

Record # 22 (cont.)

There shall be signs which follow the preaching of the Gospel. (The very last part -- about two minutes thereof I did not get.) Record # 23--

Ill. of experience which I had about 30 years ago. Took a train journey--story of visit to San Berardino.---no letter there at the post-office. Was that whole story coincidence or fate? Why should God bother with such a trivial thing as that? There was a purpose that God had in it all. It is remarkable how the Lord will work things out in your very life--and though we can't explain all the things we know that God will work out those things to His honor and glory. God will cause suffering and heartache to come into our lives and just because we can't explain all the things, it doesn't mean there is no purpose thereto.....

Thus you see that inspiration doesn't mean to grab a verse out of context and put in what you think it means but rather getting down to what it means in the context and getting the true sense of the passage. The Bible is not just a book full of a lot of mottoes which can be picked out and quoted at random. God wants us to get down and study what it says and day by day get deeper into the Word.

A word about Versions--what we have in the Greek and the Hebrew is very close to the original but not the original. There are some people that say all they need is John 3:16 and they can bring many to know the Lord and so they can. God can use the uneducated and does--He used the ass of Balaam to speak. But most of the great leaders of the Christian world have been thoroughly furnished in studying the Bible in education, etc. One must remember that one cannot translate one word from one language into another and get the exact meaning. Ill. of "Save me from the lion's mouth and from the horns of the unicorn". ^{Record # 24} It should read like this--"From the lion's mouth save me and from the horns of the unicorn for thou hast heard me"--note the great difference. All this is a picture of the crucifixion. Describe Christ on the cruel cross and it would be like some animal attacking him as the terrible nail-wounds tore at His flesh.--a sudden change is represented when he speaks ~~for~~ of the horns of the unicorn. --"for thou hast heard me"...note the sharp break in this verse. This well typifies the suffering and then the sudden joy of resurrection.