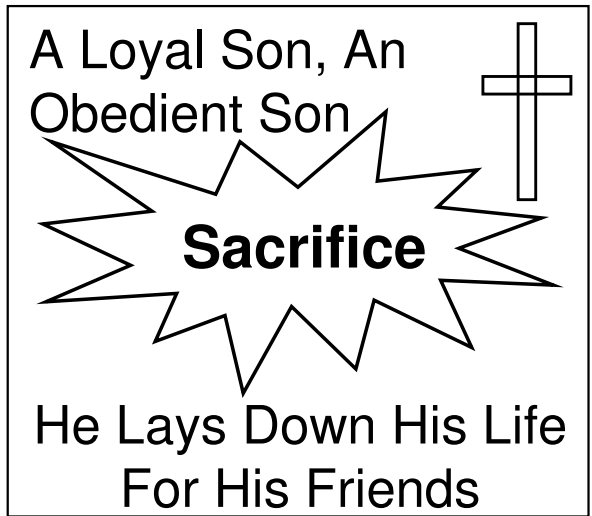


# GOD'S ARMY

## HIGHER BATTLES

Father God wants YOU to join His army in a fight against the Darkness. And He wants you to some day be awarded a special place of honor in Heaven's Hall of Loyal Soldiers.

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*Is it to be or not to be...? Should you just suffer endless troubles patiently, or take action against them...?* That's a question with which Prince Hamlet once struggled in a play by Shakespeare. ***How do you “take arms” against a sea of troubles?***

Hamlet wasn't sure he wanted to stay alive in such an awful world, and he thought maybe he would just make his own exit.

What the character didn't quite realize is that he really could not escape his life by simply dying, since God had already given him—and everyone else on Earth—the gift of spiritual immortality. As a human being, Hamlet would already possess a spirit of eternal life, a life-force that would persist through all eternity. His continued existence was already assured, just because he was a human being, and would last for all time. But he **desperately wanted** some way to escape the grim Darkness of his world and the vast ocean of evil circumstances in which he found himself.

***How do you “take arms” against a sea of troubles?*** Is the situation to be allowed to continue, or not allowed to continue? Is the mental distress to continue, or not to continue? How do you make an end to such distress?

*Is there ever to be any end to it? Is it to be or not to be— is it going to be like this forever? Like a living hell on Earth?*

Is it **to be or not to be**— forever— like a great bloody battlefield, with an endless flood of hellish nightmares onto the Earth?

Today, in this modern world of volunteer armies, there are many real persons who wrestle with another question. They grapple with the question “*To join or not to join.*” ***To fight or not to fight.*** These persons may sometimes wonder if participation in a military defense of their nation might be somehow wrong and immoral, and thus they find it rather hard to make a firm decision in the matter. They may even feel that participation in *any* war should be entirely optional and a matter of personal choice.

Those persons are usually unaware of the fact that there has been a spiritual war going on in all the millennia of Earth. It is the war between the children of Light and the children of Darkness. This warfare has never yet ceased, not even for one year, and it has never yet allowed a truce of any kind. Every adult on Earth is forced to participate on one side or the other.

Why is this so? Because everyone on Earth has been forcibly conscripted (drafted in early youth) by the army of God's Adversary.... and this has become a massive population on the Earth. The only way to escape that condition is by switching sides: You can voluntarily change your loyalties and come over to God's team.

God's Army is **an all-volunteer army**, while that of Satan is **an enslaved army**— a vast legion that was kidnapped soon after birth or in the teenage years. The Devil's army is composed of **the grossly misled** and **the deceived**; most of them came to him in late childhood (or in their early youth) without much awareness of what they were doing. Nevertheless, they are fighting on the wrong side, fighting on the team of the Enemy of God, and so they must share the fate of God's Adversary.

Unless, that is, they choose to switch their allegiances, and become loyal to the Almighty God who is the Creator of our Universe. The soldiers of Satan can only escape the clutches of the Devil by **rejecting** the army of Darkness... and **choosing instead** to become a part of the army of Light. **Then God the Father will welcome them with open arms!**

You've often heard it said that Jesus Christ can give you "eternal life." They should have told you, more exactly, that Jesus can give you "eternal life in Heaven" or "eternal life with God." The truth is, God has already designed every human on Earth as an immortal spirit, giving every human an "eternal life"— a life-force that survives bodily death. All the human beings of Earth, even the unsaved, will experience a **Life After Death...** a life that continues after the occurrence of bodily death.

The Big Question is this: ***Where are you going to stay when you reach that new world of further existence... that eternal lifetime which is ahead of you?*** Will you spend it with Father God in Heaven, or will you spend it with Satan— whom Jesus calls the Prince of this Earth— and with many demons, in a nightmarish Hell that continues for all of eternity?

There is a war raging on our Earth, and in all the Universe, between the armies of God and the armies of Satan. Every adult on Earth has been enlisted by one side or the other, so everyone participates— whether they wish it or don't.

**The Lord God Almighty is looking for a few good men (and women) to help Him in His battle against the forces of Darkness.** If you repent of your evil ways and turn back to the Light (Jesus Christ, the Light of the World), He can use your service in the Great War, which is currently underway on Earth. He needs more soldiers, and He needs more recruits who have a courageous spirit like that of Joshua and Caleb!

**God's Remnant** is an army of loyal soldiers that survives all this supernatural warfare, and within this group of humans is a Special Forces preservation team that is the apple of God's eye. They are the devoted warriors of the Most High God, and they fight higher battles in His Holy Name. These soldiers get an exalted position with God and are individually chosen by Him—the Righteous King Himself carefully picks them out of the crowd.

These troops compose an elite corps that is destined for a special position in God's Developmental Program for His Universe. They are ***the Preservers***. They are the salt of the Earth, and they reflect the Light of Christ in a world of Darkness. They fight against evil atrocities, struggling **to conserve and protect** the good things that can exist even in an evil world.

These are the ones who have joined God's army of Light and who are intensely loyal to Him. This is the overcoming remnant that will be victorious over our current world (which will one day be called Old Earth), and **they** are the ones whom God will rescue from trials and use to populate the paradise-planet of His New Earth.

The more massive population on our current Earth is that formed by the armies of Darkness, who mostly adhere to the Majority Opinion. These guys serve the Prince of Darkness, whom Jesus declared to be "the prince of this world"—whether they realize that fact or not!

But that team is headed for ultimate destruction, since they will share the same fate as Satan and his demons! They will first march over all the Earth causing a lot of damage, but ultimately they will suffer an eternal torment when they are consigned to Hell, a place of **Outer Darkness** where there will be only mental pain, weeping, and despair!

Hell is a place where the enemies of God will be trapped forever with their leader (Satan) and endless remorse. It's rather like an eternal Lunatic Asylum that will imprison all the enemies of God.

You may wonder why a Loving God (a God of Light) would allow such a thing as Hell to exist. Well, it's like this:

God created all human and angelic beings in His Universe with the innate gift of eternal life, and they get to keep forever that endless spirit which resides within their outward forms. They stay alive for all time, infinitely... no matter how much they sin, no matter how evil or insane they may become. So God has to put the Evil One and all his followers SOMEWHERE, and this miserable Hell is where they will reside even after He recreates the Universe and produces the New Earth as a paradisiacal world of Light. In Hell they will know endless remorse, endless despair, and endless torment.

The Darkness which Satan, his demons, and his followers have so long promoted... then becomes the prison that will trap them for all of eternity.

**So choose this day whom you will serve. If God the Father is your God, then choose to follow Him! If you continue to follow instead the Prince of Darkness, then you must share that monster's ultimate destiny...!**

Father God wants YOU to join Salvation's Army! Become one of the Best... be smart and join the winning team! It's the only way to come out on top in the end!

The alternative is to stay on the losing side... and then you'll end up at the bottom of a pit filled with black fire, along with a nasty guy named Satan and an ugly bunch of demons. Woe, woe... and whoa now! Hey, that's a fate that shouldn't appeal to anyone with an ounce of good sense...

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Yeah, that's right— we're the World's Finest, the Good Guys who are "the salt of the Earth." Admittedly, we fight for truth, for what's right, and for justice... just like those "naive" police officers that a lot of people try to avoid!

So why do we end up thinking that we're "better" than all the rest? What makes us so special— what sets us apart from all the other evil sinners in the world?

Only the fact that we've accepted salvation through Christ, and have thus gotten forgiveness from our sins... and the fact that we've turned to Jesus Christ as a source of Light.

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You can share the Light of Jesus Christ, can reflect His Holy Light in a Cruel World, and thus become a point of illumination in the darkness of this world.

**God's Light can become a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path, if you choose to accept rescue and salvation that is available in Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God Almighty.**

**You can even live to see the Light of God flowing through you and reaching out to other people in our world...!**

**It's time your mind was illuminated by Jesus Christ, the Holy One Who is the Light of the World!**

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God Almighty, the Holy and Righteous Leader of the armies of Light, is still looking for a few good followers. You can join His army by placing Jesus Christ, **Who in the Trinity of God created our Universe**, upon a throne at the center of your heart! *He deserves that position and that kind of respect.* He was first **God The Son**, but when born in human flesh He became the only sinless and righteous person who ever lived. Yet He sacrificed Himself on a cross for your sake, taking all guilt and sins upon Himself, in order that you and I—that all people— **that whoever wishes for salvation might be rescued from the due punishment of sins.**

The Bible teaches us that Jesus Christ is “**the Sun of Heaven.**” **You can put Him on a throne in your heart**, and you’ll then see Him light up your life!

The Bible teaches us that Jesus Christ is “**the Sun of Righteousness**” and that He is also “**the Sunrise from Heaven.**”<sup>\*</sup> You can give your allegiance to this Righteous King, placing Him on a throne in your heart, and you’ll then see Him light up your entire life... your face, your faith, your struggles, and all of your actions!

*\* Malachi 4:2 & Luke 1:78 !*

If you will do this, you will be committed forever to the service of the Great King, and you will serve your Lord honorably as a soldier of Christ. You will gain from His Holy Spirit a new contentment and peace as you accept God's organizational plan for the Universe. . . because you'll be letting God be the Ruler of All Things in this world. . . and in your own life.

All it really takes is a simple but sincere little prayer—one that you should make up in your own words. The prayer for deliverance and for God's leadership should come from your own heart!

**Some important elements** that you should include are:

- 1) your desire to turn away from the wrongness or evil of your past life, and your remorse over the sins of your previous life,
- 2) your desire for God's forgiveness and mercy through the act of sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son (Jesus Christ),
- 3) your desire to know God's leadership in your life,
- 4) your desire to learn more of God's truth through Bible study,
- 5) your desire to find fellowship with genuine believers.

This Sunday, don't sin by worshiping the Earth's sun, like the followers of Baal... like the Greek and Roman polytheists... like many pagans in all nations of the Earth. Don't worship the Earth or the things of Earth. You shouldn't worship nature, as the pantheists and the animists do. The *supernatural* does exist, because God's Spirit is *above* and *behind* the natural world... and *superior* to it. So don't worship the sun and the stars like all the naturalistic science advocates, the humanists, the evolutionists, and many of our modern-day science-fiction fans!

Don't go out to worship the sun and stars this Sunday, nor Earth, nor Man. Instead, go out to a good Bible-believing church and worship the Holy One Who is the Sun of Heaven— Jesus Christ, Who is both the Son of God and God The Son. Honor Him, and you will please His proud Father in Heaven by your actions. You greatly err if you exalt Man (Humanism) or Science (Scientism), or anything else at all.

**Jesus Christ is the Sunrise from Heaven, and He is the Light of the World!**

**Jesus said of the people of God that "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a net that God has cast into the sea, and it gathers of every kind: When it is full, it will be pulled up on the shore, where they will sit down to sort the catch, and they will **collect the good fish in baskets, but the bad things will be thrown away. This is the way it will be at the end of the world: The angels shall come forth, and they will separate the unrighteous persons from among those justified by God . . ."****

*Excerpt from the book of Matthew, who was a constant companion of Jesus and his devoted disciple [13:47-50].*

It's also important for all of us to remember this:

1) **WE SPEAK TO GOD** by our prayers.

2) **GOD SPEAKS TO US** by the words of Holy Scripture.

So we must try to read His words and His Book just as often as we possibly can!!

*God wants to bless you for all your long efforts to understand this very confusing and difficult Universe in which we live— so let Him reward your search with the grace of His forgiveness and enlightenment!*

## **About The High Flight Of Col. James B. Irwin**

One of my favorite heros, now gone to his heavenly reward, is a military adventurer named Colonel James B. Irwin. A Navy test-pilot and career serviceman who ultimately became a Christian astronaut, he traveled to the Moon and back to Earth again. During the Apollo 15 mission of 1971, he became a Moonwalker and a driver of the first Moon Jeep. His team contained the only pair of astronauts to ever explore the mountains of the Moon. So I'm pretty sure they had one of the most exciting missions of all those provided to Earth's twelve Moonwalkers.

When he returned to Earth, Jim Irwin felt compelled to evangelize his home planet. He had sensed the Spirit of God with him as he walked about on the Moon, and he was more convinced than ever that Jesus Christ is the Lord of Creation, the ever-holy God The Son and Son of God, an intimate part of the Divine Trinity.

The first Russian cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, was an atheist who had once declared, after the completion of his space jaunt, that "I did not see God up there." He maintained that he had not seen God in outer space. A little girl who was a Christian, a 12-year-old in Sweden, was troubled by the implications of that remark, so she then undertook to write him a letter. In it she responded, "Dear Cosmonaut Gagarin: I understand that you have flown in space and that you did not see God. Sir, I just want to ask you if you are pure in your heart?"

She was repeating the words of Jesus, who told us, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

Cosmonaut Gagarin could not see God in space, but James Irwin did just that. He came back to Earth with a new mission— a strong desire to evangelize his native planet. This Baptist believer thereafter traveled to speaking engagements in many foreign nations, telling people he met everywhere about the reality of God's existence. He went likewise to speaking engagements at many colleges and universities, both in the US and abroad, telling the students at these institutions that they needed to wise up, get real, and accept the Truth.

He frequently told people that "The entire space achievement is put in proper perspective when one realizes that God walking on the Earth is more important than Man walking on the Moon."

God walked the Earth as Jesus Christ, and humanity is now the beneficiary of a Holy One who possessed the wisdom and knowledge of God Almighty. The Son of God is a Divine Person of the Holy Trinity, and so He shares the knowledge of His Father in Heaven. He makes known to humanity, in His own words, "secrets that were not revealed since the Creation of the world."

James Irwin saw the mountains of the Moon and realized that his help comes from God, "the Lord Who made Heaven and Earth." Col. Irwin had "seen" God in outer space, because his heart was a lot more pure than that of Yuri Gagarin.

You can start to see God if you have your heart purified by the blood of Jesus Christ. He offers you a means of salvation in an evil world, and He offers to take you to a New Earth that will be better by far than this one in which we currently reside.

Jesus is the Gateway to Enlightenment and the Door of Truth. He's willing and even eager to give you something of immense value, something that you couldn't buy with all the wealth in the world.

It's free, and it's an offer you shouldn't refuse. But it's your choice.

James Irwin made the right choice, and when he finally died, he was assured a place in Heaven with Jesus Christ, his Lord and Savior. He is now in Heaven's Hall of Heros, and he continues his adventures in another world.

There are more things in Heaven and Earth than are dreamt of in your philosophy, O Mortal Man. Here's your chance to become one of God's eternal warriors, one of the children of Light, one of those who help preserve virtue and protect the good things in a lost and degenerating world. Help fight against this world's decay and the proliferation of evils which now exist. Come on over to the side of the Light.

— Ken Street

More challenging than the battles of World War II...

More challenging than the battles of the Korean War, of the Vietnam War, or of any modern-day warfare on the Earth...

God's team battles Satan's demons for the souls of humanity.

God's team fights for the endangered souls of humanity. We've got two-thirds of the angels (the good ones) on our side. Satan just has one-third (the fallen angels) on his side, plus a lot of very deceived humans and demon-worshipers. Earthly enemies may outnumber us and may think we've got no chance, but God's Remnant is going to win the war. God Almighty has already shown His servant Gideon (and all the world likewise) that He can easily defeat a massive enemy force with just a few of His chosen warriors.

The 300 Spartans are world-famous now, and yet those fighters look like mere amateurs when compared with the long history of the Christian martyrs and the soldiers of Christ. You should hear our story about the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, which occurred during the Korean War!

But we know Jesus Christ is the only savior of humanity, the only source of hope for our planet. He is the Holy One Who ultimately wins the war for us. He is the Door to God and to God's Heaven, the Gateway to an Eternal Life with God. He is the only salvation possible for all the people of the Earth.

Be a soldier of Christ, and take a stand for virtue in a dark world. The King of Heaven will bless your work.

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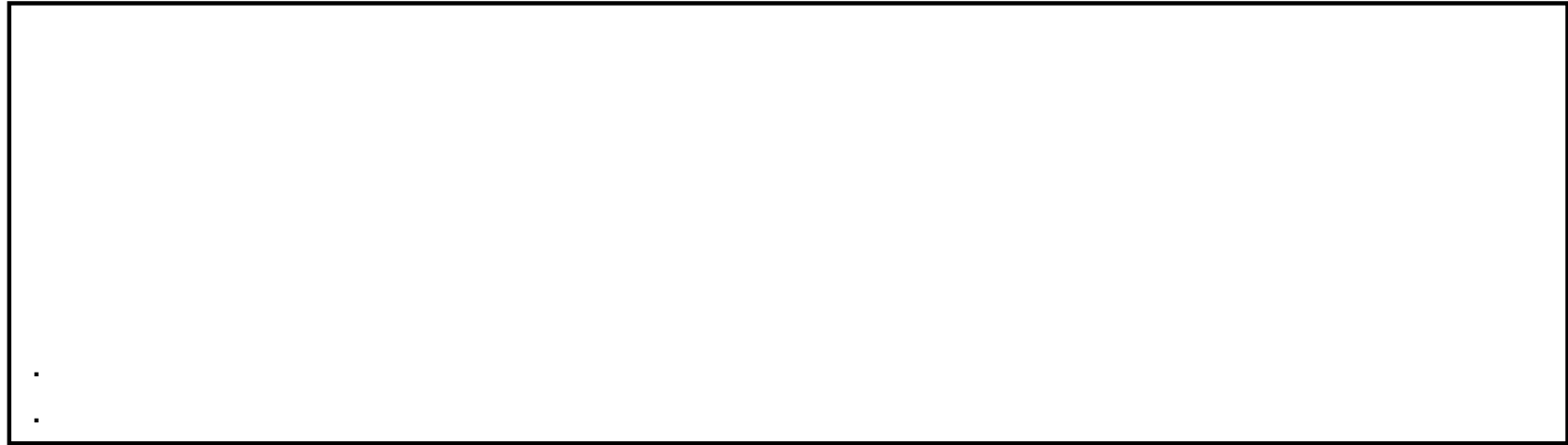
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