

BUT GOD

- Abraham lied about his wife **but God** told Abimelech the truth (Gen. 20:3)
- Laban tried to harm Jacob **but God** protected him (Gen. 31:7)
- Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery **but God** made him a ruler in Egypt (Gen. 45:8)
- Israel told Joseph, "I am dying **but God** will be with you". (Gen. 48:21)
- Joseph's brother treated him with evil **but God** turned it into good. (Gen. 50:20)
- Israel did not have a map **but God** led them through the wilderness (Ex. 13:18)
- Samson was dying of thirst **but God** gave him water. (Judges 15:19)
- Saul tried to kill David **but God** would not deliver him to death (1 Sam. 23:14)
- David wanted to build a temple **but God** wouldn't let him do it. (1 Chr. 28:3).
- The Psalmist was going to die **but God** would redeem his soul from death (Ps. 49:15).
- Asaph said his flesh would fail **but God** was the strength of his heart. (Ps. 73:26)
- Men seek their own glory **but God** puts some up and others down (Ps. 75:7)
- The wicked seem to prosper **but God** will overthrow them. (Prov. 21:12)
- The nations advance like rushing water **but God** shall rebuke them. (Is. 17:13)
- Jonah sat in the shade **but God** prepared a worm to destroy it. (Jonah 4:7)
- The rich man thought his future was secure **but God** killed him that night. (Lk. 12:20)
- The Pharisees justified themselves before men **but God** knew their hearts. (Lk. 16:15)
- Peter was prejudiced against gentiles **but God** taught him to love them. (Acts 10:28)
- Wicked men put Jesus in the grave **but God** raised Him from the dead. (Acts 13:30)
- Hardly anyone would die for the righteous **but God** died for sinners (Rom. 5:8)
- The world chooses wisdom **but God** chose the foolish things of the world. (1 Cor. 1:27)
- The world didn't know what was happening **but God** revealed it to believers. (1 Cor. 2:10)
- One man plants, another waters, **but God** gives the increase. (1 Cor. 3:6)
- Meats for the belly and the belly for meats **but God** will destroy both. (1 Cor. 6:13)
- Let the unbelieving partner depart **but God** has called us unto peace. (1 Cor. 7:15)
- All temptations are common to man **but God** provides us a way of escape. (1 Cor. 10:13)
- The Body has many members **but God** brings them together in unity. (1 Cor. 12:24)
- Man plants a seed **but God** gives it a body as it pleases Him. (1 Cor. 15:38)
- Inheritance of law was not of promise **but God** gave it to Abraham by promise. (Gal. 3:18).
- A mediator is not a mediator of one **but God** is one. (Gal. 3:20)
- Man glories in his achievements **but God** wants us to glory in the cross (Gal. 6:14)
- Epaphroditus was sick **but God** had mercy on him. (Phil. 2:27)
- We do not speak to please men **but God** who tires our hearts. (1 Thess. 2:4)
- Whoever rejects truth is not rejecting man **but God** who gives us His Holy Spirit. (1 Th. 4:8)

There is an old story about the wife of Martin Luther dressing in black. When the famous theologian asked her why, she answered that the way he was acting she thought God had died. Touche! What about the way we act? If we forget about God we are doomed to be negative and depressed. "But" if we remember God we radiate with confidence that we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

ADVICE FOR THE DAY

- You should worry, only if God is not in control!
 - You should doubt, only if God is not faithful!
- You should be anxious, only if God cannot meet your needs!
 - You should fear, only if God does not love you!