"The Love Story"

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BIG SANDY, Texas—When I am tired and finally able to sit down for a while, I like a good story. My Heavenly Father can tell the best true stories you have ever heard.

Like any story (in my opinion) it must start with "once upon a time" and end with "and they lived happily ever after." You might say that I am a little bit old-fashioned.

First, let me tell you a bit about my Heavenly Father, He and His Son (a good story always has a prince) love to work and create beautiful things and beings. He is called thus a Creator and King because He is a just Ruler.

Once upon a time, He tells me, He created some of the most beautiful beings you have ever seen. Most of them He called messengers, or angels.

To three of them He gave special jobs.

To one He gave a planet and some angels to do a job. I kid you not, this angel and his helpers turned on the King and the Prince with a vengeance. I gasped in horror. Talk about betrayal! The plot thickens!

Now we have a King, a Prince and a villain! You guessed it. There is a great war. And, then, a cold war ready to erupt at any time.

Now, I am at the edge of my chair as suspense is added to the story. I know the end by heart as I have heard the story many times in my 83 years. Maybe I like it because it is about me, and you, of course.

"So" says the King, "I will turn the tables on the one called the devil and Satan. Me and My Son will create man and woman and put them in the middle of Satan's territory!" Why would the King do that? I ask. Doesn't it remind you a little bit about poor Cinderella. Here she is left as a child in the home of a cruel stepmother and two equally cruel and greedy sisters.

Satan and his hinged angels have made this man and woman and their descendants' lives a living hell! Actually, more like a Catholic purgatory.

Where is our lovely maiden, and will the Prince rescue her? "Who will rescue me?"

King David says it all in the Psalms. My Heavenly Father assures me that He will allow Satan to go only so far and no further. So, the story goes, the King is looking for the right bride for His Son. Again the plot thickens!

He will not allow His Son to marry a traitor, or one looking for money and power. She must love the King and the Prince with all her heart and soul, and want His way no matter what.

Many have turned their back on the King. Many more have been swept in the tide of sin. Our maiden—even though she can hardly catch her breath sometimes as she fights against the mire of sin, and the results of a sinful world—is loyal to the good King.

So now we have a maiden somewhere, a villain and a good plot. Will Prince Charming find her? Will He marry her and take her to His palace to live happily ever after, working and creating beautiful things?

The answers are found in Revelation 14:1-5. In Revelation 15:1-4 our rescued maiden sings praises to the King and the Prince. She is assured that they have won this terrible war. He will marry our forbore little maiden, and guess what.

They will live happily ever after in this beautiful palace (Revelation 12). He will wipe away the tears and promise to love her forever. What a beautiful story even if it is so sad in parts.

P.S.: Do you think it will be a best-seller?