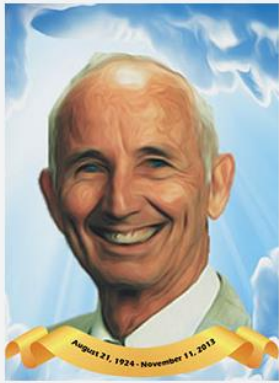


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At Just the Right Time

by Merlin Carothers



*When the fulness of
the time was come, God
sent forth His Son...*
(Galatians 4:4)

In the *fulness of time* a certain person was born on this earth. God ordained that this person should come to earth to fulfill His plan.

Do you know who that person was ...?
Did you think, *Jesus?*

Yes, He came at the correct time, in the perfect place and to the right parents.

But so did you! You came to fulfill God's purpose. He decided when, where, to whom and with what characteristics you would be born.

We may feel that God's plan for Jesus' life could have been greatly improved upon if you or I had organized it! But I'm glad God planned it, for *His plan worked*.

His plan for you and me is perfect. Now it's up to us — just as it was with Jesus! He had to fulfill His part. It wasn't easy, but He did it.

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself ... (II Corinthians 5:19).

We should believe Him. We should declare, "I may never *seem* to be successful, or loved when I try to do right, or supported when I need help. It may be that I will never be believed when I share what God reveals to me or accepted by others. But I believe in Jesus as my total and complete Savior. He lifts

me above my failures and sets me firmly on the path that leads toward doing God's will."

I could recall many things about my past that I consider failures. But Jesus came into my life and announced that I am *His!* He said His victories are *mine!* Now I'm united with *Him* instead of with my failures.

All of my life's journeys have added up to *victory*. God's plan for me is always moving forward.

When I accepted Jesus as Savior, I entered God's family. When I fail, I may suffer, but He never disowns me. That is my perception of God. He made me, has a plan for me, loves me and is *always* watching over me.

His plan for you is perfect too! So, rejoice with great joy. The more you rejoice in, rely upon and obey Him, the more quickly you will complete His plan for you. The more you grumble, groan, and doubt, the longer it will take, and the harder it will be to complete your task.

Out of His fullness we have all received grace ... (John 1:16 NIV).

You already know that you are imperfect! Now you may need to learn how perfect God is. He doesn't make mistakes! He was as careful with His plans for you as He was with His plans for Jesus! You and I haven't been completely obedient as Jesus was, but in spite of that we can complete God's plan. I'm determined to do that, and I know that I must agree with Paul when he said in Romans 15:29:

I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.

That blessing is given to you and to me, not because of our own merits, but *by our faith in Jesus Christ!*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I thought that the above message from Merlin Carothers was a good way to start a new year of walking with the Lord Jesus. I have told you many times that God loves you, and that is absolutely true. Merlin takes that a step farther, to say that God has created you and given you life in order to fulfill a purpose of His. And that purpose may or may not be clear to you at this moment, but if you will seek and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, sooner or later it will be accomplished, and you will be a blessing to others and also be blessed yourself.

Merlin's first and most widely read book, **Prison to Praise**, is the story of his transformation from a hostile, bitter young soldier in World War II to following Christ and returning to the military as a chaplain. In the process he came to focus on the biblical concept of praising God, not just when things are going well, but in all circumstances. Many people who have read the book have come to enjoy a happiness they never expected to experience. Christians have been overwhelmed to learn that they can live in peace as they discover the secrets of a life of praise. Millions say it has changed their lives and introduced them to the solution to their problems.



In the early 1970s, shortly after the book's release, Merlin and his wife, Mary, started the Foundation of Praise, to deal with the increasing demand for his books from prisoners, military personnel, hospital patients, and thousands of people who accepted Christ after reading **Prison to Praise**. Merlin ultimately wrote sixteen other titles, including **Praise Works** (a favorite of mine) and **Power in Praise**. Over 19 million copies of his books have been printed, and they have been translated into 59 other languages.

Live today as though you are someone special! This will honor God who has told us in Jeremiah 29:11 that *His* plans for our lives are for *good* and not for evil!

I don't intend for this month's message to be all about praise, but I will give you this brief excerpt from Merlin's book, **Power in Praise**:

Praise is based on an acceptance of the present as part of God's loving, perfect will for us. Praise is not based on what we think or hope will happen in the future. ... We praise God, not for what we expect will happen in or around us, but we praise Him for who He is and where and how we are right now.

It is, of course, a fact that when we honestly praise God, something does happen as a result. His power obviously flows into the situation, and we will soon notice a change in us or around us. The change may be that we come to experience a real joy and happiness in the midst of what once appeared to be a miserable situation, or the situation may change. But this is a result of praise, and must not be the motivation for praise.

Praise is not a bargaining position. We don't say, "I'll praise you so that you can bless me, Lord."

This is godly wisdom. Be blessed by it!

Merlin and Mary Carothers' Foundation of Praise is a charity that provides thousands of free praise books to inmates all over America. If you're an inmate, ask your chaplain to request books for you and your fellow inmates by writing to Foundation of Praise, PO Box 2518, Escondido CA 92033-2518

God's Peace and Blessings to all of you now and in the New Year just beginning —

Brother Roland

If you have a question about Bible truth or the Christian life, I will gladly share my thoughts with you, and maybe also with the other readers of the "Good News Guide." Write to me. Please note: I do not have Bibles or study materials to send to you.

Brother Roland, P.O. Box 14, Fayetteville PA 17222

All of the Names of Jesus

(adapted from <https://godiswithus67.blogspot.com>)

An inmate asked if I could send him a document that listed all of the names of Jesus. I didn't have one, so I went to the Internet and found the following list of all of the names and titles given specifically to our Lord Jesus in the referenced Scripture passages from the King James Version of the Bible, and now I'm sharing the list with all of you..

ADVOCATE (1 John 2:1)
ALMIGHTY (Revelation 1:8)
ALPHA AND OMEGA (Revelation 1:8)
AMEN (Revelation 3:14)
APOSTLE OF OUR PROFESSION (Hebrews 3:1)
ARM OF THE LORD (Isaiah 51:9, Isaiah 53:1)
AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH (Heb 12:2)
AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION (Hebrews 5:9)
BEGINNING OF CREATION OF GOD (Revelation 3:14)
BELOVED SON (Matthew 12:18)
BLESSED AND ONLY POTENTATE (1 Timothy 6:15)
BRANCH (Isaiah 4:2)
BREAD OF LIFE (John 6:32)
CAPTAIN OF SALVATION (Hebrews 2:10)
CHIEF SHEPHERD (1 Peter 5:4)
CHRIST OF GOD (Luke 9:20)
CONSOLATION OF ISRAEL (Luke 2:25)
CORNERSTONE (Psalm 118:22)
COUNSELLOR (Isaiah 9:6)
CREATOR (John 1:3)
DAYSPRING (Luke 1:78)
DELIVERER (Romans 11:26)
DESIRE OF THE NATIONS (Haggai 2:7)
DOOR (John 10:7)
ELECT OF GOD (Isaiah 42:1)
EVERLASTING FATHER (Isaiah 9:6)
FAITHFUL WITNESS (Revelation 1:5)
FIRST AND LAST (Revelation 1:17)
FIRST BEGOTTEN OF THE DEAD (Revelation 1:5)
FORERUNNER (Hebrews 6:20)
GLORY OF THE LORD (Isaiah 40:5)
GOD (Isaiah 40:3)
GOD BLESSED (Romans 9:5)
GOOD SHEPHERD (John 10:11)
GOVERNOR (Matthew 2:6)
GREAT HIGH PRIEST (Hebrews 4:14)
HEAD OF THE CHURCH (Ephesians 1:22)
HEIR OF ALL THINGS (Hebrews 1:2)
HOLY CHILD (Acts 4:27)
HOLY ONE (Acts 3:14)
HOLY ONE OF GOD (Mark 1:24)
HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL (Isaiah 41:14)
HORN OF SALVATION (Luke 1:69)
I AM (John 8:58)
IMAGE OF GOD (2 Corinthians 4:4)
IMMANUEL (Isaiah 7:14)
JEHOVAH (Isaiah 26:4)
JESUS (Matthew 1:21)
JESUS OF NAZARETH (Matthew 21:11)
JUDGE OF ISRAEL (Micah 5:1)
THE JUST ONE (Acts 7:52)
KING (Zechariah 9:9)
KING OF THE AGES (1 Timothy 1:17)
KING OF THE JEWS (Matthew 2:2)
KING OF KINGS (1 Timothy 6:15)
KING OF SAINTS (Revelation 15:3)
LAWGIVER (Isaiah 33:22)
LAMB (Revelation 13:8)
LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29)
LAST ADAM (1 Corinthians 15:45)
LEADER AND COMMANDER (Isaiah 55:4)
LIGHT OF THE WORLD (John 8:12)
LION OF JUDAH (Revelation 5:5)
LORD OF ALL (Acts 10:36)
LORD OF GLORY (1 Corinthians 2:8)
LORD OF LORDS (1 Timothy 6:15)
LORD OF OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS (Jeremiah 23:6)
MAN OF SORROWS (Isaiah 53:3)
MEDIATOR (1 Timothy 2:5)
MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT (Malachi 3:1)
MESSIAH (Daniel 9:25, John 1:41)
MIGHTY GOD (Isaiah 9:6)
MIGHTY ONE (Isaiah 60:16)
MORNING STAR (Revelation 22:16)
NAZARENE (Matthew 2:23)
ONLY BEGOTTEN SON (John 1:18)
OUR PASSOVER (1 Corinthians 5:7)
PRINCE OF LIFE (Acts 3:15)
PRINCE OF KINGS (Revelation 1:5)
PRINCE OF PEACE (Isaiah 9:6)
PROPHET (Luke 24:19, Acts 3:22)
REDEEMER (Job 19:25)
RESURRECTION AND LIFE (John 11:25)
ROCK (1 Corinthians 10:4)
ROOT OF DAVID (Revelation 22:16)
ROSE OF SHARON (Song of Songs 2:1)
SAVIOR (Luke 2:11)
SEED OF WOMAN (Genesis 3:15)
SHEPHERD AND BISHOP OF SOULS (1 Peter 2:25)
SHILOH (Genesis 49:10)
SON OF THE BLESSED (Mark 14:61)
SON OF DAVID (Matthew 1:1)
SON OF GOD (Matthew 2:15)
SON OF THE HIGHEST (Luke 1:32)
SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (Malachi 4:2)
TRUE LIGHT (John 1:9)
TRUE VINE (John 15:1)
TRUTH (John 1:14)
THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE (John 14:6)
WITNESS (Isaiah 55:4)
WORD (John 1:1)
WORD OF GOD (Revelation 19:13)

PRAISE the LORD!

How and why we are to praise our Lord. ... Enjoy the puzzle, praising God as you do it!

Puzzle:

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Words:

PRAISE THE LORD
O MY SOUL
AS LONG AS I LIVE
I WILL SING
PRAISE TO MY GOD
WHILE I AM ALIVE

WE MUST BE CAREFUL
NOT TO SUBSTITUTE
SIMPLY SAYING IT
FOR ACTUALLY DOING IT
OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
AND OUR LORD JESUS
ARE GREAT AND GOOD
AND TOTALLY WORTHY

OF ALL THE PRAISE
WE COULD EVER GIVE

WHEN WE FOCUS
ON WHO HE IS
ALL HIS GLORY
AMAZING POWER
WONDERFUL ARTISTRY
PURITY AND HOLINESS
ALL HE HAS DONE
HIS LOVING KINDNESS
SO SLOW TO ANGER
SO QUICK TO FORGIVE
AND THAT HE TRULY
LOVES EACH OF US

ENOUGH TO DIE
IN SHAME AND AGONY
SO THAT WE CAN BE
FOREVER WITH HIM
AND SHARE IN HIS JOY

O WONDERFUL FATHER
O PRECIOUS JESUS
TO BE WITH YOU
IS ALL WE NEED
PLEASE GIVE US GRACE
TO SAY YES ALWAYS
TO EVERY SINGLE THING
YOU ASK OF US
AMEN