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Hebrews 4:12

Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier

Editor's Words by Gloria Jean Woodard BEING A SOLDIER'S ON DUTY

We sing this song, "We are soldiers in the army...we've got to hold it up until we die". Being a soldier for God is what we signed up for if we're going to live for Jesus while fighting the good fight of faith, by coming against an enemy we can't see but know we have, knowing that each approach won't be the same. It won't be easy for the flesh. It appears to be out of our hands because we depend on God's strategy not ours. God's soldier wins. It's all for our good and His presence is always with us. However, there is preparation!

Our lives are important to God whether we live or die. Soldiers go into an organizational service with a rigorous ordeal having the rules and values implemented as apart of their life, submitting without a say so, and obeying without grumbling or complaining. Many soldiers are giving their lives for this country and going the extra mile. What causes them to do so? Yes they do have certain benefits, higher ranks, stripes on their uniforms, and/or a medal of honor. But is it enough to say I'll die for the cause?

I bring this up because I was very interested in an e-mailed from a friend about **The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**. I began to study this. For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30." They must commit 2 years of life to guard the Tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin. The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. The guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for Guard duty.

What loyalty and sacrifice. A good soldier is conditioned to obedience, conditioned to sacrifice, and conditioned to loyalty. They memorize, understand, and comply to that particular task while on guard duty. This is

OTHER FACTS:

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why? **21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.**

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why? **21 seconds for the same reason as answer #1.**

3. Why are his gloves wet? **His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.**

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time? And if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed? **Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.**

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to? **{In The Story}.**

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what they signed up for. In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC Evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the Hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, 'No way, Sir!' Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of tropical storm, they said that guarding The Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

The United States was founded by men who fought and died for a cause that was greater than themselves. How difficult were those circumstances? If a soldier in the army of this world goes to such great lengths for guard duty, and say, this is the highest honor to a service person, to suffer hardship for mankind under their commander-in-chief, why not the Christians under the Sovereign rule of the Almighty King of kings. Paul says, *"You therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" 2Tim.2:3.* God didn't say that there will be no bad times and if you're going through something right now, God already knew it was to happen. God already knows how you're going to come out of it. He's taken your hurts, your sorrows, your mishaps, your sickness, your loved ones, your abusive and frayed thinking and says, "Be still and know that I am God. Be of good courage for I am with you." The task at hand of being a soldier on duty is still at hand and not to be dismissed (going AWOL), and not to say it's easy. Remember, we signed up to be like Jesus, and He didn't have it easy completing His assignment by going to the cross. However, He had His orders and fulfilled them!

FIRST THINGS FIRST: Get the manual, memorize, understand, and comply to it, finding out what must be done as a watchman, one on guard duty. That manual is the bible, our spiritual manual while on duty. Seek the Commander-in-Chief, God for your orders! *"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" Eccl.12:13.* When we fear God, our character is being broken to submit to Him. It causes loyalty, obedience, and faithfulness. Pray while on watch for the right strategy. A soldier needs to clearly understand his orders and submit to them. The Christian soldier must learn to rightly divide the Word of Truth. *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" II Timothy 2:15. "But watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man" Luke 21:36 (RSV).*

THE CAUSE: Our hearts should go out for our fellow man because there is a war whether we like it or not and it's in the spiritual realm. Soldiers are protectors, defenders, going beyond the call of duty by laying down their lives for someone else. Some have endured torture, hardship, beatings, separation from their families, sickness, and some death. Missionaries have died on foreign lands to carry the gospel. Some are forgotten soldiers, casualties of war. There are so many things we can do to help the soldier next to us. Know what they know and pray, therefore being on one accord means unity. The battle is not always in our hands. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God. The fight is spiritual and the real lost is a soul not going back to the Father, the Creator. "The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray" 1Pt4:7(NIV). We may not get a higher rank nor stripes on our clothing or a medal of honor. At the end there are crowns to present to the King on His Throne by the Christian, and even the crown is to be guarded. *Rev 3:11 Jesus says, "I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown." II Corth.5:10 "Wherefore we labour...for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad".*

DISTRACTION IS A WEAKNESS: The devil is not our biggest problem. If we don't have that regular fellowship in prayer and reading His word, our focus will be off. We not being on one accord with the Commander-in-Chief, and not being about our Father's business (doing his plan) but on our own business of self are distractions that cripple us. We will not even see the enemy coming. We will not be prepared when he strikes. We will be spiritually unfit for our assignment. As believers,

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we have three primary enemies: the old sin nature, the world system, and the devil (*see Romans 8:8; I John 2:15-16, I Peter 5:8*). Can we endure hardship as a good soldier on duty? Our alertness and readiness is a requirement for a soldier on guard duty having on the whole armor of God, releasing our faith in God and God alone. *“If your sinful nature controls your mind, there is death. But if the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace” Rom.8:6 (NLT)*. The penalty for falling asleep on guard duty was, in some cases, instant death. We can’t be distracted or troubled. If death comes, it comes because we have fulfilled our tour of duty. We’re only strong in Christ. *“Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober” IThes.5:6*.

The spiritual fitness and alertness of a soldier; praying always in the spirit for one another; going the extra mile; studying, meditating, and being a doer of the Word of God; and restraining and defeating the enemy’s assignment are all important as a fulfillment of your spiritual guard duty. Intercession for others is a way of showing that we know the enemy can be defeated not by our strength but by the Spirit of God in His time and in His way. A soldier on duty keeps the right perspective no matter what! *“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory...” II Corth.5:17*.

There are not enough spiritual warriors on guard duty as we watch, fight, and pray. We often find ourselves lacking in detailed information as to how to keep watch or how to fight or how to pray for others! Just being sensitive to the need, loyal to the cause, and fit for duty, the Holy Spirit will lead you into all truths about Jesus, whom you have fellowshiped and communed with. Our Advocate, our Intercessor, and Commander-in Chief who is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who continuously affect our attitude! Therefore, soldiers of Christ, enlisted for guard duty are not responsible for the entire battlefield! newsletter is making it useful to your readers. A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or to include a calendar of upcoming events.

Each of us have been assigned a particular post to stand guard- (your marriage, your family, the congregation, your community, and so forth). As a good soldier, we must obey the orders. Do not retreat or abandon your post. *“Be strong in the Lord and stand firm.”* He is always with us to keep us on track. All that God is looking for is TRUST IN HIM.

In the world’s army, the trust is so strong and adamant in one another, and in the training they received. Every Christian soldier on duty knows the need, are faithful to the cause, and complies without distractions. They are fully clear and operative of their assigned duty. The Savior calls, *“In God We Trust”* to protect, defend, and even lay down our lives for the gospel and the kingdom, praying always for all saints. *“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths” Prov.3:5-6*. Duty calls! ! !

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Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.

My VISION:

Be on the web reaching those I don't see but God does.

IT CAN HAPPEN

How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:11b

My MISSION:

Use the God-given gifts for His glory!

My VISION:

Teach others to reach for those God-given gifts in them.

LEARNING SALVATION SCRIPTURES

1ST WEEK	2ND WEEK	3RD WEEK	4TH WEEK
I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER BUT BY ME. JOHN 14:6	REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED EVERYONE OF YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST ACTS 2:38 (CON'T)	FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS, AND YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST.	THAT IF THOU CONFESS WITH THY MOUTH THE LORD JESUS, AND SHALL BELIEVE IN THINE HEART THAT GOD HATH RAISED HIM FROME THE DEAD, THOU SHALL BE SAVED. ROMANS 10:9



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Bible Quiz:

Deuteronomy 34

1. What mountain did Moses climb?
a) Mount Nebo b) Mount Ararat c) Mount Everest d) Mount Sinai
2. How old was Moses when he died?
a) 130 b) No one knows c) 120 d) 124
3. What kind of condition was he in before he died?
a) he was blind b) he was weak c) his eyes were not weak nor was his strength gone d) he was in bad health in general
4. How many days did the Israelites grieve for Moses in the plains of Moab?
a) 40 days b) 30 days c) 44 days d) 120 days
5. Where in the bible can you find the following scripture: "But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing".
6. Jesus said a thief comes to ... (John 10:10)
a) steal b) kill c) destroy d) all of these e) none of these
7. Peter is also called ... (John 1:40,42)
a) Simon b) Simon Peter c) Cephas d) all of the
8. The one who said, "Lord, I believe" was the ... (John 9:24,38)
a) royal official b) invalid at the pool c) man born blind d) all of these e) none of these
9. The man who "took Jesus at his word" was ... (John 4:50)
a) Nicodemus b) Nathanael c) royal official d) all of these e) none of these
10. The one Jesus said rejoiced at the thought of seeing his day was ... (John 8:56)
a) Isaiah b) Moses c) Abraham d) all of these e) none of these



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