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I am talking with a friend who tells me whalebones would make a good breastplate for our protection. I respond, "That is interesting since I have dreamed about whalebones." Then he says to me, "Maybe it is a sign to you that God will take care of you."

Talking of a dream within a dream speaks to me of understanding hidden and deeper meanings. Whalebones symbolize great strength, whales being the largest of animals. A breastplate is for protection of the chest or front area in combat. The Bible tells us to use the breastplate of righteousness. This righteousness is imparted to us by Christ, but must be worn to avail us of His protection. It is a great defense against the enemy's fiery arrows. God's taking care of me speaks of His righteousness and strength in His provision. He has provided great help and power for us to walk and live in the spiritual realm.

I will discuss here that imparted righteousness must come out of us in practical holiness or we can well question whether we have the real armor. Those who harp on their position in Christ without an outworking of that grace or righteousness would do well to examine themselves to see if they really possess the righteousness of Christ. Mental belief and mouthing of a doctrine of grace is no proof. Christ stated a good tree produces good fruit. By their fruit we will know them---not by mere profession of some church doctrine or belief.

If you have come this far in this book you have surely come to understand that I do not put much stock in talk and mental assent of biblical teachings without a corresponding lifestyle. Be careful, my friends, the grace and faith that saves us can only be known as they are channeled through us in our practical life. This is why so many Americans claiming to be born-again and Spirit-filled have never had either experience. Why, there is a multitude of such souls filling our churches whose very lifestyles reveal they do not know God. Yet they say, "Lord, Lord." Christ changes lives---lives that do not bear fruit are not of Him.