

Chaplain America 193 & The Holy Illuminator

Part 8



Matthew 16:24-26 Then Yeshua said to his disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what would a man give in exchange for his soul?”

Well needless to say we made it to Blackheart's hideout In the Alaskan woods, we have been chillin here for about a week now and still no Danial or Pos then two more of Blackheart's gang showed up by the name Coyote Pete and Dillan. So now there were seven of us, Billy Blackheart, Carson City Jake, Dan The Man, Frank Star, Coyote Pete, Dillan and of course good ole me, Jonny Oaktree.

The good news was Dan The Man and Carson City Jake had Bibles in their saddlebags. I asked them if they ever read their Bibles and their response was,

" Only when someone dies or gets killed."

Well, I thought I could possibly offer to read some of the Bible to them in the morning and at night right before we all turn in, and to my shocking surprise they all said,

"Sure Jonny, why not, we got nothin better to do up here anyway."

We all chipped in gathering wood and water and food throughout the day, Frank Star played the harmonica and Carson City Jake played the banjo, it felt like a real vacation, I mean it didn't feel like we were outlaws running from the law, everyone got along for the most part and any problems were quickly remedied by the leadership of Billy Blackheart.

I realized I shouldn't get too relaxed with these guys, I mean if those old westerns have taught me anything it's that the tables can turn on a dime and people can and do get killed. As long as I respected these guys and stood up for myself I hope and pray things turn out fine.

I decided to go look for some wild berries close by so I could call out to Daniel and Pos for help. I walked down by the creek and called out to Daniel and all of a sudden Pos gave me a great big hug and I fell face first right into the creek. Daniel help lift me out of the water.

"Boy am I sure glad to see you two guys, where have you been anyway?"

"Well Jonny Boy we figured you needed some time to get settled before me and Pos came a ridden into town."

"I sure am glad to see you, is Margaret Ok Daniel?"

"She's fine John, Margaret is working at Marylou's Café back in town, she is fine no need to worry."

"Well what's the plan Daniel?"

"Blackheart has to be anointed in order for future events to be altered for the good, the gang is going to plan a stagecoach robbery and that is where you will be able to anoint Blackheart. John things may get a little rough but don't worry Pos and I have your back partner."

"Thanks Daniel, I just want to get this over with and get back home."

Well the gang was going to rob the Wells Fargo Stagecoach but first they planned to rob the First National Bank of Alaska. This was a problem because now I was going to be directly involved in a bank robbery and as a man of God that didn't sit well with me. I needed to talk to Daniel because we were all going to head out in four days.

"O Daniel, O Daniel, I need to talk to you please."

"Right here John, what's Up?"

"Danial the gang is planning to rob a bank and I am in on it so what am I supposed to do?"

"Well Johnny Oaktree, I guess you'll be going along for the ride and avoid getting killed that's the real trick to the benefit package."

"AVOID GETTING KILLED R U SERIOUS DANIAL?"

"Well actually no, you won't be getting killed or even hurt because God has placed a hedge of protecting on your life. Just go with the flow and all things will work out for God's good purpose."

"Now that is good news, Ok let's get this cowboy show on the road."

Four days later the Blackheart gang headed off in the direction of town, they had practiced this bank job over and over right down to the minute. My job was to bring the horses around back for the big escape. I guess I could handle that and besides Frank Star would be right by my side just in case led began flying.

The plan was for the gang to split up, three gang members would go in the bank, two would watch the front and me and Frank would be around back with the horses. Billy Blackheart, Dillan, and Dan entered the bank. There were only two customers, two tellers, the bank president, a clerk, and a bank guard who was sleeping in a chair in the corner of the room. Billy drew his sidearm and told everyone in the bank to lay face down on the floor while demanding for money. The bank guard woke up to find Dillan standing over him laughing pointing the bank guard's own gun at his face. Dan The Man ran around the counter and began bagging stacks of money.

It looked like they were going to get away with a clean break but a deputy noticed the two gang members hanging around outside of the bank and ran for help and in less than five minutes ten town's men and four deputies and the Sheriff were out front demanding that the gang surrender.

Billy told the boys to head out the back like they had planned then the two gang members who were out front ran in the bank just as the bullets began flying. Carson City Jake was shot in the neck and bleeding out as he fell to the floor. Coyote Pete returned fire in order to cover his Pals as they were running out the back. Then the bank guard got up and grabbed Carson City Jake's gun and shot Coyote Pete right in the back, but as Coyote Pete was falling to the floor he was able to shoot the bank guard right between the eyes and he fell flat on his face dead.

The gang jumped on their horses to a thunder of gunfire as a hail of bullets flew all around them like a mean swarm of yellow jackets. Dillan was hit in the arm and Frank Star was hit in the shoulder as we rode off with a pile of bread.

When we returned to the hideout Blackheart was already planning for the stage Coach robbery. He told the gang, "Boys we got to gettem while the pickens are good; after this next robbery we'll be hanging low for a while."

Well partners I sure do hope Daniel and Pos get here for the next robbery because that's when I'm supposed to anoint Blackheart in leading him to the Lord.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

On the morning of July 9 1898 we road out headed for Gulliver's Gulch to stop the Wells Fargo Stage, I was really starting to make headway with these guys by reading the Bible to them in the morning and at night. I would read a few chapters and then we would talk about it and no one argued it was all very respectable. We all needed each other and respected each other. I got to know these guys pretty well over the last few days maybe some time I'll share with you some of the experiences we had together in sharing the Word of God. It would seem these guys were just thrown together and forced to survive in an unforgiving land. Hey wait a minute am I becoming an outlaw? If so I pray it's in a good way in order to bring others to Christ our Lord.

We road into a ravine and hid behind some boulders, the gang set up a crossfire and the plan was to surround the stagecoach and take them by surprise. Well that's what we thought. You see one of the gang who was killed at the bank robbery lived long enough to tell the law about our plan and the law had been waiting for us camped out in the area for over two weeks and not too happy about it.

The stage came rolling on by and off we went riding like the wind to stop it, then all hell broke loose, the law opened fire in a cross fire of their own and to make matters worse there were lawmen in the stagecoach and they opened fire too. I honestly thought I was going to be killed and suddenly Pos and Daniel showed up and placed a hedge of protection around me. There were five of us in the gang and within two minutes they were all dead accept me and Billy Blackheart then we took off for the hills but Billy was shot in the lower back and bleeding badly. Pos and Daniel made sure we got away. We made it back to the hideout by nightfall and Billy was dying. I began to read scripture to him to comfort him and then Billy looked at me and said,

"Jonny you're a true Pal, you really helped in uplifting the gang and all. Jonny, I don't want to go to hell but I know I've lived a very sinful life."

"Billy it's never too late, do you want to accept Christ to come into your life here and now? It's not too late Billy, it's not too late I promise you that and so does Christ Jesus."

"Jonny I trust you, I'm ready, I'm as ready as I'll ever be."

"Billy I have some very special anointing oil here it has healing properties, now I aint promising anything but I know you will be healed one way or another."

I recited the Prayer of Salvation with Billy, then I took out the anointing oil and proclaimed a blessing of healing and peace onto Billy's life. Then a powerful white light engulfed the cabin and we were transported back to 2021 with Danial, Pos and Margaret. We found ourselves standing in Pastor Shon's hospital room with Raphael and Rabbi Hersh. We were all standing there looking at each other then Billy asked,

"Is this Heaven Jonny?"

Billy was completely healed both physically and spiritually for the glory of God, he was now a new creation, old things had passed away all things had now become new.

We all took turns explaining to Billy about who we all were and about what had happened, then he looked at everyone and said.

"Well then I guess I'm now a member of your gang and since I'm now in the year 2021 and have given my life completely to Christ our Lord I'm changing my name to Billy Pureheart for the glory of God and where you go I will follow until the good Lord calls me home."

Pastor Shon looked at everyone and said,

"Praise God, Praise God, welcome to the crew Billy, Jesus loves you and so do I."

Well needless to say Margaret and I spent two weeks in Alaska then we flew home with Danial and Pos. O we flew on an airplane this time. Billy came with us, he was now an official member of my crew. Pastor Shon and his crew were off once again to, mmmmm, I wonder where they're headed off to now? O Danial!!!



2 Timothy 2:20-21 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood, and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master prepared for every good work.