

AN ORDER FROM THE BATTLESHIP

An officer in the Navy had always dreamed of commanding a battleship. Finally, he achieved that dream and was given commission of the newest and proudest ship in the fleet.

One stormy night, as the ship plowed through the seas, the captain was on duty on the bridge when off to the port he spotted a strange light rapidly closing with his own vessel.

Immediately, he ordered the signalman to flash the message to the unidentified craft: "Alter your course 10 degrees to the south."

Only a moment had passed before the reply came: "Alter your course 10 degrees to the north."

Determined that *his* ship would take a backseat to no other, the captain snapped out the order to be sent: "Alter course 10 degrees; I am the captain!"

The response beamed back: "Alter your course 10 degrees; I am Seaman Third Class Jones."

Now infuriated, the captain grabbed the signal light with his own hands and fired off: "Alter course. I am a battleship."

The reply came back: "Alter your course. I am a lighthouse."

No matter how big or important any of us think we are, the Bible stands forth as an unchanging beacon. It is God's message to us – a "lamp unto our feet, a light unto our path."

All other courses must be altered to His.

– Beecher Hunter

