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Is My Name Recognizable?

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*“At that time Michael shall
stand up,
The great prince who stands
watch over the sons of your
people;
And there shall be a time of
trouble,
Such as never was since
there was a nation,
Even to that time.
And at that time your people
shall be delivered,
Every one who is found
written in the book.*

Daniel 12:1

Names written in a book? The reference here to a book and names written in it that will be delivered is an amazing thought – God writes the names of His faithful in a book!

This book is also referenced in Exodus 32:31-33 by Moses. There Moses refers to him being blotted

out of the book if the Lord will not forgive the people of the great sin they had committed as he referenced in verse 31. The Lord then states in verse 33 that whoever has sinned will be blotted out of His book. So in our terms – names of the faithful are written in pencil and can be erased!

David refers to this book in Psalm 56:8 –
***“You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle;
Are they not in Your book?”***

Here David states that his actions and emotions are noted in God’s book.

Paul references this book in his letter to the Philippians in chapter four and verse three:
“And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of

Life. “ Paul states that his fellow workers have their names in the Book of Life and he references this. He actually acknowledges his fellow workers – yet in a positive but humble way – fellow workers – soldiers doing the duties they are suppose to do with their names written in the Book of Life – God’s book!

Where is this Book kept? Jesus Himself gives us this answer in Luke 10:20 as He is talking with the seventy who were sent out to do the work He had given them. Note what He states in verse 20: ***“Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”***

Now would be a good time for us to also note Revelation 22:18-19: ***“For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part***

from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”

What does all of this mean to us? While it seems there are several things that we could mention let us just focus on two important things:

1). God has a book that is called **the Book of Life** and He adds the names of the ones who are faithful to Him in that book! He makes notes in that book of who is faithful to Him and their actions and thoughts. **He does not haste to remove the names from that book of the ones who return to sin.** That being the facts according to His word then we can conclude that those whose names are written in His book are only the ones who have obeyed and died or who are alive and are fully obeying His plan of salvation – if they were under the Old Law then they were faithful to obey that Law – if one lived or now lives under the New Law (which Christ died for) then they are responsible to obey and be faithful to those commands.

2). It is permissible to recognize or bring

recognition to those who are faithful – fellow workers just as Paul did in Philippians 4:3; Romans 16:1-16 and in other places. Not with a purpose to elevate them or brag upon them or to use them as method to escalate Paul or others above other men – but to note and commend them for their service – in hopes of encouragement and to hopefully motivate others to be active and have their names written in the Book of Life and once there not to have it blotted out.

Speaking of blotting out – we find that names of those who are unfaithful are mentioned many times in the New Testament – Romans 16:17-18; I Corinthians 5; II Thessalonians 3:6-15 to mention a few. We should not be hesitant to mention those in danger of having their names blotted out in order to bring them to repentance. Just as we should never mention those who are faithful – striving to do the work of the Lord with a purpose of elevating them or the one who is working with them or the one who has taught them (I Corinthians 1:10-17).

We need to humble ourselves to God's will and let Him do the writing in and blotting out in His Book. We need to do His will humbly and without fanfare – and our name will be recognizable!

Which Am I?

Anonymous

I watched them tear a
building down;
A gang of men in a busy
town.
With a mighty heave and
lusty yell,
They swung a beam and a
side wall fell.

I said to the foreman, “Are
these men as skilled
As the men you’d hire if you
had to build?”
He gave a laugh and said,
“No indeed!
Just a common laborer is all I
need.

And I can wreck in a day or
two
What it took the builder a
year to do.”

And I thought to myself as I
went my way,
“Just which of these roles
have I tried to play?
Am I a builder who works
with care

Measuring life by the rule
and square,
Or am I a wrecker as I walk
the town
Content with the labor of
tearing down?"

Any fool can gripe
and complain;
and most of them
do!

Who Was Lucifer?

By Bob Myhan

Though many seem to think
that the devil's name was
Lucifer before he fell, there is
no evidence of this in
Scripture. The only place the
name Lucifer occurs is Isaiah
14:12. But that reference is to
the king of Babylon (verse 4).

"God is Perfect. Only
man makes mistakes".

It seems that some
people think by the inch
and talk by the yard.

All things in life
are temporary. If
going well, enjoy
it, they will not
last forever.

If going wrong,
don't worry, they
can't last long
either.

A Special Saturday In January
January 26, 2013
9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon

Our Next Gospel Meeting
March 3-8, 2013
David Lanius

All The Time
By Mavhuto Hameda

ALL THE TIME:
Good time, bad time, night
time, day time, work time, off
time, sad time, happy time, in
the mean time God is
thinking of you all the time.
"Trust in him at all times; ye
people, pour out your heart
before him: God is a refuge
for us. Selah" (Psalm 62:8,
KJV).

Remember: "Blessed
are they that keep judgment,
and he that doeth
righteousness at all times"
(Psalm 106:3, KJV).