

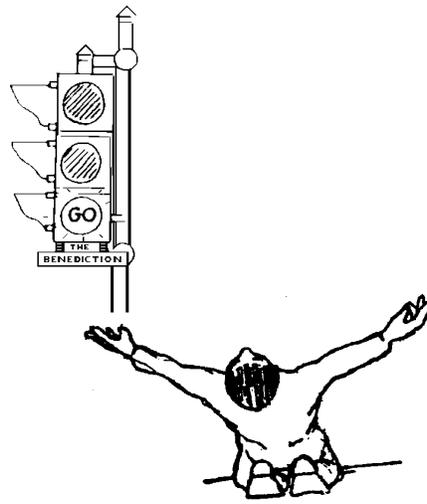
The Benediction

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me--

(Romans 6:6-14)

I must kill the old man.
He has harmed too many.
But he is so strong--
he easily throws off my attacks.
I must crowd him out with You.



Create in me a clean
heart, O God; and
renew a right spirit
within me.

Psalms 51:10

Ephesians 4:22-24 (KJV) That ye put off
concerning the former conversation the old man,
which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
{23} And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
{24} And that ye put on the new man, which after
God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Middle Ground (Revelation 3:15-16)

As he pondered the years of yore, when God was a
mighty force
and salivated about the glory
to come, when God would again prosper
His people,
he sank into a pool of
warm spit, sick, powerless and poor.

Her Strength (Isaiah 54:5-6)

As he who was more powerful
came to her pleading
for her return
she reckoned herself strong
and rejected continued pleas
for reconciliation
casting away her strength

Distant Lover

She says she loves me;
yet she does not call.

I hear her tell others;
but I don't hear from her,
"Despite the sufferings,
my love is true...

...merely a test as He is wont to do. The precedent
was set in Job," she reminds.

Once she called daily, sometimes more. We'd
spend long quiet
evenings together.

I would comfort her throughout the night; she
would awake with me in her thoughts--I held a
prominent
place then. There was no need for her to tell others;
it showed in all
we did for each other.

Now, her telling is the only way they'll know.

(Luke 21:36 KJV) Watch ye therefore, and pray
always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape
all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand
before the Son of man.

"Every believer has a share in the
victory of Christ."

(1 Corinthians. 15:50-57)

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I STRETCHED OUT MY ARMS FOR YOU

(John 3:16-18)

If you believe
That I Am who
I say that I Am
That I Am come

Not to condemn the world but to
Save that which is lost, that I

Have the gift
Of eternal
Life, I shall

Receive You As
My own and bring
You to My Father
If You will

Confess with
Your mouth
That I AM LORD

by Ann Jackson



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