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Dear Friends of IPM,

This month we will consider how our trials on earth relate to the glorious blessings that await us in Heaven. *"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory"* (2 Corinthians 4:17).

One astounding privilege of living and serving by grace is that our momentary light afflictions can be producing for us an eternal weight of glory! Having our temporal difficulties "working for us" is a heavenly perspective on afflictions. The difficulties that we endure here on earth can prepare us for opportunities to enter into more glorious fellowship, worship, and service of the Lord in heaven.

Trials often seem like they will never end. Yet, they eventually pass away. Actually, it is the heavenly glory that results from the trials that will never end.

What an amazing plan God has! He wants to use the trials of our lives to enlarge our spiritual capacity to enter more fully into the glory of knowing Him, worshipping Him, and serving Him forever and ever! 2 Corinthians 4:18 tells us exactly when this process is occurring: *"while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen."* The difficulties of life are turned to eternal blessings "while" we turn our attention upon unseen realities.

What are these unseen things? They are the resources of the grace of God. This includes grace for consolation and hope: *"Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has . . . given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace"* (2 Thessalonians 2:16). This also includes grace for endurance: *"My grace is sufficient for you"* (2 Corinthians 12:9). It actually includes *"grace for [upon] grace"* (John 1:16).

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Such truths bring great comfort to inmates. Such truths bring great comfort to all who trust in the Lord as our hope of salvation and eternal life. Our appreciation gift for our ministry partners this month is Heaven Awaits, by D.L. Moody. This book reminds us that Jesus came from the spiritual riches of heaven to the spiritual poverty of earth that He might take us from the spiritual poverty of earth to the spiritual riches of heaven. *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich"* (2 Corinthians 8:9).

May His people continue to trust in the creator of Heaven and Earth, and may we look with earnest expectation to the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come (Revelation 4:8).

Rejoicing in the grace of Jesus, the Hope of Heaven,

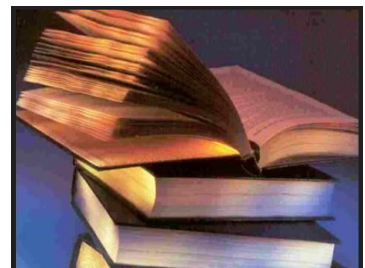
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(for all of our "Chaplain Ray Family" and the IPM Team)

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P.P.S. The IPM Letter is now available in digital format. Please see reply page to request IPM letter via email.

**"The Lord has established His throne in
Heaven, and His kingdom rules over all"
(Psalm 103:19).**



**MORE LETTERS FROM PRISONERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED BIBLES,
EDIFICATION BOOKS, OR INMATE TESTIMONIALS FROM IPM**

**(See reverse side where a sample book is highlighted.
This book is available to you as a free appreciation gift upon request.)**

I Implore You to Continue to Evangelize

Dear IPM,

I wanted to write to thank you so very much for sending me books. I don't really have anything except for God and His grace as to which I do not deserve. It was a very pleasant surprise to receive from you a Bible Dictionary and Concordance and a What the Bible Is All About. Both of these books have so much information packed inside of them from cover to cover. They are giving me so much insight into the Bible for such a greater personal understanding of God's Word. I must also thank you for helping me in my growth and ongoing relationship with Christ our Lord Jesus. We are all called to Christ. Through Him we find salvation.

I Implore you to continue to evangelize and keep doing God's work here on earth for Christians and for those who want to hear the truths of Jesus.

Curran K., New York Prison

Your Instruction Has Got Me Praying for God's Word!

I recently finished reading your book How To Counsel God's Way by Pastor Bob Hoekstra. What impressed me most was your deep reverence for the Word of God and reliance on Christ, our Wonderful Counselor. Just the other day I came across the perfect counseling environment. I was running the track and saw a new believer and slowed to his pace. For the next five miles I was able to counsel him about many insecurities and questions. No interruptions and he wants to do the same next week.

While writing this letter, I've had the opportunity to counsel three people and immediately began quoting Scripture. Your instruction has got me praying for God's Word and He delivers every time.

Bryan M., California Prison

IPM prayerfully responds to every prisoner who writes to us.
We bless them with an encouraging letter and a variety of biblical resources, such as: Bibles, Bible Dictionary/
Concordance, Testimonial and Devotional Books, and other Bible helps.

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*God has a loving and
gracious heart for
Prisoners (Isaiah 61:1)*

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also be made online at
www.chaplainray.com**

It is the policy of I.P.M. to use each gift as it is designated by the donor. If any project is completed, any surplus will be used where it is needed most.

Dear Dini Hoekstra, My gift to help prisoners know the assurance of Heaven

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- Bibles & Books for Russia & India Prisons.....\$ _____
- Use My Offering *Where Needed Most*.....\$ _____

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HERE IS ANOTHER OF THE OUTSTANDING BOOKS THAT OUR
MINISTRY PARTNERS HELP US DISTRIBUTE TO PRISONERS

(A copy of this book is available as a gift
by requesting it in the box below.)

*"And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the
tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His
people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.'" (Rev. 21:3)*

The Hope of Heaven

Our hope of heaven is found in God's Word. "Many people believe that anything said about heaven is mere speculation. Now there would not be so much in Scripture on this subject if God had wanted to leave the human race in darkness about it. All scripture is given by inspiration of God. What the Bible says about heaven is just as true as what it says about every thing else."

The Certainty of Heaven

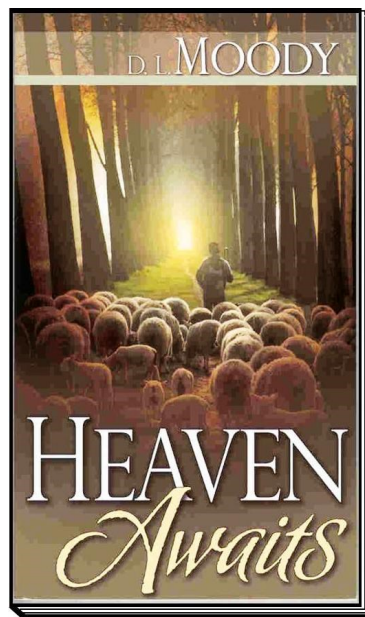
"Paul said, 'For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day' (2 Timothy 1:12). There is assurance. 'For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 8:38-39)."

The Riches of Heaven

"Christ taught in the Sermon on the Mount: 'Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also' (Matthew 6:19-21)."

The Rewards of Heaven

"Perhaps some people said to Paul: 'Now Paul, you are meeting too much opposition. You are suffering too much.' Hear him reply: 'For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory' (2 Corinthians 4:17). These light afflictions are nothing. Think of the glory before [us], and think of the crowning time."



Our Appreciation Gift

There is an eternal weight of glory that awaits us in Heaven. As we go through the trials and difficulties of life, may we keep our eyes upon Jesus and may our hearts be anchored in the hope of Heaven that waits all who trust in His name!

Thank you for your prayers and generous partnership.

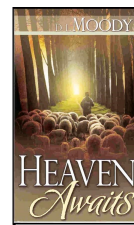
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