



# RELIGION SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK JOHN: Chapter 3

# A Story Of Faith

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears (The Living Bible - James 2)

C hristians, how can you claim that you belong to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, if you show favoritism to rich people and look down on the poor people?

If a man comes into your church dressed in expensive clothes and with valuable gold rings on his fingers, and at the same time another man comes in who is poor and dressed in threadbare clothes, and you make a lot of fuss over the rich man and give him the best seat in the house and say to the poor man, "You can stand over there if you like, or else sit on the floor"well, judging a man by his wealth shows that you are guided by wrong motives.

Listen to me, dear Christian Friends: God has chosen poor people to be rich in faith, and the kingdom of Heaven is theirs, for that is the gift God has promised to all those who love him. And yet, of the two strangers, you have despised the poor man. Don't you realize that it is usually the rich men who pick on you and drag you into court? And all too often they are the ones who laugh at Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear.



Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Johnson, Jr.

## Fairley - Johnson Wed

Love is like a rose pressed be tween two lifetimes; they will last

The Wedding Ceremony Unity of Johnnie Marie Fairley and Johnny Johnson, Jr. was celebrated on July 2, 1988 at the Greater Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ on 1234 N.E. Killingsworth Street at 12:00 Noon.

Bishop H. B. Daniels, Sr., pastor, performed the very spiritural

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Paul Fairley, Sr. and Mrs. LaVonne Fairley (deceased).

The groom is the son of Mr. Johnny Johnson, Sr. and Mrs. Marguerite Jackson.

The wedding colors were pale pink and pale green.

LOVE ... is patient and kind; love is not jealous, or conceited, or proud, or provoked; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is pleased with the truth. Love never gives up: its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

(I Corinthians: Chapter 13)

Yes indeed, it is good when you truly obey our Lord's command, "You must love and help your neighbors just as much as you love and take care of yourself." But you are breaking this law of our Lord's when you favor the rich and fawn over them; it is a sin.

And the person who keeps every law of God, but makes one little slip, is just as guilty as the person who has broken every law there is. For the God who said you must not marry a woman who already has a husband, also said you must not murder, so even though you have not broken the marriage laws by committing adultry, but have murdered someone, you have entirely broken God's laws and stand utterly guilty before him.

You will be judged on whether or not you are doing what Christ wants you to. So watch what you do and what you think; for there will be no mercy to those who have shown no mercy. But if you have been merciful, then God's mercy toward you will win out over his judgment against you.

My dear Christian Friends, what's the use of saying that you that you have faith and are Christians if you aren't proving it by helping others? Will that kind of faith save anyone? If you have a friend who is in need of food and clothing, and you say to him, "Well, good-bye and God bless you; stay warm and eat hearty," and then don't give him clothes or food, what good does that do?

So you see, it isn't enough just to have faith. You must also do good to prove that you have it. Faith that doesn't show itself by good works is not faith at all - it is dead and useless.

But someone may well argue, "You say the way to God is by

faith alone, plus nothing; well, good works are important too, for without good works you can't prove whether you have faith or not; but anyone can see that you have faith by the way you act.

Are there still some among you who hold that "only believing" is enough: Believing in one God? Well, remember that the demons believe this too - so strongly that they tremble in terror! Fool!

#### ORGANIST/PIANIST NEEDED

First A.M.E. Zion Church on the corner of North Skidmore and North Vancouver Avenue. Person needed on a full-time basis. Salary negotiable. Call the church office: (503) 287-4969, Rev. Willie B. Smith, pastor.

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The bridegroom's family traveled rom Illinois to attend the July 9 wedding of Lynda C. Tanner and Joshua Beckley of Rialto, Calif. Their wedding took place at the Allen Temple C.M.E. Church. After a reception at the Sheraton Inn at the Airport they left for a honeymoon in Hawaii.

The bride, a graduate of Seattle Pacific University, is the daughter of Beadie and Johnny Williams. The bridegroom is a graduate of Vandercook College of Music and the executive pastor at a church in southern California. He is the son of John Louis and Erma Jean Beckley of Joliet, Ill. The couple will live in southern California.

When will you ever learn that "believing" is useless without doing what God wants you to? Faith

that does not result in good deeds is not real faith.

Don't you remember that even Abraham was declared good because of what he did, when he was willing to obey God, even if it meant offering his son Isaac to die on the altar? You see, he was trusting God so much that he was willing to do whatever God told him to; his faith was made complete by what he did, by his actions, and his good deeds. And so it happened just as the Scriptures say that Abraham trusted God, and the Lord declared him good in God's sight, and he was even called "the friend of God." So you see, a man is saved by what he

believes. Rahab, the prostitute, is another example of this. She was saved because of what she did when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. Just as the body is dead if it is not the kind that results in good deeds.

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The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure and full of quiet gentleness. Then it is peace-loving and courteous. It allows discussion and is willing to yield to others; it is full of mercy and good deeds. It is wholehearted and straight-forward and sincere. Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness.

Mark Your Calendars!

#### Saturday, July 23, 1988 12:00 Noon - 6:00 p.m.

For a fun filled Saturday. Your support is needed to help strenghten the North Portland Community of Columbia Villa and Tamarack. In an effort to celebrate being neighbors, the residents of Columbia Villa and Tamarack are working with the Housing Authority of Portland and the Rotary Club to present a Community Picnic:

#### Saturday, July 23, 1988 Columbia Villa **Basketball Court** 8920 N. Woolsey Ave. 12:00 Noon - 6:00 p.m.

Fun games from a tug-of-war to balloon tosses are planned from 12:00 Noon - 2:00 p.m., with hamburgers and hot dogs fresh from the grill from 2:00 -4:00 p.m. The late afternoon will be filled with more games and lots of music!

So, come JOIN the fun and show your SUPPORT for this North Portland community!

## Congratulations!



by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

Tina Maria Harris was born in Los Angeles, California and came to Portland at an early age. She attended and graduated from Mad ison High School in 1983.

She is the daughter of Ms. Janie Harris and the granddaughter of Mrs. Beulah Harris (both of Portland).

Tina Maria graduated from the Columbia College - Hollywood, located in Hollywood, California with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Motion Picture Cinema.

She finished her course of study with an impressive 3.5 GPA. She, also, received an Associates of Applied Science Degree from Portland Community College -Sylvania Campus in 1985 with a 3.75 GPA.

She shall never forget July 3, 1988, and neither will her mother.

## Lord Give Me Space

used to pray "Lord give me space" How little did I know. Who thought I had to be away From Him, so I could grow. wanted to try out my wings, And struggling to be free, did my best to put a wall Between the Lord and me.

I used to pray "Lord give me space" felt I was confined. wanted to be out among Those care-free friends of mine. At last He opened up His hand, So that I could depart, And I set out to make my way, With eager, happy heart.

But things were not as I supposed, And there was much to bear, And somehow when I needed them, My friends were never there. was not brave and fearless, Left high upon a limb, It didn't take me very long, To know I needed Him.

The sweet concern from which I fled, Was tender love for me. And when I thought I was confined, Then had I been most free And so I turned and headed home, And in His warm embrace, had no need to bow my head, And ask for greater space.

Grace E. Easley

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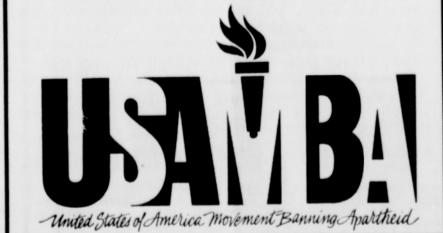


the Bible says ... Follow peace with all emn & holiness without which no man shall see the

Lord

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"Men who are in ernest are not afraid of consequences."



## **FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

69 **EARLIE MAE RICHIE** August 25, 1918 - July 13, 1988

has several children in the Los Angeles area. The deceased will be sent to Los Angles for services and final resting place. Vann and Vann Funeral Director.

#### PAUL S. BURTON April 2, 1913 - July 15, 1988

Funeral services will be held at the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church. Located at 3138 N. Vancouver Avenue at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 1988. The husband of Geneva Burton and father of Lt. Col. Ronald Burton, stepfather of Leon Lincoln, Donald, Eddie, Marlon and Dwayne Lincoln, Wilina Blassingame and Verna Matthews. He leaves to mourn his passing, 3 grandchildren and 15 step grandchildren. Burial at Williamette National Cemetery. Vann and Vann Funeral Director.

#### HERBERT E. CARPENTER May 22, 1918 - July 16, 1988

A Portland resident for 65 years. He was a warehouse foreman and an Army Vet of WW II. The husband of Janet Carpenter and the father of Donnie Carpenter and Debra Black. He leaves to mourn his passing, 1 sister, 1 brother and 3 grandchildren. Friends are invited to an Open House at 6026 N. Haight for fellowship on Wednesday, July 20, 1988 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. At his request, no service will be held. Disposition was by private cremation.

Contributions may be sent to the Lambert House Adult Day Care, 5120 S.E. 28th, Portland, OR 97202. The Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes.

MAGGIE WILLIAMS June 2, 1906 - July 18, 1988

The wife of Preston Richie. She Funeral services will be held at the 1st A.M.E. Zion Church located at 4304 N. Vancouver Avenue at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, 1988. She was born in Homer, Louisiana. She was a homemaker and the wife of the late Hundley Williams. The mother of 7 daughters: Maxine and Evla Williams, Gladys Russell, Sallie Purifoy, Kathleen Robinson, Nora Blume, Clydine Hernandez, and 1 son Hugh Williams. She leaves to mourn her passing, 2 sisters, 34 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers, all contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer's Disease and Kideny Association. Burial at Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery. The Killingsworth Little Chapel of the

## In Memory Of ...

#### C D. VANN, SR. March 18, 1911 - July 20, 1988

Passed on July 20, 1988 at 77, at the Emanuel Hospital of heart failure. The husband of Roberta Vann & father of Cleodis Don Vann, Jr. He leaves to mourn his passing, 3 grandchildren and a host of cousins in Lansing, Michigan.

Mr. Vann owned and operated the largest Black owned mortuary in the state of Oregon. He shall be missed. Funeral arrangements will be Monday, July 25, 1988 at 10:00 a.m., Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church. Vann & Vann Funeral Directors

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