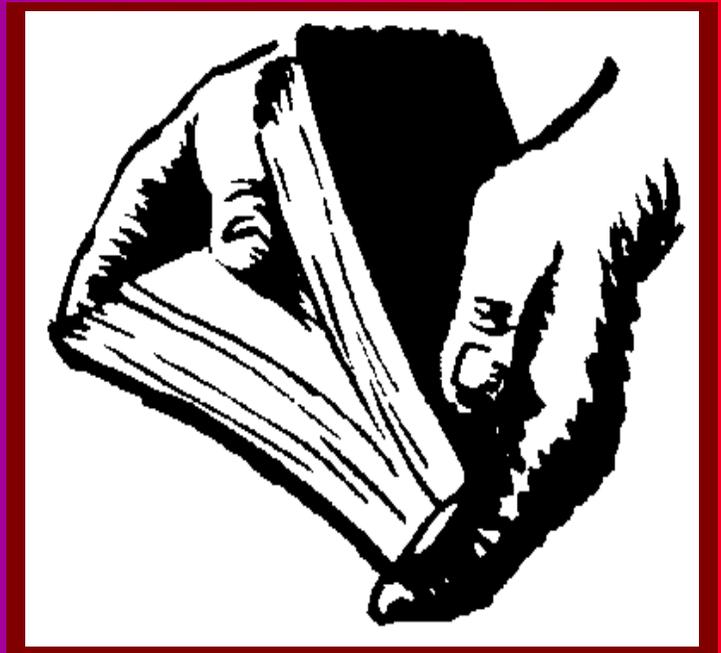


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Introduction

It is the author's hope that these biblical story poems will be used in Sunday Schools and other children's ministries. They were written from the imagination of the author but based upon the biblical stories found in the Bible. Be blessed as you read them.

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Rev. Marinelli now hosts www.christianliferesourcecenter.org, a resource for pastors and Christians that is full of eBooks, Christian Poetry and other materials suitable for church and Para-Church Ministries.

The Blind Man

John 9:1-38

I was blind from my birth,
empty and alone on this earth,
forced to walk by tap of staff,
subject to people's love or wrath.

Day after endless day,
I sit in harms way,
waiting for the jingle sound,
from beggar's cry to all around.

With people passing everywhere,
I only listened with empty stare,
hoping for a generous soul,
to bless my life with silver or gold.

As I begged from street to street,
by chance a man I happened to meet,
Jesus, the Christ, entered my day.
He brought hope, love and peace my way.

He touched my eyes with moistened clay,
then told me to wash it all away.
Suddenly, I saw people, a flower and a tree.
It was a miracle, I could see.

But, when people heard what Jesus had done,
they asked, where is this holy one?
I could not show them the way,
so they took me to the rulers of my day.

They asked me how I could see.
They wanted to know all about me.
But, when I told them of Jesus,
they became angry and caused a fuss.

They called my parents to speak for me,
asking them, "How is it your son can see?"
They said, "We do not know how or when.
Our son is of age, ask him."

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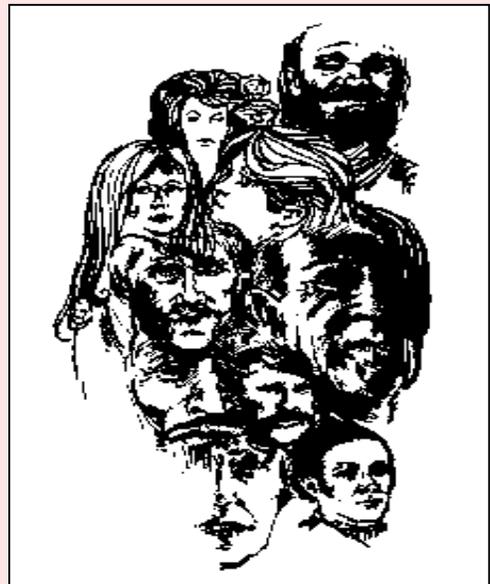
The rulers asked again of me,
tell us now how you can see.
I told them of Jesus once again,
but they were full of pride and sin.

Finally, I spoke up loud,
before the entire crowd
saying, "Please, listen to me.
I once was blind but now I see."

They told me to leave and never return
but, this one thing I truly learned.
While everyone else wants to fight,
Jesus' love made me right.

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Daniel

And The Lion's Den

It was the middle of the night,
when they came for me.
With swords and spears in hand,
they took away my liberty.

Our city was burned to the ground,
and our people dragged away.
I was captured with my friends,
by men dressed in battle array.

Our captors carried us off,
to a far away land.
Our spirits were broken,
down to the very last man.

I couldn't help but wonder,
what had gone wrong.
Especially when they forced us,
to sing our victory songs.

We became slaves to them,
and were forced to learn their ways.
But, oh how I longed,
for the feast and the good old days.

We hung our harps
on the willow trees.
And wept bitterly,
as we fell to our knees.

They forced us to adhere,
to the customs of their day.
All were to bow down,
to the king's image and pray.

2

My spirit was broken,
as I cried out to God.
Then I chose to resist,
refusing to bow or even nod.

The king was furious,
when he heard of me.
In fact, he sat right down
and wrote this decree.

"My image stands
before all men.
Bow down before it,
or face the lion's den."

So there I was,
all alone and full of fear.
Water filled my eyes,
but I shed no tear.

Instead, I called upon God,
to have mercy upon me.
Then I prepared to face,
my soon to come destiny.

Down I went
into the lion's den.
They laughed and cheered,
as I fell from them.

But I was determined,
that I would not cry.
For God is my judge.
He determines if I live or die.



3

I heard the sounds,
of the lion's roar.
I closed my eye to the
fate that was in store.

But God delivered me,
from the lion's den.
Then He raised me up,
before all of them.

So I told the king,
about the true and living God.
He saw first hand,
the power of His mighty rod.

I stood all alone,
my life in His hand.
Not at the mercy of the king,
but by faith in "The Great I AM."

He is truly greater.

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Daniel & The **LIONS' DEN**



David And Bathsheba

Here's a story,
once told to me,
of David and Bathsheba,
in biblical history.

David was king,
ruler of all the land.
He stood head and shoulders,
above most every man.

He battled God's enemies,
who attacked by sea.
He led God's army,
to rejoice in great victory.

But like every man,
sold under sin.
David had problems,
fighting the war with-in.

Pride and jealousy,
could not lead him astray.
It was the lust for a woman,
to which he fell prey.

Hear now,
David from long ago.
Listen and learn,
so you will know.

"I returned from battle,
to attend to matters of state.
It was in the afternoon,
and I was running late.

I stopped to gaze,
from my chamber door.
There I beheld a sight
that beckoned to see more.

2

It was Bathsheba,
bathing across the way.
Her beauty shined,
like the sun's glorious array."

David was king,
of all the land.
He had great wealth,
more than any man.

Yet he stared at the woman,
bathing across the way.
Another man's wife,
what more can I say?

So David sought after,
that which was not his own,
losing sight of God,
and the reality of his home

They met to dine,
night after night,
while her husband was away,
fighting for what was right.

Then the evil of their way
slowly began to show.
The lady was with child,
and had nowhere to go.

In haste, David plotted,
to hide their sin.
He had lost,
the lustful battle with-in.

All the king's power,
and all the king's gold,
couldn't set David free,
from Satan's lustful hold.

3

Soon everyone would know,
what David had done.
He and Bathsheba
were about to have a son.

Listen now to David,
as he tries to explain.
In his own words,
he will loudly proclaim.

"I was wrong
to take another man's wife.
I knew deep with-in,
that I would cause strife.

But lust gripped,
my weary soul.
I fell under its spell,
and it was very bold.

I sent for her husband,
to return from the battle's array.
I told Bathsheba to lay with him,
in hopes it would hide our way.

But he refused his wife,
until the battle was done.
He kept himself apart,
waiting until we had won."

So David sent her husband back,
to battle another day.
He gave strict instructions
that this man must pass away.

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Word came soon enough,
that Bathsheba's husband was dead.
He fell in the heat of battle,
from a blow to the head.

David rejoiced over the death.
of one of God's brave men.
A man dedicated to God,
and more loyal than a friend.

His inner lust clouded,
what he knew to be true.
His morals and righteousness
were all but through.

David and Bathsheba
went on in their sin.
But God had yet,
to deal with them.

Nathan, the prophet,
came to the king.
He told David a story
that had a familiar ring.

David was confronted
by the prophet of God.
The story he told the king
was God's judgment rod.

Thus is the fate
of all who sin.
God judges them
They cannot win.

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The Disobedient Prophet

The angel of the Lord
stood ever so nigh.
In his hand was a sword
that reached into the sky.

Little did this prophet know,
what was soon to come.
One swing of his sword,
and my life would be done.

But this old prophet
just could not see.
My eyes were closed,
to God's love and glory.

I am the prophet of God.
I walk with staff by day.
No one tells me what to do,
for I know how I should pray.

Then I heard a voice,
before I left my home.
It spoke loud and clear,
with a very familiar tone.

"Now listen to your wife dear,
to all that I am about to say.
God made you a Prophet,
but not for you to disobey."

"Be of good courage,
and do what God now ask.
For the Lord is good,
and His mercy will last."

2

But this prophet passed on,
unwilling to reason why.
I was unaware of God's angel,
sent in judgment against my lie.

So I saddled my ass,
and climbed on him to ride.
Onward and away from God,
full of silly selfish pride.

"Move on little donkey,
get going down the road.
I've got things to do,
and you must carry the load."

But to my utter amazement,
The donkey spoke like a man.
He stopped dead in the way,
turning from the angel's hand.

Woe is this little donkey,
for the prophet does not see.
There stands the death angel,
and he's looking right at me."

There in the light of day,
stood the angel of death.
With his sword drawn high,
ready to take my last breath.

Closer came this prophet,
to the edge of the angel's blade.
God was now prepared,
to right the wrong I had made.

"Woe is this little donkey,
for the prophet does not see.
There stands the death angel,
right there in front of me."

3

"Get up there donkey.
Stop turning aside.
We have to go now.
The road is plenty wide."

"I'll whip you again,
if you do not obey.
I've wasted enough time,
and it's late in the day."

"Oh mister prophet,"
said the donkey true.
"what, pray tell,
is the matter with you.?"

I have been faithful,
all these many years.
Why do you beat me,
and cause all these tears?

When this prophet heard,
what the donkey said,
I just sat there,
and shook my head.

But then came the swing,
of the angel's mighty blade.
The time had come,
for justice to be paid.

Suddenly I looked up,
to see the angel swing.
I fell off the donkey.
It was a terrible thing.

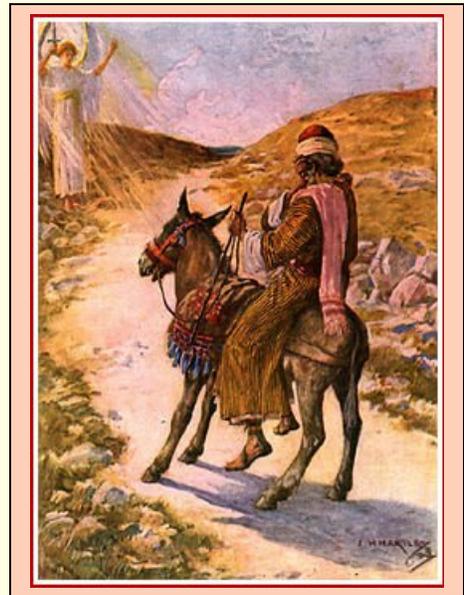
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"Forgive me Lord,
and I'll make it right.
I'll depart from evil,
and walk in the light."

God gave this prophet,
another chance to stand.
I returned to my house,
to walk as God's man.

But this lesson I learned,
that long forgotten day.
It's better to follow God,
than to willfully disobey.

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Jericho And Me

I'll never forget that day,
outside the walls below.
We traveled all night,
to face the King of Jericho.

God was with us,
as Joshua led the men.
"We shall take this city",
was our Battle Cry within.

As our armies gathered,
in full battle array.
I couldn't help but wonder,
how we would win that day.

I knew that God was great,
far greater than evil men.
That He would destroy them all,
because of their blatant sin.

But that city was a fortress,
with walls that reached into the sky.
It seemed invincible to me,
because its walls were so very high.

"The walls! The walls!"
kept ringing in my ears.
They were so thick,
thick as 20 men with spears.

But even though I wondered,
I did not faint inside.
For my God is greater,
greater than all their pride.

As I pondered these things,
in the quietness of my heart.
The trumpets began to blow,
telling us the battle's about to start.

2

I could see the people,
looking over the city's wall.
They were laughing and cursing,
shouting, "we'll never fall".

Suddenly, I saw the singers,
dancing and singing unto the Lord.
I knew then that Jericho
was held by God, as our reward.

No attacks to take the walls,
or sacrifice of many lives to win.
God would overthrow Jericho,
by our praises echoing in the wind.

What a way to fight a war.
Not with bow or lance,
rather singing praises to God,
and shouting our victory chants.

As the singers marched on,
the Ark became clear to me.
It represented God's presence,
and the power of His majesty.

Without the Ark of God,
there was no way we could win.
There would be no power,
over the weapons of evil men.

So we all marched together
in a great and beautiful glory train.
The singers, the Ark, and fighting men,
praising God with one voice the same

Seven times we circled that city,
marching as unto war.
Chanting and dancing and praising God,
for the power to open Jericho's door.

Then suddenly we stopped,
to face Jericho's beckoning call.
Then with a mighty victory shout,
we commanded the walls to fall.

3

We stood silent after that,
waiting just to see.
Why did we circle the city?
and how can this bring victory?

Suddenly, right before our eyes,
the walls came tumbling down.
They fell outward towards us,
crashing onto the ground.

The inhabitants of Jericho
fled before our face.
Our armies destroyed them
as they left in haste.

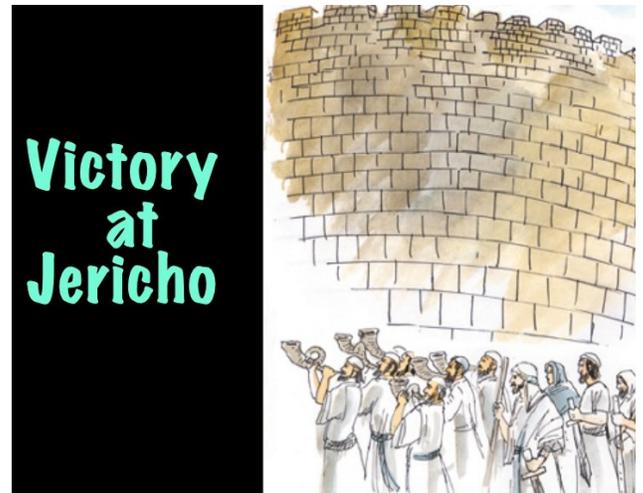
So is the awesome story
of God's great power.
How He delivered us
in the midst of that hour.

But, I learned more about God,
than just His mighty power.
He watched over us all that day,
as if we were a budding flower.

I also discovered something else
about being loved and blessed.
God will go before you in battle,
so you can have the very best.

I was only one of many soldiers,
standing before Jericho that day.
Yet I couldn't help but realize,
That God's love was here to stay.

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Jonah And The Whale

(A story of obedience, Repentance & Victory)

"Go to Nineveh,"
God said to me.
This was while I slept,
in the shade of an oak tree.

Suddenly I awoke
in a terrible sweat.
Chills went down my spine,
and I began to fret.

Nineveh?, I questioned God.
The capitol of sorrow,
where slaves die the death,
never seeing tomorrow?

Why me?, oh Lord,
I reasoned inside.
I have no desire
to visit that tribe.

But God's Spirit
continued to speak.
"Go to Nineveh,
it's not what you think."

I said "Ok, I'll go",
but was afraid inside.
By the time I arranged passage,
I broke down and cried.

I was too afraid
to obey my God.
So I ran away,
without even a nod.

I booked passage on a ship
that sailed at dawn.
Who cares where it went.
I knew I was wrong.

2

But fear kept my heart,
from doing what was right.
Every time I thought of it,
I turned pale with fright.

Shortly after we set sail,
a storm arose that scared us all.
The crew was so afraid,
and their hopes began to fall.

I knew it was God,
chasing after me.
So I told the crew
to cast me into the sea.

We decided to draw lots
and I picked the shorter one.
So they blamed the storm on me,
and settled on what must be done.

So they tossed me into the deep,
that it would calm the storm.
I sunk in the raging sea,
as the ship sailed on.

Sorrow filled my heart,
as I watched the ship sail.
Then, believe it or not,
I was swallowed by a whale.

I tumbled and tossed,
inside that great fish.
But through my tears,
and began to pray this:

Ok God, I cried.
Help me in my time of need.
I'll go to "That great city,"
with haste and great speed

3.

Please deliver me,
from the belly of this whale.
I am so very sorry,
that my faith in you failed.

But I'll go and preach
that they will surely die.
I'll carry your judgment,
and tell all of them why.

As I called out to God,
from inside the fish.
I knew He had heard me,
and would honor my wish.

I didn't wait long,
before God began to act.
He spoke to the whale,
saying, "Take him back".

With a mighty rush
of water and slime,
I left the whale,
to proclaim the time.

Dry land felt good,
but I must now obey.
God called me to Nineveh,
to proclaim His judgment day.

I raced with the wind,
to do God's will.
Now I was no longer afraid.
Instead, I couldn't be still.

There in the city square,
I shouted, "3 days and no more
Your city will surely fall,
and all shall enter death's door."

"God is not pleased,
with your violence and hate.
You didn't obey God,
and now it's too late."

4

Then I departed to watch,
for God to seal their fate.
But the people began to repent,
even though it was too late.

No way, I laughed,
feeling assured inside.
That city will fall,
because of its great pride.

But God spoke again to me,
as a friend by my side.
He said, "You repented,
and I turned the tide."

"Should I not do for them,
what I have done for you?
Is my mercy limited,
to only those who are true?"

I sat under a Juniper tree,
pouting at God's word.
After all I went through,
I couldn't believe what I heard.

God forgives the wicked;
whose evil hearts cause death?
His mercy is for all men,
until their very last breath?

"Ok God," I softly said,
as the Lord drew near.
I'll forgive them too
to dry every single tear.

So I went on my way,
known to all around,
as the man swallowed by a fish,
only to be returned to solid ground.

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Looking For The Giant

They said that I could be king,
but won't let me join the battle.
I am persuaded to tend sheep,
and fight off snakes that rattle.

Day after day I wait,
for news of the pending war.
My prayer is that we will prevail,
protecting our homes and more.

But now, to the battle I must go.
Not as a warrior king.
But as a shepherd boy,
bearing vittles and things.

Suddenly, as I entered the camp,
I heard a great and mighty cry.
It was the voice of "Goliath",
the giant who daily drew nigh.

He called as if to beckon,
cursing at the armies of our king.
He spit and laughed out loud,
defying the songs of praise we sing.

A giant of a man,
about nine feet tall,
calling for a champion,
to answer his call.

Fear shook our camp,
at Goliath's angry battle cry,
yet I wondered deep within,
at their fearful sigh.



2

Is this giant of a man
greater than our God?
Has he the power of life
to walk where angels trod?

I don't think so,
said I to the king.
Our God is great,
greater than anything.

Let me be your champion,
I heard myself suddenly say.
My God is more than able,
and He'll show me the way.

The armies of the king laughed,
because I was just a lad.
Yet I wore the king's armor,
and the fit wasn't that bad.

But God told me clear,
to go without a sword.
He said, "I'll be with you,
to show that I am Lord".

With only my sling in hand,
I approached the battle's array.
Looking for the giant,
I began to earnestly pray.

"You've been with me Lord,
when the lion roared,
and when I was sick,
my health, you restored."

So now I go with faith,
to meet life's greatest match.
The giant of our enemies,
whose mouth is filled with wrath.

3

“Thank you; Lord,
for delivering him into my hands.
This day I will slay the giant,
as if he was just another man.”

With a vengeance, I faced Goliath,
never fearing his angry cry.
I proclaimed loudly before them all.
"This day, giant, you shall die."

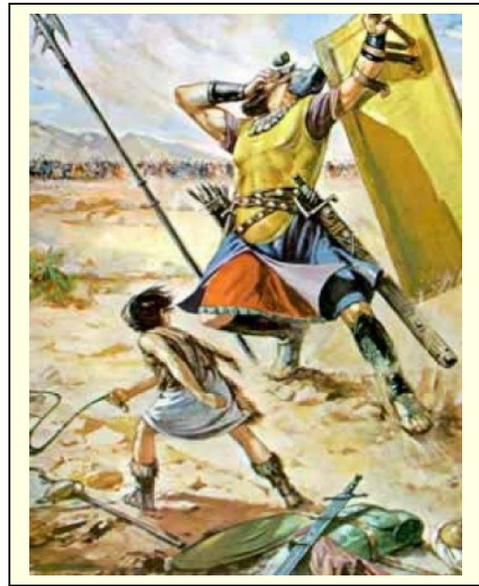
Faster and faster, I rotated my sling,
as I aimed between the eyes of hate.
My God led my every move,
as my stone soared to seal his fate.

The giant fell that day,
and all the people of God went free.
But in the quietness of my heart,
This is what God said to me.

"Courage is to stand up to fear,
so I can crush its grip.
Faith is to believe in my rule,
That I won't let your hand slip."

So I praised the Lord,
for all He had done.
Then went on my way,
rejoicing because we won.

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Rebuilding The Walls

We were captives,
taken away by evil men.
They took us by force,
because of our awful sin.

God's protection and grace,
no longer ruled our day.
He turned us over to Babylon,
because we went astray.

But in the fullness of time,
the Lord looked upon us again.
With loving kindness and care,
He drew us back to Him.

God called us to be separate,
from those of the land.
In fact, many of us gave up
wives and family to stand.

All who returned,
from the captivity,
Had to cleanse themselves,
from the Babylonian reality.

We returned to a city
that had no walls.
Its days of glory
went through many falls.

There were a few old men,
some women and children too.
Most of the inhabitants,
had given up on being a Jew.

But we came with faith and hope,
in the God of Abraham.
We believed that His great love
would help us to restore our land.

2

Oh the joy we felt,
to be home again.
To plan for our future,
guided by "The Great I AM"

So we started to rebuild,
wall after broken wall.
While everyone laughed,
we labored over them all.

When our age old enemies,
saw we were back,
they came against us,
and that's an historical fact.

We battled their insults,
and fought back to back.
We sounded a trumpet,
every time there was an attack.

Fear came at us,
from with-in and without.
The enemy was determined,
to destroy us or drive us out.

But we found favor,
in the sight of the Lord.
He had called us to Himself,
and promised that we'd be restored.

So we rebuilt and battled,
from dawn even unto dusk.
We spoke often of past glory,
and how God was restoring us.

We knew that freedom
would not come without a price.
It was very clear to all of us
that God required us to sacrifice.

As the walls went up,
and the city became secure,
we saw our lives take form,
and prosperity knocked on our poor.

3.

God's blessings were upon us,
as a reward for loving Him.
He restored us and our city
from the heartaches of sin.

God will return unto you,
when you return unto Him.

That's what we learned,
as God delivered us from sin.

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God's Fallen Champion

I was just a boy,
when God spoke to me.
He opened my heart,
and helped me to see.

So I made a vow,
to champion what was right.
My long hair was a sign,
of God's power and might.

I was a champion,
because God was with me.
I could do great things,
and was known in every city.

But I tell you this story,
so you will not fall.
That you will learn from me,
and answer God's divine call.

The power of God
was what made me great.
Yet it also drove me,
to make a fatal mistake.

I knew deep inside,
what God desired of me.
His voice was clear,
But it wasn't my reality.

I was a wild man,
seeking my own way.
I had a hard time,
listening to obey.

My parents sought after me,
to marry within our own,
but the women outside our camp,
were more alluring than those at home

So I went my own way,
Using God's power for gain.
I boasted about my strength,
and traded my soul for fame.

2

I once fought a thousand men,
with the jawbone of an ass.
People were afraid of me,
and turned away as I passed.

My fame spread quickly,
all through the land.
The elders of my city
said I was God's man.

But my destiny
went out of control.
When I saw Delilah,
I lost my very soul.

They used her beauty,
to strip me of God's power.
She deceived me,
in the passion of the hour.

I told her my secret,
how God's power came.
I thought she loved me
and would share in my fame.

But her trust,
proved to be a mistake.
By the time I came to myself,
It was just too late.

God has a plan,
for all of us.
I let it slip away,
because of inward lust.

So my enemies
stripped me of all fame.
They put my eyes out,
and desecrated my name.

I became a laughing stock,
to all who came my way.
They made fun of me, saying,
"and How's God's champion today?"

I was a servant of sin,
lost from God's love.
Forgotten in this life
by man and God above.

But God looked again,
to remember His promise to me.
I repented before the Lord,
and prayed for another chance to be.

Blind and without strength,
I cried out to God.
He saw my tears,
and lifted His mighty rod.

The time finally came,
for God to act.
He heard my prayer,
and the power came back.

There in the midst of them,
I pulled down their court.
I caused great destruction.
This I am proud to report.

My destiny was also sealed,
that glorious day.
But hundreds fell with me,
as I passed away.

I was God's champion,
in that final hour.
A vessel of the Lord,
to show His mighty power.

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The Cain And Abel Incident

It all started, way back then,
when God required a sacrifice.
You see, our grandfather, Adam,
listened to the wrong advice.

His disobedience to God
caused the human race to fall.
Adam and Eve lost God's glory
that was supposed to cover us all.

Like a terrible sickness,
death passed upon everyone.
We became sin's addict,
without hope and undone.

So God required a sacrifice
that would cover our sin.
He first killed an animal,
and made clothes for them.

Then He told them both,
that the blood would stand,
as atonement for sin,
now required of every man.

But Cain followed a path
that led him astray.
He reasoned within himself,
and here's what he had to say.

"I will not kill the innocent,
to atone for my sin.
I'll offer the fruits of my labor,
as a sacrifice to God's whim."

But Abel, his brother of birth,
believed in God's only way.
He took the spotless lamb,
and offered it that day.

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Then Cain rose up in anger,
because God rejected him.
His sacrifice wasn't good enough,
to atone for his personal sin.

So Cain came to Abel,
with words of anger and shame.
He knew God's only way,
but rose up loudly to proclaim.

"Why can't I follow God,
in the way I see it?
Why must I shed blood,
in order to fit?"

Abel told him why it must be,
as if his brother didn't know.
Because God's blood sacrifice,
would make him white, like snow.

The ground was cursed,
under God's judgment rod.
Adam's sin made its bounty,
unacceptable unto God.

But Cain didn't care;
about the price he had to pay.
He rejected the blood,
knowing it was God's only way.

Abel tried to tell him,
why God required the blood.
The innocent for the guilty,
so man could continue in His love.

But Cain's anger grew worse,
with Abel's every word.
He was so full of pride,
that Abel's warning wasn't heard.

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God accepted Abel's sacrifice,
on His altar of love.
He was pleased with Abel,
showering blessing from above.

Abel continued to talk,
as Cain's anger increased.
He rejected God's plan,
finding no lasting peace.

Then Cain rose up,
and took his brother's life.
The innocent for the guilty.
The first death from strife.

But God saw from a distance
all that had taken place.
He spoke out against Cain,
rebuking him, face to face.

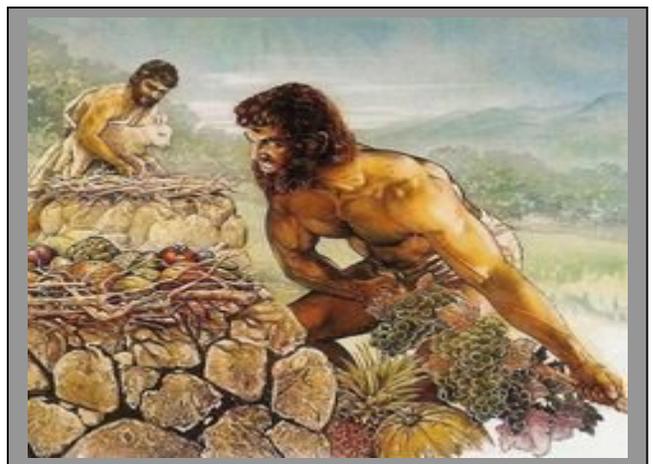
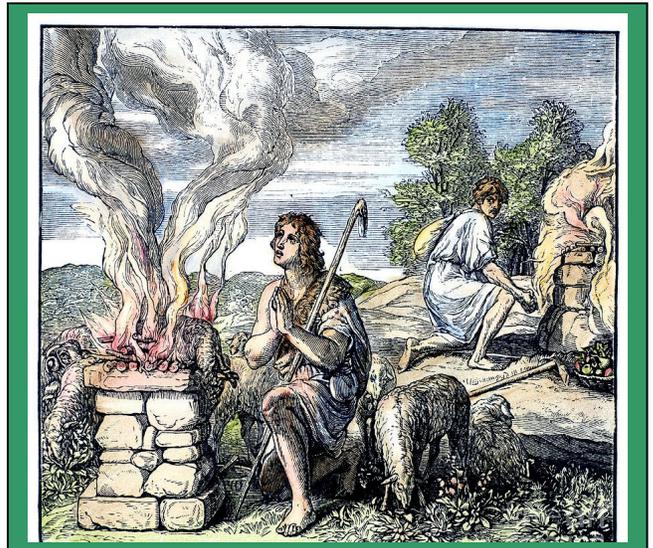
So God sent Cain away,
into the land of Nod,
to bear the sorrow,
of his judgment rod.

As we watched him go,
it became clear to me.
The blood of the lamb
is what keeps us free.

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John the Baptist said,
"Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin
of the world."
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Jesus said,
"I am the way, the truth and the life.
No man comes to the father
except by me."

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Moses And The Pharaoh

It's a long story.
One you'll want to hear.
So sit down and listen closely.
I'll speak loud and clear.

I was but a lad,
being raised at Pharaoh's knee.
I was trained in battle,
and was treated as royalty.

I was to lead my world,
into a new and vibrant destiny.
But God took me along a path
that changed the face of history.

It all began when I learned,
my true heritage and identity,
that I wasn't of Pharaoh's house,
but rather of Jewish legacy.

Born to lead, that I was,
but not the house of my youth,
Instead, I was chosen by God,
to deliver His people from abuse.

And so it was in my day,
that I should daily lead.
First myself alone in desert heat.
Then cattle and sheep to feed.

Year after endless year,
I led the sheep along the way.
I cared for their every need,
keeping predators at bay.

There in the star-studded nights,
I learned to depend upon the Lord.
To hear His gentle voice,
and follow Him until I was restored.

I saw His face,
in the fire of a bush.
I marveled at His power
that leads but will not push.

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So I went to Pharaoh,
insisting that God's people go free.
But those of my youth
turned away and just laughed at me.

Here I was on a great mission
from the true and living God.
Sent with His divine authority,
and bearing the power of His rod.

But no one listened to me
when I stood before Pharaoh's court.
They rejected my words and me,
laughing and making sport.

Well God had the last laugh
as I began to pray.
He showed them all,
that He was Lord over the day.

I left that place with God's people,
and all their silver and gold.
We set out to worship Jehovah
free from Pharaoh's mighty hold.

What seemed to be a hopeless task
became child's play for me.
I just listened to God as He spoke,
and spoke it out to change history.

This one important lesson,
I'll share and I know it's true.
God is greater than your troubles,
and will, in due season deliver you.

So declare His word out loud,
believing that it'll set you free.
Then stand your ground,
and watch Him shape your destiny.

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Staying Alive

(The Story of Noah's Ark)

I heard a voice one day
that changed the face of time.
I saw the Lord of host. He's
a very special friend of mine.

He said, "Go and tell your world,
speak clearly without compromise.
Let them know of my love,
and how I make men wise."

So I went with God's grace,
to a lost and dying land.
I told them to repent!
God's judgment was at hand.

But nobody listened,
to what I had to say.
They just laughed at me,
and told me to go away.

All my life, I loudly proclaimed,
that judgment would surely come.
But no one joined my cause,
nor did I save not even one.

My sons and I built the Ark,
as God gave us His plan.
In the face of criticism,
we labored just to stand.

My message of judgment
wasn't politically correct,
nor did it indulge sin,
which my world accepts.

Yet I was commissioned
by a Holy God,
to tell my world,
"Repent! or face judgment's rod."

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So I built the Ark,
filling it with wildlife and food.
God brought them to me,
two by two and by the brood.

The people saw the animals,
and the Ark on dry land.
They laughed and ridiculed me
saying, "Look at that crazy man!"

120 years we labored for God,
until the job was done.
Not one soul in all those years,
believed God's judgment would come.

Suddenly, the Lord of Host
spoke to this humble man.
He said, "Get Ready! Get Ready!
the destruction of earth is at hand."

We entered the ark,
eight brave and weary souls.
Waiting in silence,
as God's judgment unfolds.

Suddenly, the door closed
and rain began to fall.
It was as though the heavens emptied,
and the earth rose up to God's call.

Thunder and lightning prevailed,
both day and by night.
Our world and its people,
passed on out of sight.

The earth gave up her boundaries,
so that land became the sea.
We tossed and turned in darkness,
with nowhere to see.

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Forty days and forty nights
we drifted anxiously,
waiting for the land
to separate from the sea.

Finally, we stepped out
onto dry land.

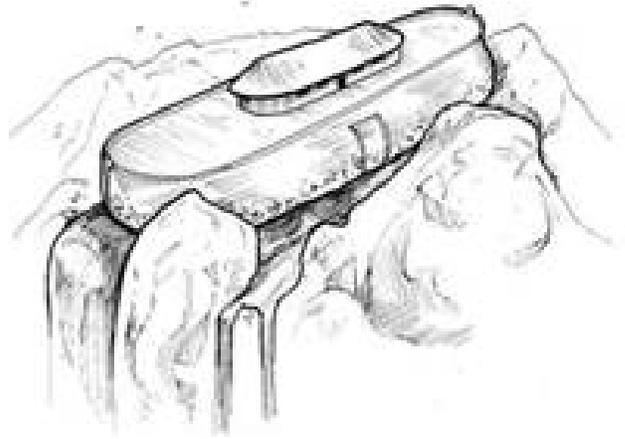
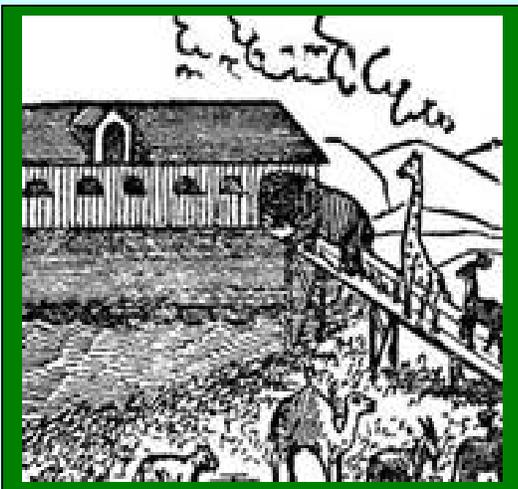
This was a new world,
fashioned by God's own hand.

We were all saved
from God's wrath.
Eight brave Souls,
to follow a new path.

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"As the days of Noah were,
so shall the coming of the
Son of Man be."

(Matthew 24:37-39)

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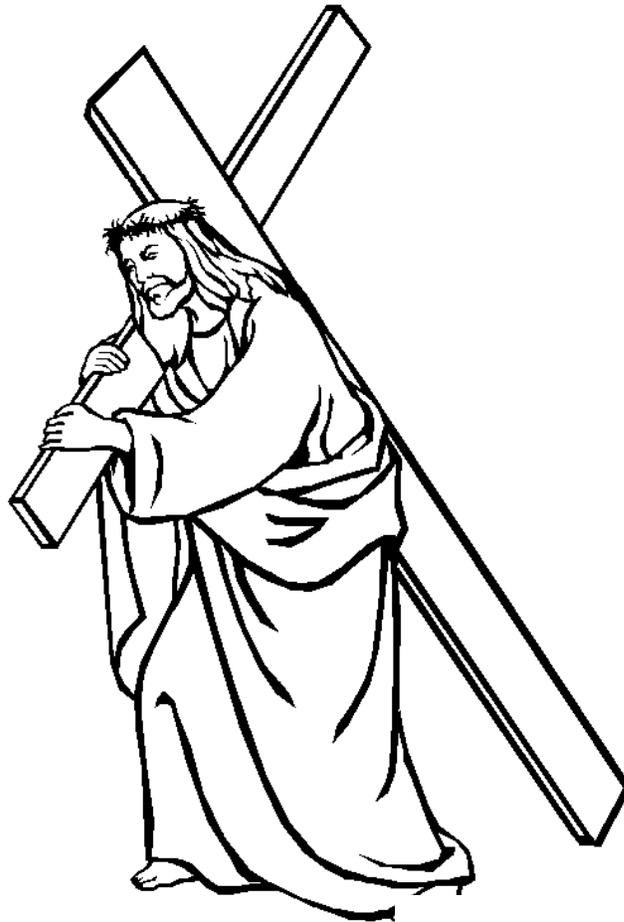
Closing Comments

The Bible stories are true. The story poems are not. They are based upon the biblical account. Each story has its own central truth. Look for it and let it speak to your heart. It's high time for us to focus on things that will bring us peace and life abundant.

Be of good corsage because God is still in charge and has a plan for you. Trust Him and rest in His sovereignty. He is greater than any problem of difficulty. Seek after His Love and Grace and you will find it.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and cause His face to shine on you and give you peace.

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The, “Whosoever” Story

A certain man asked a little boy once, “What do you want to be when you grow up” The little boy thought for a few moments and then replied. He said, “Sir? I would like to be a “Whosoever”.

The man laughed and said, “ A Whosoever, what is that?” The little boy again replied saying, “Don’t you read your Bible.”

The little boy continued to explain. “If I become a doctor or lawyer or a successful business man, I no doubt will gain wealth, fame and maybe even power over others but if I loose my own soul in the process, what has it benefited me?”

“On the other hand, if I become a “whosoever” I gain eternal life. I will be blessed in this life and the one to come” The little boy was wise beyond his years. He was an avid reader of the Bible and loved to learn about God. His desire to know led him to the greatest discovery of all times, the meaning of life and eternity. It was all there, wrapped up in one word spoken by Jesus, “Whosoever.”

The word, “Whosoever” is full of meaning. You just have to think about it. The dictionary says this: “an archaic or formal word for whoever” Ok, whosoever preceded whoever.

Again, here is what the dictionary says: A Pronoun 1. Any person who; anyone that: whoever wants it can have it 2. No matter who: I'll come round tomorrow, whoever may be here 3. An intensive form of who, used in questions: whoever could have thought that? 4. (Informal) an unknown or unspecified person: give those to John, or Cathy, or whoever.

So, the word describes an unknown person that does something. It requires action on the part of the unknown individual. He or she must do something in order to be a, “Whosoever.”

The Actions of A “Whosoever” Whosoever or whoever, whichever you like, must do something...jump off a cliff or get in the car or follows me home...(there is a reward or punishment based upon the action taken by the unknown or unspecified persons.) Let’s look at some “Whosoever” Scriptures to see the actions of the “Whosoever”.

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:13 and “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

The actions of the, “Whosoever”, is clear. It is to call upon the name of the Lord and to believe in Him. There is no mention of joining a church, following a certain religion, keeping a strict set of rules, or doing lots of good deeds.

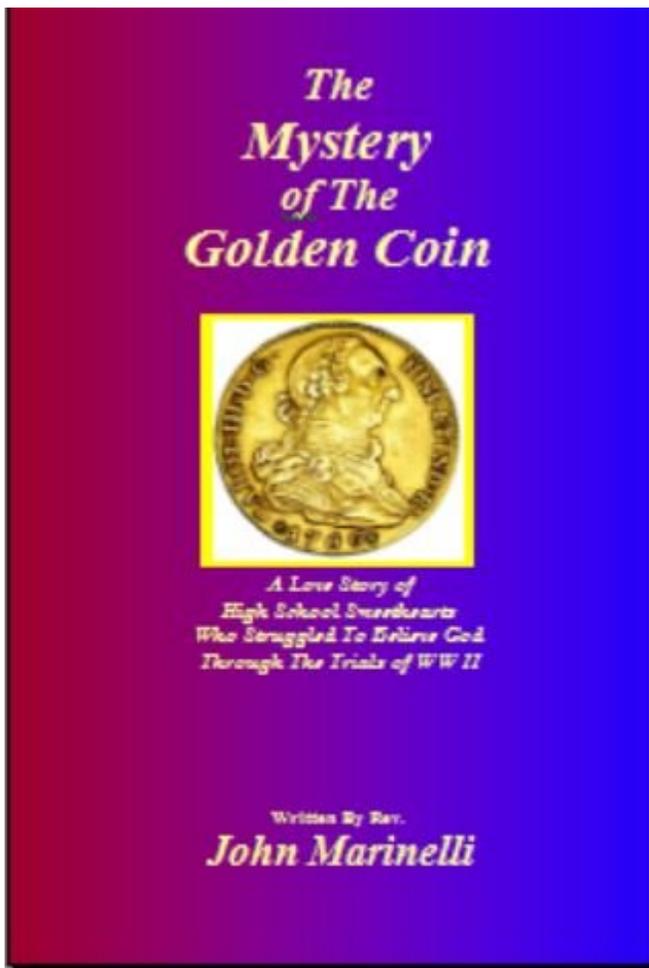
Salvation, per John 3:16, is offered to all who believe. It is a free gift given by God out of a deep love for us, even though we are full of sin. Read what the Bible says.

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:1-10 NIV



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