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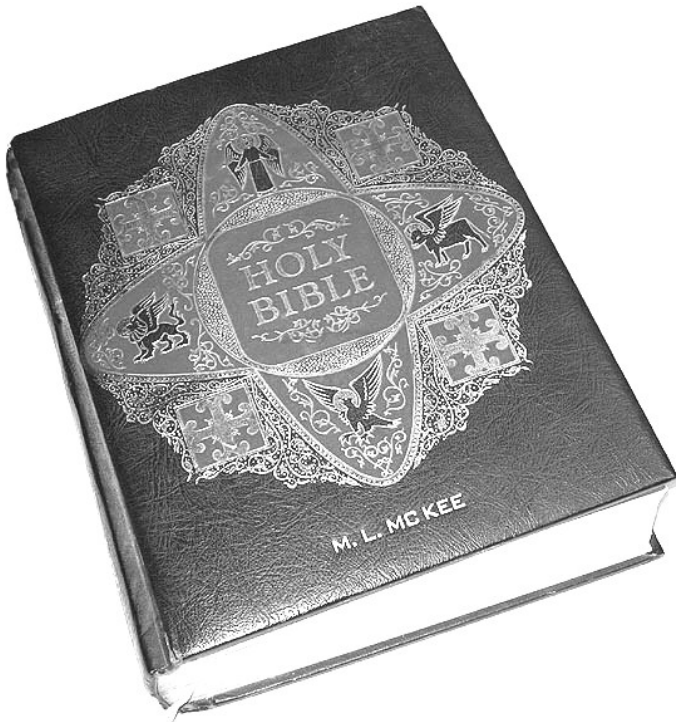
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## Foreword

I have enjoyed the writing of these poems for many years. They were written to give all Honor and Glory to our Sovereign GOD out of a deep, abiding love for my Him as I was led to write them. I pray that you will find enjoyment in them and be richly blessed through the reading of them.

I this dedicate this book is the memory of my many departed family members and dear friends who have gone on before to the Church Triumphant. May GOD keep them in His tender care and may they be forever at peaceful rest in the arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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My father's Holy Family Bible:  
The *Inspired* WORD of GOD

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*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help* (from a Song of Ascents).

**Psalm 121:1**

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## **Sins of Man**

The prevalent sin  
In the world today  
Seems to be the sin of pride.

Man's self-centered arrogance  
Is hurtful to GOD,  
For sin He cannot abide.

GOD's bond with Adam and Eve was strong  
When with sin they  
Did not have to grapple.

But that changed after Satan  
Talked Eve into taking  
A bite of the forbidden apple.

Their relationship with GOD  
Was tragically shattered  
After they both gave in to temptation.

For He is holy and pure.  
He is Truth and light.  
Sin to GOD is abomination.

We are *all* guilty  
Of sins against Him  
Each and every day of the year  
That prevents us from drawing  
Close to Him;  
Which should give us pause to fear.

Jesus told us to not fear  
He who takes but your life...  
For the body is merely a shell.

Instead, fear Him  
Who can take your life,  
Then cast your condemned soul to hell. \*

Make no mistake,  
When we sin against GOD...  
We are risking our life eternal.

Will we spend eternity  
In paradise with the Lord,  
Or be damned to a life that's infernal?

Then what chance do we have?  
For we have *all* sinned.  
Of GOD's glory we've all fallen short.

But the Father in Heaven  
Has provided a way  
To keep us from being apart.

For He gave up His son  
As expiation for sin,  
Sacrificing Him to die in our place.

Thus, Jesus was hung  
On a rough, rude cross  
To die in agony...in shameful disgrace.

What then, must we do  
That we may have life  
And escape GOD's judgment wrath?

When you accept Jesus Christ  
As your Lord and Savior  
Rest assured...you are on the right path.

**\* Luke 12:4-5**

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## **The promise of Salvation**

Salvation is promised  
By Jesus to all  
Who believe He is GOD's only Son.

John 3:16 states  
That if you but believe  
Life eternal in Heaven you've won.

You don't have to memorize  
Scripture or verse  
Nor be pure as the wind-driven snow

To reserve one of the many  
Mansions in Heaven  
With family and friends you love so.

The New Testament Gospels  
Tell us succinctly  
The criteria for man's salvation

Is to confess before men  
That Jesus is Savior  
And Lord of all GOD's creation.

That GOD would allow  
His Son to die in our place  
Giving sinners an unearned reprieve...

Is a huge stumbling block  
To many intellectual skeptics,  
Who find it quite hard to believe.

Yet, the foolishness of GOD  
Is wiser than men  
(See First Corinthians 1:25).

We're redeemed through His grace.  
All our sins He's forgiven...  
Forever more we will be alive

With the angels in Heaven  
To sing GOD's holy praise...  
Acknowledging His sovereign reign.

A life of joyful peace  
In the presence of Jesus  
That's devoid of tears or of pain.

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*About the author:*



I have found poetry to be a wonderfully spiritual way for me to commune with God, and it matters not whether I am writing the poems, or simply reading them; a quiet serenity comes over me during those times that is a great comfort to my soul.

I began my writings more than thirty years ago during a time in my life when I was unable to sleep well at night due to back pain.

As a consequence, throughout the night, I would get relief through the application of a heating pad, and it was during these times that I began to read the Bible. This subsequently led me to the writing of poetry, for I have found the Holy Bible to be most effective in inspiring ideas.

I have also been moved to write by the sight of a beautiful sunrise, sunset, or perhaps a mountain view. Sometimes just a word, phrase or scene may pop into my head while I'm exercising and many ideas have come to me in my sleep. It's at those times I'm compelled to get up and go to my computer or get a pencil and paper to jot the idea down before it is forgotten.

It is my sincere hope that you will enjoy the reading of these poems and I pray that you will be blessed.

In His Service,

John A. McKee