



THE Living TESTAMENT

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GHANA : A great opportunity and a wonderful privilege

Up, up and away, well to 30,000 feet anyway, flying at 550mph I imagine it will be faster than that when we are raised up to meet the Lord in the air. It was -430° outside air temperature. After 6.5 hours flying we arrive in Accra the Capital of Ghana, it is 7:00pm and 240° with 'high humidity'. Just a cool welcome for what was to come, someday up to 340° with 'high humidity'. Praise the Lord the welcome from Mary and family was just as warm.

The day after we arrived Ps Steve and I awoke early. By 8:15am, 3 young men arrive at the house, John, Peter and John by name. They came to hear the gospel, they spent 2 hours soaking up the word it was great, and we didn't have to find them they came to us as did many others during the week. There were 5 of us and 10 new people at the Sunday evening meeting, they all did their best to sing

the choruses and it sounded really good, as with our brethren from PNG and Fiji the Ghanaian's have very melodious voices. The meetings follow a very similar pattern with new folk at each meeting of which we held 7 out of the 9 evenings we were there, with outreaching and follow ups during the day etc, people came at all hours of the day and night to hear and talk about the Lord, it was exciting and a privilege to be there, we were having 8-12 new people at each meeting. Wednesday evening we had 10 new people, 6 decided to get baptised, 5 men and 1 lady. 6:30am Thursday we are off to the beach, six baptised in the sea with many onlookers, this was exciting indeed. Was this going to be a pattern for the next few days? As it happens only 1 more got baptised on the Saturday morning, well 7 is a good number isn't it!

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We know 3 received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in 'other tongues' as the spirit gave utterance, just as in the book of Acts 2:4.

We experienced and tasted many beautiful tropical fruits during the week, but the best Fruit of all were those people that God added unto the Church. There is so much religion in Ghana, so many pseudo-Christians, Charismatic and Evangelical movements there

that our new found brethren will be needing and grateful of our prayers.

Let us pray for all the brethren in Christ Jesus at all times that they and we shall be overcomers until our Lord returns. Praise the Lord. Amen.

**Pastor Ray Welch, Exeter RF and
Pastor Steve Gillespie, Liverpool RE, UK.**

GHANA – Religion is everywhere!

Just a few of the many examples of the names for shops and on vehicles etc. that we saw during our 9 days in Ghana.

'Rock of Ages' Hardware shop

'God is Able' 2nd hand Car Parts

'Trust in the Lord' Hotel & Pub

'Solid Rock' Joinery

'Hallelujah' Supermarket

'Abbyss' Joinery

'Jesus is Lord' Enterprises

'God is my Refuge' Salon

'Not by Might' Enterprises

'In Jesus Name' Clothing

'Trust in the Lord' Enterprises

'Faith' Engineering

'The Fruit of Endurance'

'Peace and Love' Electrical

Enterprises

'The Lord is King' Coffee Shop

One who is all things to all men

JEHOVAH ELOHIM

God Almighty of might and power

(Study Genesis 1:1-3,26)

JEHOVAH EL-ELYON

The most High God

(Study Hebrews 5:5,6)

JEHOVAH EL-SHADDAI

The Almighty and all sufficient God

(Study Genesis 17:1,2)

JEHOVAH EL-ROI

God Almighty of power and strength

(Study Genesis 16:13-14)

JEHOVAH EL-OLAM

God Almighty of power and strength

(Study Genesis 21:33)

JEHOVAH EL-GIBBOR

God Almighty of power and strength

(Study Jeremiah 32:18,19)

JEHOVAH JIREH

God will see and provide

(Study Genesis 22:8-14)

JEHOVAH ROPHEKA

God that bealeth thee

(Study Exodus 15:23-27)

JEHOVAH NISSI

God our banner

(Study Exodus 17:7-16)

JEHOVAH MEQADDISHKEM

God who sanctifies

(Study Exodus 31:12-18)

JEHOVAH SHALOM

God is peace

(Study Judges 6:12-15,22-24)

JEHOVAH TSEBAOTH

God of hosts

(Study 1 Samuel 1:1-3)

JEHOVAH TSIKDENU

God our righteousness

(Study Jeremiah 23:3-6)

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH

God is there

(Study Ezekiel 48:3-35)

JEHOVAH RAAH

God is my shepherd

(Study Psalm 23)

JEHOVAH QANNA

God is jealous

(Study Exodus 34 12-17)

JEHOVAH SHAPHAT

God is Judge

(Study Judges 11:27)

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Risky business

'And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion.' Genesis 1:26

What an incredible risk to create such a creature as man and to place him here on earth with authority over the rest of creation and with the liberty to make his own decisions, morally and spiritually!

It was a risk God had to take. God has always desired to have fellowship with His created image, not through force, but through the bonds of love. As on that day in the cool of the evening there in the Garden of Eden when He called to Adam and Eve, so today He calls to each of us to come to Him and have fellowship with Him. God's great risk in this matter is that He gave man a free will. He had to do this in order to make the desired relationship with Him meaningful. He allows us the opportunity and privilege of choosing to come to Him for fellowship through salvation and submission to His sovereignty or choosing to completely reject Him.

God took the risk that the creature may become rebellious and turn against the Creator, rejecting Him and His ways. The risk that he may say in his heart: *'There is no God'* (Psalm 14:1) and think and act accordingly. The risk that he may be lifted up with pride and believe that his own achievements and resources are so great that he can control his own destiny.

The risk that he may mar and destroy all that God said was good.

Yes, God took a great risk and unfortunately, man generally has made a mess of God's planet thus fulfilling many prophecies, including Isaiah's : *'The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.'* Isaiah 24:4,5

However, God still extends his hand of mercy to stubborn man. His Son still stands at the door and knocks. If any man hears His voice and opens the door, Jesus will come in to him, and will sup with him.
(See Revelation 3:20)

'But as many as received him, to them gave He power (the right or privilege) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.' John 1:12,13

Born of God : born of water and of the Spirit. (See John 3:1-8) **No risk!**

An article from the Revival Fellowship website at www.rev.org



Think on these things

The Good Samaritan

Would you walk by on the other side,
when someone called to you for aid,
Would you go across that road,
Or would you be afraid.

Go across that road my friend,
ask the Lord for His strength,
The Lord's compassion has no end,
Cross over that road and help that friend.

Would you walk by on the other side,
when you saw a loved one stray,
To give that word of encouragement,
And guide that friend
back along the right way,
For him would you not watch and pray.

Would you walk by on the other side,
For those in spiritual need,
would you not hear their cry,
Surely you would cross that road,
my friend,
And showing the love of God,
you would provide.

**Poem by Elaine Glyn-Jones,
North London RE, UK.**

The Lord is our Guide

*A guide is someone who leads
travellers to a place, and controls
their movement or course.*

Man is always in a state of fear, fear of the environment, fear of life and death and even fear of each other . . . some people even fear fear itself!

Fear is like a seed of doubt, or a root of bitterness (Matt 14:30,31 and Heb 12:15), once it takes hold it can eventually lead to death. The antidote of this fatal disease of course, is to trust in God (Prov 3:5,6).

So, follow in the footsteps of the One and Only Guide and you will never lose your way (John 14:1-6).



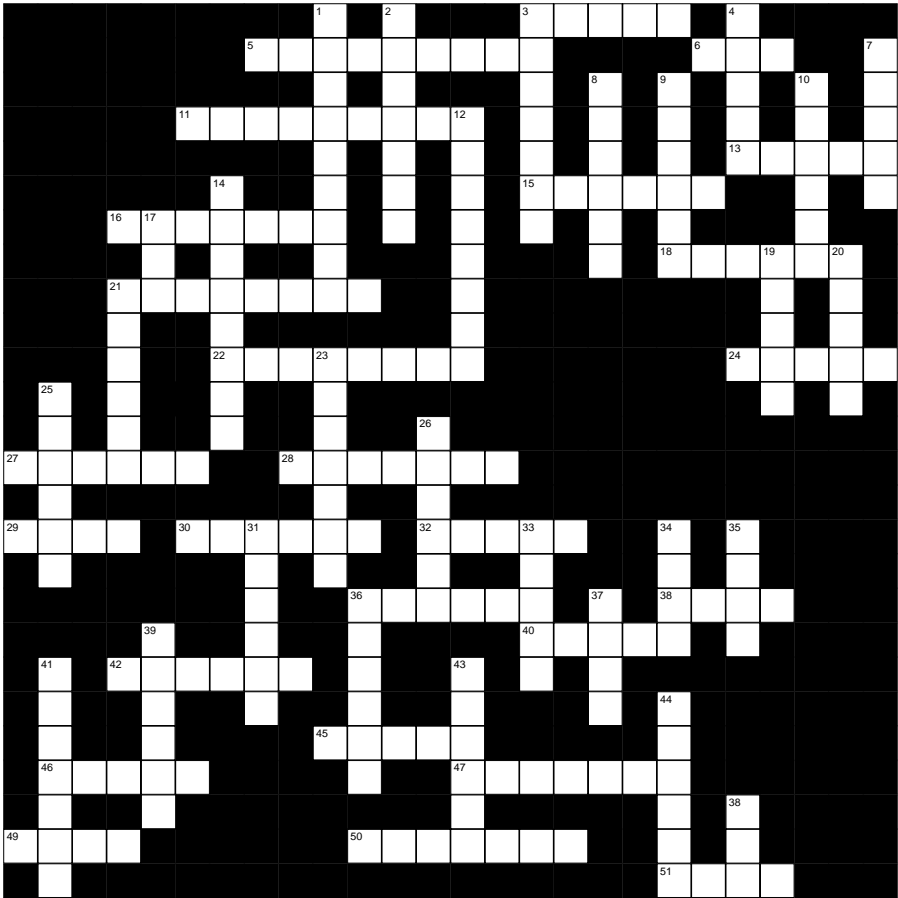
Attitude is everything

When confronted with a Goliath sized problem, which way do you respond :

'He's too big to hit'

or like David . . .

'He's too big to miss'?



ACROSS CLUES

- 3 His father was going to sacrifice him.
- 5 A devout man that feared God with all his house.
- 6 Covered with boils from head to toe.
- 11 Solomon's mother.
- 13 Imprisoned with Paul at Philippi.
- 15 He called down fire from heaven.
- 16 Helped Ahab get Naboth's vineyard.
- 18 Became a Persian Queen (but was a Jew).
- 21 Wicked king, made Israel to sin.
- 22 A slave that Paul wrote to Philemon about.
- 24 Abraham's wife.

ACROSS CLUES

- 27 Did twice as many miracles as Elijah.
- 28 A champion for the Philistines.
- 29 First murderer.
- 30 Lost his strength.
- 32 Absalom's sister.
- 36 Syrian healed from leprosy.
- 38 Father of Seth.
- 40 The father of Methuselah.
- 42 Rachael's handmaid.
- 45 Three days/nights in a fish.
- 46 Moses' brother.
- 47 An eloquent man, born in Alexandria, mighty in the scriptures.
- 49 Wife of Boaz.
- 50 Tricked Samson.
- 51 Third son of Adam and Eve.

DOWN CLUES

- 1 Was Aquila's wife.
- 2 James and John's father.
- 3 Abraham and Hagar's son.
- 4 Was adopted by Pharaoh's daughter.
- 7 Son of Ahab, who became King.
- 8 Was thrown to the lions and survived.
- 9 Who Jesus was delivered to before his death.
- 10 Mother of James and John.
- 12 Julius a centurion of . . . band
- 14 Son of Solomon and Naamah.
- 17 The first woman in the garden of Eden.
- 19 Sarah's maid servant.
- 20 A woman who helped the Israelite spies in Jericho.
- 21 Pleaded with Jesus to heal his daughter.

- 23 A very wise King.
- 25 His donkey talked to him.
- 26 Worried by physical food rather than spiritual.
- 31 Moses natural sister.
- 33 Commander-in-chief of Saul's army.
- 34 Jacob's first wife.
- 35 Jacob's twin brother.
- 36 Cush's son, a mighty warrior.
- 37 God commanded him to build a boat.
- 39 Leader of an army that beat the Midianites with only 300 men.
- 41 Was raised from the dead after 4 days.
- 43 Elisha's servant and confidant.
- 44 Held trial for Paul before he went to prison.
- 48 His wife was turned to a pillar of salt.



The Truth, the whole Truth . . .

I can praise the Lord for many things in my life, because God has filled me with the Holy Spirit – a promise to those that believe. My parents attended a gospel meeting in Adelaide, Australia about 22 years ago and when they received the Holy Spirit their lives changed. From drugs and drinking etc. to being happy, living in God's ways.

When I was 10 years old I received the Holy Spirit also, with the bible evidence of speaking in tongues, and was baptised. God has blessed my life in so many ways with healings and provision – I also have a great joy because I personally know God who is a friend who can always be relied upon in all situations.

I have really enjoyed visiting the brothers and sisters here in the UK and Holland and hearing all their testimonies. I can praise the Lord that He is my strength in this world and that He has promised everlasting life to those who obey Him.

Ellie Churchill, Gold Coast RF, Australia.

In April 1998 I heard the word of God at work in a discussion with some born again Christians who used to be hippies. That really hit home with me because I smoked pot every day, drank, swore all the time and

smoked close to a packet of cigarettes a day. After going to their house for tea I met some of the other Brethren in the fellowship and felt more at home with them than with my own family.

About two weeks after that night I went to a meeting and got baptised. Two nights later I received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues which the Bible says is the only way to know you have the Holy Spirit in you.

When I received the Holy Spirit the desire to smoke, drink and swear left me then and there and for the first time in ages I actually smiled because I was truly happy.

I think that having the desire to smoke and drink taken away from me was the greatest part of my testimony for me because it was my whole life back then, but getting my hair cut was amazing too because I had hair half a foot past my shoulders which is now respectably clean cut.

I owe God and Jesus all the praise ad glory in the world for what they have done in my life, I am truly grateful and happy that I have Him to look to in the hard times in my life and know He will take care of it all and be there for me when I need Him most.

David Fleetwood, Adelaide RF, Australia.

A testimony encourages all who hear it . . . so why not share yours with us?



Forsake not the Fellowship

JUNE

- Saturday 03 – FREE**
Friday 09 – Prayer Evening (E&P)
Saturday 10 – Outreach (P)
Saturday 17 – Wookey Hole Caves
Friday 23 – Prayer Evening (E&P)
**Saturday 24 – Outreach & Play –
'Yesterday, Today
& Forever' (Worthing)**

JULY

- Saturday 01 – CORFE CASTLE CAMP**
Friday 07 – Prayer Evening (E&P)
Saturday 08 – Outreach (E)
Friday 14 – Prayer Evening (P)
Saturday 15 – Outreach & Activity (P)
Saturday 22 – FREE
Friday 28 – Prayer Evening (E&P)
Saturday 29 – Prayer & Fast (E)

Revival Meetings in the South West (UK)

SUNDAYS at 2.00PM & 5.00PM

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

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