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INTRODUCTION

Reader, Let me say at the outset of this work that I am not a historian or a student of war. I can lay claim to but one title, that of a poet; but a poet that knows and understands where the source of his gift comes from. From an unseen God, that I have come to learn directs the affairs of mankind.

These poems received their inspiration from two trips my wife Judy and I took in May of 1998 and April of 1999 to the Gettysburg Battle Park. The second trip to Gettysburg, was followed in the same trip by visits to Antietam, Spotsylvania, Chancellorville, Fredricksburg, The Wilderness and finally Appomattox. Judy and I had not seen any of these places before 1998. The urge to write down in poem form what I saw and felt was overwhelming.

Reader, I feel no explanation for the poems themselves is necessary. How they speak to you depends on how you let them speak for themselves in your heart. I truly hope the readers of these poems will be as blessed as I was in writing them.

Reader, May God Always Bless You,
Sam Weaver

Scriptures For GETTYSBURG VISIONS

BEFORE GETTYSBURG, ANTIETAM HARVEST

Mark; Chapter 4, Verse 29: But when the first fruit is brought forth immediately he putteth in the sickle because the harvest is come.

Luke; Chapter 20, Verse 38: For He is not a God of the dead, but of the living; for all live unto Him.

A GETTYSBURG PRELUDE, BONDED IN SPIRIT

Proverbs; Chapter 20, Verse 24: Man's goings are of the Lord, how can a man, then, understand his own way?

A CAUSE WITHOUT LAWS

Romans; Chapter 6, Verse 14: For sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Romans; Chapter 3, Verses 19-24, Romans; Chapter 4, Verses 13-16, John; Chapter 1, Verse 17.

THOUGHT PICTURES IN MY MIND

Genesis; Chapter 1, Verses 26 & 27: So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male & female created He them.

I Corinthians; Chapter 15, Verses 45, 49: And so it is written, The first man, Adam, was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a life giving spirit.

FIRST BORN OF ALL GOD'S DEAD

Hebrews; Chapter 12, Verses 23, 24: To the general assembly and church of the first born, who are written in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Colossians; Chapter 1, Verses 15 - 20

ON THIS DAY I WEPT

Proverbs; Chapter 16, Verse 9, Proverbs; Chapter 20, Verse 24: A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord guides his steps.

WE SENT THEM OUR LOVE

II Corinthians; Chapter 4, Verse 18 and Chapter 5, Verse 1: While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Hebrews; Chapter 6, Verses 19, 20: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil, Where the fore-runner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he both consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say His flesh.

Hebrews; Chapter 12, Verse 22 & Psalm 91, Verse 11: For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

IN JESUS MIDST I SEE

Proverbs; Chapter 16, Verse 9: A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.

Proverbs; Chapter 20, Verse 24: Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?

HE SERVED GOD AND MAN WELL

Proverbs; Chapter 16, Verse 9

Proverbs; Chapter 20, Verse 24

THE FLAME OF GOD

Ephesians; Chapter 2, Verses 13-18: For He is our peace. And came and preached peace to you who were afar off, and to them that are near.

Colossians; Chapter 2, Verses 9, 10: For in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him who is the head of all principality and power.

THE LAST DANCE

Luke; Chapter 12, Verse 2: For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed neither hid that shall not be known.

THE TRUTH THAT MAKES US FREE

John; Chapter 8, Verses 32-36: And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the slave of sin, and the slave abideth not in the house forever, but the Son abideth ever. If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

II Chronicles; Chapter 7, Verse 14: If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Matthew; Chapter 16, Verse 19: And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Luke; Chapter 17, Verses 20, 21: And when He was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or Lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

AMERICA'S FIRST LOVE

Revelation; Chapter 22, Verse 16: I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

WHAT'S AN AMERICAN

Micah; Chapter 7, Verse 8: Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise, when I sit in darkness the Lord shall be a light unto me.

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BURNSIDE'S BRIDGE
ANTIETAM BATTLE PARK



MILLER'S CORNFIELD
ANTIETAM BATTLE PARK

BEFORE GETTYSBURG

(ANTIETAM HARVEST)

Lee was trying to win
By using his wit
And issued an order
For his army to split

The written order fell
Into McClelland's hand
And Lee would be forced
To leave Maryland

At his every turn
Flesh was being killed
From Burnside's bridge
To Miller's corn field

But at Antietam Park
Through Jesus God's grace
I sensed a great harvest
Had taken place

Antietam battles
Oh that bloody day
When the god of war
Was having his way

Antietam harvest
Oh that blessed day
When the God of life
Took His souls away



LEE AND JACKSON

(THE LAST COUNCIL)

(BONDED IN SPIRIT)

CHANCELLORVILLE BATTLE PARK



“LET US PASS OVER THE RIVER AND
REST UNDER THE SHADE OF THE TREES”

LAST WORDS OF JACKSON

CHANCELLORVILLE BATTLE PARK

A GETTYSBURG PRELUDE

(BONDED IN SPIRIT)

My son many don't know
Stonewall Jackson and Lee
Had a spiritual bond
Through their faith in Me

Jesus said this bond
Merged their thoughts as one
Causing Jackson to know
What Lee wanted done

Splitting their small army
They would confound their foe
Because their common faith
Kept them in My flow

Lincoln prayed and fasted
With tears he sought My face
When he freed the slaves
He came under My grace

My son at Chancellorville
At the south's high tide
Providence took Jackson
From the southern side

He passed over to Me
When his soul departed
And at Chancellorville
Providence started



MONUMENT AND GRAVE OF
STONEWALL JACKSON

“He turns the shadow of death back
to the morning.” Amos 5:8

LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA



GETTYSBURG
BATTLE PARK ENTRANCE
GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA



GENERAL BUFFORD
WHERE THE BATTLE STARTED
JULY 1, 1863
GETTYSBURG BATTLE PARK

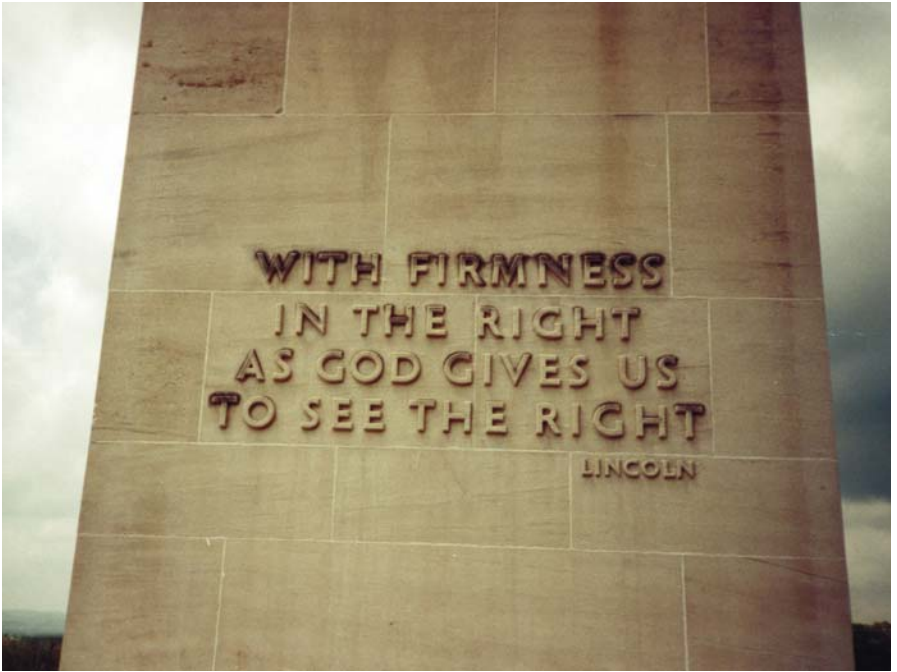


FATHER WILLIAM CORBY

CHAPLIN WHO GAVE SERVICES
ON THE BATTLEFIELD
AMONG THE DEAD AND WOUNDED
TO TROOPS ENTERING THE BATTLE

(GOD'S KINGDOM'S LOCKED WITHIN)

GETTYSBURG BATTLE PARK



LINCOLN QUOTE

GETTYSBURG BATTLE PARK

GETTYSBURG VISIONS

(A CAUSE WITHOUT LAWS)

I can still see both sides
Oh so very plain
The blood of martyrs
The wounded and slain

Gettysburg visions
I have in my spirit
So clear and so real
I still see and hear it

Mr. Lincoln's army
And the Union cause
To unite the country
Back like it was

Lee's army marching in
With one single cause
Freedom as they saw it
From Union made laws

Then at that battle park
Where so many died
Jesus said don't grieve
They're here at My side

You see My son
I have My own cause
Salvation through grace
Without man made laws

Romans; Chapter 6, Verse 14
Romans; Chapter 3, Verses 19-24
Romans; Chapter 4, Verses 13-16
John; Chapter 1, Verse 17

GETTYSBURG VISIONS

(THOUGHT PICTURES IN MY MIND)

Gettysburg visions
Thought pictures in my mind
Out of heartbreak and war
God's treasures I find

At Gettysburg Park
We stopped to pray through
For the souls that died
Both gray and blue

All those young lives
Their days were so few
Their lives hardly started
Before they were through

They all died in faith
Not living out their days
Then God said My son
I'll tell you My ways

I gave all mankind
My spirit image
Then gave My Son Jesus
To restore it's lineage

They became soul spirits
When their flesh died
And in My image
They'll ever abide

Genesis; Chapter 1, Verses 26,27
I Corinthians; Chapter 15, Verses 44, 45 and 49



MARYLAND MEMORIAL

(THOUGHT PICTURES IN MY MIND)

GETTYSBURG BATTLE PARK

GETTYSBURG VISIONS

(FIRST BORN OF ALL GOD'S DEAD)

Rolling hills and meadows
Spring was in the air
My wife and I sensed
A holiness was there

Winds on little round top
Were blowing hard that day
And a strong prompting
Was telling me to pray

Gettysburg visions
My thoughts went back within
And suddenly my mind
Was one with the wind

The wind was echoing
Their battle days are done
It was Jesus saying
My blood saved them son

Jesus reminded me
Why His blood was shed
So He could become
First born of all God's dead

Just men made perfect
Spirits they now are
And they'll never again
Have to see or taste war



LITTLE ROUND TOP
MONUMENT OF GENERAL WARREN

(MY MIND WAS ONE WITH THE WIND)

GETTYSBURG BATTLE PARK

GETTYSBURG VISIONS

(ON THIS DAY I WEPT)

The battle's over
As daylight wanes
Only hollowness
On each side remains

Gettysburg visions
I heard Jesus say
My heart seldom grieved
Like it did that day

Lee was getting ready
To start his retreat
And blaming himself
For the south's defeat

It was all my fault
But we must go on
He still didn't know
My favor was gone

Some said to give chase
But General Meade knew
His army was hurt
And could not pursue

My son man plans his way
But I guide each step
But I'll tell you again
On this day I wept



VIRGINIA MONUMENT
(ON THIS DAY I WEPT)

GETTYSBURG BATTLE PARK

GETTYSBURG VISIONS

(WE SENT THEM OUR LOVE)

We walked through the park
So vast and so large
And came upon the site
Of Pickett's Charge

Gettysburg visions
Kicked in yet again
As Jesus sent us
His Holy Spirit wind

Thousands were falling
In the grip of death
Giving up the ghost
As their spirits left

God's angels were there
Right after they fell
And brought every soul
Up through Jesus' veil

Jesus said His veil
On His side is clear
And His soul spirits
Can see through earth's sphere

We felt them watching
From their home above
And through Jesus Christ
We sent them our love

Hebrews; Chapter 12, Verse 22
Hebrews; Chapter 10, Verses 19-20
Hebrews; Chapter 6, Verses 19-20

II Corinthians; Chapter 4, Verse 18
II Corinthians; Chapter 5, Verse 1
I Corinthians; Chapter 15, Verse 44
I Corinthians; Chapter 13, Verse 14



NORTH CAROLINA MEMORIAL
(WE SENT THEM OUR LOVE)



LOUISIANA MEMORIAL
(GOD'S ANGELS WERE THERE)
GETTYSBURG BATTLE PARK

GETTYSBURG VISIONS

(IN JESUS MIDST I SEE)

Jesus said Lee came north
To the heart of his foe
Hoping to end the war
With one mighty blow

My son Lee had faith
In My church and Me
But I had to deny
Him the victory

The north seized an issue
Lee never meant to be
That he was fighting
To preserve slavery

Though his heart was right
The motive turned wrong
But I look on the heart
And know what's going on

My son providence
Once turned on Lee
But his victory now
Is eternally

Gettysburg visions
In Jesus midst I see
The soul and spirit
Of Robert E. Lee



GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE

(IN JESUS MIDST I SEE)

“The spirit of a man is the candle of the Lord
searching the inner depths of his heart.” Prov. 20:27

GETTYSBURG BATTLE PARK

GETTYSBURG VISIONS

(HE SERVED GOD AND MAN WELL)

Gettysburg visions
Healing words being said
A tribute to all
The Gettysburg dead

Abraham Lincoln
Was making his speech
Through time and many hearts
This message would reach

Jesus said unity
And hopes to become one
Can only happen
Through Me My son

I direct man's steps
And give him a goal
Then through obedience
I direct man's soul

Lincoln allowed himself
To be used of Me
And let course of events
Give him victory

Abraham Lincoln
Is America's own
He served God and man well
And now he's come home

Proverbs; Chapter 16, Verse 9
Proverbs; Chapter 20, Verse 24



GETTYSBURG MONUMENT
SITE WHERE THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS
WAS GIVEN BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN

(HEALING WORDS BEING SAID)

“The spirit of a man is the candle of the Lord
searching the inner depths of his heart.” Prov. 20:27

GETTYSBURG BATTLE PARK

GETTYSBURG VISIONS

(THE FLAME OF GOD)

Gettysburg visions
What a hush of peace
As we approach the flame
That burns but won't cease

I heard Jesus say
With a voice so clear
Peace to those far off
And to those that are near

Eternal peace I'll give
For those that seek my face
In this life and the next
They'll have eternal grace

Past, present, future
All these I can see
Saved souls of the ages
Are all here with Me

I am the pathway
To eternity
I am the fullness
Of God's trinity

I am the flame of God
That will never cease
I am the flame in man
That will give him peace



ETERNAL LIGHT OF PEACE FLAME

(I AM THE FLAME IN MAN)

GETTYSBURG BATTLE PARK

AFTER GETTYSBURG

(THE LAST DANCE)

Grant would maneuver
Lee always knew where
Wherever Grant went
Lee would be there

Battle after battle
Grant hammered away
Never letting up
Day after day

Grant and Lee's dance of death
Raged on and on
But both knew the dance
Would end before long

Who was right, who was wrong
No longer mattered
The dance was ending
And the South was shattered

My son providence
Indeed has had it's way
But times not finished yet
It still has more to say

The last dance always
Is with Jesus My Son
He'll not correct one wrong
And leave one undone



APPOMATTOX
PLACE OF SURRENDER
APPOMATTOX BATTLE PARK



APPOMATTOX
HERE ON SUNDAY APRIL 9, 1865
AFTER FOUR YEARS OF HEROIC STRUGGLE
IN DEFENSE OF PRINCIPLES BELIEVED
FUNDAMENTAL TO THE EXISTENCE
OF OUR GOVERNMENT
LEE SURRENDERED 9000 MEN THE REMNANT
OF AN ARMY STILL UNCONQUERED IN SPIRIT
TO 118,000 MEN UNDER GRANT
FROM MONUMENT AT
APPOMATTOX BATTLE PARK



DAY AFTER SURRENDER

(ON THIS SPOT LIEUTENANT-GENERAL
ULYSSES S. GRANT, U.S.A. AND
GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE, C.S.A.
MET ON THE MORNING OF
APRIL 10TH 1865)

APPOMATTOX BATTLE PARK

AFTER GETTYSBURG

(THE TRUTH THAT MAKES US FREE)

Ulysses S. Grant
Met Robert E. Lee
And at Appomattox
Black slaves became free

But we're all still slaves
Without the Son of God
We're slaves to our flesh
And freedom's a facade

True freedom is not
A tangible thing
We can only find it
Through our inner being

Where the truth is lodged
In the heart of man
Waiting to be unlocked
By prayer in the land

Martin Luther King,
Lincoln, Jackson, and Lee
All had one common hope
To see their people free

God's Kingdom's locked within
And Jesus has the key
He's the way and the truth
The truth that makes us free

John; Chapter 8, Verse 32-36
John; Chapter 14, Verse 6
John; Chapter 16, Verse 13
Matthew; Chapter 16, Verse 19
Luke; Chapter 17, Verses 20, 21

Epilogue

AMERICA'S FIRST LOVE (HER BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR)

Penetrate the depths
Of times misty haze
And take your thoughts back
To America's first days

What made America
The land of the just
America's first love
The source of her trust

Early Americans knew
God's word was Spirit
And prayer was the only
Way they could hear it

God's word does not change
He still says to pray
So the darkness of doubt
Can be prayed away

Oh, America
So beautiful and fair
Pray and look to your heart
Your first love is still there

America's first love
Her bright and morning star
Remember who He is
And you'll know who you are

WHAT'S AN AMERICAN

What's an American
Are we known by our skin
Or by the financial
Class we are in

From America's start
Through God's loving hand
Providence has guided
The souls of this land

When prejudice comes
And throws us off course
Providence works it out
Through an unseen force

We're held together
Through a common grace
That transcends color
Status, and race

No, don't look on our flesh
Or our outer part
Don't look on our wealth
Look on our heart

That's where you'll find
The American soul
Working together
For a common goal

A Word From The Author



I look on providence as man's self will interacting with God's perfect will through the course of man's time and events. The cause and effect of God's will may take a while to manifest, but in the end God promises He will prevail.

Sam Weaver

Habakkuk Chapter 2, Verse 3.

The vision is yet for an appointed time,
but at the end it shall speak, and not lie.

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