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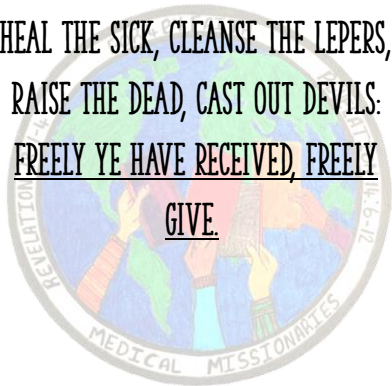
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"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." -Ephesians 6:10-12

'Onward!' is a compilation of poems in a chronological order with the intention of telling an allegorical story while imparting a divine message.

MATTHEW 10:8

HEAL THE SICK, CLEANSE THE LEPERS,
RAISE THE DEAD, CAST OUT DEVILS:
FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY
GIVE.

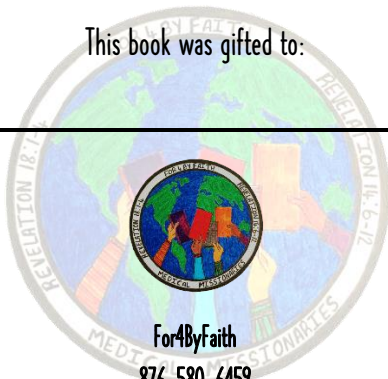


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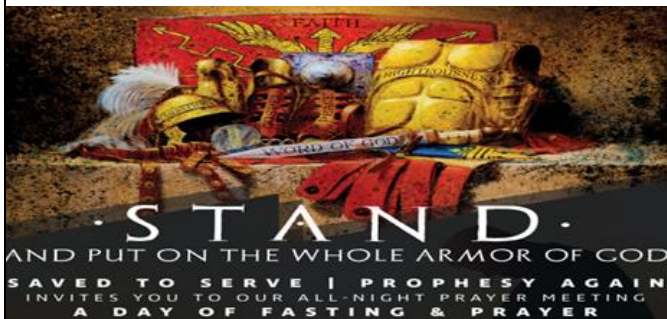
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I dedicate this booklet to the Lord's mission in saving souls for His Kingdom eternally and vindicating His character of love amid the Great Controversy between Christ and Satan.

-Miguel Foster

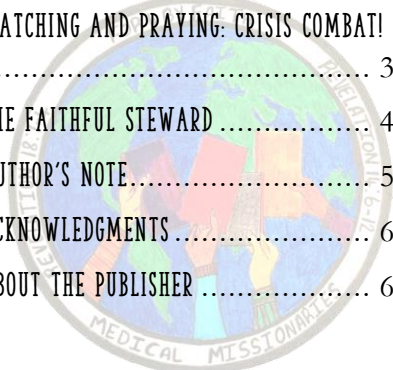


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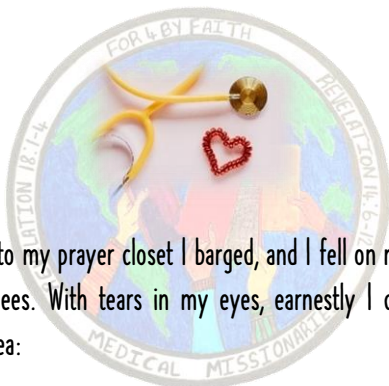
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CONSECRATION: THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT: SALVATION'S SURGERY



Into my prayer closet I barged, and I fell on my knees. With tears in my eyes, earnestly I did plea:

"There's a mass in my heart, a lump that brings grief; It has grown from my sins, Dear Jesus, help me!

Earnestly I do plea for a heart surgery; Oh, Master Physician, please work now on me!

On the altar I'll lay, so that you'll cut me today; please do an X-Ray; Lord show me my ways.

All cuts I will bear, for the Word it cuts fair; No rebuke I'll resent; Of all sins I'll repent.

I'll yield to your surgery, For I know You love me; You won't leave me to bleed; You will cut, and you will heal.

Through Your Words have I come:
Promises from above; For a bargain
for me; Sweet salvation that's free.

*And take the helmet of salvation, and
the sword of the Spirit, which is the
word of God: -Ephesians 6:17*

*For the word of God is quick, and
powerful, and sharper than any
twoedged sword, piercing even to the
dividing asunder of soul and spirit,
and of the joints and marrow, and is a*

*discerner of the thoughts and intents
of the heart. -Hebrews 4:12*

*The Spirit came upon the waiting,
praying disciples with a fullness that
reached every heart. The Infinite One
revealed Himself in power to His
church. It was as if for ages this
influence had been held in restraint,
and now Heaven rejoiced in being able
to pour out upon the church the
riches of the Spirit's grace. And under
the influence of the Spirit, words of
penitence and confession mingled with*

songs of praise for sins forgiven.
Words of thanksgiving and of
prophecy were heard. All heaven bent
low to behold and to adore the
wisdom of matchless,
incomprehensible love. Lost in wonder,
the apostles exclaimed, "Herein is
love." They grasped the imparted gift.
And what followed? The sword of the
Spirit, newly edged with power and
bathed in the lightnings of heaven, cut
its way through unbelief. Thousands
were converted in a day. -Acts of the
Apostles 38.1

FAMILY: LOINS GIRL ABOUT WITH
TRUTH: SENTINEL MAN



I hear the whistle! I hear the call! You have my focus, I'm standing tall! Here front and center I stand a man! With truth-girted loins I know I can!

The battle is fierce, there's no time to lose!
Vict'ry is a must, Lord that I choose!

The plan of Satan, You've made it clear: If he gets my mind, I'm in his snare.

If Satan succeeds depends on me:

To yield to sin and iniquity means
one less soldier in God's Army.

I cannot stumble for I'm a man! If I should tumble my house won't stand! The Lord calls us

all males and females, to join vict'ry's band. To
make our stand; But the man is called to take
the lead; As the household priest he must be
clean.

So, I'll stand my post, I'll take my watch; With
truth-girted loins and sword in hand.

Through prayers and song, my mind
will prove my true allegiance is unto
You.

*"Stand therefore, having your loins
girt about with truth, and having on*

*the breastplate of righteousness;" -
Ephesians 6:14*

*Wherefore gird up the loins of your
mind, be sober, and hope to the end
for the grace that is to be brought
unto you at the revelation of Jesus
Christ; -1 Peter 1:13*

*The whole mind and soul should
become imbued with the truth, that
you may be a living representation of
Christ.... God would have you filled
with His Holy Spirit, endowed with
power from on high. Labor not to*

*become great men; but labor rather to
become good and perfect men,
showing forth the praises of Him who
hath called you out of darkness into
His marvelous light. God calls for
Calebs and Joshuas, fearless,
singlehearted men, who will work with
faith and courage.*

*If the truth of God be not deep rooted
in the heart, you cannot stand the test
of temptation. There is only one
power that can keep us steadfast
under the most trying circumstances-*

*the grace of God in truth. -My Life
Today 310.3 -310.4*



HEALTH AND HEALING: THE SHIELD OF FAITH: FRIENDLY FIRE!



Before I held the thought (which was selfish indeed) that all my mistakes just affected me;
With shame I just learnt that the defects that

prick my soul (which are just pinches to me) are
deep nails through Your hands and soles.

You've served as my shield while also my flesh
(which once was cold stone; You changed my
heart yes); but You can't work alone to beat
back the foe; You'll only defend once I give You
control.

But foolish was I, subtly playing both sides:
Sporting Jesus outright with Satan in my mind.

If I had just relaxed and let You prove my faith,
then I wouldn't be guilty of friendly fire today.

I saw the first darts with the fiery
tips; All made custom for me, I
thought they wouldn't miss.

Had I held up the shield, The darts
would've been stopped; But to fear I
did yield, and my faith I did toss; and
with no real defense, I forgot what I
threw; so, I forgot all God's promises,
and doubted the few that I still knew.

The foe didn't stop; the pinches still
came; And as I was assailed, I
thought my living was in vain.

Since life now seemed cheap, I
thought to do what I pleased; By

living as I liked and falling for what
pleased the eyes.

But thank You for the day that You dropped me
on my face and rolled me on my back to see
my disgrace.

I whined about pinches till I saw
what unseen can't be: A blood-
stricken Savior with nail prints in His
hands and feet.

It was then I knew: I didn't just toss my shield;
I unwittingly tossed my whole armory!

Christ is my all, my less and my great; Through
mercy I'm restored, once again I have faith.

*Above all, taking the shield of faith,
wherewith ye shall be able to quench
all the fiery darts of the wicked. -*

Ephesians 6:16

*But without faith it is impossible to
please him: for he that cometh to God
must believe that he is, and that he is
a rewarder of them that diligently
seek him. -Hebrews 11:6*

*Beloved, think it not strange
concerning the fiery trial, which is to
try you, as though some strange thing*

happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. -1 Peter

4:12, 13

I saw that we had doubted the sure promises and wounded the Saviour by our lack of faith. Said the angel, "Gird the armor about thee, and above all take the shield of faith; for that will guard the heart, the very life, from the fiery darts of the wicked." If the enemy can lead the desponding to take their eyes off from

Jesus, and look to themselves, and dwell upon their own unworthiness, instead of dwelling upon the worthiness of Jesus, His love, His merits, and His great mercy, he will get away their shield of faith, and gain his object; they will be exposed to his fiery temptations. The weak should therefore look to Jesus and believe in Him; they then exercise faith. -

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MANIFOLD!



Manifold! Manifold! Manifold are Your blessings
Oh Lord! Manifold! Manifold! Manifold are Your
mercies my God!

How often have I failed You, wondering if You see? Allowing fear to rule me? Doubting You love me?

Oh Lord I submit my feeble attempts to fight spiritual foes with my mortal flesh; I'll let You take over, I really want You to; I'll show my love by submitting to You.

Forgive my rebellions, my impatient dispositions; I'll follow You with peace, no matter the position; When you wanted the lead, in Your path I once stood; But now I'll accept that all works for good.

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Oh Lord! Manifold! Manifold! Manifold are Your
mercies my God!

If life was like chess, Its Grandmaster You'd be:
Seeing the end from the start, Success always
guaranteed!

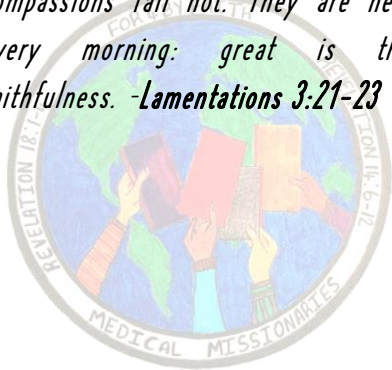
Your providence is matchless! Your ways are all
pure! Your mercies are priceless! Your justice is
sure!

Manifold You are, Creator of this world! When
have I prayed, and You have not heard? NEVER
my Lord, Your condescension toggles my brain!
How can You a Spirit, love me mere mortal clay?

Whether in this life that's fleeting or in
Heavenly Courts above, I know that my wonder
will never be done; Even the angels long to look
into Your Ways, Yet in their awe and
amazement, they cannot help but give You
praise!

Your Manifold blessings show wherever I look!
Your Manifold testimonies can't be contained in
a book! Yet even with these lines, I must give
You praise, and humbly submit, so that You can
lead me all my days.

This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. -Lamentations 3:21-23



GOD'S PROVISION: THE BREASTPLATE
OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: FROM GOD
"GUARANTEED"



Redeemed to my post, again a Christian soldier,
of this new chance I'll make the most, I know
I'll stand bolder.

I've been proving my sword,

and my belt it fits well.

My shield is fused to my hand; I
intend to do well.

For the glory of God, every path I will trod. With
my new armor for my chest, I will have success.

I'm sure of my resolve though I've made it
before; That's because I'm redeemed, and my
steps are now sure.

The assurances aren't new, they've just been
refreshed; The Lord walks with me so I need
not regress.

As I look to the left and I look to the right,
Nature is good proof that I'll be alright:

The grass gets its dew. The bird gets
its worm; The worm has its dirt to
wiggle and squirm. The horse gets its
hay, The lion its prey; If they're less
than I, why should I dismay?

To just follow God and serve Him supreme mean
everything's sure for "once-sinful" me.

Did I overreach? Is vict'ry far-
fetched? Am I doomed to be lost?
Nothing more, nothing less?

Why would then I serve my Lord God
in vain if I don't believe that He has
a way to help me to rise above sinful

life (and) to start on the road to
eternal life?

So, what will it be? Will you walk with me?
You'll have all you need from God guaranteed.

*Stand therefore, having your loins girt
about with truth, and having on the
breastplate of righteousness; -*

Ephesians 6:14

*For the grace of God that bringeth
salvation hath appeared to all*

men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; - Titus 2:11-13

Put on as your breastplate that divinely protected righteousness which it is the privilege of all to wear. This will protect your spiritual life.

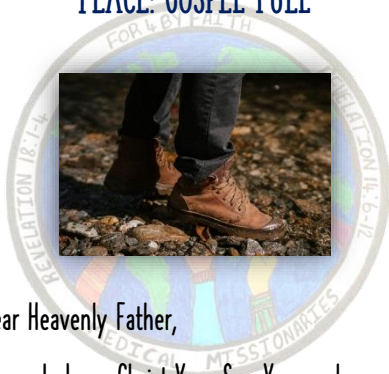
Ample provisions have been made for all who sincerely, earnestly, and

thoughtfully set about the work of perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Strength, grace, and glory have been provided through Christ, to be brought by ministering angels to the heirs of salvation. None are so low, so corrupt, and vile, that they cannot find in Jesus, who died for them, strength, purity, and righteousness, if they will put away their sins, cease their course of iniquity, and turn with full purpose of heart to the living God. He is waiting to strip them of their garments, stained and polluted by sin,

*and to put upon them the white,
bright robes of righteousness. -God's
Amazing Grace 31.2 -31.3*



EVANGELISM: FEET SHOD WITH THE
PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF
PEACE: GOSPEL FUEL



Dear Heavenly Father,
Through Jesus Christ Your Son You made a way
to save me; I'm honored to be redeemed and
glad to be in Your army.

You saved me not to sit idly by; to relax in a saved state until the sweet By and By. You showed me Your Love to help vindicate Your Name and to also seek souls so they too will be saved.

Your bargain is fair, to that I concede; I'm ready and willing for You to use me.

I certainly know I won't be alone when I step out and go to face the evil foes.

From You I'll need strength to bear shame and resent from those who hate Your truth, for unbelief has deep root.

Your fuel I will need to use these gospel feet;
to minister high and low to both the young and
the old.

That fuel it is love, unlimited from
Above; please improve on my best,
may I be faithful till death.

Sincerely,
Miguel Foster



*Stand therefore, having.....your feet
shod with the preparation of the
gospel of peace; -**Ephesians 6:14, 15***

*And Jesus went about all the cities
and villages, teaching in their
synagogues, and **preaching** the gospel
of the kingdom, and **healing** every
sickness and every disease among the
people. But when he saw the
multitudes, he was moved with
compassion on them, because they
fainted, and were scattered abroad, as
sheep having no shepherd. Then saith*

he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. -Matthew 9:35-38

"Your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace," you will be prepared to walk from house to house, carrying the truth to the people. Sometimes you will find it very trying to do work of this kind; but if you go forth in faith, the Lord will go before

*you, and His light will shine upon your
pathway.* -Colporteur Ministry 90.2-
90.3



PREPARATION FOR THE LAST DAYS:
WATCHING AND PRAYING: CRISIS
COMBAT!



I once donned my armor for all to see how it
glistens and shines with God's Majesty; but
more liberty has been given to the evil lovers;
so, in this time I've gone undercover.

My aim hasn't changed to win more souls; a
crisis may be here, but probation hasn't closed.

In this sea of sin there's still an ignorant few
who still hasn't known about God's Sabbath
truth.

So as a fugitive and a fisherman I still
operate, though my body feels worn
and my tear ducts are spent.

No holds are barred for the sons of men to
torture my soul so that of truth I'll repent. Now
more than ever I can't stand alone, I need divine
strength from God on His throne.

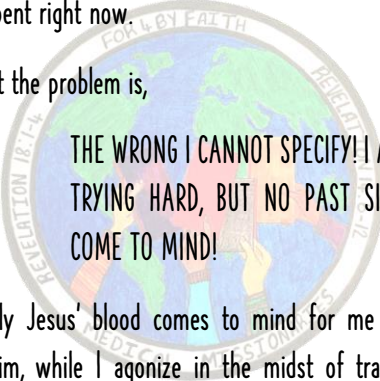
I was forewarned but I didn't conceive the
degree of hate Satan had for me!

NO TINGE OF JOY IS HERE TO CHEER
ME NOW, ONLY CULTURED FAITH
CAN HELP ME NOW!

WAS MY WORK IN VAIN? IS
SALVATION GUARANTEED? OH,
PLEASE MY LORD FORSAKE NOT ME!

I've tried my best to watch, pray and work, yet evil doubt now around me lurks; If I erred and didn't confess my wrong, IMMEDIATELY I would repent right now.

But the problem is,



THE WRONG I CANNOT SPECIFY! I AM TRYING HARD, BUT NO PAST SINS COME TO MIND!

Only Jesus' blood comes to mind for me to claim, while I agonize in the midst of trails' flames.....

Stand therefore.... praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. -Ephesians 6:14, 18

And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always,

that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. -Luke 21:34-36

For thus saith the LORD, we have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the

time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. -Jeremiah 30:5-7

Such will be the experience of God's people in their final struggle with the powers of evil. God will test their faith, their perseverance, their confidence in His power. Satan will endeavor to terrify them with the thought that their sins have been too great to receive pardon. As they review their lives, their hopes will sink. But remembering God's mercy and their own sincere repentance, they

will plead His promises. Their faith will not fail because their prayers are not immediately answered. The language of their souls will be, "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me." -From Eternity Past 131.2

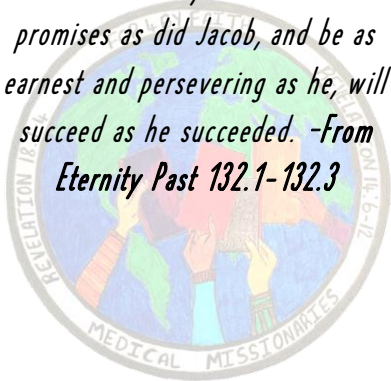
Jacob's history is an assurance that God will not cast off those who have been betrayed into sin, but have returned unto Him with true repentance. God taught His servant that divine grace alone could give him the blessing he craved. Thus it will be

*with those who live in the last days.
In all our helpless unworthiness we
must trust in the merits of the
crucified and risen Saviour. None will
ever perish while they do this.*

*Jacob's experience testifies to the
power of importunate prayer. It is
now that we are to learn this lesson
of unyielding faith. The greatest
victories are not those gained by
talent, education, wealth, or the favor
of men. They are gained in the
audience chamber with God, when*

*earnest, agonizing faith lays hold upon
the mighty arm of power.*

*All who will lay hold of God's
promises as did Jacob, and be as
earnest and persevering as he, will
succeed as he succeeded. -From
Eternity Past 132.1-132.3*



THE FAITHFUL STEWARD



You accepted My call, immersed in the watery grave, You accepted My message; the fact that Jesus saves. You took on the responsibility, to be one of My stalwarts, You received spiritual gifts-

you became My steward.

The gifts you received, could have been used in many roles, The serpent was at your heel, but you proved to whom belonged your soul, You were tempted to use My gifts for personal gain, but you remained committed to glorifying My name.

Through using My gifts and daily pride demolition, you were essential in the commission to win souls for My mission, You remained faithful in feeding My sheep,

Now your rewards you shall finally reap.

"Well done, good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things:

*enter thou into the joy of thy lord. -
Matthew 25:23*

*And, behold, I come quickly; and my
reward is with me, to give every man
according as his work shall be. I am
Alpha and Omega, the beginning and
the end, the first and the last. Blessed
are they that do his commandments,
that they may have right to the tree
of life, and may enter in through the
gates into the city. -Revelation 22:12-*

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And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which

were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. -Revelation 14:1-5

Heavenly Companions-Then the redeemed will be welcomed to the

home that Jesus is preparing for them. There their companions will not be the vile of earth, liars, idolaters, the impure, and unbelieving; but they will associate with those who have overcome Satan and through divine grace have formed perfect characters.

Every sinful tendency, every imperfection, that afflicts them here has been removed by the blood of Christ, and the excellence and brightness of His glory, far exceeding the brightness of the sun, is imparted to them. And the moral beauty, the

perfection of His character, shines through them, in worth far exceeding this outward splendor. They are without fault before the great white throne, sharing the dignity and the privileges of the angels. -Steps to Christ, 126.

We all went under the tree of life, and sat down to look at the glory of the place..... We tried to call up our greatest trials, but they looked so small compared with the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory

*that surrounded us, that we could not
speak them out, and we all cried out,
"Alleluia! heaven is cheap enough!"
and we touched our glorious harps and
made heaven's arches ring. -Heaven*

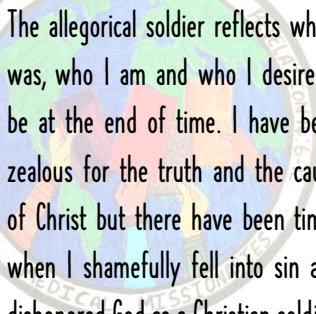
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'Onward' is a compilation of poems penned by Miguel Foster but inspired by the Holy Spirit. On the 13th of June 2021, a present-truth ministry (Saved to Serve Prophecy Again) had an All-Night Prayer Meeting and a Day of Fasting and Prayer entitled '*STAND And Put on The Whole Armor of God*' which consisted of seven online segments focused on the different aspects of the spiritual armor that we must have always on. After each segment, the Lord inspired me to write a poem that focused on the segment that had passed. All of the poems

(with the exception of Manifold! and 'The Faithful Steward') were written under inspiration during the gap period between each segment.



The allegorical soldier reflects who I was, who I am and who I desire to be at the end of time. I have been zealous for the truth and the cause of Christ but there have been times when I shamefully fell into sin and dishonored God as a Christian soldier. Thankfully, the Lord in His mercy has lifted me up and given me the

confidence to stand for Him even now; and it is my desire and aim to be counted as one of God's "faithful stewards" at the End of Time. -

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OUR VISION STATEMENT

The message of truth is to go to all
nations, tongues, and people; its
publications, printed in many different
languages, are to be scattered abroad like

the leaves in autumn. - *Review and Herald*
November 15, 1906, par. 8

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As members of the Bride of Christ, we are striving to live in constant expectation of The Bridegroom's return while we faithfully impart principles and admonitions most advantageous to the Christlike reformation of man's body, mind, and character.

Watch, pray, work-this is the Christian's watchword. - *Gospel Workers 257.3*

