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The “Out-Resurrection”

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead (Philippians 3:11).

If by any means I may advance to the earlier resurrection, which is from among the dead (REB).

... the resurrection that is out from among the dead (CV).

... the out-resurrection: from the dead (PNB).

The Greek word used to translate “resurrection” here in Philippians 3:11 is ἐξανάστασις (*exanastasis*),¹ which E.W. Bullinger’s *Companion Bible* translates as the “out-resurrection.” This is a compound word: *anastasis*, the common Greek word “resurrection,” with the added Greek prefix *ex* – meaning “out.”

Philippians 3:11 is the only occurrence of *exanastasis* in Scripture. It refers to a prior resurrection than the one that was the hope of Paul’s earlier epistles (*i.e.*, in I Corinthians and I Thessalonians). This out-resurrection is an integral part of the “*prize of the high calling*”² which Paul *pressed toward*.

This “out-resurrection” is what will unite the “*Ecclesia, which is His Body*” to its Head. This will take place when He is made *manifest* among the Celestials, at the right hand of God, “*far above all Heavens*” (Colossians 3:4; Ephesians 1:20-21; 4:10).

Acts 28:28 is the dispensational dividing line of Paul’s fourteen epistles. Paul wrote ten letters during the time-period covered by the book of Acts, before



Israel was set aside.³ He wrote four letters afterwards.⁴

Philippians was the first letter written after the close of the book of Acts, after Israel had been set aside, but before the current Secret Administration⁵ was revealed in Ephesians. When Paul wrote Philippians, Israel was already in abeyance, and he was then found pressing toward “*the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*” (Philippians 3:14).

Rather than being a part of the Secret Administration, Philippians stood on the threshold of the grand Ephesian-Colossian writings. Philippians was the gateway epistle to the Celestial writings of Paul.⁶

3. Hebrews, I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians, I Corinthians, II Corinthians, Galatians, Romans, I Timothy, Titus, II Timothy.
4. Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians (with Philemon, a personal, practical letter that accompanied the letter to the Colossians).
5. For a brief look at the Secret Administration, see:
– “The Current Administration,” Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #903](#).
6. For a look at the unique nature of Philippians, see:
– “*Philippians: Paul’s Pivotal Letter Pressing Toward the Mystery*,” Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #788](#).

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1. G1815 (SEC).

2. “*Of the high calling*” (*tēs anō klēseōs*). Literally, “of the upward calling” (VWS).

Although Paul was in an “in-between” state, with Israel in abeyance and the Secret Administration not yet revealed, he was pressing forward with great confidence.

Being confident of this very thing, that He Who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:6).

In Philippians 3 Paul is dealing with the old things (found in his prior epistles) that he is leaving behind, and is now pressing toward the attainment of that which is new (about to be revealed in Ephesians and Colossians). In Philippians he is paving the way for the cessation of his old standing and hope, and leading the way to a far superior one.

Paul willingly surrendered the hope of the Acts Period, and his earlier epistles, to *attain* the higher calling (over-heavenly), which included the “out-resurrection.”

For a look at the unique nature of Ephesians and Colossians, see:

– [Ephesians & Colossians: Scripture for the Present Administration](#), Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [order form](#) under “Pilkington,” also found in [Bible Student’s Notebook #845](#).

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- the absolute sovereignty and deity of God (Romans 11:36);
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- the affirmation that God will save all through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (I Timothy 2:3, 4; 4:10; Titus 2:11);
- the universality of death and resurrection (I Corinthians 15:21);
- the unique gospel of Paul – which he calls “my gospel” (Romans 2:16; 16:25; II Timothy 2:8; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 13:28; Acts 20:24);
- the “preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret in ages past” (Romans 16:25);
- the epistles of the present Secret Administration being Ephesians & Colossians (Ephesians 3:2, 9; Colossians 1:25);
- true freedom and liberty apart from law (Galatians 5:1);
- the organic nature of the One Body (Ephesians 4:16);
- the Secret Administration, being the operational revelation for today (Ephesians 3:9);
- the unprophesied, Celestial hope and calling of the One Body (Colossians 3:4);
- the distinct message and ministry of Paul, the apostle to the nations (Ephesians 3:1-3);
- the importance of receiving all whom Christ has received (Romans 14-15);
- the recovery of rich Biblical truth that has too long remained hidden under the veils of traditionalism, prejudice, misunderstanding and fear (Mark 7:7, 13);
- the completeness of the believer in Christ (Colossians 2:10), with:
 - total freedom from sins (Colossians 1:14);

This “out-resurrection” involves two new things:

- (1) a different *sphere* of hope – the super-heavenlies, and a different timing of hope;
- (2) an earlier hope – a pre-expectancy in the Christ (Ephesians 1:12, CV).⁷

When Christ, Who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in glory (Colossians 3:4).

The Greek word translated “appear” in the KJV is φανερόω (*phaneroō*)⁸ which means to be made manifest, and is so translated in various literal translations (CV, REB, YLT).

E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913) wrote concerning this *out-resurrection*:

Our *exanastasis* ... will precede the resurrection spoken of in I Thessalonians 4:18. When we receive [the realization of] the *exanastasis* of Philip-

7. The idea is that we are resurrected “prior” to any previously revealed hope, e.g. I Thessalonians 4:18.
8. G5319 (SEC).

- union in His death, burial and resurrection and ascended seated position among the celestials (Romans 6; Ephesians 2:6);
- adult sonship position (Ephesians 1:5).

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pians 3:11 we shall leave I Thessalonians 4:18 to be fulfilled in those who will believe after we have been *called on high*.

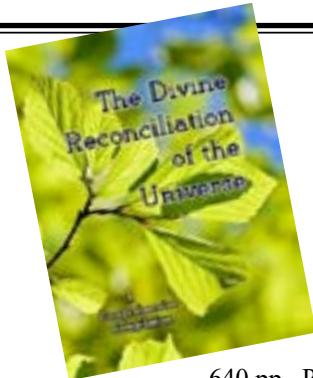
We shall not take our Bibles with us and deprive those who are left behind of all hope. Those who are taken out of the great tribulation, and those who are seen in Heaven in Revelation 5:9-17 must have gotten there in some way ... and there is no other way of getting there but by resurrection ...

There is the mention of a “trump” in Matthew 21:31; I Thessalonians 4:16; and I Corinthians 15:52 – but there is no sound of a trumpet mentioned or needed in connection with our *heavenward call* (Philippians 3:14).⁹

Paul’s opening expression of Philippians 3:11, “*if by any means*,” did not express any doubt whatsoever in his mind that he would *attain unto the out-resurrection*. Rather, it reveals his steadfast confidence that *nothing* would stand in his way of “*apprehending*” (or “*grasping*”) that for which he had been “*apprehended of Christ Jesus*.”

Not that I already obtained, or am already perfected. Yet I am pursuing, if I may be grasping also that for which I was grasped also by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:12, CV).

9. *Things To Come*, February 1913, Question No. 410, page 21.



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The Divine Reconciliation of the Universe: A Comprehensive Compilation

This work does not contend for a mere doctrine; its authors are championing the revealed character of God. The gloomy cloud of theology has obscured Him from us for far too long. Tradition’s chilling mists have cooled our enjoyment of His power, wisdom and grace. Religions have libeled His name, repelling the instinctive responses of our heart. Christianity has left us unable to defend His honor in the presence of His enemies. Now all of this is gone and we are able to vindicate Him in all His ways before all His creatures! – *Adapted from the Preface*

This ultimate collection of 110 works by 46 authors spans nearly 200 years. It is an extensive compilation that is essential for every library. Authors include: Arthur P. Adams, Thomas Allin, Alan Burns, E.H. Clayton, Bob Evely, Phillip Garrison, Vladimir Gelesnoff, J.W. Hanson, Joseph E. Kirk, A.E. Knoch, Arthur C. Lamb, Aaron Locker, Adlai Loudy, Andrew Maclarty, R.B. Macnab, Erasmus Manford, H.W. Martin, Robert McLaurine, Robert McMahon, William Mealand, André Piet, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., Frank Neil Pohorlak, George W. Quinby, William C. Rebmann, F.H. Robison, A.E. Saxby, Hannah Whitall Smith, André Sneider, James Strahan, E.F. Stroeter, Thomas Talbott, Ray Van Dyke, and Peter Woodhouse.

Paul obtained that perfection which he *pursued* – the pinnacle revelation of Ephesians. He *grasped* hold of that for which he had been truly grasped by Christ Jesus. He reached the summit of divine revelation, and with the writing of Colossians, the twin epistle of the Secret Administration, he completed (finished) the Word of God (Colossians 1:25, CV)!

One preordained day, Who and what Christ truly is will be made manifest – at His throne of His Glory, at the Father’s right hand. At that time, we will be resurrected, so that who and what we truly are will also be manifest with Him, our Head, making us the first group of believers to be *resurrected out from among the dead*.

If by any means I may ADVANCE to the earlier resurrection, which is from among the dead (Philippians 3:11, REB).

Press forward with Paul, out of the Acts period, beyond Paul’s earlier letters, into the grand and glorious conclusion of Fullness (the *Plérōma*)!¹⁰ **BSN**

TOPICS:

Major: Acts 28; Philippians; *Exanastasis*; Resurrection, Out-Minor: Mystery; Paul; *Plérōma*; Right Division; Secret Administration

10. For a full examination of this important topic, see:

– [*The Pleroma: Paul's "Lost" Teaching \(The Complement of Christ, of God, and of the Ages\) – A Comprehensive Compilation*](#) (see the [*order form*](#) under “Compilations”).



Tidbits of Truth #35

“Tidbits” is a column dedicated to short comments, thoughts, studies and excerpts.

I am Prepared to Learn

[*Excerpt:*] For my own part, I am prepared to learn and earnestly listen to any one or more of my fellow-believers who will undertake to show wherein [my] teaching is fallacious in content, provided only that he will speak from an honest heart, in a spirit of love, and with a desire not to aggravate our present divisions, but to heal them.

— Dr. Harold P. Morgan (1883-1953)

The Revolt (Against the Distinctive Ministry of the Apostle Paul)¹

The Re-adjusting of the Acts Period Saints

[*Edited Excerpt:*] In Ephesians 4:11-12 Paul writes that the apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastoring teachers appointed by the ascended Christ were given “*for the perfecting of the saints*.” The word translated “*perfecting*” (*katortismos*) occurs only here. The

thought is one of arranging or setting in proper order or of *adjusting or re-adjusting*. These believers needed a re-adjustment from the Acts position that would result in a new edifice of perfection, a new man, a new stature of perfection. Left behind would be all those rites, traditions, baptisms, suppers and programs that were incompatible with the new dispensation, with the New Man, in Christ, in the Heav- enlies.

— Russell H. Schaefer (1919-1999)

Scripture Research, Volume 1; Number 8 (1964)
“Misconceptions About the Dispensations of Grace”

“Dead **IN** Trespasses and Sins,” or, “Dead **TO** Trespasses and Sins?”

*And you, being dead **TO** your offenses and sins* (Ephesians 2:1, CV).²

*We also being dead **TO** the offenses and the lusts* (Ephesians 2:5, CV).

(see **TIDBITS**, last page)

2. “Who are dead to trespasses and sins” (Nathaniel Scarlett Translation, 1798).

The Divine Names and Titles

by — E.W. Bullinger

This useful work deals with the principle of Divine Names and Titles, and their meaning, usage and occurrences. In view of the fact that every name used for God has its own special meaning, and that the particular name used in any given case is often a key to the spirit of the context, this subject is one which the Bible student cannot afford to overlook. There is a mass of information compressed into this book. In addition to the many names and titles fully developed, there are numerous helpful suggestions to assist Bible students continue their own profitable study.

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Editor's Desk

“Even Some of Your Own”

Acts 17:28 (Rotherham)

The truth can't and won't be confined. “*Even Some of Your Own*” is a series that runs occasionally as a part of the *Editor's Desk*. It chronicles truth breaking forth from quite unexpected sources.

The Delusion of Free Will

Sam Harris

Sometime last year our dear brother and friend [Mike Owens](#) introduced us to a video compilation of Sam Harris, *The Delusion of Free Will*.¹ Harris is a neuroscientist, who holds that “free will is an illusion.”

Mike wrote that this video was “worth 2 or 3 viewings to soak it in.” I would agree. Mike also added, that, “it's interesting that this atheist (perfectly designed by our Creator) is explaining so well the same truths that God has shown us.”

Though not a believer, in his video compilation, I counted eight times that he used the word “author,” as in “we are not the authors of our thoughts

and actions.” His use of the word “author” so many times seems to me to beg the question, if we are not the author of our thoughts and actions, then who is?

While reading his book *Free Will* (Free Press, 2012) I marked some very interesting sections, which I will now share with our readers (emphasis mine.)

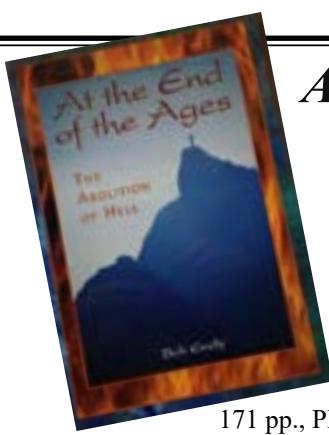
Free will is an illusion. Our wills are simply not of our own making. Thoughts and intentions emerge from background causes of which we are unaware and over which we exert no conscious control. (p. 5)

The popular conception of free will seems to rest on two assumptions: (1) that each of us could have behaved differently than we did in the past, and (2) that we are the conscious source of most of our thoughts and actions in the present. ... Both of these assumptions are false. (p. 6)

Our sense of free will results from a failure to appreciate this: We do not know what we intend to do until the intention itself arises. To understand this is to realize that we are not the **authors** of our thoughts and actions in the way that people generally suppose. (p. 13)

Most of us *feel* that we freely **author** our own thoughts and actions ... Thus the idea of free will emerges from a *felt* experience. (p. 15)

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQjn-gekn4>



At the End of the Ages: The Abolition of Hell

by — Bob Evely

Is hell forever? Most say that the righteous go to heaven, and the wicked to hell, *forever!* Is this what the Bible teaches?

This book presents evidence that the Bible, in the original languages, reveals that, one day, *ALL* mankind will be saved. Through time our Bible translations have become biased through the official teachings of “The Church.” The author argues that teaching about an eternal hell slanders God, and it prevents many from having faith because the arguments in support of an eternal torment are illogical.

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“Other Authors.”

Would a God of love keep many souls alive *forever* just to torment them because they failed to “accept Jesus Christ” in this lifetime? The author shows that the Bible does not teach this. The purpose of “the eons” (i.e., “the ages,” often mistranslated “eternity”) is to bring *ALL* mankind to the point where every knee bows before Him. This work is written with the average reader in mind.



At this moment, you are making countless unconscious “decisions” with organs other than your brain – but these are not events for which you feel *responsible*. Are you producing red blood cells and digestive enzymes at this moment? Your body is doing these things, of course, but if it “decided” to do otherwise, you would be the victim of these changes, rather than their cause. (p. 23)

People *feel* (or presume) an **authorship** of their thoughts and actions that is illusory. (p. 24)

Take a moment to think about the context in which your next decision will occur: You did not pick your parents, or the time and place of your birth. You didn't choose your gender, or most of your life experiences. You had no control whatsoever over your genome, or the development of your brain. And now your brain is making choices on the basis of preferences and beliefs that have been hammered into it over a lifetime by your genes, your physical development since the moment you were conceived, and the interactions you have had with other people, events, and ideas. Where is the freedom in this? (p. 41)

You will do whatever it is you do, and it is meaningless to assert that you could have done otherwise. (p. 44).

I'm not especially worried about degrading the morality of my readers by publishing this book. Speaking from personal experience, I think that losing the sense of free will has only improved my

ethics – by increasing my feelings of compassion and forgiveness, and diminishing my sense of entitlement to the fruits of my own good “luck.” (p. 45)

Many seem to have absolutely no awareness of how fortunate one must be to succeed at anything in life, no matter how hard one works. ... Even if you have struggled to make the most of what nature gave you, you must still admit that your ability and inclination to struggle is part of your inheritance. (pp. 61-62).

Our *sense* of our own freedom results from our not paying close attention to what it is like to be us. (p. 64).

Harris quotes Albert Einstein:

Honestly, I cannot understand what people mean when they talk about the freedom of the human will. I have a *feeling*, for instance, that I will something or other; but what relation this has with freedom I cannot understand at all. ... Man can do what he will but he cannot will what he wills. (p. 75-76)² **BSN**

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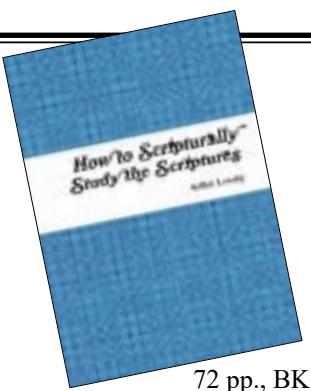
Major: “Even Some of Your Own”; Free Will; Editor’s Desk; Sam Harris; Sovereignty

Minor: Albert Einstein

2. Cited from Max Planck, *Where Is Science Going?* (Prologue by Albert Einstein) W.W. Norton & Company (1932, p. 201).

How to Scripturally Study the Scriptures

by — Adlai Loudy (1893-1984)



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“Loudy.”

This book deals chiefly with the correct partitioning of the Word of Truth. The seven chapters are titled as follows: God Has Spoken; A Divine Admonition of Endeavor; How to Scripturally Study the Scriptures; Have a Pattern of Sound Words; Distinguish the Things that Differ; Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth, and the Conclusion.

“The book should prove extremely valuable in introducing the knowledge of Paul’s special ministry to those who are strangers to it.” – A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)





I have enjoyed your books immensely and learned a lot. Now I would like to order the next batch. – *Germany*

I want to order a 20-pack of [Nothing Will Be Lost!](#) I really enjoyed the book, going to give them to my friends and family to read. Been on the journey to belief in Universal Reconciliation for about 10 years, I was finally able to fully commit this past summer. ... I found out about your materials when looking for Hannah Hurnard's lost chapter in [Unveiled Glory](#). ... Thanks for maintaining these hard-to-find writings, it's much appreciated and life changing for many. – *PA*

Yet another wonderful BSN [[#907](#)]. ... I am so encouraged by the Sellers articles, as well as the entire issue, as they continue to help me get my mind around the fulfillment of prophecy. ... So many things in the OT are hard to understand ... with each iteration of revealed detail, as it relates to the chronological unfolding of events, you gain a logical period of events which not only provide a place of context for a given passage, but also an understanding

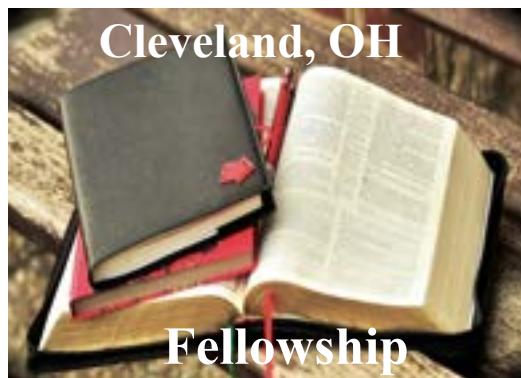
that reveals the true meaning of the written revelation. Without the unfolded insight we literally are left to apply our own mortally warped logic. – *IN*

I just finished [The Problem of Evil](#) by A.E. Knoch after both you and my father recommended it. It's a great book, and I will probably read it many times over through my life. I have a big pile of books from both you and others waiting to get read, and I am super excited about it.

A while back, I read the book [God's Truths Recovered](#) by Danny Russino. The book is great, and we (me and my father) were thinking about buying a couple to hand out to “new” believers as an alternative instead of “bible school.” I love you for who you are and for your work. – *Norway*

I have ordered books from the Study Shelf in the recent past. The truth contained in them is of inestimable value and I feel like one of the “nine” in not thanking you sooner for this treasure. As you know, the ruminating and digestion process can take time and all is out of Him and in His time. – *OH*

It's wonderful hearing the truth from Paul's teachings. God bless you for that. I'm from Ireland and have become aware of who I am in Christ for 10 years now, along with my father. Reading your books and listening to your teachings lift us. – *Ireland* [BSN](#)



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TIDBITS (continued from page 7716)

You also being dead **TO** the offenses (Colossians 2:13).

[Edited Excerpt:] We were chosen in Christ before the disruption of the world to be holy and flawless in His sight (Ephesians 1:4). Our saintliness was ours in God's purpose long before we had sinned. So it is with this grace also. When Christ died, we died with Him. When He was roused and vivified, we were in Him, and we ascended and sat down among the Celestials in Christ Jesus. Let us not blur this marvelous truth by imagining that all this occurs for each individual after becoming dead through sin, or in trespasses. Death is oblivion. We were dead to everything before we were born. All these high honors were ours before we could make or mar them. They are absolutely independent of our conduct.

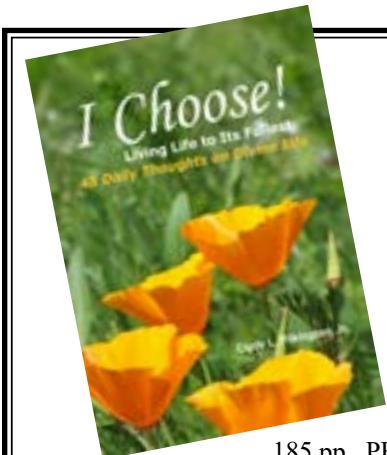
Such a slight inaccuracy in translation has robbed us of the grand truth of our death **TO** sin in His death. It has substituted the popular but erroneous "*dead in trespasses and sins*" and applied it indiscriminately to all sinners, who are not in view in this connection at all.

— A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)

[Rooted and Grounded in Love](#)

A commentary on Ephesians, chapter 22³
(*Unsearchable Riches*, Volume 21-1930)

3. See [order form](#) under "Knoch."



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— Andrew Maclarty

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"The Prison Letters"

Systems of Chronology

It will thus be seen that no reliance can be placed on any system of chronology, ancient or modern; and that we who believe God are shut up to the Bible alone for durations, and from these we must get our dates, for here alone we find and have a beginning, of which all other systems are destitute.

— E.W. Bullinger (1837-1913)

Things To Come, February 1913

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I Choose! Living Life to Its Fullest

Forty-Eight Daily Thoughts on Divine Life

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

You are alive! Yet not just alive, but alive with the very life of God! Don't allow your "What if ..." imaginations of the past or the future to lay claim to the present that God has given you. Allow the objective, unchanging truth of who God has made you in the Lord Jesus Christ to transform your mind and life as you take this spiritual journey of "*I Choose.*"

These "choices" are not to be confused with so-called "free will." At the close of the book the author will reveal that our "choices" are nothing short of God's sovereign decree in our lives.