:2-7. Like David who was delivered out of the hand of Saul because of his faith in God, we too should rehearse some the fundamentals of protection that we may become aware of our spiritual prerogatives and nature.

In this heritage lies our ability to protect loved ones in hazardous callings. If we could, without distraction, give our attention to the Spiritual Heights and examine this treasure of spiritual protection, we should find ourselves imbued with a fearlessness, audacity, and sense of security that would be an actual spiritual armor of protection to those we would preserve from harm.

"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

Our blessings are with you, in His Service,

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Truesdell

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Gentleness

By A. J. Truesdell

In speaking of the fruits of the Spirit we call attention to qualities which are natural to man. At heart, everyone and everything is Good. Man naturally is loving; it is his nature to be joyful; he delights in peace; and, when we examine the experiences he allows himself to be inflicted and afflicted with, we uncover a patience almost beyond comprehension.

Inherently man is good, gentle, kind. When he functions in other capacities he is stepping out of character. The prime element in teaching Truth is to invite, suggest, or advise man to be himself.

The entire ministry of Jesus Christ was the fruit of a man being himself, doing the will of God, cooperating naturally and spontaneously with the Law of his own being which was unfolding the intention and motive of the Mind of God.

Jesus went about doing Good and the only fault found in him was that his Good was better than the best other men had to offer. The goodness of the Pharisee was the "ultimate-good" and his behavior was the epitome of good-behavior until Jesus came along and revealed good gifts and powers unbelievable.

Imagine a group of religious parasites gleaning a comfortable and easy living, enjoying the best social privileges and being looked upon by the laymen in a most favorable light (because of their ability to read out of the Law and because of their familiarity with religious practices) being confronted by a man who was simple and direct enough actually to practice and demonstrate the very Law they were teaching. He really made it look bad for them and it is no wonder he was unpopular with them.

I can understand this because of an experience I had in the newspaper business. I thought that solicitors were supposed to sell the paper, so I began to take orders with fair success. For several months I worked diligently to get all the business I could. One day a delegation of other solicitors called and informed me that I was spoiling their jobs. Then, I discovered that to them the job was the important thing, not the business of selling.

It seemed that what I thought were normal results, because they were the best I could attain, were really phenomenal under the conditions because the rest of the staff were simple trying to hold their jobs. But the damage was done. The results of my blunder leaked out and soon I rose to the position of City Circulation Manager.

There is always a better Good than the best we know. When one comes striking the tone and quality of that Good, we should rejoice and be exceeding glad. But the popular reaction is "How will this affect my prestige?"

Goodness is simply another name for God. "God is Good" is one of the first statements we learn. Man knows the truth is true. There is a feeling within everyone which will cause a response sometime or other to the allness of the Good and the goodness of the All. Expression of this realization may be so original and so opposed to popular conceptions that he will be looked upon with suspicion. Whoever sets about to know and do the will of the Father finds himself a marked man. As soon as he utters a word from his heart-of-hearts he will find many coming to him who hate him and his doctrine but who love the results they receive through his practice.

Jesus Christ knew of this perversity in human nature and continued his work in the face of it. Peter was effusive in swearing allegiance but Jesus was not fooled. "Before the cock crows, three times, you will deny me and my doctrine." There was no malice in his statement and Peter remembered when the time came.

Expression of any quality of the Godhead requires a willingness to be isolated with Principle and, often, ostracized by society for a season. But man comes from this place of isolation with a new tone and new quality, singing a new song of new heavens new earths, and new dispensations.

Man may choose to serve the Lord. The Lord does not strive, struggle, or strain. His innate gentleness, the grace which is sufficient and the mercy

which endureth forever accomplishes through and for him. Viewing with the perspective of Truth, the Law, the Father, man sees there is no active enemy except ignorance of God and His Law of Good.

Foolishness, ignorance, would attempt to destroy that which is indestructible, to kill that which is unkillable, to bury that which cannot be confined to mortal vaults or tombs.

All the fruits of the Spirit are powers. Love is master of hate and eventually swallows it up. Joy eliminates sadness once and for all. Peace overcomes warfare. Patience relieves and subdues dis-ease from impatience. Goodness transcends and neutralizes evil. Gentleness establishes a grace, culture, and satisfaction in all relationships which causes a man to say, "Forgive them Father, they know not what they do." It causes man to be kind, tender hearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven him.

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Climb or Remain Steadfast

By Nell Truesdell

Not long ago we adopted a stray kitten. Shortly after some friends left the city suddenly and we added a beautiful Pekinese to our menage. This dog is used to good care and takes for granted his divine right to the premises.

Through some animal antithesis the kitten disturbs Toto and, without provocation, he rushes at the cat emitting deep guttural threatening sounds and a terrifying bark. At first, the kitten thus taken by surprise would be overcome by sudden unreasonable and overpowering fear. Wild-eyed and panicky he would dash to the nearest tree, climb swiftly to the protection of the lower branches, and patiently wait for the "all-clear."

However, after gradually getting his bearings and feeling his own inherent right to the same premises, the cat learned to keep calm in the face of violent hostile assault. Having mastered the fear that engulfed him every time the dog rushed at him this same cat, with calm indifference and controlled dignity, faces the dog who now withdraws as gracefully as he can from his unprovoked attacks.

Within this simple story are two forms of the same principle. Anybody who will practice either phase at any time will be victorious.

1) During any aggressive action upon our rights, possessions, and comfort, when we might be filled with fright and uncertainty, we can leave the vicinity bodily and climb to some retreat where we can take sanctuary. The results of this practice are temporary for we have always to return to that point from which we digressed to take up the thread of our achievement. However, we will have rested and gained a sense of confidence to continue after we have ascertained that all is well.

2) After becoming acquainted with the fact that whatever threatens us is in reality nothing at all, (about as sound and unsubstantial as a big noise,) we can with calm indifference free ourselves from violent motion of body and excited or disturbing emotion of mind by holding our ground, and, glancing swiftly toward the Miracle Working uplands, instantly draw down loving protection and spiritual strength to sustain us as we proceed undisturbed in our appointed way.

When such practice becomes automatic nothing "can by any means hurt you." Henceforth, no person, thing, or circumstance can threaten your security, health, or happiness; no undefined state of consciousness in your makeup can thwart your happy purpose. You cease to act recklessly or wildly, dashing hither and yon for safety, for you know "the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

Our kitten may be badly jolted by sudden and unnecessary attack but he has learned to stand firm right where he is at the moment and, without taking any precautions for his physical safety, remains unhurt, and majestically undisturbed.

In his feline way our kitten has rewarded us fully and secured his own future. May his tenacity of purpose become yours and ours under Grace.

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Dear Friend:

Though we live in different areas upon the face of the earth, we enjoy a mutual companionship that is the fruit of oneness with God. Wherever the same motive possesses the hearts of men we find them on friendly terms. Our motive is to know the Truth and the resultant fellowship is our privilege.

John wrote in his first Epistle, "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

"And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

"If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth:

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another."

Because the Christ light is ours, we see that we must continue to look toward God and His Good in order to benefit daily by the free gifts and dispensations which are his to bestow. Through this love for God, we enjoy fellowship with Christ Jesus and each other.

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE give you blessings and benedictions in His Service.

Lovingly yours,
Nell Truesdell

Alphabet of
DAILY MEDITATION
For Every Week Day of the Month

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1. Apply thine heart to understanding.
2. Blessed shall Be thy Basket and thy store.
3. Be Careful to maintain good works.
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5. The Dayspring from on High hath visited us.
6. The Entrance of thy words giveth light.
7. A good man obtaineth Favor of the Lord.
8. O Lord, be Gracious unto us.
9. He that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.
10. I will put my law In their Inward parts.
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12. It is God that Justifieth.
13. I am Known of mine.
14. There is no fear in Love.
15. God giveth not the Spirit of Measure.
16. But one thing is Needful.
17. I will Ordain a place for my people.
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19. Peace be within thee.
20. The words of wise men are heard in Quiet.
21. The Righteous shall be Recompensed in the earth.
22. He hath given us of His Spirit.
23. His Truth endureth to all generations.
24. Uphold me with Thy Spirit.
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26. Wisdom ... cannot be Valued with gold.
27. My Words shall not pass away.
28. Keep Yourselves in the love of God.
29. Be Zealous therefore, and repent.
30. I the Lord your God am Holy.
31. God is our refuge and strength.
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As you dwell in thought upon the words of each statement this month, you will be taught the inner meanings and hidden wisdoms that will enliven and make tangible the essences of the words. Direct the attention of your mind upward and your words will be illumined by the Spirit. We shall be with you daily.