

# PRAISE News

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## We Can! And We Must!

By Merlin Carothers



One of man's most cherished longings is to find peace of heart and mind. Is this selfish? No, but the longing to have this peace is

often man's most elusive dream.

Some strive to attain goals -- only to find that success often brings discouragement. When others don't reach their goals, they often languish in depression. Is there a path that we can follow that leads to a place of rest and peace?

Perhaps you have endured a lifelong feeling of defeat. You have had some success, some failure, and some gray areas where you do not know exactly what you have accomplished. But you cannot say, "I have reached a place of rest."

The children of Israel did not reach "the land flowing with milk and honey." Their rebellion left Moses confused and uncertain. He asked God how he could successfully lead his people to the Promised Land. The answer God gave Moses can be of special inspiration to us: *My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest...because I am pleased with you and I know you by name (Exodus 33:14,17 NIV)*. When we know that God is pleased with us, He gives us rest!

You and I are not challenged by God to possess a geographical portion of this earth. He has told us to receive *our* inheritance through faith in His Son

and to share that blessing with others. But our "enemies" are constantly challenging us.

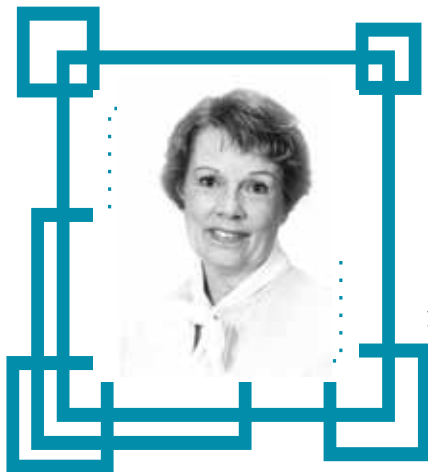
One of our enemies is fear! We may fear that because of our own weakness we cannot do what God has told us to do. We know that others need to hear the Good News, but we fear to tell them. That is exactly what caused the Israelites to fail! If we fail to do God's will we'll always feel that *something* is wrong.

Jesus came to tell us that He is our source of peace. He said, *Learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls (Matthew 11:29 NIV)*. Paul wrote, *Now we who have believed enter that rest just as God has said (Hebrews 4:3 NIV)*.

Paul taught us that the Kingdom of God is *living a life of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17 NIV)*. And in chapter five of Galatians we find that one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is peace.

Whatever God has told us to do, we must believe that **we can do it**. Jesus said to tell the entire world God's plan of salvation. We can obey that calling! We must believe that the power of the Holy Spirit, Who dwells within, will help us fulfill the mission God has given us. Many people in our own country have no idea what the Good News of the Gospel is! There is still time to lay aside our fears and find ways to help people enter the "Promised Land."  
*(Reprint from August 2000)*





# Transformation



By Mary Carothers

Years ago, Merlin and I were able to minister to inmates in a prison, he to the men and I to the women. When

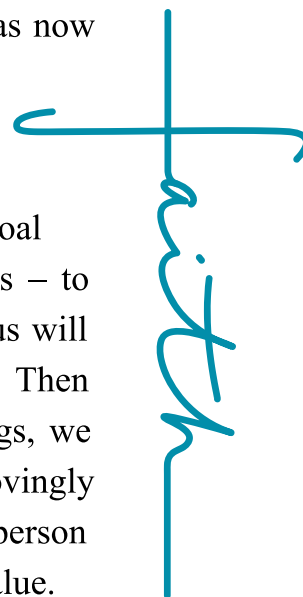
I had finished sharing and praying for the ladies, the prison chaplain presented me with this lovely white flower. It was lovingly made from the only thing that was available to them - toilet paper. What incredible care and patience was used to make each petal, each leaf with such perfection. The prisoner had taken what is normally considered trash to be flushed down the toilet and had painstakingly created a thing of beauty.

How like our loving Heavenly Father! He will take the "trash" of our lives – our wrong attitudes, destructive habits, outright sins – and will forgive us, cleanse us, and make us alive in Christ. Then,

as we submit to His tender correction, God patiently and carefully makes something beautiful out of our lives.

Paul said in Philippians chapter three that he considered all the things he had previously accomplished – whether good or bad – as rubbish. He determined to forget those things from his past and was now pressing on toward the goal of knowing Christ intimately.

Let us also reach for the goal that Jesus has set before us – to become one with Him. Jesus will take us right where we are. Then as we lay down those things, we once held dear, He will lovingly transform each of us into a person of everlasting beauty and value.



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*Our loss is Heaven's gain! Our prayers  
are with those who loved them.*

# Words Of Praise And Thanks



We so appreciate your continuing Merlin's vision. May it continue so that all those who are called will be saved.

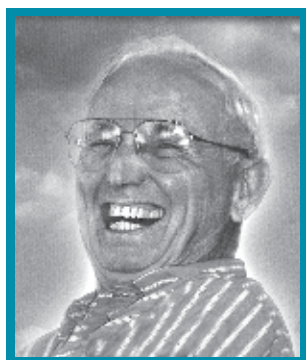
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Thank you for the ministry you have of giving hope to those who have lost their hope, or never had it. God bless you. **VICKIE, MN**

Thank you for all the hard work you have done, and are doing, in the name of our Lord. You have blessed so many!

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# Praise THE Lord



Merlin would have been 99 years old on August 21<sup>st</sup>. We still miss his smiling face and cheerful, "Praise the Lord" but rejoice that he is celebrating his birthday in Heaven!



Thank you for the *Praise News*. Reading the articles and testimonies stir our hearts and we are always blessed by it. We are rejoicing in being a part of spreading the Good News to so many people through this great work.

**DANIEL & MAGGIE, CA**

Thank you for the wonderful *Praise News*. We need to remember to praise Him daily as He is worthy of our praise! **CAREN, MN**

We thank you for the *Foundation of Praise* ministry and the *Praise News*. It is always a blessing to us when we receive it. **LINDA, KS**

I love Merlin's books. I have read many of them and given many away. **ELAINE, ND**

I want to thank you for the *Praise News* and the Praise books which I have enjoyed and found encouragement from over many years. You have been a blessing and Merlin's books have touched my life. **DEBBY, MI**

I am most grateful to Merlin for leading me to making praising God a never-ending priority! **JOSEPH, TX**



I love and so look forward to receiving the *Praise News*. **MONICA, MI**

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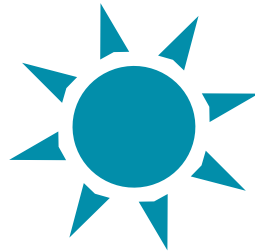


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*You are His.* (Isaiah 43:1)

*You are strong.* (Psalm 68:35)

*You are protected.* (Psalm 121:3)

*You are family.* (Ephesians 2:19)

*You are the apple of His eye.* (Zechariah 2:8)

*You were created for a purpose.* (Jeremiah 29:11)

*Please continue  
your prayers that God  
will use the Foundation  
of Praise to lead men and  
women to our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ. These are difficult  
times, but God will not fail  
to bless every effort we  
make to be His witness  
in a dark world.*

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