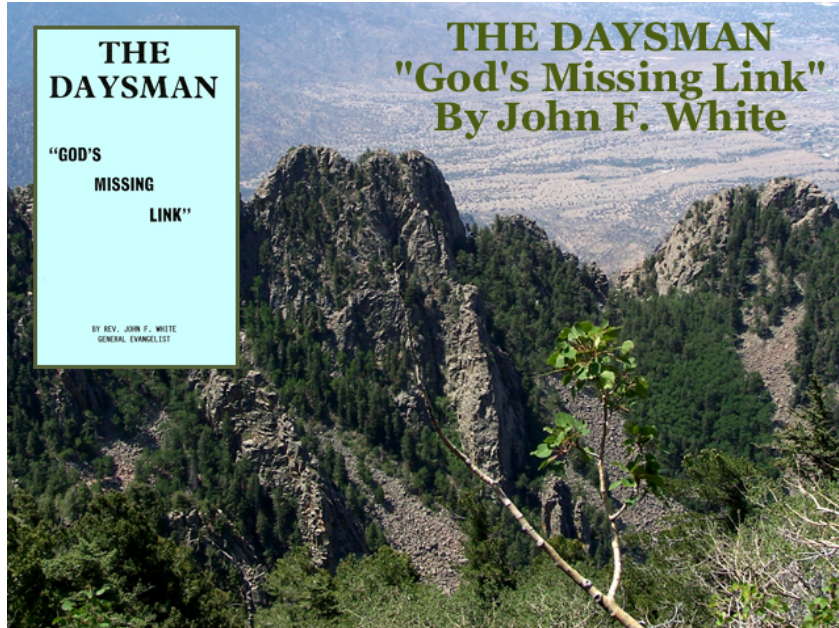


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DEDICATION

To our two grandsons, Brandon and Scott.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

It always makes a book more interesting to know something about the one who wrote it. Rev. John F. White was born in the coal region town of Mr. Carmel, Pennsylvania. Under the teaching of a godly mother and a good providing father he grew up to love and serve the Lord. He attended the local Holiness Christian church until after he graduated from Mr. Carmel High School in 1950. He began his pestering at the early age of seventeen in the small village of Quaake, Pennsylvania. He was only in the eleventh grade of high school education. He was ordained by his twenty-first birthday after completing his ministerial training at the denominational camp grounds at Syfert, Pennsylvania. Rev. White married the former Joyce Ann Smith in March 1958 while pastoring in Shamokin, Pennsylvania. To this union two sons were born, David John and James Richard. Both boys were born in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, where the Whites were pestering. After serving for a number of years in the pastorate, the White family felt the Lord leading them into full time evangelistic work. The boys were a great help in this work. They sang solos, duets, played many musical instruments and many times led the song services. Sister White also sang with the boys and her husband, and also played the saxophone with David. After nine years of evangelism, the Whites took a pastorate at Allenwood, Pennsylvania. Here both sons were married and God gave the family two wonderful daughters, Denise and Nancy. The writing of this book took place during the pastorate at Allenwood Church. At this time our first grandson was born to David and Denise. Already at an early age Scotty is quite a singer and his Papa's pride and joy. To him this book is dedicated and long after I am gone may he enjoy the witness of the Daysman. There have been many favorite aunts and family who have been a blessing to us, a good mother-in-law who helped in all the ways she could, the best of church people who prayed and backed us all the time, to all of them may this book be a special blessing as weT1. This book gives a very special invitation to all the unsaved to come to the Christ who loved them enough to leave Heaven for an old rugged cross. May all the results of this

book be to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the advancement of His kingdom.

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FOREWORD AND INTRODUCTION

Perhaps the greatest mystery known to man is that of the INCARNATION OF CHRIST JESUS. While many question His deity, others doubt His divine ministry, we in this book wish to present in simple language the truth of this One called Jesus to a sin darkened age. The purpose of this book is not for theology study but for the average layman's encouragement. We wish to present this truth in words that will bless, be easily understood, and in such a manner that even the youth can come to know this blessed truth. There is a missing link in many people's lives, an emptiness of soul. Christ is this missing link, the One that brings the full blessing of God to man. Through this book we hope to remove question and doubt to those weak in the faith. There is a satisfaction to know that through Christ God knows, feels, and understands me. To be a partaker of God's love, to be cleansed by His only begotten Son's blood, to have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. This brings a joy unspeakable and a peace that is beyond all understanding. The method of writing this book is not just study form, but a writing that also makes one feel as if they were those being written about. The Scriptural references are inserted after statements that are important to the doctrine. This book is not intended to be a story, for it is a reality. It is not to be a sermon, although the author has preached it many times at many places. It is a book that can be read in time of trouble to bring comfort, in time of joy to bring praise. The author prays that God will send His Spirit personally to each reader and open up the mind to the truth. This great message is one of the chief cornerstones of our belief. It is a foundation that can never be shaken. Throughout all of time and eternity our Lord Jesus shall reign as the Daysman, the God Man, and the great I Am.

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01 -- JOB'S ACCUSATION

"For He (God) is not a man, as I am, that I should answer Him, and we should come together in judgment. Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both." (Job 9:52-55).

Among the sons of men there is none that stands taller than Job. This man trusted, obeyed, and followed his God. So true was his faithfulness that God Himself permitted him to be tested by Satan like no other man has ever been. Many have testified for God, but Job was a man that God testified for. God, in a personal conversation with the Devil, (Job chapter I) proclaimed Job's fidelity. God in His perfect holiness, wisdom, and power, without hesitation asked the Devil, "When you traveled up and down throughout the earth, and saw the lives of men, Have you

considered my servant, Job?" Then the words of the Almighty ring clear in perfect confidence, "There is none like him in all the earth, one that is perfect and upright, one that feareth God and escheweth evil." God called Job perfect, this man Job was complete in his righteousness, his reverence, and his actions, there is no doubt that in God's mind Job, though a servant, stood for truth and against evil.

Satan was not to let this testimony go unchallenged. In evil boldness he responds to God by saying, "Doth Job fear God for naught? Hast Thou not made an hedge about him, his house, and all he has, and blessed his work, and his substance increased in the land?" What a testimony of God's love, care, and security for the true believer. Satan revealed in his words the protection of God for His own. He could not charge God with sin, nor could he bring personal accusation against his life. All Satan could do was affirm the blessings of God to this man and make a reflection on Job's faithfulness because of God's blessings he enjoyed. In this statement we can see the hand of God in the life of His own. He grants protection, prosperity, and security to all who lose their life in His will. Why then should believers doubt in time of testing, why should we grow discouraged in times of adversity? God in His infinite love is proving us to the enemy. The test is given by His permission, the test is limited to His instruction. We read that God will let nothing come upon us that is too hard for us to bear. Satan is a bound enemy and can only work at the consent of the Holy God.

God's faith in Job is proven in His granting Satan to cross the hedge that He has built around this saint. In the first part of the testing Satan can only touch the earthly materialistic part of Job. He destroys his herds and flocks, his houses and lands. All of these things are bound for destruction as nature takes its course. These things can not be taken by anyone into eternity. They are earthly and the earth passes away, so the loss, though it may hurt for a time, is not eternal.

The second part of the test is much deeper in its hurt and injury. For the very offspring of Job, his sons and daughters, are taken away. The loss of our loved ones is a tragedy that takes time to get over. The family tie is the greatest earthly tie man has. Many times the loss of a loved one plunges man into deep depression. Though man will eternally exist through the soul, we become attached to the earthly body. It is hard for us to realize that the body is only the shell man lives in. We touch the body, see the body, know the form, not the soul in this life. Death is an enemy, a dreaded foe which strikes without warning, separating, destroying, removing, hurting. But death is not the end, it is the entrance into an eternal existence. The poet said in his way of words, "From dust thou art, to dust returneth was not spoken of the soul." The grave is the keeping place of the body unto the resurrection. At the time of the resurrection the soul and body will be reunited. We do not live in heaven as spirits but with glorified bodies made like unto our Lord's. Job's reaction to all this echoes down through the years of time as a trumpet of victory, "Naked came I into this world, end naked will I go out. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord." The pain of personal loss could not persuade Job to quit. Job was not chained to his possessions, they did

not control him and dictate the terms of his life. So many today are bound to the possessions of life. So many claim their security in things that shall vanish away. The sorrow and tears caused by the loss of his family did not shake him to defeat. The Rock on which he stood did not quiver in the storm. His hope was built in the righteousness of God. He had stood the test not in the strength of man but in the faith of God. God knew Job would not fail, he was not taking a chance when He placed him on the testing block. Satan was defeated before he started. Job had a right to exercise his will, choose his way out, desert his stand, but God knew Job's heart was fixed on Him. Oh, that God could have this confidence in us. How easy we murmur, complain, withdraw, and forsake.

Satan was not satisfied with these results and returned a second time to the presence of God. Here he seeks a second undertaking to defeat this righteous man. Satan's plan this time was more personal. Satan was sure if he could touch the very body of this man, he would fall. In the words of the Devil in making his request to God we can see his evil desires. "Let me touch his flesh, for any man will protect his own flesh. Skin for skin, yea all that a man hath will he give for his life." (Job Chapter 2). God's trust in His servant Job did not waver. His confidence was not shaken, God knew this man would not fail. Job had something greater in his heart than any physical, mental, or emotional anguish could destroy. How far would God let Satan go in testing us? What trust does the Holy One have in us? It is true that God placed another limitation on Satan. This evil one could not take the life of this man of God. God will never permit Satan to take anything he cannot give. Satan in sin can give pleasure so God permitted him to take pleasure away. Satan can give earthly possessions, for in the testing of Christ in the wilderness he offered our Lord the kingdoms of this world, which he said were given unto him to give to those he chose (Mark). So the earthly possessions God permitted Satan to take from Job. But Satan cannot give life, only God can, so Satan could not take this man's life. Our life is in the hands of God and God alone. The Bible teaches us God has numbered our days, each day of the believer is ordered by the Lord. God renews His faithfulness every morning. The Devil's personal attack may be severe as it was on Job. He touched his body from head to foot causing him pain, suffering, and anguish. He took away from Job all comfort, relief, and cure for his affliction. The sores oozed with pus that smelled with stench. Job left his house and sat on the ash pile. When he walked, he hurt, when he sat, he hurt, when he lay, he hurt. He took the bone of an animal and scraped the oozing pus away from his body. In Job chapter nine he says even his own clothes abhorred him. When under this great pressure and suffering his wife comes to him with a suggestion, "Why don't you curse God and die?" Perhaps this woman's suggestion is not as hard as one is led to believe. Perhaps in death she felt he would find peace, ease from the pain. Death could remove the physical pain, but Job's faith went beyond the realm of the physical. His reply was one of hope and confidence. "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." What was death without God, but death with God was great reward. We must never forget that when in the valley of the shadow of death the promise is that the Shepherd's rod and staff would be with us to comfort us. We may all, if Jesus

does not return soon, go through the valley of the shadow, but none of us should ever go through it without the rod and the staff of the Shepherd.

Satan had failed again. Nothing could move this man of God. What an example Job is for us all. We can make it if we trust the Lord. Chapter two of the book of Job ends with this statement, "In all this Job sinned not nor charged God foolishly." Job retained his integrity. Job retained his faith. Job retained his relationship with the Almighty. He did nothing that promoted guilt, he said nothing that brought him shame or remorse. The Psalmist said in his writings, "Let the words of my mouth be acceptable unto Thee, O Lord." God hears all we say, Satan hears all we say, those of our fellowmen about us hear what we say. What we say many times is not a testimony of trust, but a witness of doubt. Words carry messages, thoughts, one to another. We will have to give an account of every idle word that comes out of our mouth. Our lips are to speak no guile. A man speaketh from the heart, the Lord told us. We need a revival fire that will purge the lips as did Isaiah's. We often become speakers of words that do not praise the Lord, but condemn Him.

After considering the events of the first and second chapters of this book of Job, it may be hard to understand the events of chapter nine. This chapter takes place after the accounts of Job's personal losses, the advice of his wife, and the railings of his would be comforting friends. Sitting alone, perhaps a bit discouraged, the following account takes place. He who refused to sin in the battle nor charge God foolishly now opens his mouth with words of accusation. In this chapter Job addresses God in these words. "If I wash my hands with snow water they cannot become clean. I am polluted by my affliction till I am as one cast into a ditch. My clothes are cleaner than I am and abhor me." (Verses 50 - 55). Then looking up to heaven Job cries out, "I am only a man... God, you have never been a man... I have no right to judge you. For there is no daysman between us, one who has his hand on both of us to intercede." The picture here is clear. God is holy, pure, righteous, and absolute perfection. Man is sinful, depraved, fallen, and guilty. God cannot destroy His holiness to come down and be reconciled with an unholy man. Man, in his sin, cannot come into the presence of God's purity. In Job's time it is true God never was born as a man, never lived as a man among men. God never suffered the pains of the flesh, never faced death. God had never been personally under the attack of the devil. God, who is perfect in all His ways, remained perfect forever. Man in the fall fell from the perfection of creation. A void, a gap, a deep chasm developed between God and man. There was a missing link between God and man. God could not deny this so Job was not charging Him foolishly. The chain was broken by Adam's fall in the Garden between God and man. There was no personal advocate to fill the void. Job had touched God in the one place God had not yet manifested His plan of deliverance. Job had knowledge of the promise God made to Adam in the Garden. The promise of a Saviour for fallen man (Genesis 3). By faith this man of God looked forward to the coming of this Holy One promised by the Father. How awful would be our plight if we sat where Job sat. But thanks be to a holy, loving

God, we do not face this position. God honored Job's faith and blessed his end with greater prosperity than his beginning. He gained more than he lost. When we seek first the kingdom of God and all His righteousness, God will add all we need unto us. God continued on with His plan of salvation, to fill the void, to make up the gap that Job spoke about. God in His own time supplied the missing link. In the Gospel of John chapter one we read, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among man." This word is revealed as God Himself. "The Word was with God and the Word was God." As we continue to read in the next chapter about God's answer to Job, our hearts abound with joy and praise to a loving God who gave us all, that we may be made His sons and dwell with Him in His heaven for eternity. Salvation is not just a time of giving up, but a time of getting. Getting more than we ever lose.

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02 -- GOD ANSWERS JOB

God's answer to Job's accusation came many years later. In John 1:14 we read, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." The term "Word" here is not the written Scriptures, but it is Christ Himself. John bypasses the birth of Christ as told by Matthew, Mark and Luke. He does not give the account of the Lord's birth in the Bethlehem manger but reveals to us the eternal existence of our Lord. In John 1:1 we read, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." In Revelation 5:4, John again states that, "Christ is the beginning of the creation of God." Paul in Colossians 1:15 adds that "Christ was the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature." Before there was a heaven and earth there was a Christ. God said in Genesis one, "Let us make man in our image." John says in John 1:5, "All things were made by Him (Christ the Word) and without Him was not anything made that was made." Then in verse fourteen John said, "This Word that was God and is God from the beginning, became flesh and dwelt among men." Jesus laid aside all His heavenly glory and took on the flesh of man. He said goodbye to the Father and His throne and came to a manger in Bethlehem. He humbled Himself to become lower than the angels (Hebrews), born of a virgin (Luke 1) the gift of a loving God to a perishing world. (John 5:16). Christ was the first Christmas Gift, wrapped not in fancy ribbons and colored paper, but in the flesh of man. A body that would hunger, thirst, get weary, need sleep, suffer, bleed and die. Christ would live in want, loneliness, forsaken, despised, rejected, tempted, and crucified. He would feel sorrow, weep tears, (John 11:35) cry out in thirst, give up the ghost of life and be buried in the earth. Yet in all this He would remain sinless, keep true to His mission, preach truth, and deliver fallen man from sin. In His last earthly hours before death He was faithful to God and man. Cried for forgiveness of His murderers, took care of His mother Mary, saved a thief and promised him an eternal meeting in paradise, and died in confidence yielding His spirit into the Father's hands.

Even though Christ was God He was also man. He who never knew sin or had sin, took on the sin of the whole world. He that was the life of men took on Himself

death. Christ became all things for us. The only acceptable sacrifice for sin is the Lamb of God, the great High Priest, the Advocate and personal Intercessor sitting at the right hand of the Father. He died as a condemned sinner, dies crying out, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me." All other times He addressed God as Father, but not this time. He was forsaken but remembered. He cried out in victory, "It is finished" and opened wide the fountain of blood for the soul unclean. He conquered sin, flesh, and the devil on the cross. In His resurrection He conquered death and the grave. His ascension gave us a personal representative in the very presence of God. He is now the Daysman, the MISSING LINK that Job cried out for. He is the Bridegroom of the Church, the King of Kings, the Everlasting Father. As the Alpha and Omega He has eternal existence, holding the keys of death and hell in His hand, He is the great Emancipator. While on earth He walked and talked with man. He honored God as the faithful witness. He proclaimed the love of God, the judgment of God, and the perfection of God. He cried out against the sin of the world, healed the sickness of sin, and controlled demons and nature. He revealed the beauties of heaven and the torments of hell. His glory was not physical, in His flesh, for He was uncomely, without beauty (Isaiah 53). Yet He glorified the Father, beautified the meek with salvation and defeated the Devil (John 17).

God answered Job's accusation by sending His only begotten Son, the Prince of Glory, the Heir to all things, to be a man, live like a man yet retain His divinity. He never sought His own, but did the Father's will. He never sought personal glory but honored the Father by prayer and blessings in all His great miracles. He was rejected by His own people (John 1:10) and was not recognized by the world He created (John 1:11). Yet He was the Light of the World, the Lily of the Valley, the Rose of Sharon, the Altogether Lovely, the Fairest among ten thousands. He is the Bread of Life, the Living Water, the Great I Am. God's own blood flowed through His veins as the Holy Ghost fathered Him (Luke 1). He seeks the lost sheep, welcomes the prodigal sons home, and causes angels to rejoice in the presence of the Father (Luke 15). He is the answer to all problems, the hope of all saints, the deliverance to every sinner. Yet in His resurrection and ascension He retained the body of man. He bears the nail prints and wounds in heaven and they that pierced Him shall behold His wounded side (Revelation 1:7). In retaining the body of man in His eternal state He saw the Daysman as the missing link and the glorious hope. For when He returns we shall see Him and be like Him (1 John 1:3) and our bodies shall be changed to the likeness of His glorious body (Philippians 3:29). In Him we regain our image of God lost in the fall. He shall unite mankind in a relationship that has neither male or female, Jew or Greek (Matthew 12:25). Yet we shall know each other as the Jews would know Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and see them sitting in the kingdom of God. The eternal body of man would be much like the earthly as seen in Luke 16 for the rich man in hell had eyes to see, lips to taste: a mind to remember, and ears to hear. How much more blessed will be the bodies of the saints in His eternal kingdom. Christ went back to the Father in human likeness and will come again as we have seen Him go (Acts 1). Gone to prepare a place for us so we can be with Him forever (Acts 1:14). He never took off His human flesh and likeness. He is the God Man, the Daysman, the Missing Link between God and man.

The blessing that comes to each believer in this answer to Job's accusation can only be realized in the teachings of Christ, the Daysman. Jesus, while on earth in the flesh, taught men of flesh some wonderful truths. If we could take these truths and make them realities in our daily life, how happy our earthly existence would be. Jesus, the Creator of all things, takes creation to express to us the protection of the Father to His own. Christ spoke of the sparrow and how the Father saw its fall. Then He spoke of the lilies of the field and their beauty. How they worked not for their keep but God kept them. The Lord talked of one of the smallest things a man possesses, his hair, and said not one hair fell that the Father did not know of, for He had all the hairs of our head counted. He said if we had faith like a grain of mustard seed. Not quantity but quality. We could say to yonder mountain be removed into the sea and it would move. Then He said to believers, "If you ask anything in My name in faith believing, it will be done unto you." Christ spoke of wicked men giving gifts to their children and how much more God would give to His children if they ask. When we sit on the ash heap as Job did we have a Comforter who Christ had the Father send in His name to comfort us. Not an outward comfort but an inward possession for He is in us, as well as with us.

The Daysman gave His personal promise, "I will not leave thee nor forsake thee, but go with you to the end of the world" (age). While sitting at the right hand of God, He takes one hand and touches the Father and one hand and touches us and makes a contact we never had before. The songwriter (J. H. Gilmore) put our attitude of heart in troubled times into words of true faith.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine
And never murmur nor repine.
Content whatever lot I see,
For 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Let us take courage; a light shines in the dark, a hope reaches in the gloom, an ear hears in the strife, an eye sees in the storm, a hand reaches in the battle, and a Daysman lives forevermore. The missing link is not missing anymore. Our contact with God is in Christ. Jesus said in John 14, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." But we have Him. He said, "I am the door of the sheepfold." Yes, we have a door. We have an Advocate, an Intercessor, a God that became man and lived as we live, dwelled among us, bore our flesh, and was victorious. Just as God testified to Satan for Job, Christ testifies for His own. He said in John 14, "All Mine are Thine. Glorify Me in them." God heard Job, God answered Job. Job's faith and righteousness brought to us victory promised by the Father Himself. The angels sang to the shepherds that first Christmas night, "For unto you is born a Saviour(Deliverer) which is Christ the Lord."

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While the writer John deals with God's answer to Job, Luke gives us a record of how this answer came to pass. In Luke chapter one we have the revelation of the conception of Christ. Gabriel, the chief messenger of heaven, comes to the little town of Nazareth in Galilee to a virgin named Mary. This young woman is engaged to a man named Joseph who is of the lineage of David. The message Gabriel brought to Mary was unusual and important. First he relates her status with God. Thou art highly favored. Truly this was a great bestowment on this maid. She was to be called blessed of all generations. Her faithfulness, purity, and simplicity were no doubt part of her qualifications for such a high honor. Her position in this miracle was then revealed. She was to become the handmaid of the Lord. The action in this great event was divine. There was to be no humanity in it. She would be overshadowed by the Holy Ghost. Her possession was to be the greatest of all possessions. She would conceive in her womb that which was to be called the Son of God.

In this union between God through the Holy Spirit and man in Mary, the great incarnation of Christ would take place. Mary would supply the child with a physical earthly body, the Spirit would supply Him with the very blood of God. He, therefore, would be sinless, untouched by the fall, human and yet divine. Mary was the fulfillment of Genesis 3:15. There were many things spoken about the Child to be born. It would be a son. Through man all sin was passed on, through Christ redemption from sin is attainable. Paul said, "In Adam all die, in Christ are all men made alive." In Bible times only the first male child born was the heir. Christ is the heir of God unto all things. We in Christ become joint-heirs unto God in all things. The Virgin's Son would be of the house of David, the root of Jesse, the ruler of the house of Jacob. His kingdom would have no end. God invested His greatest possession into the flesh of man. He placed His Only Begotten in the hands of a virgin maid and a foster father, Joseph. Man was given care of the Son of God. What a trust God placed in man. He that was Almighty to become bound in the flesh of weak humanity. He that ruled heaven to become subject to earthly parents. He that made man in the beginning to become part of the creation He brought into existence. To become confined to the body of a helpless baby.

It is true the Holy Ghost would have a great part in the earthly life of the Lord. He would bring Him into existence. He would come on Him as a witness in His baptism in Jordan (form of a dove). He would lead Him into the wilderness to be tempted of the Devil. He would bless His ministry, empower Him and preserve Him for eternity. On the other hand, the charge that was given to Mary the virgin was she would bear Him, bring Him to birth, nurse Him, care for Him. The charge given unto Joseph was he would protect Him, train Him and instruct Him in earthly life. This Holy Child was the Messiah of Israel, the Savior of mankind, the great Shepherd of the flock of God, the Bridegroom of the true church, the High Priest after the order of Melchisedec, the Prince of Glory, the Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, King of kings, Lord of lords, and the Bright and Morning Star.

Even at the age of twelve, Christ wanted to be about His Father's business (Luke 2:41-52). How did He feel when He went down to Nazareth and worked in a lowly carpenter's shop? Sure, He may have made chairs and tables, but He was the Creator of the world. He created the very wood He used to make things with. How did He feel when He remained subject unto Mary and Joseph when He knew there would come a day when all knees would bow down before Him? The Bible said He grew in wisdom and stature, He grew in favor with God and man. Christ endured all these things for you and me. He came to do the Father's will. He had no will of His own on earth, but exercised only the Father's will. He never became disobedient to the Father. He was working out the plan of salvation which was put into operation before the foundations of the world. Why should we not love Him with all our heart? Why should we not give Him all we have? Why should we not deny ourselves for Him? He has done so much for us, given so much to use provided so much for us. We owe Him a debt we can never repay. He left all that we might have all for eternity. His love for us was not in words but in deeds. He had compassion on the multitudes. He not only supplied spiritual needs, but human needs. He fed the hungry with five loaves and three fishes. He stilled the waters of the sea when men feared. He stopped the funeral train of a widow's son and restored the son to his mother. He wept with Mary and Martha over the death of Lazarus. He likened Himself to a shepherd that left the ninety and nine just (angels of heaven) and came to earth (the wilderness) seeking the one lost sheep (man). Yes, God now knows in Christ how man feels, what he goes through, what it is to dwell in flesh. He suffered hatred, endured sorrow, went through loneliness. He had no place to lay His head, no place to call home. He knew poverty, had to borrow a ship or a donkey to travel on and in. He was accused, called evil names, betrayed, denied, and doubted. All the things we face from day to day, He faced. Not that He had to, but because He wanted to. He willingly became the Daysman, the Missing Link between God and man. God is a spirit but in Christ, God is a person. Jesus said, "IF ye have seen Me, ye have seen the Father for I and the Father are one" (John 14). He give us grace for every trial, strength for every test, and beauty for ashes. The old songwriter said, "Thou thinkest Lord of me. Why need I fear when Thou art near, Thou thinkest Lord of Me." As He sits at the right hand of the Father, He remembers His days on earth. He knows the frailty of the flesh. He understands our weakness. Just as Job of old sat forsaken, stripped of all he had, ridiculed by his friends, Christ hung all alone on Calvary's cross. He could have called ten thousand angels but choose to die alone.

Yes, the Virgin's Son grew up as a man on earth. He often felt the sting of His virgin birth by those who hated Him calling Him a bastard child born out of wedlock. His own earthly kin disowned His divinity and hindered His ministry. The Virgin's Son was mocked, railed on, spit on, stripped and shamed, revealing His earthly body to the eyes of lustful man. Down through the years He has been cursed and blasphemed. He told His faithful they will smite the Shepherd and scatter the sheep. If they did all this to the Holy One of God, what do we expect them to do unto us? But if we take away His virgin birth, we take away all our salvation. If Christ were not born of a virgin, He was a man as we are and cannot save. Our blood is under

the curse and passes on sin. God's blood is the only blood that is sinless. Since all the blood in a child comes from the father, if Joseph fathered Christ then He was a sinner. But since the Spirit fathered Him He is sinless. Through that same cleansing blood we can be born again and made sinless. As the Spirit conceived in Mary the Holy Christ, the Spirit conceives in us the spiritual life. Jesus said, "He that is born of the flesh is flesh, but he that is born of the Spirit is Spirit" (John 3). In John chapter one, verses twelve and thirteen we read, "But as many as receive Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even them that believe on His name which were born not of the blood (of man) nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." The Virgin's Son became the Missing Link between God and man. He is the Daysman that Job cried out about before God while on the ash heap. Thank God for Job's faith. Thank God for God's gift. Thank God for Christ's life. We can make it if we go ahead in Christ. We must be lost in Him. Crucified unto the world but alive unto Christ. The end will be far more glorious than even the beginning. How wonderful it was to be saved and filled with the Spirit. But it's better on ahead. The Virgin's Son still lives and reigns forever. His kingdom has not ended, it has not been defeated. We can reign with Him in His glory some day not too far into the future, take courage and press on for the victory is almost won. With Jesus we shall win.

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04 -- THE MAN FROM NAZARETH

Matthew takes up the history of the Virgin's Son by telling us that after Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to worship Him. After their departure, Joseph was warned in a dream that the Christ Child was in danger and to flee with Him down into Egypt. So Joseph took the child and His Mother and went down into Egypt. It seems strange that this country that had been enemy to the Jews for so long became the refuge for the Savior. God does work in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. He did the same thing in the days of Joseph of old making him the governor before the great famine came. In these last days Egypt again will play a very important role in the coming of our Lord. After a period of time in which King Herod died, Joseph again was given a dream. This time the Lord instructed him to return to his home in Nazareth of Galilee. This again was a fulfillment of the Scriptures that Christ might be called a Nazarene (Matthew 2:23). It was here the young child Jesus grew up. Working in the carpenter shop, being instructed at the Local Jewish house of worship, and being subject to His earthly parents, the Boy grew in wisdom and stature.

If we follow the earthly footsteps of our Lord, we can see that He met with much opposition. He was true to His mission and faithful to His Father though often sought after to be destroyed. Jesus' earthly life was one filled with help to others, telling the good news of the kingdom of God. From the first account of His questioning the doctors at the Feast in the temple of Jerusalem He was about His Father's business. At the age of thirty when Jewish young men came of age, He was

baptized of John, His earthly cousin, in the river of Jordan. Here the Trinity is seen together in a special way. Jesus, the Son, is baptized in the river. The Father speaks from the heavens and the Holy Ghost in the form of a dove comes down and sits on the Son (John 1). After this the Lord is led of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of Satan (Matthew 4). The second Adam (Christ) who is the new head of the family of man does not fall to the temptation and comes out of the wilderness victorious. You will note that John states in his first letter (I John 2:15-16) that all that is in the world is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. The earth and its lust pass away. Every man is tempted by Satan in this way. Christ was no exception. For the lust of the flesh He was asked to change stones into bread. For the lust of the eye He was shown the cities of the world and promised their possessions, and for the pride of life He was asked to fulfill the Scriptures about casting Himself off the temple and seeing if the angels would come and take care of Him. He did not fail to any of Satan's traps, neither do we have to. Temptations will come but we do not have to yield to them. It is not the temptation that is sin, but the yielding.

Some of the hardest opposition Christ met in His earthly ministry came from His half-brothers and family (Matthew 13:58). Going back to Nazareth He could do no great works among them because of their unbelief. How great was this unbelief we do not know, neither how long it lasted. For James and Jude, His half-brothers, did become believers later on after His resurrection. In our life many of the sorrows we will encounter will be from our loved ones. Jesus said a man's foes will be of his own household. They who know us in the flesh the best. This is to be expected for our families know us as men. Each pastor has felt this onslaught. To the church, he is the man of God, to his own, he is a man. Many pastor's wives find it hard to see that their husbands, who are just human, are God's chosen vessels. To be the Missing Link and the Daysman, Christ had to overcome even the personal things of earthly life. Parents that discipline their children will be questioned about their spirituality. They may be called carnal at times and sometimes perhaps they are, but time and years does help take care of this even as it did in the life of our Lord. He simply just moved out of town and continued on in His ministry. There are times we must just carry on unheeded and unassisted by the ones we love the most. We sing, "If nobody will go with me, I won't turn back, I won't turn back."

The religious leaders of the church hurt Him much. They belittled His teachings, accused Him of His authority, and denied His divinity. They stirred up the crowd to demand His crucifixion. Jesus dealt straight forward with the Scribes and Pharisees. He never condemned a sinner. The woman at the well, the tax collector in the tree, the woman caught in the act of adultery; all were forgiven and sent away blessed. Yet the religious leaders He did condemn, and called them snakes, revealing their dangerous living. There are many times a true saint will have to face the so-called elite of the church.

The real prayer, the spiritual one is often accused of being the troublemaker because of their stand against sin. They smote the Shepherd and they will also the

sheep. But rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is your reward in heaven. When you are clear with God and know all is well, harmless and blameless the sons of God with a conscience void of offence toward God and man, be blessed in persecution. Cast out and off by the church, our Lord never deviated from His goal. He went forward toward the cross with the blessing of His Father which sent Him. If we could learn the lesson of leaving things we can do nothing about in the Father's hands, we would be blessed more often. When we take it on to fight with carnal weapons: letters, special board meetings, telephone calls; this is when we loose the fight. But if we glorify God in all we do we shall come out right. Christ made earthly friends, stayed in their homes, shared their sorrows. He was devoted to the brother and two sisters in Bethany. He had His twelve disciples and His inner circle of Peter, James, and John. He found them asleep in the garden in His darkest hour, but did not fail them. He ate with men like a man, rested by the well side like a man weary from His traveling (John 4).

Many folks feel that to be spiritual one must be isolated from sinners. But Christ ate with sinners, came to call them to repentance but never partook of their sins. We are to be separated from unbelievers, Paul writes, but if you look at it closely it referred to religious unbelievers who worshipped falsely. We are not to be unequally yoked with the world, but that means to be bound up or put in harness and to work together in the world workings. The Man from Nazareth was a friend to all that needed a friend. God's people must be friendly and friends to win the lost. To win a soul one must first win the person to himself. Too many believers turn people off when they should be turning them on. The Bible says, "If our light is hid, it is hid to them that are lost." The Man from Nazareth was limited to the body of a man. He could only be at one place at a time just as we. He felt the strain of the flesh, the aches and pains of the weary bones, yet He never gave us His divinity to the flesh.

Our Lord's path led through enemy territory. The Jews and the Samaritans were long time enemies, but He came to reconcile and bridge the gaps. Jesus said we are to be peacemakers. Too many times many that profess are troublemakers. God help us to bridge the gaps we find and make of them hedges, not tear them down. His path led through Jericho, a wicked city. The pathway down from Jerusalem, the holy city, to this wicked city was a dangerous one where the Good Samaritan did his work. In this city of sin He healed the blind, saved the thief (tax collector) and spread the Gospel news. We may be called to unpleasant places but if we go with the desire to win and help and not condemn, we will make it as our Lord did. Christ in His teachings knew how to deal with the spiritual over the physical. Being the Divine Son of God and the Son of Man in the flesh, He could reveal this truth to us in a new way. He told us not to fear those that would kill the body, but He that could punish the soul in hell. He said as much as we valued an eye, foot, or hand, it was better to go into heaven without one of them than into hell with both of them. So many times we value the body over the soul and this is wrong. We spend more time caring for the body than the soul. When the body is

hungry we feed it, when tired we rest it, but the soul hungers and thirsts for righteousness and never is fed.

The humiliation that our Lord felt during His short stay on earth in the flesh of a man can be clearly seen in the Gospels. When returning to His home city of Nazareth and suffering the unbelief among His own earthly family, He says, "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country." The lack of faith Jesus found among His brethren was a deep hurt to Him. We often feel this wound in our earthly life. Those we love the best often hurt us the most. Jesus said in another place a man's foes will be of his own household. Even on the day of His great triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem, after all His miracles, teachings, and wonders, some standing in the crowds that lined the streets asked, "Who is this?" (Matthew 21:10). His earthly status was then repeated by others, "This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee." His divinity was denied. He was just a man to many of them.

Among His own circle of disciples He faced man problems. The inner circle in the garden, Peter, James, and John fell asleep in the hour He needed them most, James and John caused trouble over seeking the better seats in the kingdom of heaven, and Thomas doubted His resurrection. Much is to be said of Judas and his outright betrayal of the Lord. We must always remember that in the time of the trial of our Lord He never said He was King of the Jews but answered when asked this question, "Thou sayest I am." But when He was asked if He was the Son of God He never denied it. For this He was accused of blasphemy. Yes, the Man from Nazareth who was the Son of God and willingly became the Son of Men, suffered many things while in the flesh. In Isaiah 53 we read, "He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. We hid as it were our faces from Him. He was despised and we esteemed Him not."

His glory was never in His flesh for again in the same chapter the prophet said, "He hath no form or comeliness, there is no beauty that we should desire Him." His glory was in His truth and grace. For the law came by Moses but truth and grace by Jesus (John 1:17). Yes, Jesus the Man from Nazareth is the Son of the Living God. Jesus talked about gaining the whole world and losing one's soul. What could we give in exchange for our soul? Think of the many things of this earth some folk gain and for this gain give up their souls for eternity. The Man of Nazareth never denied that He was physical. After His death and resurrection, to prove His flesh He ate fish, He asked Thomas to put his finger into His nail prints in His hands. Christ being the firstfruit of them that slept came forth in a glorified resurrected body. He said, "I am not a spirit for doth a spirit have flesh and bones?" But Christ did provide for the body in His resurrection. Mortal must put on immortality and corruption must put on incorruption (I Corinthians 15:53-54). The Daysman carried His body of flesh made in the likeness of man to the intercessional seat at the right hand of the Father. Christ will always be identified with man as well as with God. He is one of us and makes us one of God. Just as the first Adam in creation was put to sleep in the garden and had his side opened and

out of it taken a bone which came forth and was made into his bride. The second Adam also brought forth from His side on the cross, blood and water. In this blood and water the new bride, the Church, comes forth to live and reign with Him.

Let us in conclusion of this chapter look at the terms the Bible uses to reveal to us the Daysman. In Philippians 2:6 we read that Christ in the flesh counted it not robbery to be equal to God. Did He not say the Father and I are one? In Colossians 2:9 we read that all the fulness of the Godhead dwelleth in Him. He was not limited in the flesh concerning His divinity. He made the way to the Father and became that way (John 14). He prayed to the Father and the Father sent the Comforter in His name (John 15). He is the true vine making His disciples the branches (John 15). Christ is not just a great teacher, a great prophet, a priest, but He is God Himself. When you are afflicted, persecuted, sorrowful, in pain, remember He sits at the right hand of the Father to make intercession for you. He reaches out to God and to you. He has broken down the middle wall and partition. He has spanned the gap. He is the Missing Link, the Daysman. The Man from Nazareth. The Virgin's Son.

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05 -- THE GOD MAN

John, in the first chapter of Revelation (1:4-6), gives to us a wonderful picture of this Daysman. The responsibility placed on Him has never been equaled by anyone else. He has a two-fold obligation. One to His Father, God, and the other to His fellowman. Christ can never deny His relationship to God. He is the only Savior of the world. In His obedience to God and the fulfillment of His will, He has right to the eternal kingdom's throne. This throne is to be in the Holy City, the New Jerusalem (Revelation 22). His duty to man is to bring salvation and freedom from sin to all who believe on His name (John 5:16). The position of Christ as the God man in relationship to God is seen very clearly in this passage. John refers to the Daysman as Jesus Christ. Now Jesus was the Lord's earthly name given by the angel to Mary and Joseph. It is a form of the Old Testament word "Joshua" which means "deliverer." The word Christ is the name of our Lord which means "anointed one." Jesus asked Peter who men said He was. Peter answered, "Some say a prophet and others Elias, Then Jesus said, Who do you say I am? And Peter answered, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus then told Peter that flesh and blood or man had not revealed this to him, but God, the Father Himself. So John putting them both together again affirms the position of Jesus as the God Man (Matthew 16:16). John then goes on to give us three important responsibilities Christ has to God. First, He is the faithful witness. Now a witness must have firsthand personal evidence to offer. Jesus, being with God and being God, would have such evidence to give. Our Lord was faithful in giving this evidence concerning God. For three and one-half years Jesus witnessed to the love of the Father. God's love is revealed in nature, God's love is revealed in blessings, God's love is revealed in faithfulness. The rain that cometh upon the just and the unjust. The rainbow that comes after the violent storm, the sunrise and the sunset

that regulates the day. The sending of the prophets to man to warn of things to come. Then our Lord gave evidence of God's perfection. Telling man to be perfect even as the Father in heaven is perfect. Man is imperfect (incomplete in sin), only God can make man whole. The soundness of nature, the sureness of eternity all reveal the perfection of God. Then He gave evidence of God's wrath and warned men to flee from it. The plagues of Egypt, the flood in Noah's day, the fire on Sodom, the earthquake at Christ's death, all are witnesses of the wrath of God. We are warned it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Secondly, Christ was the first begotten of the dead. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the Life (John 11). Christ is the victor over man's most feared enemy, death. Christ is eternal, the first and the Last, the beginning and the ending. As His body lay in the tomb, His spirit descended into hell and took the keys of death and hell from Satan. He freed those that were captive, Leading them to His Father in freedom (Old Testament saints in Paradise). But the Spirit of God that gave Him earthly life did not leave Him in the grave but brought Him forth (Romans 8:11). Because He lives we shall also live. My friends, when you said goodbye to your loved one or friend, if they died in Christ it was not the end. There will be a meeting with them again when Jesus comes back. You last saw many of them suffering but they will suffer no more. Some were Legless, blind, deaf, but they will be whole on that resurrection morning, fears will be gone, pain will be banished forever. In Revelation chapter five John saw Christ before the throne of God as a Lamb slain, not lying in death, but standing in life. On His head were seven horns and they represent the seven victories Christ has accomplished. Victory over sin, death, hell, the earth, Satan, Anti-Christ, Anti-Spirit. No wonder they sang a new song unto Him, saying worthy is the Lamb. For truly He is worthy. We can cry out with Paul, "Death, where is thy sting or grave, where is thy victory?" Christ has given man eternal life. Life without death for eternity. Life that begins at Calvary. He is the Daysman, the Missing Link that crosses the great divide and links a believer's life on earth with heaven. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, the Spirit says. The empty cross, the empty tomb, reveal the surety of the Lord's coming soon.

The third responsibility resting on Christ as the God Man is that He is to be King of kings of all the earth. Jesus is to sit on David's throne. He is to rule the nations of the world with a rod of iron (Revelation 19). His kingdom shall have no end (Luke 1). They sang in heaven a song saying all the kingdoms of the world or earth are God's. This will be a kingdom of peace without war. A kingdom of peace without strife as the Lion and the Lamb lie down together. A kingdom without fear as children play on the very nest of poisonous snakes, the asp. True believers are to reign with Him in this kingdom. The holiness hated so much today will be the trademark of this new age. Holiness on the horse's bridles and on the pots and the pans. Children shall be young at a hundred years of age. Satan will be bound in the pit and there shall be no tempter. The God Man will have charge of the universe. Paul said, "If we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him." Oh, the suffering of this time will seem so small in that day. Our Lord is truly the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

At this time John then takes up the responsibilities of Christ to man. In verse five John states the first charge, "Unto Him that loved us." I am sure that I could never in such a short book describe or declare the love of our Lord for man. Christ's love for man is beyond all understanding. The Bible tries to tell us about this love in several statements. We read that Christ loved us before we knew Him. This statement can be defined several ways. Our Lord loved us before we were believers. Our Lord loved us before we were even born into this world. Our Lord loved us with an everlasting love. His love for us is seen in His actions. He was willing to leave heaven and God the Father and the angelic host to come to earth. He loved us enough to take on our earthly flesh, life, and existence. He loved us enough to take on our sin even though He was sinless. Christ loved us enough to take our place in death on the cross. Our Lord went to hell and took the keys of death and hell from Satan.

The love of Christ is not only seen in His acts but in His words. In John 14 He speaks of going away to prepare us a place so we could be with Him. In John 1? He speaks of wanting us to be with Him to see His glory. In John He likened Himself unto a shepherd that laid down his life for his sheep. When the multitude was hungry and the disciples would have sent them away to find food, He said He did not want this, "They need not go away." In these words of love He shows concern for they were a weary people. In the words spoken at many of the healings He performed, we see His love. In His forgiveness of evildoers He revealed love in such statements as, "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." His rebuke of His disciples, when the children came unto Him, reveals His love. "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not." He had time for everyone at any time. He has time for us today in our tests and trials and needs. His words on the cross revealed divine love, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." When Mary stood weeping before the empty tomb His words of love rang forth in calling her by name. When He said, "Mary" she fell at His feet. His love is revealed in His promises to His own, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." A constant companion to the end of time. "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Love in sharing our load and bearing our cross. The personal promise of His return, "I will come again" reveals true love. He is not selfish in His plans but is willing to share all heaven with His own. The old songwriter of the church said it all in words we can never put it into, "Jesus, Lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly." When we are weary we have a loving Savior to cheer us. When we are afflicted, we have a healing Savior to heal us. When we are in trouble, we have a living Savior to deliver us.

The second charge John gave in relationship to Christ's responsibility to man as the God Man is in the same verse, "He washed us with His own blood." Since the life is in the blood, it took blood to give us life (Leviticus 17:11). God has always demanded a blood sacrifice since the beginning. We see this in the offerings of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4). Cain's sacrifice was not accepted because it contained no blood. He gave his best, but man's best is not enough. None of us are saved by

works, or deeds, not even by our Christian standards, it takes the blood of Christ to redeem us from sin. In shedding His blood on Calvary's cross, Christ surrendered His life. Just as the lamb in the Old Testament gave his life, our Lord, the Lamb of God, also had to. Christ as the Lamb of God was innocent of any sin, the substitute for man, the only acceptable sacrifice for sin. The blood of Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all unrighteousness (I John I). Though our sins be as scarlet they shall be like wool (Isaiah 1:18). The songwriter said in his wonderful Gospel song, "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the Blood of Jesus." The blood of our Lord gives security in time and eternity. Satan hates the blood of Christ, modernists deny it but saints exalt it for we overcome by the words of our testimony and the blood of the Lamb. In Revelation all ransomed sinners of Adam's race stand before the throne because of the blood. The blood is our transport into the kingdom of God. The blood saves (delivers) from actual sins, cleanses from inbred sin, and keeps the true believer from sinning. Without the blood of Christ we are all lost and damned for hell. Men can strip your garments but they cannot strip you of the blood that covers your soul. To deny the blood is to deny the Christ. We need to sing, preach, and testify more about the blood. We need to raise high the bloodstained banner of King Emmanuel. Christ's love without the blood would be in vain. When God looks on the hearts of men He looks for the blood. The only thing that can hide our sins from God is the blood. How powerful the blood is, for God can see all things, all places, at all times, but He cannot see our sins when they are covered by the blood. The blood can set the vilest sinner free from the vilest habit of sin. The blood is all our plea. We have no hope without it, no life without it, no heaven without it. Of all things man can possess, none is greater than the blood covering on his heart for sin. Make sure the blood is applied for when the Lord's judgment and wrath are outpoured, only those covered by the blood will escape. In Egypt in the last plague, the blood was the only escape. Without the blood there is eternal death. Religion without Christ is invalid. Salvation without the blood is in vain.

The third charge John makes concerning Christ, the God Man's responsibility to man is in verse six, "And has made us kings and priests unto God His Father." There are two exalted positions given here. First, let us consider the term "King." This first speaks of royalty. John teaches us in his first letter, we are now the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be. Down through the years we have sung, "I'm a child of the King" but John teaches us here we shall be kings. Second, we must consider that kings have kingdoms to rule over. So does every true believer in Christ. The kingdom at present is within us, but there is a time when in the reign of our Lord we shall rule with Him. This is promised to several of the churches in Revelation chapters two and three. The twelve disciples shall sit on thrones ruling over the twelve tribes of Israel, but we shall reign over the Gentile nations. Revelation 2:6 says, "To him that overcometh and keepeth My words unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations." Thirdly, kings have riches and treasures. So does the believer in Christ. Our treasures are laid up where rust cannot corrupt, moths cannot eat nor thieves steal away (Matthew). Daniel said (12:3), "We shall shine like the stars of the sky in His kingdom." Jesus told Peter that anyone that gave up houses and lands in this world would have treasures in

heaven that fadeth not away. The very city of God, in which the Bride of the Lamb, the true Church dwells, is filled with treasures. Gold streets, pearly gates, foundations and walls filled with precious jewels. Do not let Satan tell you that it costs too much to go the straight and narrow way for heaven has riches for us that we can never know down here. When earthly kingdoms pass away the kingdom of the saints will live on forever. When earthly riches lose their value the jewels of the saints will glow in the luster of the light of heaven forever. We have a choice to make and it is a costly one. We can have the treasures of time or the treasures of eternity, but we cannot have both. We will leave all the treasures of time behind at the grave, but the treasures of eternity will be awaiting the true believer on the other side.

Yes, Christ has made us kings. He has taken the pauper, the beggars of time and given riches forevermore. No saint ever enters heaven a pauper. He may leave this world as one, but his entrance into the Kingdom is a rich one. I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world has to offer. I count all things but loss for Christ. I gave Him my sin, sorrow, shame, and woe. He gave me life, peace and joy, a home in heaven and made me a king unto His Father God. What a bargain. It pays to take the Bible way.

The second part of this obligation to man is that Christ not only makes us kings but priests unto God His Father. This is a great responsibility placed on each one of us. It is greater than that of being a king. A priest stands between man and God representing his fellowman. A prophet stands between God and man representing God. We are not prophets but priests. We are intercessors on earth for the lost. Just as Abram stood between God and Sodom and won the deliverance of Lot and his family, so must we stand before God in behalf of the lost. Just as Moses stood between Israel and God when Israel made the golden calf and God would have destroyed them all, so must we stand between man and God.

We do not only represent our fellow believers. It is more than just our family and friends. It is the world, the enemy, the sinful, the vile. We must never forsake our post. Many a praying mother stood in a son's or daughter's behalf until God delivered them. Praying wives stood before God for unsaved husbands. Husbands for wives, parents for children, and children for parents. Christ has made this position for His own redeemed. We must never lose grip on the hand of God for those about us. The reason we do not see revival is the intercessors are so few. Many want to shout, some want to sing and preach, but few carry the burden for souls.

When Christ was on earth He was the Light of the world, but when He was going back to heaven He told His disciples they were the light of the world. Have we let the light go out that there is so much darkness? We are the salt, the seasoning of the earth. Has the world gone sour because the salt has lost its savor? We are the witness of the Lord, first at home, then in our neighborhood, then to the ends of the world. Many who are foreign missionary minded never do anything at home

(Acts 1:8). While Christ is away preparing a place for us (John 14) we are to occupy till He comes back. Not as kings, not as generals of an army, not as governors, but as priests. We must make up the hedge, fill the gap, be the man that God is looking for.

Christ has kept His duties to us as the God Man. We must keep ours to Him as His priest. The Virgin's Son kept His sinlessness, the Man from Nazareth kept His mission, the God Man has kept His responsibility. Our need today is for more priests. Will you pray God will help you fill this place our Lord has made for you and me? Do not become critical, do not become bitter, but let Christ make you humble, sweet, and loving. A priest represents the sinful, not the saints, for Christ is at the right hand of the Father representing the believers. Let us keep our eyes on the souls of men and not so much on their ugly deeds. We must never compromise with man's sins, but we must never compromise with our priesthood either.

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06 -- THE ETERNAL ONE

Christ the Daysman will never cease to exist. When our Lord cried out from the cross, "It is finished," He was not thinking of His end. This cry was a ring of victory, the plan of salvation for man had been completed as far as the sacrifice was concerned. When John sees Him in Revelation chapter one (17-18), the Lord makes another cry, "I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the Ending." This cry was completed with the word, "Which was," for Christ always was from the beginning with the Father (John 1:1). Then our Lord said, "Which is," death could not destroy Him for He destroyed death, and then He added, "And which is to come the Almighty." Whatever lays ahead for all the ages of endless eternity, Christ is that. Here we have the three-fold existence of our Lord. Christ is the Word John spoke of in John chapter one. He is the Virgin's Son, God in the flesh (Luke 2:?) and He is the God Man forever (Revelation 1).

Our Lord again speaks of His eternalness in this same chapter verse eighteen, "I am He that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore, and have the keys to hell and death." The angel said on that first Easter morning, "He is not here, He is risen as He said." We do not serve a dead Savior, a memory, a history, but a reality. We look back over His life span on earth and see His eternal existence in an empty manger, cross, and tomb. The manger cradled the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. The Christ Child bound to a mission, a purpose of coming. The empty cross reveals the fulfillment of this purpose. The mission was and is complete forevermore. The empty tomb speaks of the victory over sin, death, and the grave, not only the Lord Himself, but for each one of us who believe in Him. Jesus said, (John 11) "I am the resurrection and the life, if any man believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." In His hands is the evidence of the victory for He holds the spoils of His warfare, the very keys of death and hell taken from

Satan himself. In Revelation chapter five we have the slain Lamb standing in the midst of the throne of God.

There are five areas that we wish to deal with concerning Christ's eternalness. First, His divinity. He is God forevermore. His earthly experience has not robbed Him of His divinity. In the flesh He has maintained His position with God. He has a joint throne in the Holy City with God (Revelation 22). He will never again be separated from God by anything. He has and will reign forever for all things have been brought under His feet. Every enemy is slain, including death, which is the last. Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is the Son of God to the glory of the Father.

Secondly, in His eternal existence let us look at His positions. He is the Light of the Holy City. They need no sun, moon, stars, for the Lamb is the Light. He who was the Light of man (John 1:5) the Light of the world has now become the Light of the Holy City (Revelation 22). There will never be a time of darkness or shadow in His eternal kingdom. The Bible clearly tells us there is no night there. Oh, how blessed it was when our sin-cursed, darkened souls received the light of His salvation. How wonderful it will be when all earthly night is gone forever. But how glorious it will be to see His face in the light of the Holy City of God. The Bible teaches us in Revelation chapter twenty-two, that Christ is the Bright and Morning Star. The morning star shines after the night, not in it. Peter tells us He is the Day Star which arises in our hearts. The overcomers of this age are granted the possession of the Bright and Morning Star for all eternity (Revelation 2:28).

Thirdly, let us consider His eternal kingship. Pilate wrote and said, "He is King of the Jews." Israel is about the size of the state of Ohio. It is not a large area of land. But in Revelation 11:5, "That all the kingdoms of the world are His." Let us make a comparison of Pilate's King and the King of kings. Pilate's King had a crown of thorns. Thorns came as a result of the fall (Genesis 3). Jesus wears many crowns (Revelation 19). Pilate's King had a reed which was taken and broken on His back (Gospels). The King of kings rules with a rod of iron (Revelation 19). Pilate's King had on a crimson (purple) robe. God's King has a white shining garment dipped in the blood of His enemy (Revelation 19). Pilate's King carried a cross up the hill to death. God's King has a two-edged sword that brings victory (Revelation 19). Pilate's King went up the hill to Calvary forsaken by His disciples. God's King returns with thousands of His saints (Revelation 19). Pilate's King walked and fell in weakness, but God's King rides the white horse of power (Revelation 19). Pilate's King submitted Himself to be nailed to a cross. God's King destroys the human armies of the Anti-Christ (Revelation 19).

Friend, we are on the winning side of the great King of kings and Lord of lords. We may have set backs but never are we defeated. Our greatest day is not behind, but ahead. Keep pressing toward the prize of the high calling. Do not drop out in the battle, with Jesus we shall win.

Fourth, consider the eternal blessings of Christ's kingdom. There will be no sickness, sorrow, pain or death. No sin, no curse, no tempter. There will be no separation, division, or strife. Truth and holiness will reign forever. Peace will exist in all parts of this kingdom (Revelation 21, 22).

Sin can never give this. The world cannot claim this. The music, singing, dancing, reveling of the world cannot offer this peace, joy, and love that will last forever. Let us not sell out these eternal things so cheaply. Hold fast to that which is good.

The fifth thing we wish to consider about the eternalness of our Lord is creations. He created all things in the beginning (John 1:1-5). Sin spoiled these creations. The world was without form and void through Satan's fall. The fall of man brought sorrow, pain, death, crime, and war to the earth. But John said, "I saw a new heaven and a new earth and there was no more sea." The new heaven is without a Lucifer. The new earth is without a devil to rule as god of the age. Someone has said the greatness of God is seen in that statement, there is no more sea. God said He put all man's sin in the depths of the sea to be remembered against Him no more. John said He did away with the sea itself. Praise His name! There will be no trace of sin in the new creations of Christ. The will of God the Father will be done. There will be no law. The law will be in each heart of the saint. The law of the new heaven and earth will be love.

The eternal relationship Christ has brought into existence between God and man is seen in John 20:17. Mary reaches about to touch the risen Lord. He stops her and said to her, "Touch Me not for I have not yet ascended. I go to My God and your God and to My Father and to your Father." The Daysman Job cried out for has made the contact between the two. We are no longer strangers and aliens but sons of God. There was a time of separation between Christ and man, but it will never take place again. Paul teaches us in I Thessalonians 4:7 that we shall ever be with the Lord. This is an eternal state.

The Eternal One of God, the great I Am, the Beginning and the Ending, the First and Last (Revelation 1) will reign forever. We through God's grace, Christ's blood, can reign with Him forever. The end of Holiness will never come into sight. There is no end. The earthly church may dissolve, but the eternal true church is never going to go out of existence. The very gates of hell cannot rise up against her. Our Captain, Shepherd, Daysman has reigned unto victory forever. In Him we are as eternal as He is. His kingdom shall have no end (Luke 1). Kings and kingdoms have passed away, but Christ reigns with God and His saints as the Eternal One forever and ever and ever. Praise be to His holy name! Keep holding on, looking up, redemption draweth near. Let us be accounted worthy to escape and reign with Him in His eternal kingdom.

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07 -- CONCLUSION

Through the pages of this book we have traced the footsteps of our Lord Jesus the Christ from His throne in Glory to earth and back again. We have beheld His faithfulness to God and to man. We saw the faithfulness of a Holy Father God to the accusation of humble Job, crying out in anguish on the ash pile. We saw the submission of the Virgin Mary, the leadership of the precious Holy Spirit and the majesty of an overcoming Son.

The Daysman truly is the Missing Link between God and man. When Adam fell in the garden of Eden, he plunged the world of mankind into despair. In Christ, the second Adam, we have been lifted to heights of hope. Christ, the only begotten of the Father, humbled Himself to become the Virgin's Son. He subjected Himself to become the Man from Nazareth. The God Man kept His responsibilities to God and man. He deserves to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Christ lived like a man, enduring the test and trials of man, so He could lift man to be holy like God. He has come to save man to the uttermost. He has become the anchor within the veil. Sinful men in Christ have pardon and redemption, deliverance, and sanctification, and someday soon we will be glorified in the likeness of the Daysman.

The darkness of the hour is not eternal. The time of the enemy is short. Signs are already clear pointing to the second coming of the Lord. There is something in the air that causes true saints to be stirred. He that was faithful to Job will be faithful to us. He is no respecter of persons. With the New Testament writer we say, if all the things that Jesus said and did and will do were written, there would not be enough books to hold it all. Who can describe into mortal words divine love? This is something that is better felt than told.

In Christ is the hope of every sinner. There is a way back to God. A sure way out of sin and hope for time and eternity. To every believer, Christ is the security of eternal blessedness. He that endured the cross will also wear the crown.

The Daysman is man's Missing Link, life without Him is empty and void. Sin cannot satisfy, the world is only temporary and only in Christ are things eternal. Peter and John left their fishing, Paul left his persecuting, and we must leave the world and the things of sin to follow this God man. It will be worth it all on that great day to have Him confess our name before the Father in heaven. But in order to have this done, we must confess His name before man. None of us are worthy of the glory to come, but our Lord in His love has declared that we shall share it.

Each one of us owe a debt of gratitude to Job of old. His righteousness, faithfulness, and courage has given us the greatest blessing we can ever know. There is no doubt that God had it all planned before Job made his accusation. But Jesus did teach us that if we wanted anything from God to ask, seek, and knock,

and we would receive it. Job through faith asked God and God in love gave His Son to all mankind.

The debt we owe to Christ who humbled Himself and became a man bearing our sins to the cross and giving us victory over death can never be paid. Yet through love in this life, sacrifice, denial, and faithfulness we can make payments on the debt we can never pay. In eternity we will bow low at His feet, cast any honors before His throne and be in that number that will crown Him King of kings forever.

Our eternal gratitude to a loving God will be expressed in our allegiance to His only Son Jesus, the Christ. God is glorified in Christ and Jesus said in His high priestly prayer [John 17], "He is glorified in us, His disciples." In every affliction, test and trial we have a Daysman between us and God. One who is acquainted with our griefs, and afflictions. One who bore our image. One who took on Himself our sins. In Christ, we have the Missing Link that sin had severed in the fall of Adam. In Christ we have eternal life, everlasting joy, and divine forgiveness. No wonder the writers of Holy Scriptures said our Lord is Chiefest among ten thousand, the Altogether Lovely, the Fairest of ten thousand to our souls. He is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Yes, Christ is the Daysman, the Eternal One, the Prince of Peace.

Devils may oppose us, Satan may oppress us, but in our distress we can know we are not forsaken, not forgotten. Christ has His eye on every detail of our lives. Christ is standing ready to aid us. We need not fall. We can make it, we have One who will be there when He is needed most. The dark hours of this life may come, but we can have Sonshine in Him. The songwriter put it in words such as this, "Tell me not of heavy crosses, or of burdens hard to bear, for He trod the way before us and His glory lingers near." The Daysman took on many names. He is known to many as the Virgin's Son, to others as the Man from Nazareth, and still to others as the God Man. Some call Him Jesus, others Lord. No matter what you call Him, He is all of this and more. He is the Missing Link between you and your God. He is the Divine Healer, your Advocate, your Intercessor. He is your Savior and Friend. Other friends may change and fail you but He will never change nor fail. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. You can trust Him, you can believe Him, you can follow Him. When Satan tries to make the road hard, when the cost of the Bible way seems too great, remember all He has done for you. Then thank God you have never sat where Job has sat. Thank God you do not have to cry out that God does not understand for God has in His only Begotten, become a man and dwelt among us and we have seen the glory of the Father in HIM. Now we see Him through the glass darkly, the veil, but someday soon, face to face. Let us purpose not to miss it but to be among that number that shall sing His praises throughout eternity. For He is worthy. Worthy is the Lamb for honor, praise, and glory. The Daysman has come, the Missing Link is filled, we have a personal contact with our God in Christ.

Thank God, the Daysman is come,
The Missing Link supplied.
We have access to the throne,
Through Christ the crucified.

He placed His hand on a holy God
And placed His hand on me.
And through divine perfect love,
His blessings now I see.

Thank God for His blessed Son,
Who chose to come in flesh.
And over sin, the victory has won,
Bringing grace and righteousness.

-- John F. White

Let us conclude this book with several comparisons that will show us the role which our Lord played in the plan of redemption for man. Let us outline these truths in a simple way so that all may read and understand without difficulty.

I. WHAT CHRIST WAS -- John 1

1. Jesus was the Word of God.
2. The Word was with God. (1)
3. The Word was God.
4. He was the Creator of all things. (3).

II. WHAT CHRIST BECAME -- John 1

1. The Word of God in flesh. (14).
2. The Bringer of truth and grace. (17).
3. The Light of men. (4).

III. WHAT CHRIST IS

1. The Good Shepherd. (John 10:11).
2. The Door of the sheepfold. (John 10:9).
3. The Way, the Truth, the Life. (John 14:6).
4. The Light of the world. (John 9:5).
5. The Resurrection. (John 11:25).
6. The Alpha and Omega. (Revelation 1:8).
7. The Bright and Morning Star. (Revelation 22:16).
8. And too many more to list.

IV. WHAT CHRIST WILL EVER BE

1. The Prince of Glory. (Acts 3:15).
2. The King of kings and Lord of lords. (Revelation 19).
3. The worthy Lamb of God. (Revelation 5).
4. The Light of the Holy City, New Jerusalem. (Revelation 21:23).
5. And too many more to list.

Yes, the Daysman Job sought for has come. He is alive and well. He lives and reigns and will never die. He makes intercession for us at the right hand of the Father and is coming shortly to take us unto Himself. He that was humbled in the flesh of man shall be forever exalted. Let us lift Him up to a lost and dying world. He is the answer to man's condition. He is the Missing Link between God and man. Praise His holy name!

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