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New Year's Wishes

What shall I wish thee? What can be
found?

Bringing the sunshine all the year round?
Where is the treasure, lasting and dear,
That shall insure thee a happy new year?

What shall I wish thee! Treasures of
earth?

Songs in the springtime, pleasures and
mirth?

Flowers in thy pathway, skies ever clear?
Would this insure thee a happy new year?

Faith that increaseth, walking in light;
Hope that aboundeth, happy and bright;
Love that is perfect, casting out fear —
Those shall insure thee a happy new year.

Peace in the Savior, rest at His feet,
Smile in His countenance, radiant and
sweet;

Joy in His presence, Christ ever near —
This will insure thee a happy new year.



Philip ran thither to him. Acts 8:30

THE FIERY DART QUENCHER
Dr. Edith R. Grimes

Today Satan is out in full force with his fiery darts. We need to know all we can about the shield of Faith and how to use it.

Notice that we are to "take" the shield of Faith. It requires immediate action. When the soldiers are resting in the barracks and the alarm sounds, they must immediately grab their shield, sword and helmet and rush out to battle.

The Roman shield was very large. It was like a door in that it was four feet high and two and a half feet wide. It was made of wood with a metal fireproof lining to protect from the fiery darts.

The fiery darts were made of wood or metal with very sharp points. They would wrap the dart in materail that was soaked in a flammable substance. They would set fire to it and hurl it as far as they could. When it would strike something it would burst into flames.

What for? To render the enemy inactive and prepare the way for a mass attack. When they are thrown in quantity from all directions ~~they cause great~~ confusion. It is just like a preliminary barrage of guns to prepare the way for the infantry.

Who throws the darts? The wicked one, Satan. He works in many different ways. Satan controls and commands powers and agents. He works through principalities, powers, rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places.

It is a tremendous spiritual warfare between God and Satan. God is a personal triune being consisting of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Satan is a personal with evil demons who are personalities that tempt and seduce men.

Satan himself tempted Jesus in the wilderness. What was Satan wanting? He wanted Jesus to obey him so that Jesus would not live to go to the cross and destroy him. how did Jesus defeat Satan in the temptation? With the Word of God. It is the most successful weapon. Satan cannot stand it because it is God's Word and our Sword.

When do these fiery darts come our way? Sometimes when waking you have evil thoughts and think they originate in you but it is Satan who

puts them there. Remember the mind is a battleground. If he can make you think that you are hopeless and cause you to despair and be depressed then his fiery darts are doing their work.

Prayer time is when fiery darts often come to distract us. Ever felt his presence and the hair on the back of your neck stands up? That is one of Satan's messengers coming to scare you and make you fearful so you will quit praying and leave. Rebuke him in Jesus Name and command him to "Go".

Fiery darts sometimes come our way when we are reading our Bible. Satan will put doubts in our mind like he did with Eve. "Hath God said?" or "A loving God would not do that". Or he may cause you to fall asleep with a spirit of heaviness.

Satan sometimes concentrates on individuals, churches or countries. He will send in a barrage of fiery darts. What is his motive? To destroy the work of God.

Satan likes to work on imaginations. If he can build up a bad scene and make it look very real then convince you that it is so or that it's going to be that way, then his fiery dart has done it's work. He likes to fill us with fear. Fear of losing your position, your wife or husband, or family. He likes to tempt us with wrong desires, passion and lust.

Peter said "Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you" (1 Peter 4:12). Temptation and persecution are natural for the child of God. Paul said to Timothy "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Tim.3:12).

How do we stop these fiery darts? Use the shield of faith. Be ready to stop them from all angles and directions. When they are caught by the shield you do not have to pull them out of the joints of your armour. Peter says "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour; whom resist steadfast in the faith" (1 Peter 5:8,9). Then John emphasizes it "This is the victory that overcomes the world; even our faith" (1 John 5:4).

Faith is the ability to quickly apply what we believe to repel everything the devil does or tempts us to do. It is not enough to

intellectually believe but we must make it practical. "Faith without works is dead".

The shield of Faith is the quick application of what we believe in answer to everything the devil hurls at us. How is it a shield? It never points to itself but points to the object to be caught and resisted. Cults produce people who have faith in faith. Some try to work up faith with no success.

Faith points to God and relies on Him. Abraham was not weak in faith but strong. He believed that what God had promised He would perform. It was faith that saved Abraham because he accounted God able to do what He had promised. He had faith in God's character.

Know the promises of God and hold them up by quoting them when the fiery darts come. God and His Word are unchangeable. Have faith in the power of God even when you feel weak, frail and afraid.

Abraham climbed the mountain and built the altar. He was tired and exhausted. He placed Isaac upon it in obedience to God. Can you see that fiery dart that Satan hit him with about that time? "See, the promises are not true, there will be no heir to carry on". What a ~~scary~~ **How did Abraham handle that one?** With the shield of Faith. "Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead from which also he received him in a figure". (Heb. 11:19)

Abraham actually believed God's promises to the extent of believing that if he offered his only son as a sacrifice in obedience to God's command, then God could raise him from the dead to fulfill the promises He had made to him.

The Shield of Faith points you to the power and promises of God. As soon as you hide behind it the fiery darts are quenched or stopped. They cannot touch you and they come to nothing. Resist Satan as you stand steadfast in the faith and the eternal, everlasting, all powerful God will give you the victory.

Satan hurled his darts at Christ using all his reserves against Him. Christ was victorious as He used the Word of God against Satan. Now He intercedes for us and helps us fight our battles. "For we have not an High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities but was tempted in all points like as we are yet without sin." (Heb. 4:15) Now we are "more than conquerors".

NEWSLETTER

The Lord marvelously provided for me to go to The Women's Aglow International Convention in New Orleans, LA. It was the first week of November. What a thrill to see 6500 women worshipping the Lord together. 878 were from overseas. There was an opening flag procession of 80 different flags from many countries.

The spiritual side was uplifting and inspiring. Many were healed, delivered and set free. The Holy Spirit was truly in charge and given his place in decency and order.

I encourage you to co-operate with the Women's Aglow in your area and help needy women come to the One who can lift their burdens and set them free. There are a lot of hurting women in this world today. Let's reach out and help them in every way we can.

Brother Dick Joyce as just at Christian Faith Fellowship, where I attend. He had meetings for four days including three on Sunday. He is truly a Prophet of God whom God is using mightily. The Lord led him into our classes in Art and Millie Gillingham's in Glendale, Ca., in 1969. By the way they are still moving strongly in their deliverance ministry. Brother Dick had just received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. God led Albert and I to confirm his ministry as a "Prophet". Now eighteen years later he is still going strong and travelling world-wide. He gets to speak for many Seminars of Preachers, workers and Missionaries. Be sure and keep Memorial Day Week-end open to come to his Camp at Springs of Living Water.

Recently I had the privilege of presenting another Certificate to a Correspondent Student who has finished the Chrismatic Course Judy Dunn. She is now half way through the Advanced Course.

On Dec. 23rd, about 2.15 p.m. I had a terrible car accident which was not my fault. A young man made a quick left in front of me. I tried to avoid him and landed in a ploughed field after the crash. My fender and wheel on the Passengers side were completely demolished. I'm sure it is totalled. Thank God I was alone and did not have anyone with me, not even my poodle. I stepped out of

it unharmed. Talk about the feathering covering of God, that was it. Thank God it is covered by insurance on both sides.

We had a nice Christmas as my Cousin, Donald and Lydia Dove, came down from Canada and spent a couple weeks with us including Christmas. What a joy and blessing!

The Lord has directed me to start making work-books to go with the course. Mainly to be used in classes to help simplify the teaching and make it easier to understand. I have done Book Nineteen on the Fruit of the Spirit. We need the Fruit of the Spirit so we can move in the Gifts and Ministries.

John Erickson is going to do Book One, "Doctrines of Salvation". By the way did you know Book One is the hardest Book in the Course. If you got bogged down in it - it's easier ahead - try it and find Out.

Charlie Hodgins, from Oklahoma, who now lives in Bakersfield, is going to do Book Two. Praise the Lord!

Mark and Julianne Maki are keeping real busy and have a class in their home each week besides working in the Church. Julianne is working ~~on another Master's Degree - Great!~~

Leslie and LaVanna Nikkel in Jet, Ok. are keeping real busy in everyway. Remember them in Prayer as there is a strong possibility of a move and promotion for them in his work, as he is Superintendant of the Great Salt Lake State Park and Bird Reserve. They want God's Will. Others need their ministry and teaching in some other place. Pray God will make the connection.

Elsie, my daughter, is finishing her fourth semester at the College of the Sequoias and doing real well. George, my Grandson, is doing fine after a real experience with Philosophy, which he accepted fully, but God proved to him that it was nothing compared to what He has to offer. Be encouraged parents, when our young ones have been dedicated to the Lord, He will bring them through for His glory. Patiently uphold them in Prayer.

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