

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM APRIL 12, 2015

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Jude 24-25

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”



When we buy something, we ask, “What’s the guarantee?” And somebody says, “There’s no guarantee, it might not work tomorrow.” Will we make the commitment to buy? Or when we enter into a contract of significance, like leasing a dwelling place or a vehicle, we want to see the contract so we know just what kind of deal we are getting ourselves into. But if you heard, “Oh, there’s no guarantee. I might come back and take this house in three days but you have no guarantee.” Only a fool would engage in that kind of commitment.

You have now been told that to follow Christ is a one-way trip, requiring you to pick up your cross daily, to die to yourself in the hope of spending an eternity with Him. You have to give up all to be forgiven, give up all to receive the promise of heaven, only to be told that this deal comes without a guarantee? You’re asking a lot out of me, God. You mean to tell me that I give myself up totally to You to be my Lord and Master that You might not keep me? You might not hold on to me? There isn’t any guarantee? That really makes it even more difficult if not almost impossible to make this level of commitment.

What seals the deal is the guarantee, and that’s true in salvation. Yet it is so sad and tragic and misleading that vast numbers of professing Christians live with the notion they can and may forfeit their salvation and end up in hell if they don’t hang on. So the question is simply this: can one who has been forgiven, justified, regenerated, converted, redeemed, and ransomed yet lose the blessing that came through that saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross? May it never be!

How does God do it then? It is accomplished through the gracious gift of God with a permanent faith, a new heart and the indwelling Holy Spirit. Jesus said, “My Father who has given them to Me is greater than all and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.” (John 10:28) Jesus won’t let go. The Father won’t let go. Who has the power to force Him to release anyone? That’s why in Philippians 1:6 Paul tell us, “He that began a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Our God who started it will finish it. God did not resurrect His Son to allow anyone to fall through the cracks. Our Lord has the will and He has the power to preserve us.

Sunrise Community Church
Come acknowledge the Lord in our midst
EVERY SUNDAY BEGINNING AT 8:45 A.M.

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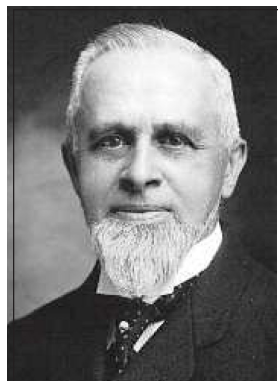
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“The angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city.”

Revelation 22:1-2



Words by Fanny Crosby
(1820-1915)



Music by W. Howard Doane
(1832-1915)

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me.

Refrain

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me.

Refrain

Near the cross I'll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.

Refrain

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE

April 2015

- April 12** **8:45 AM** **New Series** *Old Testament Lessons On Prayer*
The Man Who Bargained With God
- **Genesis 18:16-33**
- 10:30 AM** **Corporate Prayer**
- April 14** **7:00 PM** **Bible Study in 1st Timothy** – *at the Kikkert's*
- April 17** **7:00 PM** **Game Night**
- April 19** **8:45 AM** *The Man Who Caused God to Repent*
- **Exodus 32 &33**
- 10:30 AM** **Sunday School** – *Digging Deeper*
- April 21** **7:00 PM** **Bible Study in II Timothy** – *at the Kikkert's*
- April 24** **6:30 PM** **Friday Night Fellowship**
- April 26** **8:45 AM** *The Man Who Was Always Singing*
- **2 Samuel 22**
- 10:30 AM** **Sunday School** – *Digging Deeper*
- April 28** **7:00 PM** **Bible Study in II Timothy** – *at the Kikkert's*
- May 1** **7:00 PM** **Game Night**
- May 3** **8:45 AM** *The Man Who Prayed About the Weather*
- **1st Kings 17-19**
- 10:30 AM** **Digging Deeper**
- May 10** **8:45 AM** *The Woman Who Gave Away Her Son*
- **I Samuel 1 & 2**
Mother's Day – No Second Hour

'Mother Teresa of Cairo' gives Egyptian Christians hope

FROM FOXNEWS.COM/

For millions of Coptic Christians, April 5 was Palm Sunday. They celebrate Easter on the next Sunday, April 12, in accordance with the Eastern Orthodox calendar.

Many of them are holding church services today, despite the threat posed by Islamic extremists.

Helping them through their struggles is “Mama” Maggie Gobran, who’s known as “the Mother Teresa of Cairo.” She’s a Coptic Christian who, though she has never taken formal vows, has helped the children in Egypt’s slums through her organization, Stephen’s Children.

Mama Maggie has served and educated some 30,000 low-income families in overwhelmingly Muslim Egypt over the past two decades.

Lauren Green reported on “America’s News Headquarters” that Mama Maggie has given Coptic Christians hope for the future, despite their current suffering and even though they often live as second-class citizens in Egypt. Green revealed that seven of the 21 Christian men who were horrifyingly beheaded by ISIS came out of Mama Maggie’s schools. Five of them, she knew by name.

“I touch them, I eat with them, I pray with them, I play with them. We cry together, we study together,” Mama Maggie said. “Yes, they are my boys.”

Watch more in the “America’s News Headquarters” video and see Green’s full interview with Mama Maggie in the link from FoxNews.com’s “Spirited Debate” at <http://insider.foxnews.com/2015/04/05/mama-maggie-mother-teresa-cairo-gives-egyptian-coptic-christians-hope>