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*The Sands of Time*

*The sands of time are sinking,  
The dawn of heaven breaks;  
The summer morn I've sighed for,  
The fair, sweet morn awakes;  
Dark, dark hath been the midnight,  
But dayspring is at hand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth  
In Immanuel's land.*

*O Christ, He is the fountain,  
The deep sweet well of love;  
The streams on earth I've tasted,  
More deep I'll drink above;  
There to an ocean fullness  
His mercy doth expand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth  
In Immanuel's land.*

*With mercy and with judgement  
My web of time He wove,  
And aye the dews of sorrow  
Were brightened by His love;  
I'll bless the hand that guided,  
I'll bless the heart that planned,  
When throned where glory dwelleth  
In Immanuel's land.*

*The King there in His beauty  
Without a veil is seen;  
It were a well spent journey,  
Tho' \*sev'n deaths lay between;  
The Lamb with His fair army  
Doth on Mount Zion stand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth  
In Immanuel's land.*

*\*sev'n death – severely tested many times*

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**TIMELESS TRUTHS**

God's word is full of timeless truths. No one (certainly, not I!) can outdo what the Bible says. The list below is not exhaustive or comprehensive. You will be able to think of things that I have not, but these are some timeless truths for all of us to consider:

**God's word is relevant** and has been since He spoke the world into existence. *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."* Genesis 1:1.

**The curse of sin and death:** The possible curse was pronounced to Adam in Genesis 3:17-19. He and Eve subsequently did the very thing God had forbidden. Their disobedience made that possibility become reality, and sin now pervades the world. As our preacher often says, we live in a cursed world. The writer of Hebrews penned this scripture in Hebrews 9:27, *"<sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment..."*

**God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit:** Ephesians 4:4-5: *"<sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

**Hope of eternal life** for past generations, for our own generation, and for future generations as long as time exists. John 6:68, *"Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life'";* John 17:3, *"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent";* Romans 6:23, *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord".*

**The word of the Lord remains forever,** 1 Peter 1:25, *"the word of the Lord remains forever."*

**The Holy Spirit is our helper,** John 14:16, *“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever.”*

**The Lord will reign forever and ever,** Ephesians 3:21, *“to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen.”*

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever,** Hebrews 13:8.

**The truth:** John 8:32, *“<sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”* Also, John 14:6, *“<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

**Life eternal:** 1 Timothy 6:12, *“Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”*

**The word of God is truth,** Psalm 119:160,<sup>160</sup> *“The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.”*

**It is impossible for God to lie.** The full scripture says, *“<sup>18</sup> so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.”* Hebrews 6:18

**God will sing over us.** Zephaniah 3:17, *“The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing”*

From these profound words of the Bible, our God truly is an awesome God who loves us, sings over us, and blesses us beyond measure.

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### **What is Timeless Truth?**

Did Jesus call you? I am not talking about some mysterious voice as you were driving, or a sudden lightning bolt in the still of the day. Yes, Jesus did call you and every living soul in the universe. He did that through the gospel. He said, “Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest,” in Matthew 11:28. If we are honest, every last one of us at one point or another is weary; we tend to let the burdens of daily life get to us. Jesus calls us to a better life. This is a timeless truth.

If you have sat during sermons or bible classes for very long, you have heard the “five steps of salvation,” hear, believe, repent, confess your belief, and be baptized. We sometimes miss the remainder of the lesson or sermon which tells us the rest of the story. We have a job to do, and it lasts a lifetime. Unfortunately, many believe those first five steps are all that is required to be pleasing to God. If we do those things and maybe warm a pew on Sunday morning, we are good to go. If we are really pious, we might even attend on Sunday evening and Wednesday bible study, too.

Jesus dispelled that idea with the parable of the sower. He said some seed would fall by the wayside, but the sower could still expect a reasonable crop. Matthew 13:23 says, “But the one sown *with seed* on the good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces, some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times as much.”

If you are a teacher, you can expect some of your students to fall. But you should never be discouraged, because some of that teaching will reach good soil, and it will bear good fruit. For those who are not teachers, what will your crop be? Also, just so you know, not all teaching is done in a sermon, a classroom, or a specific bible study. Those formal settings are necessary and good, but some of the best teaching is done by example. That is a timeless truth.

If you are a wife, your efforts should be focused first on God, then on your husband. I know it is an old-fashioned idea to want to please your spouse. We are fed the “be your own woman” agenda almost on a daily basis. On the other hand, Jesus tells us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. That includes a spouse. If you sow kindness and service to your husband, it is inevitable that you will be richly rewarded. Kindness reaps kindness. If you have a non-believing husband, Paul says you may well convert him by your godly behavior. (1 Corinthians 7:18)

If you are a mother, the time you spend serving and teaching your children will bring yet another overwhelming crop. I remember days when I wondered if I would survive all the messes, the tears, and the battles, but in the end my children grew, and they knew who God was. That is a mother’s calling. Of course, your sowing does not stop there. You will be involved in extra activities with your spouse and your children. You have an influence everywhere you go. Do your friends know you are a Christian by the way you conduct yourself around them? It is amazing to me how many of my

children's friends approached me years later and told me things they remember that I did and had completely forgotten. Whatever it was, though, good or bad, it left an impression on that young person.

If you work outside the home, you have a calling there as well, even if it is only by example of how a Christian behaves. Many years ago, my husband worked in a very secular environment for a short time. He was at work one day and a co-worker had a son who had been in a serious accident. Although my husband had not made a point of advertising his Christian faith, the other man, who was quite worldly, came and said, "I know you are a praying man. Would you pray for my son?" The way we conduct our lives on every level conveys who and what we are. That is a timeless truth.

Did you understand the call Jesus made was a lifetime commitment? Did you answer? You will be so glad you did. Remember that rest Jesus promised when he called? You can enjoy that. That, too, is a timeless truth.

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### *Listen*

*Listen.*

*Do you hear it?*

*An insistent, determined voice*

*Speaks in the stillness, and in the wind,*

*In the bright sunshine, and in the dark of night.*

*Do you hear it?*

*Listen.*

*The sounds of the earth shout His praise*

*Too long the voice of man has spoken,*

*Rejecting the divine,*

*Ridiculing creation,*

*Scoffing at resurrection,*

*Living in abandonment to the things of the flesh.*

*Do you hear it?*

*Creation speaks His name,*

*Proclaims His glory,*

*Recognizes His reign.*

*Listen.*

*The stones cry out,*

*The wind and rain,*

*The brilliant light of day,*

*The flowers and trees,*

*The dark night sky and the shining stars~*

*All proclaim Him,*

*Exalt his holy name.*

*Do you hear it?*

*Listen to the voice of the earth,*

*The waves of the sea as they wash ashore*

*On beaches around the world,*

*The wind as it swirls the snow in winter*

*Or enlivens the leaves*

*Of every tree on earth in spring,  
Even every blade of grass,  
The wind and rain as they bring life to the creation,  
The streams and rivers as they flow to the sea  
And return to water the land.  
It is in the sound of raindrops,  
In the proclamation of the rainbow,  
In the silence of the desert,  
In the strength of the hurricane,  
In the beauty of every sunset.  
Do you hear it?*

*Jesus said that if His disciples  
Did not proclaim Him lord,  
The very rocks of the earth would speak His praise.  
Do you hear it?*

*Listen.*

*Nature shouts aloud the name of Jesus,  
The proclamation of the God of the universe.  
Are you listening?*

*Do you hear His name proclaimed*

*In the beauty of the earth*

*And the wonder of the heavens?*

*It is there, speaking.*

*Listen*

*You will hear it.*

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