



"For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." Heb. 10

"What shall I say?"

"Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour." John 12:27

It is in adversity, troubles, and trials that life teaches us. Rarely, if ever, do we learn from the care free, safe, or comfortable experiences...

We should be less eager to avoid problems in our life. We learn and develop when we have our comforts removed for a time. It is pride that causes us to fear this deprivation of comfort, control, and self-reliance. It is because we know deep within us that our lives of righteousness are balanced delicately upon good circumstances.

We are not as Job was. We are like the more common man that Satan thought Job was. Satan described the common man's character when he said to God,

"Do you think he loves you for no reason? You have made a hedge of protection around him, and you bless everything he does. But if you remove all he has, he will curse you to your face." (Job 1:9-11)

Maybe secretly, we think this may be true of ourselves.

We feel this hedge of protection and fear its being removed. We fear it being invaded by trouble and testing, but we need not fear IF our goal is to move toward perfection. When we pray for God to protect us, are we not admitting our fear that our faith cannot stand testing?

Jesus instructed us to pray for God to deliver us from evil. Deliverance from evil is not avoidance of evil. The Psalm says, *"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all."* (Psalms 34:19) Jesus, when praying for us (John 17:15) said, *"I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil."*

His prayer was not that we should be untouched, but His desire was that we would not

succumb to, or be overtaken by the evil in the world. This is on the same line of thought as "*lead them not into temptation.*" This is the temptation to sin James spoke of, "*Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:*" (James 1:13)

We must not confuse the trying of our faith with the temptation to sin. We should avoid the temptation to sin and earnestly pray for God to lead us away from it. We are promised an escape from the temptations that are above our ability to resist, [1] but the trial of faith is a different thing altogether. "*Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting [lacking] nothing.*" (James 1:2-4)

This perfection and entirety is what we forfeit when we escape the trials of faith. Jesus, when facing the ultimate trial, when facing His own crucifixion and death, asked, "*... what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? ... but for this cause came I unto this hour.*" His question was, why should I seek to avoid the very reason I was born?

Basic Questions

Some have said that there are three basic questions within all men. They are:

- Where did I come from?
- Why am I here?
- Where am I going when I die?

Many mystics, monks, and holy men have spent countless hours contemplating these questions. The Bible offers answers to these and many other questions if we consider the whole story found within. Some have gleaned from the Scriptures that we are here to help, feed and clothe each other. Some say that our main task is to preach the Gospel to each other. I contend that good economic times and even slightly motivated persons can accomplish either to some degree.

YHVH could feed the world with a stroke of His hand (He has done it before) and angels could come from heaven and preach the everlasting Gospel to mankind thereby forcing men to repent or perish.

But there remains yet a task that even the Almighty cannot do.

It is not a matter of economics or social order. It is a job only you can accomplish while here on earth. A job so important it is surpassed by none other in priority or consequence. Its weight and solemnity is supported in these questions,

***"Where did I come from?" and
"Where am I going when I die?"***

The full realization of which answers in toto the question that plagues all of mankind, ***"Why am I here?"***

It is summed up very well in
Matthew 5:48,

***"Be ye therefore perfect, even
as your Father which is in
heaven is perfect."***

Don't let this throw you. To achieve

We must accept problems and "the trying of our faith" that exercise us as rare opportunities to hone our character.

We must press on, "*Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.*" (Ephesians 4:13)

"Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." (Colossians 1:28)

Paul taught Timothy to use the Scriptures to this end, "*That the man of God may be*

perfection is our destiny and we are to strive to accomplish it here. (It will be impossible to accomplish elsewhere.) This perfection is not hard to define; simply put, it is what you should be, that you are not.

perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Timothy 3:17) This is our admonition as well.

When we encounter trials in life, we must consider them as opportunities to prove that the last failure of faith was not a permanent part of our character. We must

seek Christ's word and search the Scriptures on matters of life. We must not make it our goal to eliminate all trouble, to avoid every bit of unpleasantness, to sidestep every stumbling block, to live behind a supernatural hedge of protection, but we must face it with resolve, assurance, and the armor of God.

Shall we say, "*Father save me from this hour?*" But for this cause we came to this hour...to be perfected... to face trial... to work out our own salvation.

No, let us go on ... unto perfection...

When troubles rear their head, brace yourself, and thank God for the opportunity to perfect yourself. Trust in God...with or without a hedge. A hedge is no sign that God loves you; rather the lack of one shows He trusts you.

When we face the awful, the terrifying, or the unimaginable, you may be facing the very trial that will perfect you. It may be the hour for which you were born - to emerge perfected. When you face your most feared and dreaded undertaking, pray for strength to endure, pray for power to hold steadfast to the end.

If praying for escape and avoidance of trouble is a temptation for you listen to the resolute determination in the words of Jesus.

When your only desire is to be what the Father wants you to be, it sounds ridiculous to ask for twelve legions of angels.

Why would someone seeking perfection want to escape the hour for which they were born? This comes through loud and clear when Jesus asks,

"What shall I say...save me from this hour?"

[1] 1 Corinthians 10:13, "*There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*"

From Don's Desk. . .

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This Passover, No Bitter Herbs, Please...

Invariably, as Passover approaches TRI receives emails from people who want to know:

- Do we have to keep Passover?
- Is Passover for Christians?
- When is the day to keep Passover?
- How do I keep Passover?

TRI also receives emails from well-intentioned persons who have calculated the "proper" date for the Passover. Many times, the sincerity is obvious. Sometimes it gets a little comical. But in any case, I want to stand as one who says unequivocally...

"Keep the Passover".

Frankly, I don't really care when you keep it, but keep it. I get this attitude from my Dad. Oh sorry, does that sound too familiar? I'll call him Jehovah. His attitude is really very simple, and He makes it very, very clear that the most important aspect of Passover is that you keep it.

I'll explain.

The Scriptures which give us the instructions on keeping Passover, i.e. when, where why, and how, include an addendum that is peculiar only to the Passover, and is worthy of note. This is when our Lord Jehovah anticipates His kids whining and not playing well with others...

- But what if I am unclean?
- But what if I am out of the land?
- How will I keep Passover if I cannot do it according to the letter of the law?
- What if I have wool and flax mixed in my clothes?
- What if I have no barley in my yard? (and I don't know or like Nehemia Gordon)?

OK, perhaps I'm having fun with the last one (I like Nehemia)!

Nevertheless, all whining is countered by Jehovah in this verse. I paraphrase,

"if a person should find himself to be unclean, or out of the country, or for whatever reason unable to keep the Passover according to the letter of the law, then he may keep the Passover in the second month."

It doesn't really take a theological genius to see that Jehovah's main concern is not when we keep the Passover but THAT we keep the Passover.

Are you having trouble believing that YHVH said this? You can find it in Numbers,

chapter 9. You will also find there that there is a curse upon those who ignore this memorial, lacking reason to do so.

So, again, it becomes very obvious that we (*who desire to be perfect*) are to hold this day of remembrance forever.

What you do, when you do it and what you call the Vernal Equinox, the Spring, the barley harvest, the time of the Aviv, or hold your festival according to the Jewish calendar, Hillel, the commonly held Orthodox Jewish, ...

My goodness I just realize this list may go on forever.

No matter when you hold your Passover,

"Keep The Passover".

And, oh by the way, try not to hold in contempt those who do not keep your day, or those who really couldn't care less how you calculate Passover's date.

In short, enjoy everyone.

Enjoin no one.

This Passover, no bitter herbs, please.

I hope to see you soon!

Friendly,



ThINKers'

Thoughts!

Delighted that TRI programming has resumed. While your books and tapes and cds are still utilized when TRI TV or Radio is not available, there is more connection when you are able to provide the programs because it gives hope that your eye is healing. I just finished reading again "On Manna" Thank you for writing it. It's a profound boon of your revelation. It reveals our responsibilities as we seek daily our guidance while it is Christ, our Guide working in us. With appreciation and prayers for your health and ministry.

~ThINKer from TX

My family attended Nehemiah Gordon's teaching in Socorro a couple of months ago. We did meet you there; however, we had not looked into your ministry any further. I happened to turn on the TV this morning, which I never do in the middle of the day especially on preparation day. I caught the last episode of your series (Overtaken) on the Second Exodus. I would like to know how I can watch the previous episodes? (Note: This series is currently in production for distribution.) My parents have recently come to the understanding of TRUTH and are hungry to learn. I was able to reach them immediately and they were able to watch as well. Thank you and Shalom.

~ThINKer from NM (New)

Please put this to use where most needed! I will try to be more faithful in this matter. I am reminded of the best advice I've ever received, "Always obey the commandments of YHVH; Take time everyday to listen; and never, never disobey your conscience. That last part is the hardest for me. The little things I think I can let slide. But, each time I do that, the still small voice gets harder to hear for awhile. I like a time of quiet, but not a time of silence. Whoever said "never say never or always"? I think they are very good words. See you one day.

~ThINKer from OR

...I and a number of others we've informed about TRI Ministry are very glad to see that you are back! Hope your surgery was successful and that your recovery is going well. We appreciate your works, as you do that which pleases your Father, our Father. I believe He is pleased with you, Don! I know we are. ...So good to be able to listen to Red Letter Edition while we work! We've had some great revelations and topics for group discussion from the things you have said on the show. I promote Think Red Ink Radio on my Facebook page frequently and have gotten some excellent feedback on my posts. You are certainly a voice crying out in the wilderness. Please be certain we are still here and listening very often. TRI has become a very important part of our daily walk and we are thankful that you are there, doing what you do best! Thank you, Mr. Harris! Your friend and constant listener,

~ThINKer from MO

I hope this note finds all well. We here in VA are doing good, all things considered. I want to thank you again for all material you send me. I also want to thank you for the call-in radio shows. This feature is truly a great tool.

~ThINKer from VA

I am requesting these items... *[Thanks to faithful TRI supporters, your materials are on their way!]* I could not get [the form] on my phone. My personal confuser is not operating. ... Thank you!!! I am hungry for more!

~ThINKer from NM (New)

Watched the [Think Red Ink Presents] program on [Channel 32] TV. Loved it!

~ThINKer from NM (New)

I recently have been watching your show and found it profound. Like you say searching for the truth is of utmost importance. ...Used to drive through Pie Town all the time ... Thanks and God Bless You!

~ThINKer from NM (New)

I received your package with the CDs and MP3s. Thank you so much. Really enjoyed the DVD on the Calendar. That is something I will watch over and over again when I have time. Very informative.

~ThINKer from CA

I want to thank you for your faithfulness in all you do. The teachings never get old I enjoy listening to them. I look forward to what YAH is giving you to share with us. Stay strong in the Lord and keep the Faith...

~ThINKer from GA

Writing just to say that I am still finding "nuggets of gold & diamonds" listening to the podcasts! Thanks! Do take care & know you are in my thoughts & prayers! Blessings! Much love in YHWH

~ThINKer from SA

Great to hear from you! Just hearing that your eyes need to adjust to work together sounds good to me. God probably gave us two eyes, so we would have a back up. If one eye is weak the other eye can help it out. A Passover conference sounds great! That date works for me, and I have marked my calendar... It's a great day in the Lord, so many things are changing in a positive way. I look forward to spending time with you soon!

~ThINKer from NM

We are using the devotional "The Questions of Jesus" by Robert Driver Bishop and he

mentions your website [www.QuestionsofJesus.com] and book [*The Questions of Jesus by Don C Harris*] in the introduction. I was intrigued and wanted to read more about the subject matter. ...Trivia for you, Pastor Driver Bishop served as an intern Pastor... but it is his sermons that made me want to be at church every Sunday so I could hear what new lessons he had up his sleeve for us that week. I'm hoping this book is just as inspirational.

~ThINKer from IL

Just a short message to tell you I listened to and watched your program this morning and tuned into chat as well. I had only been on the chat once many, many years ago. ... Overall, I found chat distracting from what you were saying and I really wanted to hear - so I tried to ignore it but found myself glancing back anyway. ... I/we cannot allow ourselves to become discouraged - and we are looking forward with great anticipation when the assembling of all the faithful see Him come again. And I really appreciate your pointing out the fact about the reason those in "bible days" were cautioned to not forsake the assembling of themselves together. That made HUGE sense. Many people probably additionally did not even know how to read even if they had the Scriptures. With Christ within, we cannot lose; we can - not sin . . . We can live a life wholly pleasing to Him - without sin. Always you are remembered in prayer for whatever needs you have. Still and always - long time friend.

~ThINKer from WA

...Hey Don. . .

The story of the fishes & loaves is a story about sharing the wealth. Your ministry was just recommended to me today so I haven't had a chance to study it yet. In 1968 God called me to write. In 1998 I copyrighted my book "Freedom from Bible Slave Law" which is about Bible economics, and politics, etc. Now God wants me to write a book entitled "The New Law Gospel of Jesus" ... Nobody is going to like this new book either because it is based on the Ten Commandments and among other things it says that Matthew 6:14-15 is the condition for salvation. I am interested in hearing your comments.

~ThINKer from NM

REPLY FROM DON: Welcome to Think Red Ink Ministries! I would like to invite you to come to our Spring Conference in Albuquerque, NM on April 7-9, 2017. ... About Think Red Ink - we focus on the red ink - what Jesus said. You might recall in the Scriptures where, in response to the question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said, "**Keep the commandments.**" It seems like you'll be on the right track with your new book and focus on Jesus and the Ten Commandments. Best wishes.

"Jesus died for my sins?!" How do I answer the above? I know that He died to redeem mankind to "fix what happened in the garden" & I found several scriptures to support

that - Psalms 103:12; Jer. 31:33-34; Mat.18:23-37 & Heb. 8:12 & explain that there is no sin debt & that YHWH loves us & forgives us when we repent! People turn away with comment "you are RC" ... I'm labeled as being Jewish etc! Any advice for me? Help!

~ThINKer from SA

REPLY FROM DON: First of all, let me say that I am shocked that you are being described as any Christian denomination in the whole world. I know of no denomination that teaches anything other than "Jesus paid for our sins." Truly, I have no contention with people who teach that, I just feel that the quid pro quo attitude robs them from a beautiful message throughout the gospels. And, that is that God did not pay for our nasty, stinking sins with the blood of His Son Jesus Christ, rather, He purchased something He considered to be much more precious, which is me ... and you ... and ironically, even the moron who rejects this teaching. These are people who are trying to preserve their age old tradition, clichés, sayings, pet-church-doctrines, song books, etc. ad nauseum. The more dangerous aspect of holding to this doctrine is that no matter the tally of sinful behavior that we run up in our lifetime, Jesus can, and will pay the bill. He never makes any such unconditional promise in the Scriptures. For anyone who believes that Jesus paid for our sins, setting aside the fact that He paid our ransom, I would advise them in preparation for the Day of Judgment ... they be sure to get a receipt.

All of us (including me) need to minimize our ministry to the so-called church of Jesus Christ. The people who are arguing with you likely claim to have a relationship with Christ; let's find people who have none. Let us tell the lost the truth that will set them free. We need to create a generation of people who wouldn't trade what they have in their true relationship to Christ for anything the phony church has to offer. Thanks for writing. Your questions and comments are encouraging to other thINKers!

Since we were discussing putting [Red Letter Edition-Weekdays!] on our daily programming for an hour each day, M-F + Saturday, I went ahead and added Don to the schedule beginning this week [from the RLE archives]. ... It will air on our station [Evangelism Radio] Monday, March 13th from 8am-9am. ... I wanted to secure the time slot we talked about and begin getting TRI some exposure to our audience.

~ThINKer from MD

REPLY FROM DON: Wow... that's great! Please use the programs as you describe. TRI truly appreciates your initiative! If there were more people like you, the gospel would perhaps have already been preached to the entire world. ...Thanks, again. You started my day with a smile. Hope you have a great day as well!

Greetings from the Ozark plateau! I hope you are well and feeling well. ...You sent me; "Eh... You Talking to Me?" It was very good and [my wife] and I enjoyed discussing it afterwards. But could you send me "[The Calendar of Jehovah?](#)" (Yes. The DVD is on its way - Click the link to watch online.) We are both interested and want to learn to better discern the season. Our group is keeping Passover in April this year, guess we're the April Fools. I was wondering when you're keeping it, the air, the weather, the lack of signs of spring lead me to conclude we're probably right. ...Will that discrepancy

create the attitude that "my Lord delays His coming?" Again Don, thank you and our Lord for Think Red Ink Ministry. We appreciate the show and get your humor. We hope you are able to keep it going well on into the next decade. If there's that much time left for this system. Happy Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread!

~ThINKer from MO

REPLY FROM DON: We're keeping the Passover in April, as well. The lesson to be learned here is "Keep the Passover!" It is the only feast where the LORD gives us a second opportunity! It's so important that we keep it; that in essence the LORD YHVH says, "get it right, keep it wrong, but KEEP IT!"

I have a group that wants to begin celebrating the primary feast days as given in Deuteronomy. Can you put us on to a calendar that shows the twilight start of Passover, First Fruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles? Over the years the Jews added so much to the appointed times and feasts first given in Deut. that it complicates our understanding.

~ThINKer from TX

REPLY FROM DON: Here's one website I have used <http://renewedmoon.com/> Do you have a copy of "The Creator's Calendar" DVD which TRI produced a few years ago? If not, please send me your address and I will send it to you. *[Thanks, TRI supporters!]*

In addition, please remember I am willing to do a teaching on the calendar for your group and to speak at your feast events, if I do not have a scheduling conflict.

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