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hat unusual, yet amazing times we are living in. As we navigate things like mid-term elections, interest rates, gas prices and a host of other uncertainties, I look to the Bible. God's Word is unchanging, unshakable, and unmistakable.



God said in Malachi 3:6 that He *doesn't change*. He also said He would *never leave us or forsake us*. (Hebrews 13:5). What wonderful Bible promises to live your life by. I have decided the best place I could ever live is to "live" in the Word of God and the best thing I could ever do is to "do" what God tells me.

So, regardless of where you live and what you do, consider living in God's presence and doing what honors Him. I pray the articles in this issue encourage you to give thanks, to celebrate a season of God's great love through His Son Jesus, and expect miracles in every area of your life.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas and may God richly bless you each and every day of your life.

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### MIRROR, MIRROR On your wall

When you look in the mirror spiritually...you should see that you're made in the image, in the likeness of God.

BY LINDSAY ROBERTS

ecently, I was thinking about the saying, "Mirror, mirror on the wall..." and it was supposed to show the person who was the fairest or prettiest of all.

I want to ask you the same question, but I want you to think about it, spiritually speaking. So if you were to look in the mirror, is the mirror your friend? Is the mirror your enemy? If you say, Mirror, mirror on my wall, what does it look like? Do you look like yourself and what you look like to others? Do they see you different than you see yourself?

Now, let me ask you, what do you look like to God? Does He see you as more than a conqueror, more than able, doing abundant things that He called you to do in an abundant fashion with an abundant return?

When you look in the mirror, are you just seeing a piece of glass that reflects, "Well, my hair didn't do as good as I'd hoped today." When you look in the mirror, you're looking at your "image". Think about looking in the mirror spiritually... you should be seeing that you are made in the image, the likeness of God. You are of God little children. "Greater is He that's in you than he that's in the world" (1 John 4:4).

When I look at the world's opinion of what I should see in a mirror, that "image" could cause me to think that I could never measure up. Actually, from magazine covers to TV images to other ways of seeing how the world measures up, I could quickly become discouraged.

But instead of that, I want to talk to you about mirror, mirror on your wall, not reflecting who's the fairest of them all. Not reflecting what your hair did today, but reflecting who you are in Christ Jesus and being able to see that reflection no matter what your hair looks like, no matter what your wrinkles or imperfections look like. What do you look like to God? And how can we make that Christ-like reflection a part of our life?

The Bible says in Genesis 1:27 that "God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

When God created us in His image, He didn't make us with no thought in mind. He didn't make us by just

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You can do all things through Christ who gives you strength...

saying, "Here is a little dust here and a little something there." He had an image that He wanted us to look like, act like, be like. And that was to be like Him.

e're not God, I'm not God. But He so loved us that He sent Jesus to die on the cross for us. so that we could have a life and have it more abundantly. God does not want us to suffer. He wants us to prosper. Did I just say prosper? Yes. It means to have a successful journey on the road of life. God wants us to have a successful journey. Even though, in so many ways, things aren't exactly as they used to be. God wasn't kidding when He said "prosper" and be in health (3 John 2). Prosper may be a word that somebody has twisted or taken out of context, making prosperity a bad thing. But, God put all the gold and silver in the earth and told us to take dominion over it. He said, "He delights in the prosperity of His children." He wants us to have a prosperous journey on the road of life.

My desire is for you to look in the mirror and see all that God sees *in* you, and all that He has *for* you. I want you to see that God loves you and cares for you; that God forgives you and has a call on your life and can use you. And by calling, it may be to go to Africa, or go to your next door neighbor or whatever God has planned. In order to expect a miracle and to expect all that God has for you, my prayer for you is that from this second on, you'll look at yourself differently in the mirror.

> ow, we may say we do not like our hair and may not like our eyelashes or whatever.

But let's not start picking apart the creation that God created in His own image. I believe that God did it right. When I look in the mirror, I also need to know that I'm created in the image of God. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Greater is He that's in me working from the inside-out, than he that's in the world!

Mirrors let us look from the outside-in. But, I want you to look on the inside-out and see that according to God's plan, you can do all things through Christ who gives you strength today. I pray that for you in every way, in Jesus name. Amen.

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# The SOURCE of all BLESS

A CLASSIC ARTICLE FROM OUR ARCHIVES BY ORAL ROBERTS

uring one of America's most desperate hours, one man boldly stepped forth and reminded us to thank God for our many blessings. In 1863, at a time when America was being torn apart by the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day...a day of giving thanks and praise to our "beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." Even in the midst of what must have been a devastating time, President Lincoln found the strength of character to lead this country in acknowledging so many blessings and the part that God played in them.

He made it clear Who he believed was the Source of America's blessings when he said, "No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God."

I thank God for the faith of Abraham Lincoln, and for his gift of Thanksgiving Day to this country. I believe it's an honor and a privilege to set aside this one day of the year to give God glory and honor and thanks for all He has given us in this great country.

Our family is just like other families on Thanksgiving Day. We enjoy getting together and appreciate all of the tradition

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associated with that day. But, Thanksgiving is really about giving thanks to God and acknowledging that He is the Source of all the blessings we enjoy. *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights"* (James 1:17).

There are many reasons for giving God thanks on Thanksgiving Day and every other day of the year, as well. But here are four of the most powerful reason I know of:

### • When we repent, He forgives our sins.

Not only does God forgive our sins (1 John 1:9), but He also blots them out and breaks their power and control over our lives (Isaiah 43:25).

### • Through Jesus' blood, we can be healed.

He took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses (Matthew 8:17). He also told us we can lay hands on the sick and believe they would recover, making our hands an extension of His own hands of deliverance (Mark16:18).

### • He gives us faith to overcome life's obstacles.

God is the giver of faith and the banisher of fear. He has given every person the measure of faith (Romans 12:3), and when we use the power of our faith, it can drive out fear.

### • He provided a way for our prosperity.

God has made our giving a seed we sow, not a debt we owe. He paid our debt on Calvary. Now when we sow seed to Him, He can multiply that seed and bring increase (2 Corinthians 9:10).

We have so many benefits as God's children. Psalm 103:1-5 says God forgives, heals, protects, satisfies, renews our youth and crown us with His love and mercy. How blessed we are! In this Thanksgiving season, I encourage you to stop for a moment and begin to praise God for what He has already done in your life, and for what you're going to trust Him to do in the future.

### MYDC RECIPES



#### **INGREDIENTS**

#### Shortening

- 1 box super-moist yellow cake mix
- 2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 cup canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup raisins (if desired)
- 1 cup creamy vanilla ready-tospread frosting
- Ground nutmeg or cinnamon (to taste)

#### DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 375°.

Lightly grease cookie sheet with shortening. Mix cake mix and pumpkin pie spice in arge bowl; stir in pumpkin and butter until well blended; stir in raisins. Drop dough by generous tablespoonfuls about 2 inches apart onto cookie sheet. Bake 11-12 minutes or until set and light golden brown around edges. Cool 1-2 minutes; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack; cool completely. Spread frosting on each cookie; sprinkle with nutmeg. Makes 2 1/2 dozen cookies. Recipe from Diana Cortez ACORN SQUASH WITH ROASTED PECANS

#### INGREDIENTS

Acorn squash (1/2 squash per serving) Butter (1 Tbsp. per serving) Brown sugar (1 Tbsp. per serving) Roasted Pecans (prepare in advance - see recipe below)

#### ROASTED PECANS:

1 cup pecan halves 4 Tbsp. (1/2 stick) butter Salt Sugar Preheat oven to 250°. Melt butter in saucepan; toss pecans in butter. Place pecans on cookie sheet; sprinkle with salt and sugar. Bake 1 to1 1/2 hours, turning occasionally, until crisp. (Note: Baking time will depend on size and freshness of pecans; dry pecans will bake much faster. Test for doneness by color and crispness.)

### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 425°. Butter a rimmed cookie sheet. Cut squash in half crosswise; scrape out and remove seeds. Cut a small slice from the bottom of the squash so it will sit level on a plate. (Note: Do not cut too deeply into the squash or it will not hold butter and sugar mixture.) Place squash, scooped side down, on cookie sheet. Bake until edges are golden brown, about 20-25 minutes. Remove from oven; turn squash over. Melt butter and brown sugar in saucepan; pour into each cavity. Bake an additional 25 minutes, or until tender. Top with roasted pecans before serving.

(Caution with hot liquid in squash.) Recipe from Karen Arutunoff



### **MORE RECIPES**



### INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 pinch salt
- 1/3 cup hot water
- 4 cups milk or half and half cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- Toppings: marshmallows, whipped cream, cinnamon sticks, chocolate chips, sprinkles

#### DIRECTIONS

Add milk, sugar, and cocoa powder in a saucepan. Simmer the ingridients over medium heat for about 7 to 10 minutes. Whisk the milk and cocoa as it begins to get hot. Don't let it boil. Add vanilla and turn off burner. Add favorite toppings. Serves 4. (Use caution with hot beverages.)



### CHUNKY APPLE CAKE WITH CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

### **INGREDIENTS:**

1/2 cup butter, melted
2 cups sugar
2 large eggs
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. ground cinnamon
4 Granny Smith apples, peeled and chopped
1 cup chopped walnuts and/or raisins (optional)

Cream Cheese Frosting: 1 (8-oz.) package cream cheese, softened 3 Tbsp. butter, softened 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar 1/8 tsp. salt 1 tsp. vanilla extract

### DIRECTIONS

Stir together first four ingredients in a large bowl until blended.

Combine flour and next three ingredients. Add to the butter mixture, stirring until blended. Stir in apples and walnuts.

Spread in a greased 9x13-inch pan. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool completely and spread with cream cheese frosting. Sprinkle with walnuts and/or raisins, if desired.



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I love traditions and I especially love the tradition my family and I have experienced during holidays. For as long as I can remember, we have made it our family tradition on Christmas morning to read to our daughters the story of the birth of Jesus. We all gather together and I read Luke 2:1-17...

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into



Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men! So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

Then we all pray together as a family and set our faith and hearts together to give thanks to the Lord for all He means to us. We pray for health and healing and prosperity as a family and then we simply praise and worship God.

I encourage you to take a moment to read Luke 2 and consider a time of praise and worship and thanksgiving during this Christmas season. And I pray you experience the miracle of Christmas–the birth of our Savior, Jesus–and that you are blessed in every way God directs.

And if you've never accepted Jesus, consider doing so and praying this prayer:

Heavenly Father, I come to You and ask that You forgive my sins. I invite Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. Thank You, Jesus, for going to the cross for me. I believe You were raised from the dead and now I receive new life in You. In Jesus name. Amen.

I pray you have a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a happy and blessed New Year.

In Christ,

Richard

Tell me...Mary

### A CLASSIC ARTICLE FROM OUR ARCHIVES BY EVELYN ROBERTS

've often wondered about Mary and how she must have felt to be chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. If I could talk to her, I'd ask so many questions, such as...How did you feel when an angel spoke to you that God wanted you to bear His Son? You must have said, "Why me, Lord?" After all, you were a virgin, engaged to Joseph. You knew what your neighbors would think and say if you were pregnant and unmarried.

Did you feel like saying, "I won't do it! It's too much to ask." Instead you said, "*I am the Lord's servant... May it be to me as you have said*" (Luke 1:38). But afterward, when people turned away from you, did you regret your decision? Did your faith waiver?

When you went to Bethlehem just days before you were to give birth, did you wish you were back home? And when there was no room at the inn and no welcome for you in Bethlehem, did you ask the Lord why? After all, you were about to give birth to the Savior of the world, and there was no celebration!

How did you feel when Joseph took you to a stable, knowing that your precious baby would be born among the animals? Did your heart cry for a midwife, did it cry for your mother, so she could share your pain, and your elation when the shepherds arrived and told you that the heavens had filled with angels, and one of them had proclaimed, *"I bring you good news....* A Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord"



(Luke 2:10-11). Your heart must have leaped with joy when you realized that God was faithful to His Word!

I'm sure you were proud of Jesus as you watched Him grow. But were you frightened when you lost Him on the way home from Jerusalem? You must have been in awe when you found Him in the temple, a boy of 12 listening to the teachers.

And when He began His ministry—how you must have been amazed at the miracles He performed, the healings He brought about, and the happiness and joy He brought into people's lives. But did you really understand why He was in this world? Did your heart ache when the religious leaders rose up against Him?

How could you stand it in the end, when He was tried and beaten? You had to feel the blows hit your heart as His hands and feet were nailed

Did you really understand why He was in this world?. to the cross. And when you stood there and watched Him die, did you wonder if it was worth it? Did you ask God why He allowed such a thing to happen to His own Son? What agony you must have suffered!

But when you learned that He had risen, you knew that He was more than just your son. He truly was the Son of God who arose so you and I might live!

Because you obeyed, Mary, I have a Savior. Because of your obedience, we celebrate Christmas. Because you believed God, we have good news to tell the world!

I thank you, Mary, for your obedience. I admit that sometimes I get weak when struggles come. But I'm learning that obedience brings miracles, and miracles change lives. And that is what Christmas is about.

And if I were to ask you if it was worth all the pain and suffering you went through, I think I know what your answer would be: "Yes, it was worth it! I would do it again."

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I was watching "A Place for Miracles" on YouTube ... I needed healing in my inner ears because I've been having vertigo, dizziness, and balance problems. Lindsay gave a word of knowledge for ears, eyes, and headaches. I claimed that word for myself...I felt some pressure come off my head and I don't feel the heaviness anymore, I felt lighter and I felt better in my body! Praise God for that! Thank you so much Richard and Lindsay for your prayers! God bless you both! -Courtney H. from Georgia