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NO MATTER THE TIME OR CIRCUMSTANCES JESUS IS THE SAME!

Jesus declared that He (Jesus) was the same every day. What He said one day was the same the next day, and true forevermore. He was and is the same no matter the time of day, the day, or month of the year--nor even the hour, or the circumstances! WHAT A BLESSED TRUTH! The Apostle Paul, whom we believe was the writer of the letter to the Hebrews, wrote about the Lord Jesus Christ's unchangeable *SAMENESS*! Look in Hebrews 13:8 where we read "*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and forever.*"

Yesterday, today, forever, JESUS IS THE SAME.

All may change but Jesus never.

Glory to His name.

(A. B. Simpson)

WHAT COMFORT IN THIS TRUTH

The LORD GOD is the same! People take turns *liking* or *disliking* Him. Jesus is the same Saviour! He has not changed! He cannot change! His WORDS ARE THE SAME FROM ALL ETERNITY PAST, and into the PRESENT, AND FUTURE. "*Forever, Oh Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven!*" (Psalm 119:89)

HE CANNOT FAIL

He cannot fail for He is God.

He cannot fail. He pledged His Word.

He cannot fail. He'll see you through

He cannot fail, He'll answer you.

(Hal Dautel)

REJECTION BY A FRIEND

OVER A MONTH AGO, I WROTE TO A FACE BOOK FRIEND. She had been rejected by another friend. It hurt! I do not remember the details. In fact, I am not sure I remember who this friend was, as I write to you now. But I do remember writing her--for I saved a copy of my words to her and am reading from them right now. I do not know if they helped her, but they helped me to write them.

A CHANGE IN THE RECEPTION OF HER

SHE WAS THE SAME PERSON!—same face, same hair, same walk, same beliefs, same heartaches, same goals and same desires; yet a friend, had *changed* in the reception & perception of her. Her person was the same, as well as her beliefs but my *friend's friend* was rejecting her. Her critic wanted nothing to do with my friend. Why? What has brought this about? Some misunderstanding? Some difference of opinion? Some slight—real or imagined. Some criticism? Some harsh word in time of stress? Some doctrinal difference? We may never know.

*I READ RECENTLY THAT IF A FRIENDSHIP LASTS SEVEN YEARS,
IT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.*

PEOPLES' ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL CHANGES

I remembered some of the people in my past, or in my husband's past, or that of my parent's or my children who found the status of certain people's acceptance and approval of them had changed. You know what I mean, for you have had such contrary, surprising, heart-aching rejection, too. To have received such hurt, to say the least, was unexpected—curt and carelessly unkind. Depending on the amount of affection one had towards the offender, in measure, that was the hurt of such rejection. It is hurtful—but worse yet, sometimes it is unexplainable.

My advice to my FACE BOOK FRIEND was the following:

The LORD GOD is the same—but people take turns liking or disliking you in different measures. You & I are the same persons! But the "friend" sees us differently. Yesterday you could do no wrong, BUT today this critical friend looks upon you with disdain. One day the same man or woman will praise you to the sky, and the next day, he or she can't find anything good to say about you. This change of personality makes us, who want to serve the LORD with a pure heart, keep looking up to the Lord Jesus Christ. Otherwise we couldn't get out of bed in the morning!

My heart doth beat above this worldly pleasure

It beats above the sea of human life

My life doth long

To love Eternal Treasure

My life doth sing of

Christ, my Lord above .

(ysw, 1/28/15)

ORDER SERMON: "THE TRIUNE GOD"

I don't remember if I told you that a few weeks ago, my husband's sermon on THE TRIUNE GOD got 3,798 SERMON AUDIO views and more. It was a morning message from our ~~PEOPLES' ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL CHANGES~~. It was very good. (11 pages, BFT # 4123 @ \$3.00+ \$2.00 S&H). Both Pastor Daniel and I individually thought it should be transcribed. So it was. And you can view it on SERMON AUDIO or hear it there too. Also you can order the DVD (BFT#4123 @ \$10.00 + \$5.00 S&H).

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This NEW BOOK on **HEBREWS--PREACHING VERSE BY VERSE** has been a long time in the making. How happy we are--that after so many months of writing, transcribing, proofreading, and correcting--this Bible teaching by Pastor D. A. Waite, Th.D., Ph.D. is In book form. It has been sent off to the printers as we speak. In a few weeks, we will have this 616-page book in our hands ready to send to you upon your request. **Why not order it today and be spiritually blessed:** **HEBREWS--PREACHING VERSE BY VERSE !** (BFT #4046 @ \$35.00, PRE-PUBLICATION PRICE: **Until April 20th, 2015 is \$25.00+\$8.00 S&H**)

Though Dr. Waite could use big words and high sounding phrases to wow you with his knowledge-- always his purpose in writing for YOU, the reader, is for you to be able to understand every word. This way you will know better what the Holy Spirit moved upon the Apostle Paul to write in the epistle of Hebrews long ago.

WHY DOES PASTOR WAITE BELIEVE THAT THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE HEBREWS?

1. BECAUSE Paul wrote to the Jews in the dispersion (2 Peter 3:15.)
2. BECAUSE the words and writing style is like Paul's
3. BECAUSE Paul refers to Italian friends he met while in the Roman prison
4. BECAUSE Paul knew about the bonds of enslavement
5. BECAUSE it is the traditional authorship as mentioned in Bible footnotes

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VISITATION IN ACTION

by **R. O. SANBORN**

BFT #4120 www.BibleForToday.org @\$10.00 + \$7.00 S&H

Last time I wrote you, I told you about my father's seventy-six-page book called VISITATION IN ACTION. Since then, Robert L. Sumner the Editor of *The Biblical Evangelist* reviewed this book in his paper. I am grateful for the good words he said about the book and my father. He mentioned that my Dad, besides being a successful business man, was active in the Lord's work in the Cleveland, Ohio, area, as well as a being a TRUSTEE in the early years when the GARBC Baptists took over the ownership of the Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio. For awhile, my father, R. O. Sanborn, co-chaired the college trustee board with Mr. George Milner. *Daddy* had a heart for the Lord and His Words!

EDITOR SUMNER SUMMED UP THE 28 CHAPTERS IN THE BOOK WELL, MENTIONING THE NEED FOR GROUP LEADERS TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. How to contact people
2. How to deal with absentees,
3. How to keep Sunday school attendance records
4. Bus ministry suggestions --even before bus ministries were popular!

I WAS A SICK AS A CHILD! (Continued)

Your interest in My Mother's Diary

It has been interesting! I have had more people comment lately about this section of the *UPDATE*—my early life as a sick child—than I can remember for a long time. Some shed tears! In the last ~~part~~, I copied word for word from an old diary of my mother's from 1926-1930. I told of Gertrude Sanborn's heart-felings when she learned that I, her little three-year old daughter, was diagnosed with Tuberculosis of the left hip.

A BIRTH-INJURED BABY SISTER

Little did my mother know the future sorrows that would be hers when years later, my younger sister, Beverly Grace, would be born *brain-injured* at birth. How we loved that baby! But we didn't know, then, all the FUTURE YEARS OF CARE AND PRAYER that went into that life!

DEATH OF ANOTHER SISTER AT AGE TWENTY

THEN THERE WAS AUDREY JUNE, the second-born daughter in the Sanborn family. Beautiful, talented Audrey died at age twenty from that dread Hodgkin's Disease. You should get my mother's book, *ABLE TO BEAR IT*, and read her testimony concerning her daughter's life, illness, and death (BFT# 4089 @ \$11.00 +\$7.00 S&H).

PICKING UP PENNIES

One of my earliest memories is being in a doctor's office and stooping down and picking pennies from his office floor. Evidently the way I picked up those pennies showed him that I had something radically wrong with my left hip. Often, I try to recall, "Was that memory BEFORE my three years in RAINBOW HOSPITAL FOR POOR AND CRIPPLED CHILDREN, or was it AFTER?" I've come to the conclusion that it was before.

TIED TO A BED & CRYING

Another early MEMORY is my being tied to a bed and crying and crying and crying. That memory includes the flashback of white and blue Dutch-pattern cloth material. I think it was a memory of a bag for toys at the end of my hospital crib made of a blue & white Dutch-patterned fabric. That bag was always a mystery bag for me. I could not reach it for I was tied to a frame and in traction. I could not get to it to look inside for myself at all like most of the other children in my ward could do. Other children of all ages lived with me in their beds in that large ward that we all shared together. Whenever the nurses' staff wanted to take us some place, they wheeled us in our beds to that destination. We were sort-of-like monkeys in a cage. I remember being pushed out into the beautiful open air for sunshine on good days. The grass was green and the air invigorating. I was blessed. That was my life. It was my home and my young life for three years.

GOD WAS WATCHING OVER THIS LITTLE SICK CHILD

Me? I was a little child doomed to bed rest forever! You see, I was only three! My forever turned out to be three years away from home, away from the tender care of my mother and from the protection of my father. Soon I stopped crying. Lying flat on my back on a metal frame with my left leg in traction became my way of life. No longer did I cry for my mother and my home. Though my parents and grandparents visited me every chance they could, the hospital became my *mother* and my *home*. I was completely at the mercy of the medical staff for my care and well being.

I do remember a brief time of rebellion in the ward. One nurse named *Minnie Cater* must have been a non-favorite of the girls in our ward. One night, the older ones made up a taunting song that we sang over and over behind Nurse Minnie's back. All of us lustily cried out "Oh Minnie Cater! Oh how we hate her. The big Tomater. . ." I remember vividly doing something I never did before or since. I raised myself up to a standing position with my frame clinging to my back and singing with the other girls. Then I let go of the side of my bed and my whole being snapped back as if catapulted. Not only did I amaze myself as I snapped back in traction on my back but did it one more time.

It was an action never repeated! Ever!!

I firmly believe now that GOD was watching over me—a little sick child. He had a plan for me then and he does now, but I did not know it back then! Doctors and nurses were my favorite people. They cared for me. I can honestly say I do not remember any evil that came to me during those years. I DO NOT EVEN REMEMBER THE PAIN OF THE DISEASE OR THE AGONY OF SURGERY! The protection of my Heavenly Father was mine ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE—even before I knew Him and/or the Lord Jesus Christ who would become my Saviour in future years.

And we know that all things work together for good
to them that love God, to them

who are the called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

AN OCCASIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL PAPER

I never saw a bath tub all those years. I didn't know what one was or what a commode in the bathroom was either. I brushed my teeth with a glass of water and used a basin leaning on my elbow. I could not sit up. The nurses made the bed with me in it every day. I ate every meal leaning on one elbow. I remember that occasionally a woman, whom I now call "the Bible woman," came to my bedside giving me a Sunday School paper with a picture of a Bible story on it. Sometimes it was a picture of Jesus, or Samuel, or Adam and Eve in the Garden. I vaguely remember her. She wore a hat. I remember her dark clothing. I remember her looking down at me as I lay flat on my back on my frame or in my cast. Only she did not come every week. When I became a mother, my children would bring those same pictures home from Sunday School. One of my sons saved his papers every week. He soon had a collection. It was only recently that I remembered that Bible Woman and her papers. I wish I could thank her for caring for the soul of this little crippled girl.

A BIG ROOM WITH BRIGHT LIGHTS

THEN, ONE DAY, I REMEMBER BEING WHEELED INTO A LARGE ROOM WITH HUGE BRIGHT LIGHTS ON THE CEILING. It was a hospital operating room. Since that time, I've had several surgeries, as well as giving birth to five babies in such a lighted room. (One was born in the labor room with the doctor on his way.) Whenever I find myself in an operating room again as an adult, I remember LAKESIDE HOSPITAL and that day long ago—the day that changed my life from a completely bed-ridden/wheel chair individual to becoming a normal person who could walk like other people—well almost like other people.

In my adult life, whenever I am wheeled into surgery, my mind flashes back to that day long ago when I, as a child, had major surgery. I was a little girl about five years old. It was then that I had my hip operation. Dr. Harbin was the surgeon! Though I would not know him if I saw him, I will always be thankful to God for him. He scraped all the deteriorated and diseased tubercular germs from my left hip bone joint. In so doing, he stiffened my left hip so it would not bend. I wish I could give you medical terms to what was done to me that day, but I can't. All I know is that surgery was my escape from being a deformed crippled person for the rest of my life. Wasn't God good to me?!

MY PARENTS CONSENTED TO THE PROCEDURE

I was told that the surgeon did not know if this surgery would be successful or not. If it did not work, I would have been terribly crippled for life. My understanding is that, previously, only animals had had such surgery for experimental purposes. My parents consented to this procedure. If it worked, I would be able to walk. The disease would stop! I would have a stiff hip and not be able to do certain things but I could walk and get out of that bed without the disease starting up again. Before—every time they took me off that frame and traction—the fever would start again and the disease would progress.

LONG LINES OF "DOCTORS" LOOKED AT ME

Lying there in that recovery hospital bed, I remember a drainage tube inserted in the wound in my left hip. Doctors and nurses would look at me, change the bandages, and check the drainage all the time. Another thing was that "learner doctors" would be brought to my side to look at this marvelous surgery and anticipated glorious

results. In fact, for years and years afterwards, every time I went to the clinic, or hospital, the medical people—especially the learning doctors—would be more interested in seeing this large scar on my left hip than they were for the sickness that caused it, or even for me as a person.

When I would go to the clinic for my check-ups, I remember long lines of learner-doctors and medical people slowly walking in long lines to look at me. I was completely unclothed and cold. I did not like it, but who was I? I was just a little girl who had very little say about it. When I was a wee-bit older child, I told my mother that I did not mind my own doctor looking at me, but really did not like the long line of men looking at my operation all the time. I think it was then my mother put a stop to that procedure. It was not until into my adult years that my other doctors no longer wanted to view my scar with great interests. I always had the idea that my surgery was unique for that very moment of time that we were in. At least it was unique to me!

(to be continued)

MAKING MARRIAGE MELODIOUS

by Pastor D. A. Waite, Th.D., Ph. D.

This beautiful little book **MAKING MARRIAGE MELODIOUS** written by Pastor Waite several years ago is a **precious 99-page book** (BFT #3006 @ \$8.00 + \$5.00 S&H) . My husband had been asked to give a series of messages on the subject of MARRIAGE at a camp retreat several years ago. Afterwards, he put ALL the messages in book form. **Personally I think this book's cover is the best cover of all the books we offer at THE BIBLE FOR TODAY MINISTRIES. (Of course, I am partial)** It is a picture of my newly-married husband and me, his bride, **marching down the aisle arm & arm.** Then, on the back cover is pictured our wedding party & guests witnessing our marriage vows spoken 66 years ago. Personally, I can't look at it enough. I think you would like it, too.

NO DOUBLE STANDARD (page 30)

...and shall be JOINED unto his wife. . .

The Christian husband is not to be footloose and fancy-free.

He must not have two standards. He should not commit adultery.

The standard is the same for both husband and wife.

We are to glue and stick ourselves to our wives.

This is like a bonding cement that cannot be severed.

Only death should sever that bond.

That's what the sticking and gluing means in this passage.

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I'M UNDER GOD'S CARE, ARE YOU?

Yvonne Sanborn Waite

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