



# THE Living TESTAMENT

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## Today . . .

Everyday we can read in the papers of the breaking down of God's Word.

Many have said to us in the past 'I don't want you ramming the Bible down my throat'. Yet every day there it is front page news and within the pages of many newspapers, worldly things for us to see. We may feel the world is throwing itself in our face, trying to wear us down with its lawlessness and constant affront to God Himself.

We read of violence, murder and crime, of the acceptance of many ways and traditions that are contrary to God's. Men and women living together out of wedlock and their expectations of leading a normal life. We read of rape, gross abuse and murder of young boys and girls. Hideous crimes that make our blood run cold. People who have no or little knowledge of God's Word often

blame God rather than the 'Evil of Man' (Study Genesis 6:5).

We on the other hand, who are Spirit-filled, walking on in the Lord can console ourselves and others, that He has forewarned us through His Word and given us peace of mind against the evils of men (Study Romans 1:25-27 and 2 Timothy 3:1-4).

The answer for peace of mind is written in Acts 2:38-39 '*Then Peter said unto them; Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*'

**Pastor Ray Welch, Exeter RF, UK.**



# 'They shall lay hands on the sick

My name is Otto Visser and I came to the Lord in 1989 when my brother from Australia came to Holland and told me about a God who is really doing something.

I was brought up in a very strict church, but this was completely new for me. My brother said after some long discussions; 'Let us talk to God and see what He has to tell you, okay?' I liked the idea because I had nothing to lose, so we prayed and I received the Holy Spirit there and then, spoke in tongues and from that moment on I knew that God was real, instead of just 'someone somewhere'. A few weeks later I was baptised by full immersion. I was sprinkled as a baby, but I could see in the Bible that 'being baptised' was indeed by full immersion. Since that day my life has changed a lot, and I see daily the blessings of the Lord in myself and my family.

Miracles are all around us and it is fantastic to see the Lord in action in our assembly in Holland. Firstly I was healed from a very bad hayfever which is not really 'deadly', but not very comfortable either. Later on I found out that I was healed from a very high blood pressure from which I suffered from my childhood. The doctors did not believe that we could ever have children – the Lord blessed my family by giving us our son Ronny.

Another great testimony is the following which I will describe chronologically.

**October 1994** : A problem started to come up in my life. I did not feel very good and strange things started to develop all over my body. It did not worry me much. I was too busy to take notice. The assembly had just moved into a new hall and I was involved in 'working bees'.

**Early 1995** : My condition became worse and one of my legs started to swell badly. I went to the doctor and before I knew, I was admitted to hospital for all sort of tests. A few weeks later the answer came, 'Non-Hodgkins Disease', cancer in stage 4, the final stage. To make a long story short; the end for me. They found cancer throughout my whole body. All my organs were infected, even my bone-marrow, lungs and stomach. The doctor said that they could only try to delay the inevitable by giving me chemotherapy. If I took the chemotherapy I might see Christmas 1995. I took the chemotherapy. During this time many secondary testimonies happened.

**Summer Camp 1995** : I started to lose my hair very quickly and I started to bleed internally. I prayed to the Lord and it stopped immediately.

**Christmas Camp 1995** : This was a very emotional time for me. I was still alive.

**April 1996** : My wife Tineke, my son Ronny

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'And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them,



## . . . and they shall recover' Mark 16:18

and I, journeyed to the USA and had a great time of fellowship with the Saints in Fresno and surroundings.

**May 1996** : Back to Holland. The doctors did more tests and found that the cancer was worse than ever. They suggested a very strong experimental chemotherapy. By this time I became really desperate and could not understand what was going on and why I had to go through all this. I agreed to this 'try-out therapy'.

**September 1996** : Four months later, I went to hospital to see if this 'try-out therapy' had done something. The bad news came, it had no effect whatsoever. Another 'solution' was suggested. This involved going to a cancer-centre in Rotterdam, where they would give me a bone marrow transplant. There was not a very great chance that I would survive that and even if I did survive there would be no guarantee that the problem would then be gone.

That was the time I finally woke up to myself and I really understood that the world had very little to offer. All the alternatives were cut off one by one. The world had run out of possibilities and that was just what I needed. I prayed to God. I regretted wasting time looking to all these alternatives while I knew in my heart all the time that God had the only real solution. Every time I was praying for a

healing my mind was on the next hospital visit, not completely trusting the Lord. Praise the Lord, He was very patient. All through this time, He was waiting for me and keeping me alive, until I finally prayed to Him with my whole heart, expecting the healing.

**January 1997** : My last hospital visit was two weeks ago. The doctors were looking at me and the only thing they said was that 'something miraculous' was going on which they had never seen before.

I praise the Lord because I know that His healing power is working in my life. I feel absolutely great and very happy, finally understanding what the scriptures mean in Isaiah 53:5 'By His stripes we are healed' and knowing that by his stripes I am healed (1Peter 2:24).

All the rest of my days on this earth are the Lords. For without Him I would not have any days left. I praise Him too that He saved me for my family. I can go on preaching His gospel, with this mighty testimony showing the people that He is alive and performing great miracles in the lives of His children.

**Otto Visser, Holland RE.**

# ***Top 16 Bloopers***

## ***found in other Church Bulletins***

16. Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
15. Evening Massage – 6.00pm.
14. The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
13. Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday 7pm to 8pm. Please use the back door.
12. Ushers will eat latecomers.
11. For those of you who have children and don't know it yet, we have a nursery downstairs.
10. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
09. The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' in the church basement on Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
08. The concert held in the Fellowship Hall was a great success. Thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who laboured the whole evening at the piano, which as usual, fell upon her.
07. On a church bulletin during the Pastor's illness : 'God is good. Pastor Hargreaves is better'.
06. Potluck Supper : Prayer and medication to follow.
05. Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.
04. The Rector is on vacation. Messages can be given to the church secretary.
03. Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
02. The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir!

***And the number one blooper found in church bulletins . . .***

01. Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm. Please use large double doors at the side entrance.



# Think on these things

## When I was . . .

When I was a baby,  
New to this world,  
I knew nothing about,  
God's Holy Word.

When I was a toddler,  
Fresh and bright,  
I didn't know much,  
About God's great light.

When I was a child,  
Sharp as a knife,  
I learnt a bit more,  
About God's new life.

When I was a teenager,  
Treated like a host,  
I knew quite a lot,  
About the Holy Ghost.

Now I am an adult,  
Never, ever bored,  
I know everything,  
About Christ our Lord.

**Poem by Katie Waldron,  
Exeter RF, UK.**

## “Quote – Unquote”

*‘Brainwashed? I wish I was, it would all be much easier!’.*

*‘Separate yourself from the emotions – ask yourself what does God want’.*

*‘Faith is not a dip in a lucky bag hoping you get something good, it's something we all need to build’.*

**Colin Farrar at Corfe Camp 2000.**

*‘Christians are mankind who are refined by God – there's no higher calling’.*

*‘Don't you be influenced by the hustle and bustle of this life. Fight the battle with composure’.*

*‘They say, still waters run deep. Do they, or are we just a babbling brook?’.*

**Marc Waldron at Corfe Camp 2000.**

*‘Take shape. Like someone diving into water, we too must take shape when being in the Lord’.*

**Eriq Owusu-Bempah at the House Meeting.**

# Seeing the Light

Saturday 17th June, 2000.  
'Wookey Hole Caves' Report.

What a great fellowship day out Wookey Hole Caves was. I'm sure many of us found our underground guided tour most inspiring.

I was particularly interested in the 'cave dwellers' life-style. The caves must have been a great place to live, having an ample supply of fresh water, which is after all, the very basic need of all life. The temperature was a constant 8°C throughout the year which is comfortable for both working and sleeping.

However, the prospect of seeing only hard stone walls in semi darkness for most of the your life does seem a little off-putting. Plus the fact, that nothing nutritious will grow inside because of the lack of light, which for any biological being, may be somewhat inconvenient.

If the cave-dwellers wanted anything living, like meat or vegetation, they would have to venture outside into the blazing daylight.

Having spent – seemingly – just a short time underground we emerged into a radiant and almost shocking 28°C outside temperature, it was rather like being awakened from a long deep sleep. We found ourselves surrounded by an abundance of colourful vegetation and

wildlife bathed in and beautified by that most essential, life giving ingredient – the light.

Many of us have made that journey spiritually – the Lord being our guide. Some prefer the cold comfort of the caves and caverns or 'the belly of the earth' – maybe for fear of what lies beyond them. Some have probably got close enough to the mouth of the cave to get a 'nice warm feeling' but ventured no further.

The light that we need to live is radiant, brilliant hot and unmistakable – very much the opposite to the darkness.

Imagine never 'seeing' that light, feeling that heat and in a spiritual sense, never progressing beyond living in caves. Praise the Lord that He blesses those who seek His light, for it invariably lies beyond the individual comfort zone.

*'The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength  
of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?'  
Psalm 27:1.*

Just one other thought before I go . . .

*'Anyone can build a wall but it takes a  
greater knowledge to build a bridge.'*

**Marc Waldron, Exeter RF, UK.**



# Inspiration through Creation

We are told 'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth' (Gen 1:1). How did He do this? By speaking the Word of course. So we see right from the start that the Creation – the universe, the earth and all that is therein is all a true reflection of God's Word. In other words, the Word came first, then Creation.

It really is amazing to see how much the scriptures refer to the world in which we live to illustrate God's Holy Word to us. Even in Jesus' day, mankind seemed to understand the world in which they lived, yet were confounded by the very same basic principles when it came to submitting themselves to a higher authority. Of course, Jesus knew this beforehand and so shared His Father's Word, with all who would hear, in parables (Matthew 13:10-17), using the Creation to clearly illustrate His message. So, here's just a few to note –

## **THAT'S AN ORDER**

Genesis 1. Surely everyone knows that great design is the product of a great designer.

## **MEET YOUR MAKER**

Genesis 2:7-8, Psalm 139:13-16. Your DNA, eyes, fingerprints all show the individual touch of God.

## **DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE**

Psalm 1:1-3. Have you noticed that trees only grow near water in a barren wilderness?

## **KING OF THE JUNGLE**

Proverbs 28:1, 30:30. The righteous need not fear anything or anyone.

## **WEATHERTHELESS**

Ecclesiastes 11:4-6. Man's life is subject to the weather – ours is subject to God.

## **THE SKY'S THE LIMIT**

Isaiah 40:31. Be up where you belong.

## **THE CIRCLE OF LIFE**

Matthew 6:25-29. Consider the sparrows. Therefore why should we, His chosen ones, worry about our future?

## **SAND CASTLES**

Matthew 7:24-27. A building is only as strong as the foundation is built upon.

## **BE ON YOUR GUARD**

Matthew 10:16. Don't be overcome of evil, overcome evil with good.

## **REAP WHAT YOU SOW**

Mark 4:3-20. Sow the seed, water it and let God give the increase.

. . . And there are many, many more besides. Perhaps next time you speak to someone, you could use one of these parables – just like the Master did.

**Lee Finney, Exeter RE, UK.**



# Forsake not the Fellowship

## JULY

**Saturday 01 – CORFE CASTLE CAMP**  
**Saturday 08 – FREE**  
Friday 14 – Prayer Evening (P)  
Saturday 15 – Outreach & Activity (P)  
**Saturday 22 – FREE**  
Friday 28 – Prayer Evening (E&P)  
Saturday 29 – Prayer & Fast (E)

## AUGUST

**Saturday 05 to Saturday 12**  
**HOLLAND CAMP – ‘Here am I send me’**  
**Saturday 19 – FREE**  
Saturday 26 – Walk (P)

## Revival Meetings in the South West (UK)

**SUNDAYS at 2.00PM & 5.00PM**

Clyst St. George Village Hall, Clyst St. George, Exeter, Devon.

*(Nearest Bus Route : No.57. Alight at the roundabout of Bridge Hill and A376 Exmouth Road)*

**WEDNESDAYS at 7.45PM**

In your local area.

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