

Deep Thoughts & Good Plans

HUMANITY – Created by the Word of God but Unique in All Creation

The GOOD is Woven Into Every Story

Unique in All Creation – To Proclaim GOOD News

SLIDES – NUREMBERG 80 YEARS AWAKEN EUROPE

Matt 6.9 Pray then like this:

“**Our Father** in heaven, **Family Relationship w God**
hallowed be **your name**.”

Deut 32.3 For I will **proclaim the name** of the LORD;
ascribe greatness to our God!

4 “The Rock, his work is perfect,
 for **all his ways** are justice.
 A **God of faithfulness** and **without iniquity**,
 just and upright is he.

Ps 8.1 O LORD, our Lord,
 how **majestic is your name** in all the earth!
 You have set your glory above the heavens.

NET how **magnificent is your reputation** throughout ...!
2 **Out of the mouth** of babies and infants,
 you have ***established strength*** because of your foes,
 to still the enemy and the avenger.

** Heb. **Lay a foundation** for strength, power, might

Mt. 21:16 **prepared praise** (*mend, restore, create*) declaration of ...

PURPOSE OF SPEECH – to make Earth like Heaven

THE PURPOSE OF THE INCARNATION

John 10.10 I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.¹

¹ Greek – excessive, running over.

Sin is a violation of divine design; Truth brings FREEDOM

ABUNDANT LIFE and CONFLICT

Background... Acts 3 – lame man healed

Acts 4.1 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 **greatly annoyed** because they were ... proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they **arrested them ...**

RELIGIOUS SPIRIT & POLITICAL SPIRIT – division & popularity

Compelled by Love; Ministers of Reconciliation

4:7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By **what power** or by **what name** did you do this?” 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “... 11 This Jesus... 12 And there is **salvation in no one else**, for there is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we **must be saved.**”

13 Now when **they saw the boldness of Peter and John**, ..., they were **astonished**. ...**recognized** that they had been with Jesus. 14 But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, **they had nothing to say** in opposition. ...

PRAY FOR GREATER BOLDNESS

23 When they were released, they went to their friends and reported 24 And when they heard it, **they lifted their voices together to God ...**

25 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

“Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

26 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed’—

27 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, **both Herod and Pontius Pilate**, along with the **Gentiles** and the peoples of **Israel**, 28 to

do whatever your **hand** and your **plan**² had predestined to take place.

29 And now, Lord, **look upon their threats** and grant to your servants to **continue to speak your word with all boldness**, 30 while you **stretch out your hand** to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the **name of** your holy servant **Jesus**." 31 And when they had prayed, **the place in which they were gathered together was shaken**, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to **speak the word of God with boldness**.

DON'T BE SILENT — The Father has planned GOOD!

Gen 50.15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "**It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil** that we did to him." 16 So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 17 'Say to Joseph, "**Please forgive** the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because **they did evil to you**.'" And now, please **forgive** the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." **Joseph wept when they spoke to him**. 18 His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?"

20 As for you, **you meant evil** against me, but **God meant**³ **it for good**, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21 So do not fear; **I will provide** for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

The WAYS of Yahweh – "I am the Way..."

Ps 25.1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² L&N βουλή, that which has been purposed and planned — 'plan, intention, purpose.'

³ **hāšab** to plan, plot, purpose, consider; to credit, account; **N** to be considered, regarded; be reckoned, accounted; **P** to determine, plan, plot; to compute, account;

- 4 **Make me to know your ways, O LORD;**
teach me your paths.
- 5 **Lead** me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the **God of my salvation;**
for you I wait all the day long.
- 10 **All** the paths of the LORD are steadfast **love** and **faithfulness,**
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

We Have Supernatural Love & Hope!

SEE IT!!!

- 1 [John 3.1 ESV](#) **See** what kind of love **the Father** has given to us,
that we should be called **children of God;** and so we are. ...

You are endlessly filled with eternal Encouragement

YOUR LIFE is a MESSAGE that is part of an amazing story

- 2 [Thess 2.15 NIV](#) So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the
teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by
letter.
- 16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved
us and by his grace gave us **eternal encouragement** and **good
hope, 17 encourage** your hearts and strengthen you in **every
good deed and word.**

It Is Well with My Soul (3John 2)

By: Horatio G. Spafford

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Chorus:

It is well, It is well,
With my soul, with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

In 1871, Horatio Spafford, a prosperous lawyer and devout Christian, and his wife, Anna, were living comfortably with their four young daughters in Lake View, Chicago.

In that year the great fire broke out which devastated the entire city. For the next two years Horatio and Anna devoted their time to welfare work amongst the refugees of the fire.

By November 1873 the Spaffords needed some respite and decided to join friends in Europe but just before their departure Horatio was detained on business. Anna and their four daughters were persuaded to set off without him but en route tragedy struck. The steamship they were traveling on, the Ville du Havre, sank being rammed by another ship in mid-ocean.

Of the hundreds on board, Anna was one of only 27 who were rescued having been kept afloat by a piece of debris. Her daughters did not survive. Overcome with despair at the loss of her children, Anna felt strongly that she had been saved for a purpose.

In Chicago, Horatio received a tragic telegram from his wife: 'Saved alone.'

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After receiving Anna's telegram, Horatio immediately left Chicago to bring his wife home. **On the Atlantic crossing, the captain of his ship called Horatio to his cabin to tell him that they were passing over the spot where his four daughters had perished.** He wrote to his wife's sister, "*On Thursday last we passed over the spot where she went down, in mid-ocean, the waters three miles deep. But I do not think of our dear ones there. They are safe, and folded as dear lambs.*"

Moved by the experience he wrote a hymn, 'IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL', which expressed his faith..

*"When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot,
thou hast taught me to say:
It is well, it is well, with my soul"*

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****PRAYER FOR ENDLESS ENCOURAGEMENT & OVERFLOWING HOPE (DON'T BE DISTRACTED)**

Rom 15.13 NIV May the **God of hope fill you** with **all joy and peace** as you trust in him, so that **you may overflow with hope** by the **power of the Holy Spirit**. 14 I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.

Rom 15.33 May the **God of peace** be with you all. Amen.

Rom 16.17 I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.

20 The **God of peace** will soon crush Satan **under your feet**. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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WE WILL NOT BE SILENT!