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# At Calvary

## Hymn 415



# Victory in Jesus

## Hymn 82



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An open Bible is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with text, but it is out of focus. The background is a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text 'Call to Worship' and 'Psalm 54' is overlaid in the center in a large, bold, black font.

# Call to Worship

## Psalm 54

**Psalm 54** O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might. O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth. For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves. Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life. **He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them.** With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good. For **he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

# Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

## Hymn 87



# Nothing But the Blood

## Hymn 266





## Praise and Prayer Request

**Philippians 1:3-6** I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

# Receiving of the Offering



**2 Corinthians 9:5** So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready **as a willing gift**, not as an exaction.

# ***Famous Quote:***

*“No man who preaches the gospel without zeal is sent from God to preach at all.”*

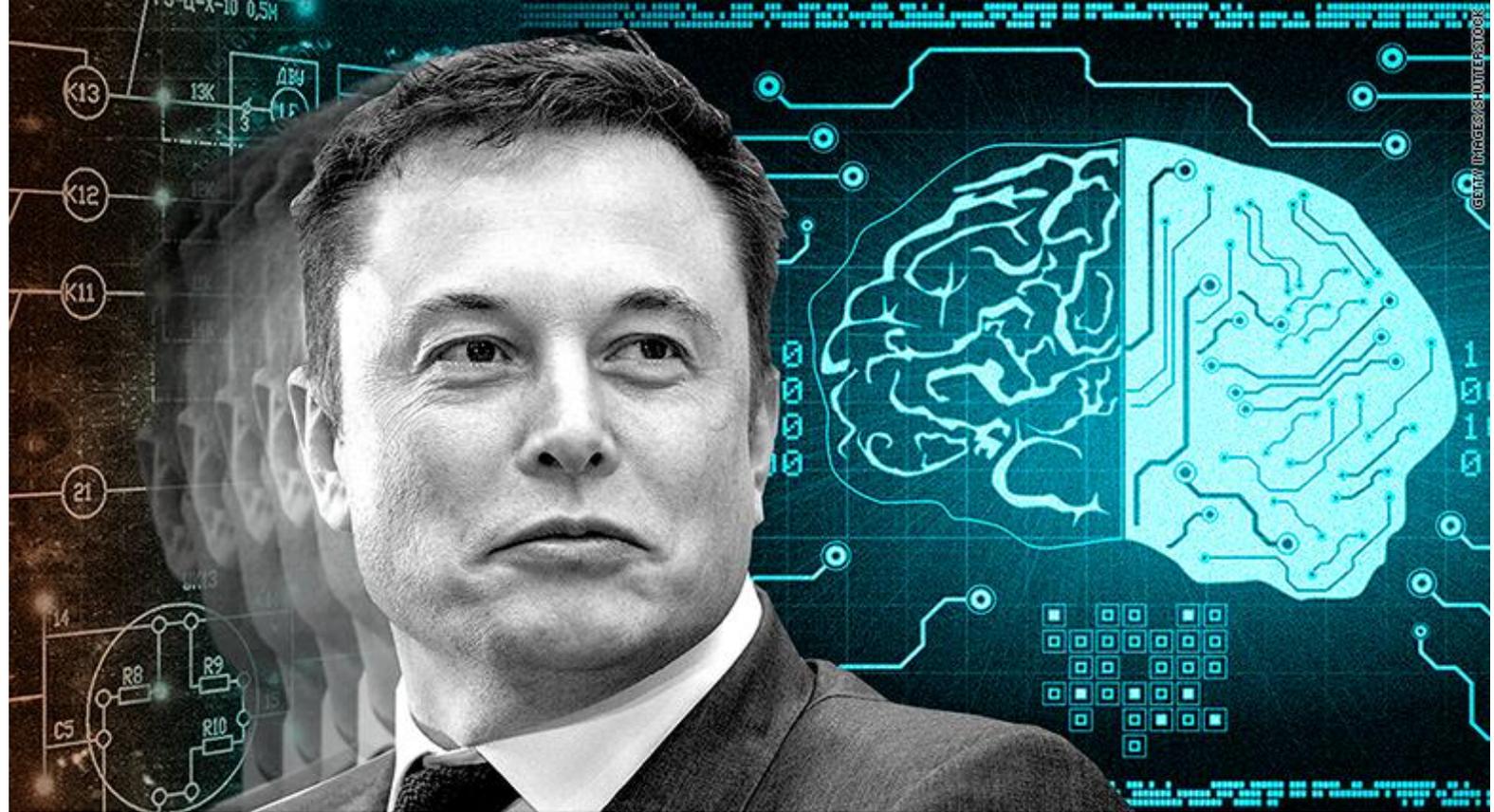
**CHARLES SPURGEON**

An open book is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with small, dense text, likely a Bible. The book is set against a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text is overlaid in the center of the book's pages.

**Today's Message**

**“Who Do You Follow?”**

**Scripture text: John 8:12-36**



**Elon Musk is making implants to link your brain with a smartphone and read your mind**

<https://strangesounds.org/2019/07/neuralink-elon-musk-implant-read-mind-brain-smartphone-link.html>

# **Silicon Valley Transhumanists Are ‘Turning Their Kids Into CYBORGS’ That Can Detect Liars And Even Synthetically Modulate Their Emotions**

A NEUROSCIENTIST has admitted to “turning her child into a cyborg” – and says she wants to control emotions using brain chips. It’s just one example of the growing transhumanist movement: using technology to turn us all into super-humans. Vivienne Ming is a theoretical neuroscientist, and a world-famous expert on artificial intelligence. And she says that her son’s double-diagnosis of autism and diabetes inspired her to “turn him into a cyborg. I reacted as a mad scientist and built him a superpower,” Ming wrote in Quartz. [\(READ](#)

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# **Peace Is About To Be Taken From The Earth, And World War 3 Could Literally Start At Any Moment**

Why aren't more Americans concerned that we could be on the verge of an apocalyptic war with Iran? If there was still any doubt, what happened on Friday made it exceedingly clear that we are literally on the brink of seeing World War 3 erupt in the Middle East.

President Donald Trump said Friday that the Islamic Republic of Iran has endangered itself by seizing a pair of British oil tankers in the Persian Gulf.

'Iran is showing their true colors,' he told reporters on the South Lawn of the White House as he departed for a weekend in New Jersey. 'Iran is in big trouble.'

<http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/archives/peace-is-about-to-be-taken-from-the-earth-and-world-war-3-could-literally-start-at-any-moment>

**Matthew 24:4-10** And Jesus answered them, "**See that no one leads you astray.** For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. **See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. **All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.** "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.

So the question must be asked, **“who do you follow?”**

**If there is many false Christ out there, how do you know if you are being deceived?**

**Are you following man, or Almighty God?**

***Are you at peace with this world, and its system?***

***Will you and are willing to compromise your values and where you stand with Jesus Christ in order to avoid persecution?***

***Who do you follow? The preacher or Jesus Christ?***

**John 8:12** Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**Matthew 5:14-16** "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, **let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.**

**Psalm 36:7-12** How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. **For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.** Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart! Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me, nor the hand of the wicked drive me away. There the evildoers lie fallen; they are thrust down, unable to rise.

**Malachi 4:1-5** "For behold, **the day is coming**, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall **tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts**. "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. "Behold, **I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes**.

**Isaiah 42:5-8** Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: **"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. **I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.****

This second great I AM statement certainly fits into the context of the first eleven verses of John 8. Perhaps the sun was then appearing (John 8:2) so that Jesus was comparing Himself to the rising sun. But this would mean **He was once again claiming to be God**, for to the Jew, the sun was a symbol of Jehovah God (Ps. 84:11; Mal. 4:2). There is, for our universe, only one sun; and it is the center and the source of life. So there is but one God who is the center of all and the source of all life (John 1:4). **“God is light”** (1 John 1:5); and **wherever the light shines, it reveals man’s wickedness** (Eph. 5:8–14).

**Ephesians 5:6-14** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; **for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the **fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true**), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. **Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.** For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But **when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light.** Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."**

**Hebrews 1:1-4** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but **in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

Our Lord's I AM statement was also related to the Feast of Tabernacles, during which **the huge candelabra were lighted in the temple at night to remind the people of the pillar of fire that had guided Israel in their wilderness journey**. In fact, John has combined three "wilderness images": the manna (John 6), the water from the rock (John 7), and the pillar of fire (John 8).

**Those who are in Christ Jesus, will be guided by His teaching, His example, and His commands.**

All who are in sin / rebellion, love the darkness and hate the light, least their sin be exposed.

**Luke 1:76-79** And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for **you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation** to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, **because of the tender mercy of our God**, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high **to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.**"

**Act 13:47** For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, **"I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."**

**John 3:17-21** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but **in order that the world might be saved through him**. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but **whoever does not believe is condemned already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And **this is the judgment**: the light has come into the world, and **people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil**. For **everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed**. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

**John 3:30-36** He must increase, but I must decrease."  
He who comes from above **is above all**. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. **He who comes from heaven is above all.** He bears witness to what he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his testimony. **Whoever receives his testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true.** For he whom God has sent utters the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. **Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life;** whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

To “**follow**” the Lord Jesus means to believe on Him, to trust Him; and **the results are life and light for the believer**. The unsaved are walking in darkness because they love darkness (John 3:17ff). One of the major messages in this Gospel is that the spiritual light is now shining, but people cannot comprehend it—and **they try to put it out** (John 1:4–5).

**Are you a follower or a fan, of Jesus?**

**Romans 1:18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven **against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.**

**John 1:1-9** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. He was in the beginning with God. **All things were made through him**, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **In him was life, and the life was the light of men**. The light shines in the darkness, and **the darkness has not overcome it**. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, **to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him**. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

**1 John 4:1-6** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. **Whoever knows God listens to us;** whoever is not from God does not listen to us. **By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**

**Matthew 16:15-20** He said to them, "**But who do you say that I am?**" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.**

**John 15:1-7** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and **every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.** Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. **Abide in me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, **unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, **for apart from me you can do nothing.** If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.**

**Psalm 34:2-9** My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. **Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!** I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and **their faces shall never be ashamed.** This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and **saved him out of all his troubles.** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!**

# What A Friend

## Hymn 466

