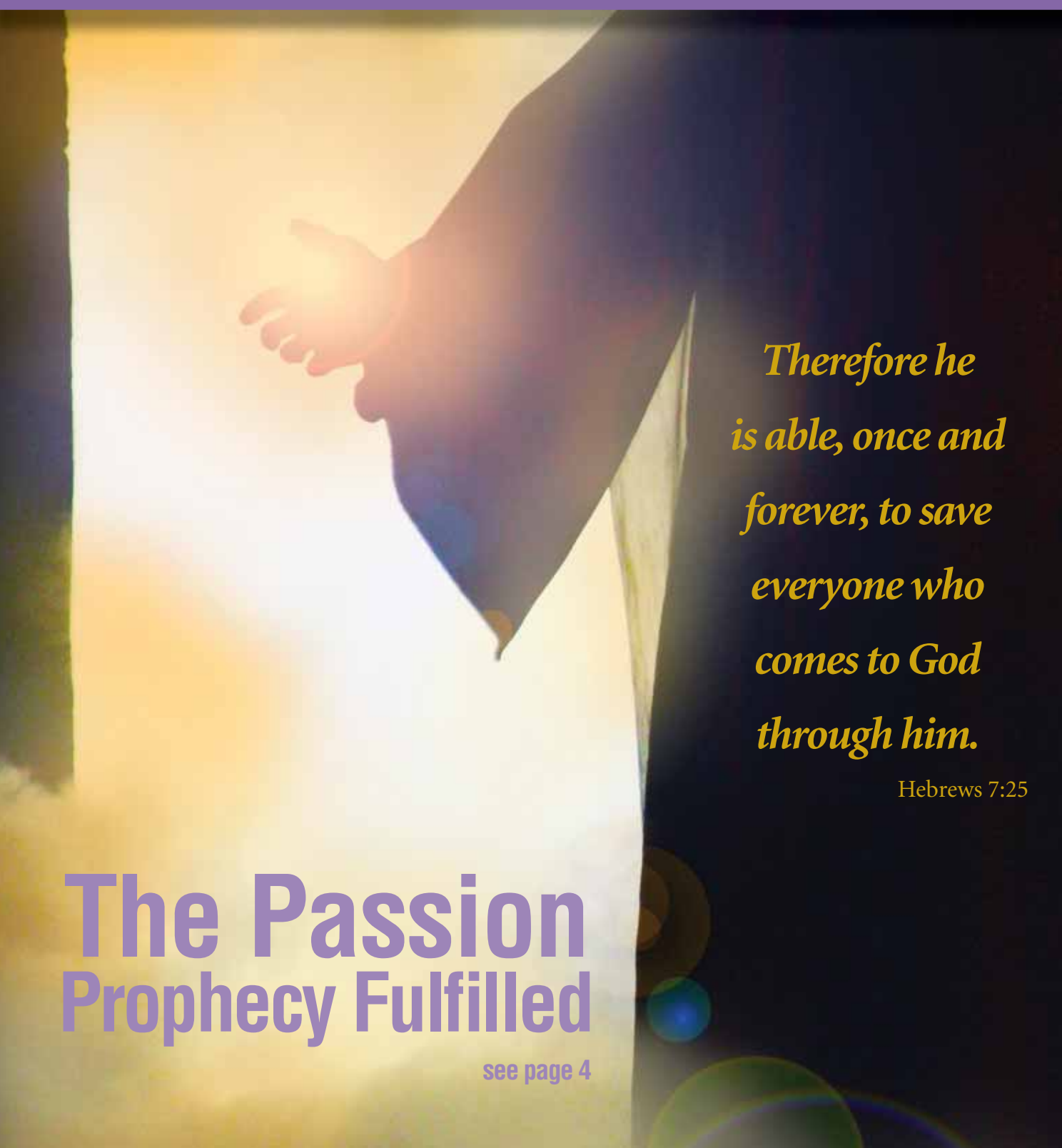


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*Therefore he
is able, once and
forever, to save
everyone who
comes to God
through him.*

Hebrews 7:25

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The Power of Prayer

by MICHAEL LITTLE

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David says in Psalm 40:1, *I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry.* When my little granddaughter asks me something, I am inclined to get down on one knee to listen because each word is precious and I want to help her. In the same way, God draws near to us when we pray.

David continues, *He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock* (v. 2). All across Canada, there are people trapped in a miry pit of spiritual darkness and suffering.

Through your faithful prayers as a CBA partner, you are reaching out to them with the Good News of salvation, healing and deliverance. This is why we consider it a tremendous privilege to pray for your special needs during CBA's Week of Prayer.

Together, we can say with David, *He has put a new song in my mouth; praise to our God; many will see it and ... trust in the LORD* (v. 3). God bless you!

Scripture is quoted from the NKJV.



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The Passion

Prophecy Fulfilled

During this Easter season, as we thank God for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and witness all that is happening in the world around us, we are especially mindful of the Bible's prophetic power and accuracy.

The Bible tells us that long before the world began, God planned that the crucifixion of Jesus would be the method and only payment for sin: **1 Peter 1:19-20** says, *He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. God chose him for this purpose long before the world began, but now in these final days, he was sent to the earth for all to see. And he did this for you.*

Down through history, God foretold various signs and conditions through His prophets. These prophets spoke of things mankind should watch for so that the Messiah would be recognized. The Old Testament, written hundreds of years before Jesus' birth, contains over 300 prophecies that Jesus fulfilled through His life, death and resurrection.

It is the magnificent detail of these prophecies that marks the Bible as the inspired Word of God. Only God could foreknow and accomplish all that was written about the Christ. This historical accuracy and reliability sets the Bible apart from any other book or record.

The New Testament was written after the death of Jesus Christ. Archaeologists have found thousands of manuscripts of the New Testament. Some of these pieces of manuscripts are dated less than 100 years after the original letters were written. In terms of historical reliability, the Bible is superior to any other ancient writings.

Let's take a look at just a few of the prophecies concerning the life and passion of Jesus Christ. Your faith will be increased as you understand and become able to share the

Good News that Jesus Christ is indeed the Lamb of God.

The Messiah Will Be Born in Bethlehem

Prophecy: Micah 5:2 *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village in Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel will come from you, one whose origins are from the distant past.*

Fulfillment: Matthew 2:1 *Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod.*

The Messiah Will Be Born of a Virgin

Prophecy: Isaiah 7:14 *Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel—"God is with us."*

Fulfillment: Matthew 1:20-21 *As he considered this, he fell asleep, and an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to go ahead with your marriage to Mary. For the child within her has been conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*

The Messiah Will Enter Jerusalem Triumphantly

Prophecy: Zechariah 9:9 *Rejoice greatly, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—even on a donkey's colt.*

Fulfillment: Luke 19:35-37 *So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on. Then the crowds spread out their coats on the road ahead of Jesus. As they reached the place where the road started down from the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and*

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sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen.

The Messiah Will Be Tried and Condemned

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:8 From prison and trial they led him away to his death. But who among the people realized that he was dying for their sins—that he was suffering their punishment?

Fulfillment: Luke 23:1, 23 The entire council took Jesus over to Pilate, the Roman governor.... But the crowd shouted louder and louder for Jesus' death, and their voices prevailed.

The Messiah to Die by Crucifixion, With Pierced Hands and Feet

Prophecy: Psalm 22:14-16 My life is poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax, melting within me. My strength has dried up like sunbaked clay. My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You have laid me in the dust and left me for dead. My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs; an evil gang closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and feet.

Fulfillment: Mark 15:20 When they were finally tired of mocking him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him again. Then they led him away to be crucified.

The Messiah Will Be Buried in a Rich Man's Tomb

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:9 He had done no wrong, and he never deceived anyone. But, he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave.

Fulfillment: Matthew 27:57-60 As evening approached, Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea who was one of Jesus' followers, went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. And Pilate issued an order to release it to him. Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long linen cloth. He placed it in his own new tomb.

The Messiah Will Be Raised From the Dead

Prophecy: Psalm 16:10 For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your godly one to rot in the grave.

Fulfillment: Mark 16:6 The angel said, "Do not be so surprised. You are looking for Jesus, the Nazarene, who was crucified. He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead!"

This is the magnificent message of the Gospel that you share with millions around the world each day. Please share these incredible prophecies with those around you. God bless you, and may thanksgiving and love fill your heart as you meditate on all the Messiah has endured and fulfilled for you.



Prayer That Moves God's Heart

But seek first the kingdom of God... —Matthew 6:33

GEORGE WOODWARD

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Today, a leading cause of death in Canada is circulatory system diseases. Some say it's because of our poor North American diet, while others blame the high stress level of the modern world. Although these are genuine, contributing factors to heart disease, I believe the true causes are the underlying motives that compel too much of our society—the constant striving for more wealth, status and possessions.

The Scriptural antidote to our relentless drive to accumulate is found in Matthew 6:33: *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to*

you. The things Jesus is talking about in this passage are basic necessities: what we eat, what we drink, and what we wear. God promises that if we will seek His kingdom and His righteousness, He will provide all the things we need. Not only will we gain His kingdom and His righteousness, but we'll also receive everything we need here on earth!

And yet, even in the face of this tremendous promise, we may say, "But I have to plan, I have to work, I have to strive..." When we focus on pursuing earthly things, we allow those things to motivate and control us—and nothing good is promised. Although we may receive what we want, it will

not truly satisfy us; and, we will lose His kingdom and His righteousness by refusing to seek them.

As you focus your prayer time, ask God to help you pursue *His kingdom* (His values and priorities) and *His righteousness* (God's grace to us and the holiness of His commands). This is the kind of prayer that truly transforms us—and moves God's heart.

I will leave you with a reminder of God's power to care for you, the same power that raised Jesus from the dead. Ephesians 3:20 tells us that He is *able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.* God bless you!

Scripture is quoted from the New King James version.