

# I'M BLESSED TO BE A SENIOR CITIZEN...

Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We take responsibility for all we have done and do not try to blame others. HOWEVER, upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was NOT senior citizens who took...the Melody out of music, the Pride out of appearance, the Courtesy out of driving, the Romance out of love, the Commitment out of marriage, the Responsibility out of parenthood, the Togetherness out of the family, the Learning out of education, the Service out of patriotism, the Golden Rule from rulers, the Nativity scene out of cities, the Civility out of behavior, the Refinement out of language, the Dedication out of employment, the Prudence out of spending, the Ambition out of achievement or GOD out of government and school. Just look at the Seniors with tears in their eyes and pride in their hearts, as they stand at attention with their hand over their hearts, as the American Flag passes by in a parade!



YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN! I'm the life of the party...even if it lasts until 8 p.m. I'm very good at opening childproof caps...with a hammer. I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up. I'm smiling all the time, because I can't hear a thing you're saying. I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place...somewhere. I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg. I'm beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps. Yes, I'm a SENIOR CITIZEN and I think I am having the time of my life! Now if I could only remember who sent this to me, I wouldn't send it back to them, or maybe I should send it to all my friends. Anyway, they won't remember, even if they did send it. Spread the laughter, share the cheer; let's be happy while we're here.

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Maxine submitted by Dan Ramsey

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## He LOVES the UnLovely!

It's so hard to love people that not only won't love you back, but seem to be the fly in the ointment - the antagonist that brings chaos into your world. What do you do with people who seem eager to criticize and promote ill will? The One Person Who is an example of loving those who carry chips on their shoulders, is the One Who came to love all those who are "unlovely" in this world. JESUS left the ivory palaces of heaven (Psalm 45:8), putting on human skin...skin of people who really didn't care about His promise to deliver them from sin. In fact, the people who rejected Him the most thought they were very religious and "deeply spiritual". JESUS was rejected by those of His own ethnicity. Even today, the Name of JESUS is looked down upon by the "religious" establishment.

He encountered the "unlovely" every day in His ministry on this earth. He welcomed fishermen and tax collectors into His presence (You know the reputation that tax collectors have). He healed lepers, who were the "untouchables" of their society. He lifted up the prostitute, caught in adultery, and delivered another prostitute, Mary, of demons that had haunted her for years. JESUS made a special trip to an island to deliver a lunatic from legions of demons...a man labeled "unlovely". He seemed to have a knack for attracting the "unlovely" people of His day...but that's exactly why He came...to rescue the "unlovely" and change them from the inside out: **"The Spirit of the LORD has anointed Me to bring freedom to the oppressed and downtrodden."** (Luke 4:18). In Mark 2:17, JESUS said, **"It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners!"**

JESUS came for the sinners and the oppressed: **"...and He demonstrates His own Love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!"** When you received JESUS as your Savior and LORD, your heart was changed and you received a New Spirit - you were transferred from the "unlovely" category to the Loved and Accepted! GOD tells of this miraculous transaction in Ezekiel 36:26-27, **"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone and give you a soft and tender heart."** You were "unlovely" and now, because of JESUS' Love, you are accepted in His beloved family. If that can happen to you, isn't there a chance that it can happen to that person who drives you crazy and does "unlovely" things to you?

Now, this is a big assignment for 2016, but why not try to "choose your battles" and allow Holy Spirit to work through you to affect and influence that critical, judgmental person in your life. This is a test...and it's not going to last just ten seconds; it's going to be an enduring test that will change your life in the process. You will find out that by loving the "unlovely" person in your life you have become more tender-hearted, forgiving and willing to allow kindness to define your life (Ephesians 4:32).

You may say, "WOW, LORD...You don't make this easy!" No, He doesn't, but He knows what He's doing, and in the process of loving through you, He's gaining another child into the Kingdom...the one you never thought would come around....you and Holy Spirit can do this; Say with me, **"I can do ALL things through Christ Who Strengthens me!"**

**Now, isn't that super-natural? :)**



## The Bible In The News...

# Obama's Plan to Destroy America.

The First Muslim Woman Judge Carolyn Walker, has been hand-picked by President Obama and sworn, in as judge of the 7th Municipal District in Brooklyn, New York, by holding the "holy Quran" at Brooklyn Boro hall on December 10, 2015.

She began her legal career as a litigation associate at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy LLP (not a full partner). She says she saw her parents play a proactive role in the East New York and Cypress Hills communities. Walker walked the family's path of "being the change we want to see in the world" when she assumed charge of a community-based non-profit, named after her father. Since the Quran forbids all law but Sharia Law, I guess she will head the first Federally sanctioned Sharia Court. Kinda makes you proud, doesn't it? "This appointment gives me chills up my legs," said Chris Mathews, a liberal who broadcasts on MSNBC. There was very little media coverage on her appointment. Because of her passion for the law and for the community she organized the East New York Youth Court, which trains youth aged 13-18 to serve as judges, attorneys, clerks, bailiffs and jurors in real cases involving their peers; is she training future Muslims to fill government offices? Another kink in the armor, no one cares, until it's too late! Step by step by step....this is how our culture will end. Obama supporters, your dream is coming true in destroying America!



The Quran - a book of hate

Email submitted by Dan Ramsey

## The PASSOVER Phenomenon...

The story of Passover begins in the book of Exodus, with the very last plague upon Egypt...the death of all first born. The Jewish holiday of Passover derives its name, because while the Angel of Death visited Egypt he "passed over" Hebrew homes, which had been marked with lambs blood on the doorposts. After the tenth plague, pharaoh relented and released the Hebrews. They quickly baked their bread, not even pausing for the dough to rise, which is why Jews eat matzah (unleavened bread) during Passover. Soon after they left, pharaoh changed his mind and went after the Hebrews. They were trapped with the Red Sea in front of them and pharaoh's army behind them; and then the waters parted and they walked across on dry land. When the Egyptians followed them, the waters crashed upon them, and they drowned in the sea. GOD performed a mighty miracle that day! Read about it in Exodus 14.



The story of Passover recounts how the Hebrews gained their freedom and became the ancestors of the Jewish people. The Passover Seder plate (*ke'ara*) is a special plate containing 21 symbolic foods used during the Passover Seder. Each of the six items arranged on the plate has special significance to the retelling of the story of the Exodus from Egypt. The seventh symbolic item used during the meal - a stack of three matzot - is placed on its own plate on the Seder table.

- 1) **THE ROASTED SHANK BONE** (*Zeroa*) - symbolizes the Pesach - lamb - an important animal in the sacrifices that took place in the courtyard of the Tabernacle and Temple; it was roasted and eaten.
- 2) **THE ROASTED EGG** (*Beitzah*) symbolizes a festival offering, as well as traditionally a symbol of mourning and the egg represents the destruction of the Temple. The hard-boiled egg is dipped in salt water (tears). The egg is oval shaped, without beginning or end, and it represents eternity, and is eaten at the Seder meal.
- 3) **PARSLEY & SALT WATER** (*Karpas*) one small bowl will be needed for the salt water which can be passed from person to person. Each setting should have its own parsley branch for dipping; celery or a cooked potato can also be used, accompanied with vinegar and charoset.
- 4) **CHAROSET** is a sweet, dark-colored paste made of fruits and nuts eaten at the Passover Seder. Its color and texture are meant to recall mortar which the Israelites used in building Egyptian storehouses, when they were enslaved in Egypt.
- 5) **BITTER HERB (MAROR)** - two types of bitter herbs are eaten to symbolize the bitterness and harshness of the slavery in Egypt; freshly grated horseradish is typically eaten with one large bowl of horseradish per table.
- 6) **BITTER HERB (CHAZERET)** - two types of bitter herbs, symbolizing the bitterness and harshness of the slavery which the Jews endured in ancient Egypt. Chazeret is typically romaine lettuce, whose roots are bitter-tasting.

The Matzoh is three matsahs on a plate in the middle of the table. The Seder leader takes the middle *matzah* and breaks it in half. The smaller piece is then put back between the remaining two *matzot*. The larger half becomes the *afikomen*, which is placed in an *afikomen bag* or wrapped in a napkin (representing Elijah) and is hidden somewhere in the house for the children to find at the end of the *seder* meal.

The fruit of the vine is taken in with all of these portions of food. Each table should have a bottle (or bottles) of wine and/or grape juice (depending on your church's preference).

## "I Know Where I'm Going..."

It's important, that as a Believer in Christ JESUS...that you know where you're going when you depart this earth and they lay your body in the ground. It's going to be better than you ever thought. Here's some Scripture on where you're going...

John 14:1-2 tells us that heaven is a place; JESUS said, "I'm going to prepare a place for you."

II Corinthians 5:1-9 - **For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by GOD Himself and not by human hands. For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies....GOD has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee He has given us His Holy Spirit. So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the LORD. For we walk by Faith and not by sight. Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the LORD. So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please Him."**

**HALLELUJAH!!**

## Cell Phones In Heaven?

Most of the new arrivals seem incapable of conversation. They just stare at their hands in despair.



Cell Phone cartoon by Dottie Urban



## Home Of Refuge A Healing Touch!



**How Home of Refuge started:** It was April of 1996, when Derin and I met Tony. We could not believe what this man had done; he sold his Body Shop in Florida and went down to Venezuela, after hearing about children who needed to be rescued, living in the thousand-acre city dump. When Tony went down to the property that he had purchased (35 acres), it was jungle. He tried to hire help for the work, but found no one willing to work. With a pick and shovel as the only tools, he began the work himself. He would rise at 5:00 a.m. to work because of the heat and the enormous task at hand.

Because he had never done this type of work, by the end of the second day his hands were torn and bleeding and every part of his body was aching. As he crawled onto his cot that night, he prayed, "LORD, please heal me!" He says, "Whether I passed out or went into a deep sleep, the next instant I saw JESUS sitting on my cot. As He sat beside me, He seemed to look deeply into my soul. The Peace, Joy and Love I felt was inexpressible! While I lay there He caressed my aching body from my head to my knees, much like a parent who tenderly strokes the body of an ailing child.



The following morning, when I awoke at 5:00 a.m., I knew He was still there but I couldn't see Him. Then I noticed that my hands were completely healed; not even a blister could be found! And my muscles no longer ached! My whole body was pain-free! For the remainder of the month I worked alone on the property. I laid the entire foundation and 4,000 concrete blocks of the walls without feeling any more pain...all glory to JESUS, Who is my Healer!"

That's why Derin and I determined to help Tony with this mission work, by the unction of Holy Spirit. Many of you have been faithful every month to give to Tony and Rosa Rivera and the Home of Refuge.

After 13 years of saving 60+ children from the dump, the Venezuelan Communist government came in and took over the Home of Refuge, and Tony had to escape for his life. This occurred at the same time that Derin went to be with the LORD, but I am continuing to help Tony and Rosa every month.

If you would like to give to Home of Refuge...make your checks out to Call To Freedom and designate how much you want to go to Home of Refuge -

Thank You and GOD richly bless you!

