

PREPARATORY: THE HOLLOW LANDS



NOTES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE CHRISTIAN FORERUNNER

*“Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins. **The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.** Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.” (Isaiah 40:1-5)*

MISSAL II: THE LONG MARCH

The Year Of Our Lord, 2004

After A Christian has survived the rigors of The Valley Of Shadows—in which the adversary attempts to “de-fuse” the new Christian Soldier by returning him or her to their old selves, and ways—comes the *Long March*.

In the portion of PARRC there is another essay/pictorial called “*Evolutionary*,”* where the seven steps toward active Christian evangelism are depicted. Another one, “*The Order Of Eight*”** gives perspective. These are steep steps in the life of the new Christian who is committed to the Great Commission, and *The Long March* is a walk toward the Holy Spirit where we eventually do not depend on our own sight, but our faith in him.

In *The Long March*, you have many opportunities to turn away from the true path—not back into your old, avaricious selves as was experienced in *Missal I: The Valley Of Shadows*—but a depending on your own sight vs. faith in the Holy Spirit to guide you on the long and winding path toward your destination in Christ.

It is a *Long March* in order to give you plenty of time to decide to be faithful, to gain character, to practice not walking by sight, and to see how—as you invariably “peek” from time to time—you stay right in the middle of the road with the Spirit as your sure navigator and guide. *In order to survive, you must learn to walk by faith, not sight.*

The *Long March* is a time in which you prepare yourself for the wiles of the adversary; the temptations of the world; the divestiture of egotism (vanity); the taming of fear, the mind-killer; and the testing of your footing on the increasingly High Ground as you walk surely in your own Evolutionary way toward not only the Cross, but toward the full actualization of your Christian persona: you are becoming a true Christian, a ready soldier, and an evangelist to the world in what is the greatest job on earth—representing Jesus Christ in this world of woe and deep despairing while there is still time. March on!

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.” (Luke 4:18, 19)