



RELIGION

Scripture of the Week:
Ezekiel Chapters 31-32



The Gospel Message From the Pulpit of Dr. T.L. Lewis, Pastor of Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church

"Give Me This Mountain" (con't)

It's alright to claim the mountain, if you have been faithful. But don't think that a mountain is just a bed of ease. Farmers consider mountains to be unprofitable ground; so, whoever would choose the mountain must be prepared to meet the demands; whoever would choose the mountain must be ready to confront the challenge.

If you choose the mountain, you must choose the challenge. If you choose the mountain, you must be willing to go where others have not gone before. If you choose the mountain, you must be willing to do what others have left undone. Now, therefore, give this mountain.

You see once you have received the, don't think that it is time to set back and be idle. Don't think it's time to set back and rest on your past victories, for along with mountaintop rewards comes mountaintop responsibilities.

Caleb was aware that there were some difficult days ahead. For the land was still inhabited by the giants, and not only were they giants, but they were giants with great fortified cities. They were giants who were worthy of battle. They were mountaintop giants. But still, Caleb's request was "Give me this mountain;" for we knew, that by the grace of God, he could conquer any enemy. By the grace of God, he could turn mountaintop giants into molehill trivialities. He knew that, "If God be for you then who could be against you?" So armed with the grace of God, he was ready to confront the challenge of

mountain top giants.

Charles L. Allen, one of the prominent and prodigious preachers of this present age, says that, in the bible there are three distinctive definitions of grace. First of all: Grace is mercy and love is God. Secondly, Grace is the winsome attractiveness of God. And thirdly, Grace is God's strength to overcome in any circumstance.

Caleb knew that, with the strength of God, he could overcome the giants of the mountain, so he requested, "Now, therefore, give me this mountain."

Those of you who have come to claim your mountain 'today' are you prepared to meet the challenge? Like Caleb, you too must conquer your giants. There are some sweet fruit on the mountain but, before you can enjoy the fruit of the land you have to conquer the giants that live on the mountain.

You remember when Caleb and Joshua, along with 10 other spies, were sent out from the wilderness of Kadesh-Barnea to spy out the land. And they brought Moses back a portion of the fruit. It was so good until they said, "surely this is a land flowing with milk and honey." You see, there are some rewards to be found on the mountain. But--you can't enjoy the mountain fruit until you conquer the mountain giants.

Well, what are some of these Giants that you must conquer before you can enjoy the fruit of the land.

The first giant you must conquer is that giant called, I (Ego, Flesh, Self). He is perhaps the largest and most powerful giant of them all. I, Ego,

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

Flesh, Self is that giant that thinks mountains are for making rulers and potentates; however, it is just the opposite. Mountains are not designed to make us lords over others. Mountains are designed to increase our ability to serve. Mountains are designed not to make us dictators but to make us disciples.

When you get to your mountain, don't sit and rule, but stand and survey. Survey the situation to see how you can best serve Christ by serving one another. Benjamin Franklin in his autobiography said that, "the most acceptable service of God is doing good to man." In his coronation broadcast, of May 12, 1937, King George V said, "the highest of distinctions is the service to others."

The next giant that we must confront and conquer, if we are going to live victorious lives on the mountain, is the giant called OVER CONFIDENT CE. He is subtle and crafty. He knows that it takes wisdom to recognize him. It takes wisdom because there is a thin line between being fully confident and over confident. You see--all of us need confidence. We have confidence in the abilities that God has given us. We are not likely to go very far without confidence. And you sure can't conquer giants without confidence; however, when you become over-confident, you are treading on dangerous ground. However, when you become over-confident, you are treading on dangerous ground.

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Roberts/US West to launch Voter Registration

Secretary of State Barbara Roberts, in conjunction with US WEST Direct and Oregon's thirty-six county clerks, will kick off a major voter registration effort on June 1, 1990 at the State Capitol.

US WEST Direct will unveil the first of 19 Oregon telephone directories that will contain two pages of voter registration information and a facsimile of the Oregon voter registration card. Oregonians will be able to cut out the card, complete it and mail or deliver it to the appropriate county elections official listed in the directory. The first of the customized telephone directories is for Salem/Keizer. Distribution of the directory will begin May 30, 1990.

Oregon is the third state in the country to promote voter registration through the US WEST Direct telephone directories. "In Oregon, we strive to provide a direct and clear path to the ballot box," said Secretary Roberts. "This project will place an Oregon voter registration card in the hands of 1,083,000 households and 552,000 businesses across the state."

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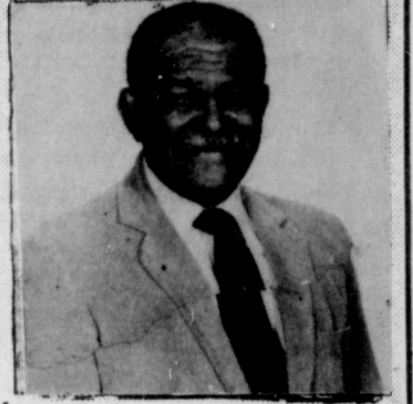
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10:30 A.M.

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12:30 P.M. - WORSHIP SERVICE
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10:30 A.M. - 12 NOON - WEDNESDAY
6:30 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. - WEDNESDAY

Radio Ministry Each Sunday, 8:00 A.M. - KBMS

Ronald Gene Washington, Jr.
"LaRon," as he was known to friends passed away Sunday, May 27, 1990.

He is survived by his parents Ronald G. Washinton Sr. and Fidelia Collins; two sisters, La Tonia and Anika Williams; and one brother Terrill Washington.

Grandmother Joyce Washington; Grandfather Duane Washington; Great Grandparents-Wilbert Perry, Frieda Murry, Ralph & Virginia Brown and a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, neices and nephews.

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Ronald Gene Washington, Jr. (1971-1990)

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