

"THUS SAITH THE LORD..."

FREE GENERAL NEWSLETTER

Encouraging people to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

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I Will Make Of Thee A Nation Mightier And Greater Than They (Deuteronomy 9:14)



A follow up to the superhero craze.

In January we addressed the slight of hand from Hollywood regarding making superheroes exercise greater power than mere mortals possess. They actually are exemplifying abilities reserved for God or are using satanic symbols. To draw even Christians, supposedly the *Superman Returns* movie had some Christ symbols, according to WorldNetDaily. It brought out how the father from Crypton sent his son to save earth; the father was with his son in spirit; the son died in the saving process which involved flying into outer space; upon death he stretched out his arms in the form of a cross and fell back to earth; and then he was resurrected. Sorry if we ruined the movie if you have not seen it, but then again, will you? Should you?

In this message, we are going to address the fact that heroes do exist, and you may even be one of them. Unlike the radio commercial heard where there are superheroes on this planet evolving from ordinary citizens into those who have special abilities, when you chose to be a Christian, special abilities are revealed.

When you think of a hero, what comes to mind?

Is it the abilities that if you only had would be used to perform some great feat that none other can perform? Do you think about the attention and worship heroes receive and wish you had? Or is there some other reason?

When you think of Biblical heroes, what comes to mind?

Does Hebrews chapter 11 come to mind? That is where Abel, Enoch, Noah,

Abraham, Sara, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, Gedeon, Barak, Samson, Jephthae, David, Samuel, and the prophets are highlighted. Many consider them special people, especially Samson. He was the strongest man ever to live. That means you could never match his strength. Look at Solomon. The wisest man, at least at one point, in the world and none other since. But in reality, each one was an ordinary person who responded to the call of God.

But what of us ordinary people?

We have no hero power or secrets. We cannot fly or see through things. And what about the frail among us? Can they be heroes? Can the weak be heroes?

In reality, even the person confined to a bed can be a hero.

What does the Bible say about the word hero?

Nothing. Does that make this message unbiblical? Not at all. There are enough verses to realize that Christians have abilities greater than non-Christians. And true Christians exercise those abilities for the good of all instead of the selfishness by those who are not Christian.

What are your abilities?

Now that you realize that you can be a hero, let us examine your potential hero abilities. Keep in mind, as a true Christian, and not one in name only, you have what some may call super abilities compared to the average person. The Bible reveals the following:

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked (Ephesians 6:16). You can quench darts! Keep in mind that those are not ordinary darts. Each

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If someone asked you "why do you believe that or why do you do that" could you give them an answer from the Bible — a TSTL?

Hosea 4:6 *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

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contains a specialized area of weakness calculated to pull you away from Jesus. Can you quench the dart that contains the sin of gluttony? When you have eaten enough and then desert is served, how many say, "No thanks." Can you quench the dart that contains the sin of lusting? If one of those darts pierces your skin, committing sin would be the result. But as a Christian, you have the ability, through Christ, to quench each dart no matter how many are fired at you. Ordinary people cannot.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come (John 16:13). You have the ability of supersonic hearing. You can listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, which dogs cannot even hear.

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see (Revelation 3:18). As a Christian, you have super sight with the ability to see things others cannot. You know you have it when you no longer say, "I can't see anything wrong with this" and others still have a problem with seeing what is wrong with it. Super sight includes the ability to see the future. You will be able to see the end result of something that appears to be innocent but ends in sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16). By prayer, you have the ability to be transported to the throne of God faster than the space shuttle can travel. And with intercessory prayer, you can carry another person with you.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:32). And as you share the truth, you will be able to set people free. No physical strength will be required to pull chains apart, or lift heavy objects, yet the chains that bind will be broken and the heavy burdens will be lifted. And do not give us the nonsense that sharing the truth is having people just believe in Jesus. When Jesus said the truth shall make you free, it meant the knowledge of what is truth and what is false. Period. [See questions and answers for more details.]

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up (James 4:10). Did you know you can fly? You can soar above the world of sin.

And as many super heroes have a secret identity, you too can do the same by doing these things without drawing attention to self. But there is recognition greater than the whole world recognizing us.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin (Hebrews 12:1-4). Even beings not of this planet are watching you use your abilities for the good of all mankind.

Conclusion

So with super resistance that even makes the devil flee, super hearing to listen to things that dogs cannot even hear, super sight to be able to see what others cannot see, super speed to be able to communicate at the throne of God, super strength to be able to set people free from their entrapped lives, the ability to soar above the clouds of sin and darkness, go forth now and set the people of the world free, trample upon the young lion and the dragon (Psalms 91:13), be more than conquerors through him that loved us (Romans 8:37).

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If this newsletter is a blessing to you, please consider sending a love gift to help further the work.

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DO YOU HAVE A TSTL FOR THAT?

The purpose of these Bible studies is to help you seek for a TSTL—"Thus Saith the Lord..." for all that you believe. May you go forward in this study with that goal.

I will come again (John 14:3)

1. What two things do we not know about Jesus' return? **Matthew 24:36**
2. As the time of the event gets closer, what are Christians supposed to do? **Matthew 25:13**
3. What is the reaction of most people when someone says that they sense the nearness of the second coming? **2 Peter 3:3**
4. What will the second coming be like to those people? **1 Thessalonians 5:2**
5. What will they do when they see Him? **Revelation 6:15**
6. What two expressions will be revealed when the glory of the second coming is revealed? **1 Peter 4:13**



ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S STUDY:

To Be Deceived Is Not Wise (Proverbs 20:1)

1. What beverages are people greatly deceived upon thinking it is healthy but should be abstained from? **Proverbs 20:1** "Wine [is] a mocker, strong drink [is] raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."
2. What actions are most deceptive? **Proverbs 24:28** "*Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and deceive [not] with thy lips.*" [Deceptive use of words.]
3. What is the common phrase that teasers use when they are caught deceiving people? **Proverbs 26:19** "*So [is] the man [that] deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?*" [Can't you take a joke?]
4. What shall people not trust in lest they be deceived? **Job 15:31** "*Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity: for vanity shall be his recompence.*"
5. What actions are people deceived into thinking they are working their way to heaven if they obey God and do such? **James 1:22** "*But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*" [Commonly people say, "Just believe." But if someone says that they obey all the commandments and the rest of the Word of God, such people that are doing these things are considered working their way to heaven when in reality it is the first group that is deceived into being hearers only.]
6. What must people love in order to be protected from deception? **2 Thessalonians 2:10** "*And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*"

Think On These Things

Deliver Me O Lord

Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man; preserve me from the violent man; Which imagine mischiefs in [their] heart; continually are they gathered together [for] war. (Psalms 140:1-2)

It is a spiritual battle. Blood of Christians is not regularly being shed but the violent men who chip away at Christianity through comedy, movies, television, radio content, music, and other mediums fit this description perfectly.

They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison [is] under their lips. (Psalms 140:3)

The source is the great serpent, Satan.

Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings. The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. (Psalms 140:4-5)

Though one asks the Lord for deliverance, He will not deliver from innocent exposure if purposeful exposure is occurring. So cease from visiting websites a Christian should not visit. Cease from watching movies and television containing any unclean content. Cease from listening to music that promotes the opposite of Christian standards.

I said unto the LORD, Thou [art] my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD. O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle. (Psalms 140:6-7)

Take your stand and God shall work miracles.

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**ARE YOU A
SUPERHERO?**

(Main article)

**JESUS IS COMING
AGAIN! BUT WHO WILL
NOTICE?**

(Bible Study)

WHAT IS TRUTH?

(Question & Answer)

ANSWERS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH (Dan. 10:21)



QUESTION #1- What is truth?

ANSWER #1- In October 2001 we addressed this issue, but six years later, it appears that one of the key points of the crowd that believes that it is all Jesus and nothing of us, in that we can continue in sin and still expect to be in heaven in the end, is defining truth.

The way it goes is that the Bible says, "ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). The crowd says, "Connect that with John 14:6 and it means that Jesus is all you need to know." It is true that "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6) but there are other definitions as well. "Thy law [is] the truth" (Psalms 119:142). "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17).

So saying to know Jesus is all that is required negates the fact that the Word, as in the recordings of the prophets, is to be known. Although head knowledge of the Word alone is insufficient to be set free and Jesus is necessary in order to become free, just saying I believe in Jesus does not set

one free. The crowd says, "Oh, but Jesus is the Word." Therefore, we are back to square one. Not so fast.

If I am getting sick from pork chops and lobster, knowing Jesus, as all denominations claim to be doing, is not going to save me from the sickness. Knowing that the Bible teaches that I should not be eating such will save me. And by the help of Jesus, you can give it up. And for those that think Jesus cleaned up all the sickly flesh and that you can eat anything, go ahead and eat rats and skunks. Not too appetizing, is it? In fact most know that they definitely make you sick. Just because pork chops and lobster does not make you instantly sick, it is a known fact that these "unclean" animals concentrate diseases more than "clean" animals.

Likewise, a person that works seven days a week, headed for a heart attack and family break up, is not going to be set free by saying, "I know Jesus." Knowing that the fourth commandment commands us to rest on the Sabbath day and being empowered by Christ to do so will set us free.

So, knowing the truth is not simply saying, "Know Jesus". It is a combination.

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