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**"PRESENT-DAY 'EYEWITNESSES' TO AN 1895 EVENT IN GERMANY"**



Dear Friends & Family,

[11/4] The November newsletter just went out a few days ago but I neglected to mention a Caboose! ministry "historical first" that happened this past October while ministering at a youth retreat in N.J. One of the four messages I gave was "God's X-Ray Room", which begins with Dr. Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen, a German physicist from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century coming out of my Time Machine. In 1895, while working with high voltage he accidentally discovered cathode rays that were of a highly-penetrating nature. He called them "X-Rays". During the Time Machine drama the audience witnesses Dr. Roentgen performing his experiments. His first two attempts fail. After each one he orders his assistant, a.k.a., "Gerhard", to increase the voltage. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> failed attempt, as he ponders the problem as to why it isn't working, he tells Gerhard, "Gerhard? I'm afraid if it doesn't work this time-it never will." He then proceeds to increase the voltage to a dangerous 220-volt level. He tells Gerhard to have the Dr.'s wife & children go to the basement for protection in case something goes wrong. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt "it works"! He sees an X-ray of his hand. [In actuality it was his wife's hand that he X-rayed; interestingly enough, when I was developing this drama & message back in 2002 I acquired an X-ray of a friend's hand not knowing it was Dr. Roentgen's wife's hand that was his 1<sup>st</sup> X-ray! [On an unrelated curious

“aside”, when I was developing my “Gladiator” Time Machine drama back in 2000, I depicted “The Coroner’s Room” beneath the Colosseum where fallen gladiators were brought from the floor of the arena. When I was developing this drama I had no idea that the producers of the movie of the same name that came out that year considered a scene of the arena coroner but decided not to include it.]



Well, at this particular youth retreat, when the kids witnessed Dr. Roentgen’s successful attempt on the 3<sup>rd</sup> try, they applauded! It was as if they were there! In my 15+ years of performing this drama I have never had an audience do so! It was an answer to my pre-drama prayer that I pray before virtually every Time Machine drama I do: “Help me & the other actors, Father, to forget about ourselves & become whom we’re portraying in this drama. Lord, if You don’t anoint this drama, it will be cheesy. But if You anoint it, it will pack a punch.” He apparently brought the audience “back in time” with me & the other actor, as they “entered into the historical scene & its “drama”. It was definitely an historical ministry highlight & memory I shall forever treasure. The drama then leads into a very detailed teaching re: Judgment Day, where each one of us will stand before God’s Great White Throne, vis, His “X-Ray Room” [II Cor.5:9,10].



This applauding by this youth group brought to mind another very precious “ministry memory” to me that happened a few years ago. I was doing a children’s chapel at a Christian school in PA. When they heard the “ticking clock” sound effect during the Time Machine’s operation, they started clapping along with its rhythm! It was one of the most precious sounds I have ever heard-precious children being children, clapping along in fun, excitement, & anticipation of what they were about to see. Again-I shall never forget this.



### “LOVEST THOU ME MORE THAN THESE?”



[11/26] I wrote last month about my “pacing & praying” around the bottom floor of our home & re: God’s ‘aerial’ view of His people’s homes when they do so. It is one of my favorite “pastimes” in life. I was at prayer again in the same manner shortly before Thanksgiving. Once again, as I have done so often since **October of 2016** [when I received a

flu shot from which I contracted GBS], I was entreating the Lord for His healing of my body which is in need of it in so many places. As I walked my circular route around the bottom floor of our house [Kim was out. As usual, I turned on “atmosphere” lights, vis the white Christmas lights around our fireplace, cupboard lights, etc.& music that I often pray with], I felt His Spirit’s fiery zeal to continue to spread His Word & His Son’s gospel & glory in my mind, heart & will. At the same time, I felt such deep anguish in my soul as my lower body, from my hip down to the soles of my feet, was so full of pain as I walked.



“Oh Lord”, I entreated Him, “I have the desire here [pointing to my head] & the fire here [pointing to my heart], but I don’t have the ability here [pointing to my lower extremities]”. “Father? I don’t feel You’re changing my vision & calling, but I need my legs to continue to do it. Please O Father, please, be pleased to touch me.” I have been entreating Him like this for two years. Amazingly, despite this, I’ve been able to do what I’ve always done, but of course, I’d love to have “full-steam ahead” again physically. I can’t remember if it was this particular time of prayer or later, but the thought came into my heart, “Michael? Will you still love Me even if I choose not to heal you?” I know it was His Spirit’s voice. He has said similar things to so many of His people throughout the millennia.



**John the Baptist**, Jesus' kinsman, was in a similar plight, though with different circumstances. This man of the wide-open spaces of the Judean wilderness for most of his life, was now *confined* in the rot hole of Herod Antipas' **Machaerus** prison. When John's disciples returned from informing Jesus of John's plight, Jesus replied re: all of His powerful miracles He had been accomplishing, being *The Messiah* Whom John had announced! And yet, Jesus did *not* use this same omnipotent divine power to free John. He left him there. Jesus' last words to John via the latter's disciples? "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." [Mt. 11:6] "John? Will you still love Me even if I choose not to free you?" Speaking of Herod, what about Herod Antipas' father, Herod the Great? He sought to kill the child Jesus. This forced **Joseph & Mary** to make the long & arduous journey to Egypt to save the Child's life. And yet, scores of angels-a multitude of the heavenly hosts, declared in song Jesus' birth. Surely, they could have intervened at God's command & slew Herod. Surely Joseph & Mary were well aware of the Angel of the Lord Who slew 185,000 Syrian men of war to rescue King Hezekiah & the Israelites. Herod was only one man! [Decades later, for failing to give God the glory in an oracle he gave, God sent an angel who slew another Herod [Agrippa]? & worms ate his body [Acts 12:23]]. "Joseph & Mary, will you still love Me even though I do not intervene & prevent Herod directly & immediately from doing this? Even when it entails the life of My Chosen One? My Beloved? My One & Unique Son?" This is striking! God in His infinite wisdom slays one evil king immediately for not giving God the glory after a speech but allows another evil king to live while said king is engaged in the enterprise of attempting to slay His Son! "Who has known the mind of the Lord, & who has been His counselor?" [Rom.11:34]. Speaking of "Joseph", it was the same with **Joseph** son of Jacob. "The butler" forgot him. Joseph was left unjustly in prison another two years in God's sovereign plan for his life [Gen.40:23]. "Joseph? Will you love Me even if I choose not to free you?" **Paul** was left in prison by "Felix", who hoped to receive a bribe from him & "to do the Jews a 'favor'", for another two years! [Acts 24:27] "Paul, will you still love Me even if I choose not to free you?" After having had endured exile from Egypt, countless trials in dealing with God's continually obstinate & ungrateful people, **Moses** was told he would not enter the Promised Land because of his own personal sin in front of the people. [Dt. 32:51ff]. "Moses? Will you still love Me even though I've decided you will not enter the land you strove to see these many decades?"

**Paul** again-he entreated the Lord three times fervently for his thorn in the flesh [surely it was his eyesight] to be removed, to which the Lord said “No. My grace is sufficient for you.” [2 Cor.12:8]. “Paul, will you still love Me though I’ve chosen not to remove this thorn?”.



**Job** lost his possessions, his servants, his health, & all of his children, inflicted upon him by Satan himself-something none of us can so “boast”. He wanted to die. “Job? Will you love Me in spite of all of this-even if I so choose not to restore any of it?” [which God had every right not to do!]. Job’s reply confirmed God’s testimony about him to Satan although Job had no idea this conversation went on right before his maladies began to “arrive” [The Lord was bragging about Job to Satan!]. Job’s response? “In all of these things Job did not sin with his lips by charging God with wrongdoing.” [Job 1:22] Job went even further later on, “Even though He slays me, I will trust Him.” [Job 13:15]. I believe sooner or later, this is the heart & level of maturity God desires of His children. Surely, none of us comes to this place on his or her own. I’m reminded as I type of a dear sister/friend in the Lord who was counseling for me at camp decades ago. She was struggling with depression & felt the Lord had let her down & had not taken it away. I can still see in my mind’s eye where at camp she told me this. It was not that long after that that she “slid back”-considerably back-in the ways & “ranks” of the Lord. I believe she married an unbeliever & has not pursued Him to this day. Oh God. It is another one of those stories that I hope I’m wrong about! 😞 The above dealings with His chosen is the pattern with God’s true people-since He has had a people. The Lord does whatsoever He pleases, as whatsoever He pleases always conforms to His absolutely perfect nature. He can do nothing imperfectly-including His dealings with His people. It’s an impossibility for Him-imperfection of any kind. So, we choose, by His Spirit’s enabling, to give thanks Him in all things [I Thess.5:18], & for all things [Eph. 5:20]. “Michael? Does this mean you’re going to stop entreating Him for healing?” No way! I want my legs back to continue to serve Him to the best of my ability. May it be so.

**“PET [‘TURKEY’] PEEVE”?**



Speaking of giving thanks in all things, the U.S. celebrated Thanksgiving just a few days ago [it is the earliest Thanksgiving I can ever remember!]. With some fear of being nit-picky, I cannot help but write about things that deeply affect me, & hopefully even more so things that affect our Lord. Sadly, it's no wonderment anymore re: how deeply, rapidly, & openly hostile our society has become to the Lord, His Word, & His people. Fallen human nature by nature hates God [Rom.1:30]. John Murray, the late renowned theologian of Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia once wrote et al that the clearer the revelation of God & His holiness, the more violent & blatant is the sinful human reaction to it. This is why God-haters can sit in liberal, seeker, emergent, etc. churches for years-because said churches & their preachers disbelieve &/or avoid preaching the whole counsel of God-both His kindness & severity [Rom.11:22]. This hatred is manifested in so many ways in American culture it would take a book-not a newsletter-to recount them. The avoidance of the word **CHRIST**mas has been happening for decades now. More & more men are doing all they can to erase the mere mention of the Lord & things divine from our culture. Case in point: I sent a Thanksgiving greeting on my phone to an unbeliever relative-an atheist, I want to recollect. I had said "Happy Thanksgiving", to which they replied, "**Happy Turkey Day**". I could not help but believe it was an "in your Christian face" comeback-a "I don't believe in your God" statement, albeit sent in a nonchalant manner. My spirit was so grieved, & to be honest, I felt a holy anger rise up in me. Of course, when Thanksgiving was instituted "**Lincoln** proclaimed a national day of "**Thanksgiving** and Praise **to our beneficent Father** who dwelleth in the Heavens," to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November" [Wikipedia-emphases mine]. I realize people can inadvertently say such things {one of my best Christian friends did the same!} but somehow this didn't seem the case. I fear it's just one more of countless daily incidents of the American population "dissing" God. THANK God He is so rich in *mercy*-perhaps His greatest blessing to us undeserving wretches. Such He saves. Amen. Kim & I pray your Christmas Season is blessed by His presence. Amen.



**\*Caboose! Commentary Corner:** [Our daughter Laura once said she'd love to have my old Bibles when I passed for all of the notes I have written in them over the decades. This was quite humbling to say the least, especially coming from one of your own children. Hence, I've decided to post each month random notes/comments from various Bibles I have studied from]: "Aside from the sovereign grace of God, we sinners are all "(k)not-heads". We do *not* recognize Him [Jn.1:10], we do *not* receive Him [Jn.1:12], we do *not* receive the things of the Spirit of God [I Cor.2:14], can *not* come to Him [Jn.6:44], will *not* come to Him [Jn.5:40}, do *not* submit to God's Law [Rom.8:7]-we cannot do so [8:8], & can *not* please Him [8:8]. [10/27/'05]





*Caboose! On the Loose:*  
**\*Lookin' out for the little guys...**

**Ministry/Events for **DECEMBER** & those not listed in last month's newsletter:**

**Dec. 1-3: Coral Springs, FL: visiting our daughter & family**

**Dec. 4: Shady Maple Banquet Facility, East Earl, PA: Hopewell Network Christmas luncheon & mtg.**

**Dec. 7: Immanuel Church, Wilmington, DE: Senior Christmas luncheon**

**Dec. 7: Immanuel Church Leadership Christmas Dinner Mtg., Newark, DE**

**Dec. 8,9: Hope of the Nations Church, Reading, PA: Sun. a.m. service**

**Dec. 12: Abundant Life AG Church, Birdsboro, PA: Kids Klub**

**Dec. 19: New Covenant Community Church, Audubon, NJ: Elim area pastors' mtg.**

**Dec. 30: Grace Covenant Community Church, Middleburg, PA: 2 Sun. a.m. family services**



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