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LOOKING UNTO JESUS

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Our theme verse at Rock of Ages Ministries for 2023 is **Hebrews 12:2** *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Our generation is weighted down with numerous cares and many besetting sins. However, we are commanded in **Hebrews 12:1** to lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us.

We can live a victorious life by "Looking unto Jesus," which is essential to everyone seeking strength, guidance, courage, and purpose. Jesus is our perfect example of these things. He has left us the Inspired, Inerrant, Immutable Word of God, the Bible, to teach us how to live and the guidance we need.

When we look unto Jesus, we are reminded of His sacrificial love for us on Calvary, His salvation available to all, and His promises that never fail. We are also reminded of the importance of putting God first and "Looking unto Jesus" in all life's circumstances.

Matthew 22:37-38 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.³⁸ This is the first and great commandment.

In times of trouble, "Looking Unto Jesus" can bring us peace and comfort as we remember His promise never to leave us or forsake us. When we face challenges or uncertainties we can trust in Jesus' wisdom and guidance to show us the way forward.

Turbulent winds of adversity are blowing throughout the world and across America. The winds of opposition toward the church, the Bible, and Christians are gathering strength. But I rejoice at the promise of God in **1 John 4:4** "...greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world".

Let us keep "Looking unto Jesus," fixing our eyes upon Him, and following in His footsteps.

Dr. Terry Ellis
President & Executive Editor



FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD:



"Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field."
Ecclesiastes 5:9

This May, the Rock of Ages will begin its 32nd year reaching government facilities on the foreign field. From a single prison in Timisoara, Romania, to now working with government facilities in over 30 countries to date, the ministry has a presence on 6 continents. Thanks to our faithful supporters, through generous giving, volunteering and praying, our missionary families and foreign partners are able to labor in their fields. **Here are just a few updates from the field.**

"Since our Scripture container arrived, we supplied Ukrainian churches, pastors, and ministries with about 25,000 New Testaments! Monthly we visit our friends across the border and help them as their nation fights for their right to exist. I was invited to preach at a church in the Subcarpathia territory and three precious people were saved. Two people, a Ukrainian soldier, and an ethnic Hungarian lady came forward at the end of the service and publicly asked Jesus to save them! Praise the Lord, so far this year we have conducted 17 meetings in the prisons of Hungary." **Rock of Ages Missionary to Hungary, Brother Zolts Kovaks**

"There is no greater joy in knowing that the Gospel of God's Grace works to change lives. For years I have preached the Word of God in and out of prisons and I have witnessed the transformation of lives due to the impact that the Gospel has had on people's

lives. We recently received word from a pastor who welcomed a family in to his church. The woman had been reached in prison through our ministry, and now the entire family is serving in a local Baptist church." **Rock of Ages Missionary to Brazil, Brother John Alves**

"We have a total of 108 pastors and laymen from ninety churches in Kenya involved with the school ministry on a regular monthly basis. Currently, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, and Ghana are very active with the school ministry. Totally in Africa, we are working with 169 pastors and laymen from 149 churches that are working in 498 schools. There are other countries in Africa that are wanting the school ministry to start. Much prayer is needed before any work can be established. Currently, we are praying over and waiting upon the Lord regarding five other African countries." **Rock of Ages Missionary, Brother Jeff Bellamy, Prison Prevention Representative to Africa**

Everyday, from places around the world, we receive reports from our missionaries and national partners of someone that has been 'Born Again into the family of God'. Thank you again for being a part of this great ministry.

By Dr. Ricky Dunsford
Executive Vice President



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Lovely Ladies UPDATE

After being involved in prison ministry for 37 years, and saved for 49, it is easier to see that our life is like a vapor and will soon pass. I have been involved in ministry since I was 7, where my dad pastored when I first became our church pianist. I love ministry and the life I live. However, if I were honest, I have one genuine concern: that the Lord would return, and my family and friends would still not have trusted Christ as their Savior. I am sure you also have loved ones and family members who need to be saved. May each of us realize the harvest is white already to harvest, and we must gather souls quickly. **John 9:4** "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." May we do all we can for Christ while we can!

Our Lovely Ladies ministry is growing weekly.

We have several one-day chapel services teaching our Character Building Concepts, we are hosting Bible classes, and you can find us holding a weekly Bible Study for Women via Zoom meetings every Thursday at 8:00 PM. Each week many ladies come to know the Lord as their Saviour, to which we are thankful for every person who asks Christ into their heart. What a privilege that God allows each of us to be ambassadors for Christ and take the gospel to regions beyond. Many desire to be a witness in prisons, but the doors are often closed to them. It is truly a miracle how the Lord gives Rock of Ages favor with the wardens in city, state, and federal facilities, allowing our ministry to take the gospel to a "world" within our world. We desire to reach women, see them saved, and turn their lives around. Unfortunately, some people do not seriously consider their life until they hit bottom. But, when they do, they are often willing to consider their ways and turn to the Lord.

We have distributed over 5000 Bibles in the past few months, seeing over 150 trust Christ as their Savior. One lady who Trusted Christ in our Alabama Blitz did not know when her court day would be. Two officers woke her the next morning and told her to get ready to go to court. The Lord showed her mercy, and the judge released her that afternoon. The next day she signed up for our Lovely Lady Zoom Bible Class. Zoom classes are conducted weekly, each Thursday at 8:00 PM. Recently we taught how to lead someone to the Lord. Our next scheduled lesson is "Breaking The Bondage of Addiction." The ladies are working toward earning a beautiful Pearl bracelet for attending 25 classes. They can acquire a Genuine Leather Rock of Ages Study Bible by attending 50 classes. I invite you to join our courses as we study God's Word. **You can sign up to be a part of these classes at www.roapm.org. I hope to see you there.**

We invite you to our Essential Women prayer group, www.ewprayer.org. Essential Women is an organized online prayer group where you can post your prayer request anonymously if needed and pray. Please consider joining us in praying through the night on the 12th of every month. God is answering prayer in a great and mighty way, as we claim in **Jeremiah 33:3** "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not."



DR. PEGGY ELLIS | Director of Lovely Ladies Ministry

The Lovely Ladies Ministry is structured to reach women prisoners and family members with the Gospel through our "Help for the Hurting Christmas Stocking" project. Working through local churches, we are able to emphasize evangelism, discipleship, character-building, and distribute Gospel literature.



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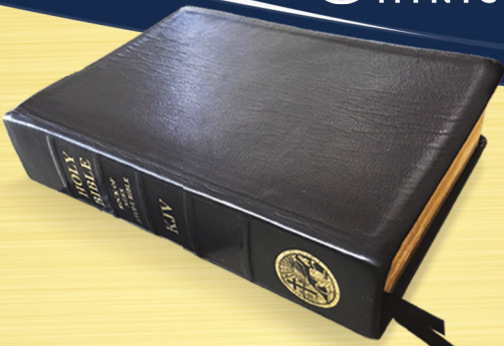
As we consider John 12:26, there is a place of service for you, and it could be with Rock of Ages Ministries. If you are an adult over 21 and long for full-time service, this could be your place. You may be thinking, "Considering my age, am I too old? I have a calling, but is my education inadequate? Do these limitations disqualify me? The answer to each question is no. Let us show you the possibilities of how you can make a difference that will last for eternity. Here are some opportunities to consider where you might serve in full-time ministry or as a volunteer, both men, and women.

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In the long run, the materials is much more cost-efficient than curriculum that has been made available to churches in the past.

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If you need more information, or have other questions, please contact us.

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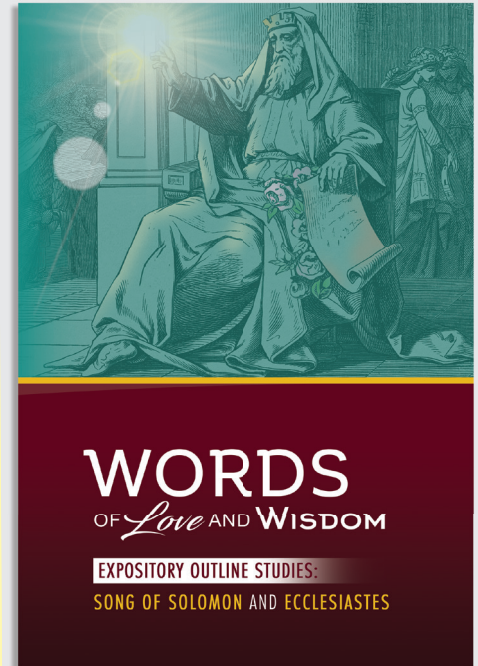
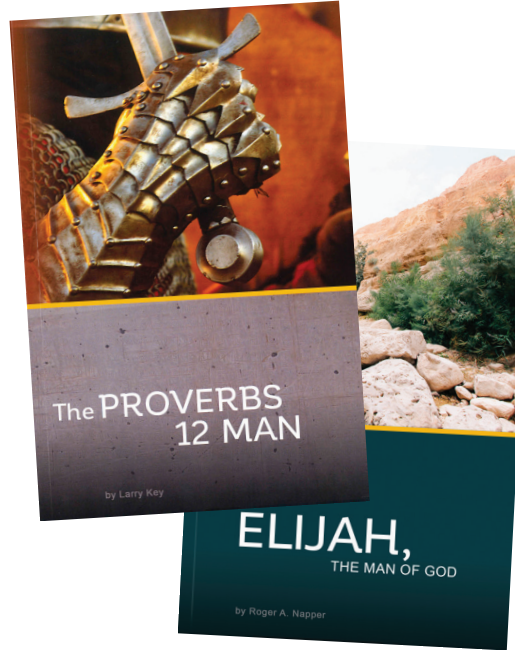
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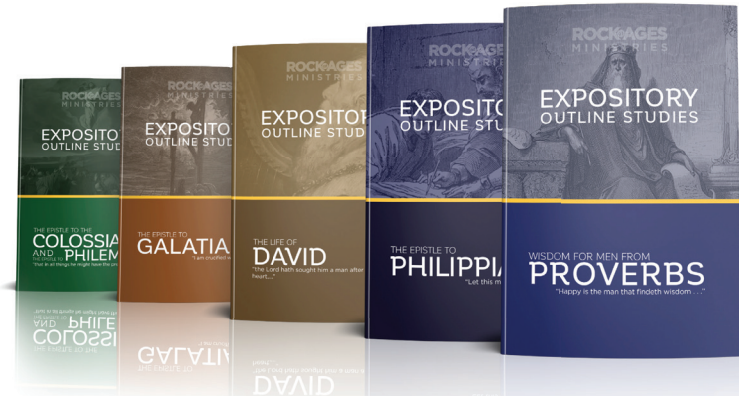
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This book explores the character and events in the life of Elijah, the Old Testament prophet. Although serving God during a time of great wickedness in Israel, he was sensitive to God's call and willing to do whatever God demanded even though his human weaknesses were revealed at the brook Cherith. Elijah was not a super saint as he often cried out to God complaining about his condition. Within the seven miracles God performed through Elijah, practical applications of spiritual growth are presented through his responses. Even though his human weaknesses often troubled him, he never shirked his commitment to God's call on his life.

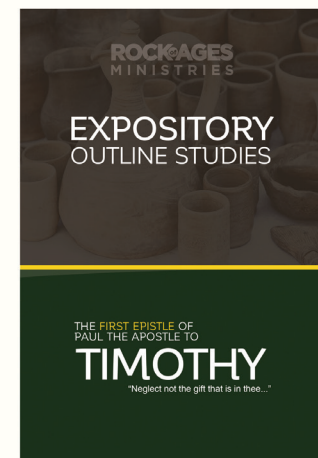
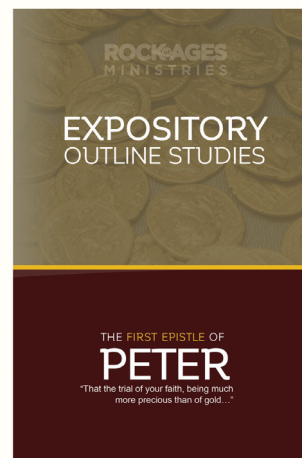
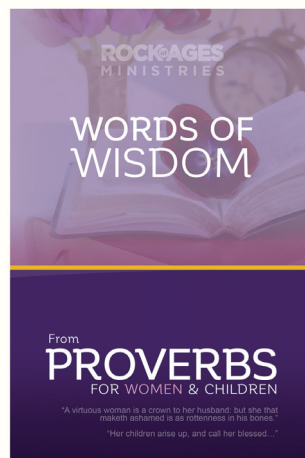
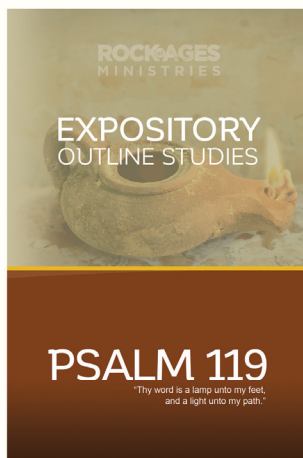


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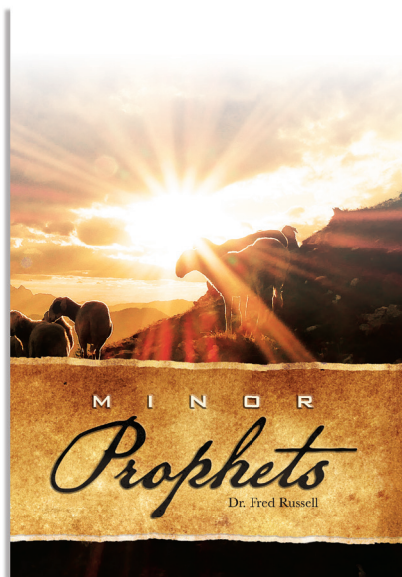


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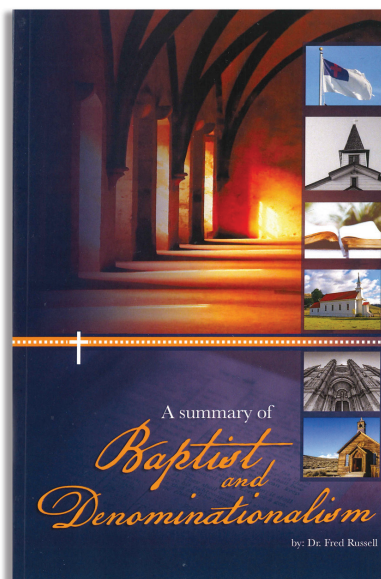


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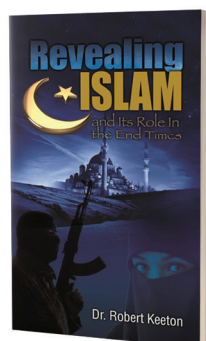
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Rock of Ages Ministries is excited about this book, as it is a great resource concerning the history of the Baptist and it explains the origins of denominationalism.

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Both are easy to read in large font text, is clear and concise, and is sure to captivate the reader during the first few pages.



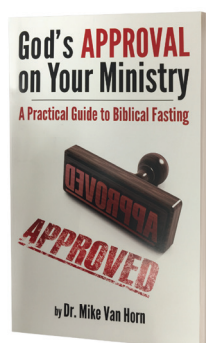
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Dr. Keeton also reveals the rapid advance of Islam in our present day and its emerging role as the one-world religious platform for the antichrist during the tribulation period.

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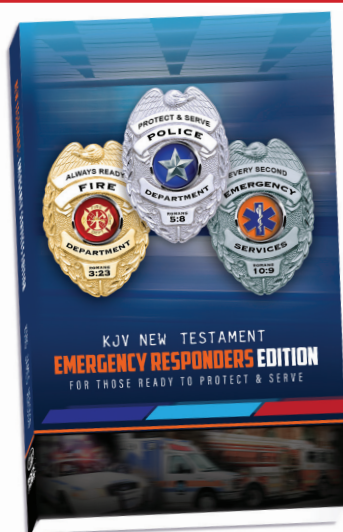
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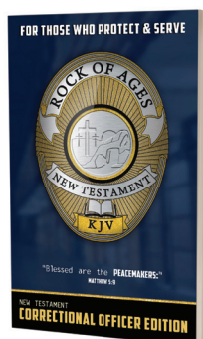
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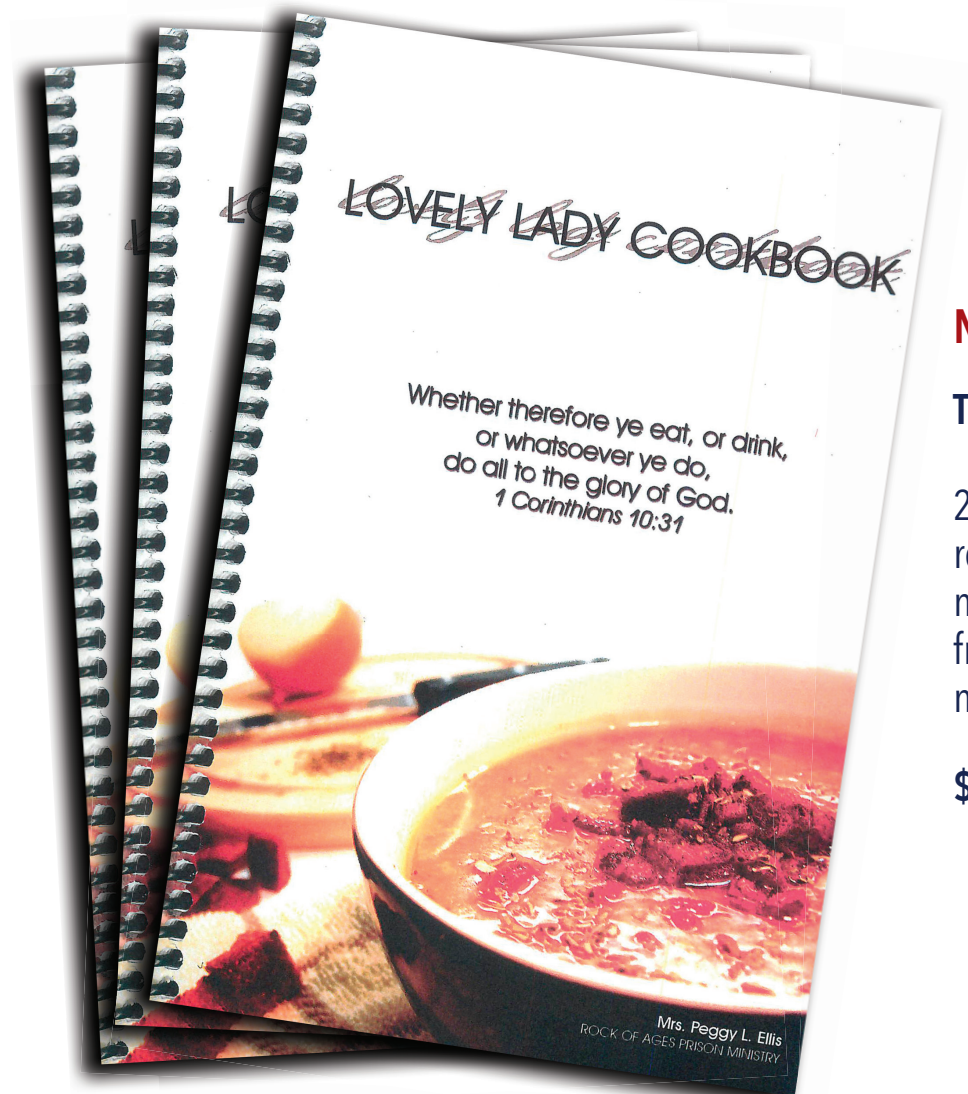


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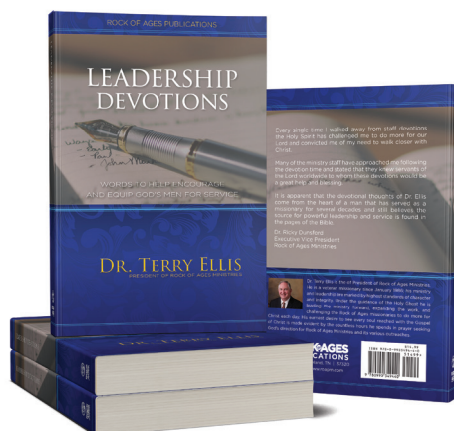
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It is apparent that the devotional thoughts of Dr. Ellis come from the heart of a man that has served as a missionary for several decades and still believes the source for powerful leadership and service is found in the pages of the Bible.

Dr. Ricky Dunsford
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