

"For where two, or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." — St. Matthew 18:20.



"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." — St. Luke 11:9.

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## BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ENDURE

By Theo Beer, Milford, Indiana

As I was reading from God's Word I was impressed by God's servant Job. According to the Bible he was an honest and an upright man, one who feared God and eschewed evil. He had been richly blessed by his Heavenly Father; his earthly goods increased abundantly; but his greatest blessing, we believe, were his sons and daughters. The Bible tells us that from time to time his children gathered in the house of mirth and feasted, which is not uncommon in our day. But here is proof of Job's uprightness; after their feastings were ended he felt a fatherly responsibility for his children, and fearing that they might have sinned or cursed God in their hearts, he offered sacrifices for each one of them. This Job did continually.

Nevertheless we read that God permitted Satan to try Job to the utmost, with the exception that his life should be spared. When all his earthly goods, even his children were taken from him, Job fell on the ground and worshiped God. He said, "Naked and destitute was I born and empty will I again return. The Lord has given me blessings and now He has taken them again. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

In all his trials Job did not sin or charge God foolishly. The apostle James tells us in his writings, "We have heard of the patience of Job, and we have seen the end of the Lord." So we see that Job is mentioned as one

of the great characters of the Bible, because he was able to endure affliction as a servant of God.

As I chose the title, Blessed are they who Endure, I was thinking of our brothers and friends in the service, for I am sure you have encountered trials and even afflictions while you serve as good soldiers of our beloved country. I trust you will always remember the words of our Lord, "Blessed are they who endure." As Job sacrificed for his children so did Jesus sac-

### TREASURED VERSES

*"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

*"But he WAS wounded for our transgressions, HE WAS bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace WAS upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."*—Isaiah 53:4, 5.

rifice His Life and His Blood for us who are His children by adoption and regeneration and also for those who will become His children by believing on His precious Word.

It is my constant wish and prayer that souls can be won for the Master, and if this terrible conflict with its trials and hardships can serve to the salvation of souls, may His Holy Will be done. As I write I am thinking of our brothers who often do as I know Job did, fall to the ground on their knees in prayer. Remember that God is able to deliver you and can make all temptation bearable. As Job pray-

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## IN MEMORY OF THE RESURRECTION

By Harry Bucher, La Crosse, Ind.

What do we mean when we say Easter?

In short it is a festival of the Christian church to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This in itself would not be outstanding significance if it were not for the fact that other events link together the wonderful story of the plan of salvation. So this season is, and rightly so should be, a joyous season, because in it we have the completion of the greatest work ever accomplished. We naturally think of it as the triumphant victory over death and the grave, in spite of man's plotting and of their evil intentions to deceive their fellowmen, and keep them in ignorance of the fact that Christ arose.

Have we ever given thought to the confusion and the disillusion and disappointment of those who were firm believers on their Lord? How heartening it must have been, in all their walks of life, to have Christ at their side, and apparently solve all their problems, until fate changed all this! On this great event, when in that night in the garden of Gethsemane, even though He had told them, "This night you shall all be offended in me," they did not fully realize what He meant. And even Peter, who usually was first to speak, said, "If they all forsake Thee or be offended, yet will not I." And in this extremely dark and trying hour, when Jesus knelt down to pray, and asked His heavenly Father

not once but three times, that the bitter cup be removed from Him, finally after being in agony He said, "Not my will but Thine be done." He became willing to drink that bitter cup which undoubtedly was a great load to shoulder, and to accept the great responsibility of the sins of the whole world.

The final hour came, and they took Him and led Him away. Then for the first time Peter began to realize his weakness and pretended to be brave, and perhaps meant well. Immediately after the Lord was captured Peter denied Him thrice as the Lord predicted; and when all the earth seemed to mourn (we believe, because darkness engulfed the earth from the sixth to the ninth hour) the Lord hung upon the cross and thus became the great sacrifice that men might live and be free.

He thus paid the debt of sin on Calvary. And after suffering most shamefully because of the cruelty inflicted on Him by men, He looked down with forgivable eyes, and tenderness of heart, saying, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do." In spite of His shameful torture and abuse, He cried at last, "It is finished," and gave up the Ghost.

How wonderfully the Scriptures were fulfilled! The soldiers came, and seeing He was dead, pierced His side; and we read that blood and water flowed out freely from the wound. No wonder the author was moved to compose **THE OLD RUGGED CROSS**, and so clearly depict the story in song. And the more we read, the more wonderful it seems. He was taken from the cross and laid in the grave (or sepulchre as they called it) and sealed it with a huge stone. And when the power and might of God was revealed, the stone was rolled away on the third day (He arose).

Now after all this was past, He met two men on their way to Emmaus, discussing their harassing experiences, and He joined them on their way. He asked them why they were reasoning and appeared so sad. One of them said, "Art thou the only stranger here? Have you not heard what has happened these days? How they took our Lord and crucified Him?"

And adding to their confusion they added, "On the third day, part of our company went to the grave and found not His body; and besides all this, we hoped He would redeem Israel." Their hopes were entirely shattered; but even if they did not realize it, indeed He made possible the redemption of Israel and the redemption of the whole world, thus becoming a ransom for all sin, if men will believe and acknowledge His noble sacrifice.

So let us all, even in darkness and gloom, look with hope and courage to the cross. We may be compelled to taste Gethsemane and of His suffering, and in part willingly share His grief, but grasp with faith and joy the glorious thought, the outstanding events which link together the birth, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ; firmly believing if we consecrate our lives, living in Him, it is possible to die in Him. And may we all profit by this most noble cause for all mankind.

#### BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ENDURE

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ed for his children, countless fathers and mothers, also brothers and sisters are praying for you, and we know that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous soul availeth much.

We read that Jesus prayed much to His Heavenly Father not to take them out of this world but to keep them from evil, so we trust it can also be pleasing to God to fulfill this promise on you. That in due time peace can again be restored and you can all return to your homes and loved ones.

Let us never forget the hardships and trials, even death upon the cross that our Saviour endured to rescue us from eternal doom. I have tried in my weakness to share with you in your many trials and my thoughts can best be expressed in the words of the author, "Not what we give but that which we share, for a gift without the giver is bare. Who gives himself with my alms feeds three, himself, his hungering neighbor and me."

#### GREATNESS

When man can put himself aside,  
And let another take the cheers  
To serve the cause still satisfied  
He's greater far than he appears.

### The Sweetest Story

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly."

Indeed we may assume the Psalmist was inspired by the Divine Teacher to write these words in brief summary, climaxing a life-time of desires, perplexities and sufferings. To the believer then, who dedicates his life to God, we may be sure blessings are conferred upon which can be described only as a joy unspeakable in its worth! The writer must surely have tasted the goodness of God! We can envision Him there, amidst a vast throng of people, and hear his voice in magnificent acclaim, reaching from the depths of earth to the very heights of heaven: "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!"

So we stand upon the threshold of today, entreating the Lord to hear us in our praises to Him. The day is ours, fresh from God's own hand, free from stain or sin—without a blemish. 'Tis ours for good or ill, and if we trust in His almighty strength and power, we can hope this day will be better lived than yesterday. We may recall perhaps with some remorse, that our yesterdays are forever beyond our reach, and He it is who has them in His keeping. But we must go on, believing as each new morrow merges in today, grace to live for Him is ours for the asking!

If we thus abide in His beloved presence, we may know the blessed peace that passeth all human understanding. Surely there is no position on this earth comparable to that of being found worthy of the unmerited love and favor from the Divine Father. As a consequence in accepting the Lord as Master of our deathless souls, He bestows upon us a love, unfathomable in its depth, and beyond the descriptive powers of man.

Faith and belief in the atoning blood of the Lamb is the most priceless possession we can have. And faith, as Paul explains it is "the substance of things hoped for—the evidence of things not seen," a God-given faculty, which, when exercised, brings the unseen into view, and by which the impossible things are made possible! Would that our faith might be measured with that of the Apostle! Yet,

as believers we can attest to a heavenly calling as Paul did, recognizing Christ as the Saviour who died that we might live. Perhaps, if we ask our Lord to lead us to Calvary, He can impart to us a secret desire to know more about that sweet story of old.

Can we visualize the Christ as Mary Magdalene, and Mary the Mother of James, knew Him? We believe not, but we can follow Him, from the dark groves of Olivet into the city where He was brought to trial—Here we pause a moment, for the fate of Jesus has just been sealed! And now we follow Simeon the Cyrenian, who helps Jesus to bear His cross to Calvary. Here we would turn back, but He asks us to stay — His face is as chiseled marble; His youth, His Divine beauty, which not even His tangled hair, and torn beard and blood streaked countenance could wholly hide, must surely draw toward Him expressions of sympathy, even from His foes.

John, the Master's beloved disciple remains with Him to the end to comfort and strengthen Him. He makes no moan, but His face becomes expressive of the most intense sorrow of the soul, and then He cries, with a loud voice that pierces the deep silence; "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"

He has paid the Supreme price!

And then the Resurrection! The Lord, our Mighty Master—Jesus, the very Son of God is alive again! Then, as now, the form of Jesus, amid the universal gloom, shines divinely transfigured, and a soft halo of celestial light encircles His brow like a crown of Glory. And now He leaves us to ascend to the Father. The beautiful story of Jesus and His love is an endless theme. Precious Name! Oh, how sweet!

Let us seek the Lord Jesus Christ, our advocate with the Father, whose chief ministry for us has been intercession and prayer. He it is who takes our imperfect petitions from us, cleanses them from defects, corrects their faults and then claims their answer from His Father, through His all atoning merits and righteousness. He has inconceivably glorious purposes concerning every believer.

Thanks be to God, the Eternal Fa-

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ther of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be Glory, Power, Dominion, Majesty and Excellency forevermore! In conclusion, let us return to the rapturous lyric of the Psalmist, "Praise ye the Lord; let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord!"

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**Notice soldier and sailors and their families:** Let *The Silver Lining* know immediately if you have a change in address. It would help us get the paper to you. May we have your help?—Editor's Note.

There is something very touching in the answer of Mary to the one who she thought was the gardener, "Sir, if thou hast borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away." To her there was but One who occupied the thoughts of her mind and the affection of her heart.

Have we who profess to trust the risen Lord given Him the place that Mary did when she called Him "Rabboni"? Do we own Him as "Master," and obey Him in all things?

# NEWS

Pvt. Arthur H. Leman of Peoria writes: "I am grateful to receive this morale builder, 'The Silver Lining.' As I was reading I saw where Pvt. David Bertsch is in the same platoon I am in. I met him there when he got out of the hospital. I also read in the news about having Sunday School classes, I think that is one of the finest things that ever could have happened, I always was 100 per cent for having Bible classes. They are very interesting and most intelligent school children are always willing to listen and gives them the splendid opportunity to get acquainted with our Lord and Saviour. It would be wonderful if we could spend these days in helping all people to prepare themselves for that great day of judgment. But we are asked to serve for our government and we must obey the law even at times we can't understand. But we know "all things work together for good for those that love God." I want to congratulate who ever is responsible for this good reading material. God bless you that you can all carry on. As the poem says, "Don't quit."

Katherine Conrad Rauhaus was born at Leo, Indiana, March 5th, 1856. She reached the age of 88 years, 1 month and 8 days. She was united in marriage to Albert Rauhaus of Leo, Indiana on April 30th, 1882. He preceded her in death in 1915. To this union were born seven children of whom five survived — Herman and Emma preceding her in death. Besides her children there are 28 grandchildren and three great grandchildren to mourn their loss.

Six of our young people are graduating from high school. Ethelyn Schlatter is valedictorian at Leo High School; Imogene Steiglitz is at Harlan High School. Other graduates are, Wayne Lantz, Arthur Hassig, Ephriam Kipfer, and Velma Norr. May you go forth with courage; confidence in yourself — and faith that this world will always give recompense to those whose honest efforts make them worthy.

We received a letter from Sgt. Russell and Ruth Steiglitz telling that

they are well. They inform us the weather is fine.

Pfc. and Mrs. Walter Aeschleman write that they have been getting the paper and they enjoy and appreciate it.

Those attending the funeral of Katherine Rauhaus of Oakville, Iowa, from Leo were Leah Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Roth, Mamie Schlatter, and Bertha Norr.

Funeral services were held for Sigmond Sorg on April 6, at Milford, Ind. Rev. Herman Heuni and Elder George Yergler officiated. Mrs. Phil Clause, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stavenik, Mrs. Otto Norr, Mr. Edward Getz, Dorothea Conrad, Mrs. Herman Norr, Mrs. Mildred Schlatter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Frautschi, and Mrs. Elias Souder attended from here.

Mrs. Jacob Frautschi from Toledo stopped at Grabill to see her son on her way home from Oakville, Iowa, where she attended the funeral of Katherine Rauhaus.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Klopfenstein, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norr, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Souder, Mrs. Al Frautschi, Mr. and Mrs. Ramas Schlatter, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Schlatter, Lenora and Elenore Steiglitz, Alvina Greuter, Dorothea Conrad, Mrs. Joe Conrad, Mrs. Floren Lieberenz, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gerber, Mrs. Herman Norr, Margaret Meise, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kipfer, Margaret Kipfer, — Gramm, and — Kruse, were all entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Schladenhauffen on April 23rd.

Wayne Lantz is leaving soon for the U. S. Navy. Arthur Hassig is leaving for service with the Army Air Corps.

Kenny Maxfield writes: "I received 'The Silver Lining,' and am very pleased to think that you took the trouble to send it to me. I have read it through once, and am looking through it again . . . I hope that it won't trouble you too much to send it to me each month, as it is really interesting, and am sure that the fine literature contained in the paper will help me find life much easier on this

island. So far, it has been rather 'rough' . . . I haven't much time left before I go to chow, so I will have to stop. Tell everyone hello, and I hope to see many of you soon."

The Young Peoples' meeting was held at the church on Easter Sunday, on the 9th of April. Edward Gudeman and family, Joe Gudeman and family, of Francisville, Indiana and Wm. Rauhaus of Oakville, Iowa were among some of the guests. Easter was the theme of the program.

Cookies for service men were packed by the Good Cheer Group on Tuesday, April 28th.

Rev. Samuel Aeschliman officiated at funeral services held for Paul Gerber on April 9th at Latty, Ohio.

A Young People's Meeting was held on Easter Sunday at Roanoke, Ill. Young people from Princeville, Tremont, Peoria, and Morton helped to make the meeting a success . . . On Sunday, April 23rd, Elias Winzeler visited at Leo. Accompanying him were his wife, his daughters, Viola and Dorothy, and his sons, Richard and James. They were served supper at Raymond Winzeler's . . . A housewarming was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Klopfenstein and family on Sunday, April 16 . . . Private and Mrs. Raymond Pulfer have a 10 lb. baby girl. After spending 20 days with his folks and friends Sgt. Albert Norr left for Fort MacArthur, Calif., April 20.

The Good Cheer Group held their April meeting on the 4th at Mary and Maggie Schlatter's home . . . Mr. and Mrs. Herman Levy's have a boy. He was born on Sunday, April 23rd . . . Helen Klopfenstein went to Alabama where she was married to Orange Wade Maxfield. She returned home on the 22nd. Otto Schlatter and family were here on the 23rd. Also Dorothy Norr's aunt and cousin . . . David Bertsch was moved to St. Louis, Mo. . . . Ervin Aeschliman, who is now stationed in India enjoys reading the "Silver Lining."

Our Sunday School attendance average for April was 81. 73 were present on the 2th including Lloyd and Esther Marquart of Fort Wayne. Easter Sunday record attendance for the year was made with the total of 123 present. Marie Beery of Rittman



## OUR MOTHERS

Again we are in the season of the year when we will celebrate Mother's Day. Many of us will have only memories of our beloved mothers who have passed on to their eternal rest. Many will be far removed from the one who is praying for their safe return; while some will have the privilege to spend the day in the presence of their mothers.

When we think of some of the great mothers of yesteryear we are reminded of the mother of our dear Saviour. What a great honor was bestowed upon her! She herself realized this when she said: "For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name."

Surely God has done great things unto Mary, and unto all humanity by sending His only Son into a world of sin and sorrow that we might feel not only the love of a mother but to know the love of God for all sinners.

Truly there is nothing greater than the love of a Christian mother, especially in our day when all the world is engulfed in darkness and suffering. How many souls have been protected and guided from sin and danger through the prayers of their loving mothers?

Many a testimony has been brought back by those who saw their buddies dying on the battle field. Their last words were to their mothers. What a comfort to learn how many speak their last words by uttering prayers taught them by their mothers.

God has promised that all deeds of love and kindness shall be duly rewarded. Surely all mothers who bring their children up in the fear of the Lord shall receive a crown of righteousness.

How sorrowful to know that not all have the privilege of knowing and feeling the love of a Christian mother. How many mothers neglect their children and Ted Bahr, S2-C was with us. Sgt. Albert Norr and Max Bender was with us the 16th, thus totaling the attendance at 71. On the 23rd, 68 were present. The total for the 30th, was 70. The total gain for the month over March was 11. The average of 81 has been the highest we have figured so far.

dren for the foolish pleasures of this world. Surely they cannot hope to reap a crown in the hereafter. Yet no one need live a lonely or hopeless life, for we read in St. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

So with this hope in mind, let us pay tribute to God for sending us His Son, born of a woman, that we might be able to receive life eternal, and for giving us Christian mothers that we might comprehend God's great love.

Ramas Schlatter, Grabill, Ind.

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### Hymn for the Month MOTHER'S PRAYERS HAVE FOLLOWED ME

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I grieved my Lord from day to day,  
I scorned His love so full and free,  
And though I wandered far away,  
My Mother's pray'rs have followed me.

O'er desert wild, o'er mountain high  
A wanderer I chose to be,  
A wretched soul condemned to die,  
Still mother's pray'rs have followed me.

He turned my darkness into light,  
This blessed Christ of Calvary,  
I'll praise His name both day and night,  
That mother's pray'rs have followed me.

I'm coming home, I'm coming home,  
To live my wasted life anew,  
For mother's pray'rs have followed me,  
Have followed me the whole world thro'.

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As time and space permits it is our intention to publish some very comprehensive writings from the legacy of Bro. S. H. Froehlich, which until now have only been accessible to few, some of these writings have already been dealt with, although there is still much more interesting material available which we hope will be of interest to every reader.

The writings of Bro. Froehlich are based on the Word of God. They do not undertake to compensate for the Word of God, but much more to in-

troduce the readers to the Word. When Bro. Froehlich, through the grace of God, called forth an awakening which brought many churches into existence, he did not create a new creed as is the case with many religions which have been called together by a founder who for the first time formulated principles. The endeavors of S. H. Froehlich were to shake off the fetters of an illusion of Christ and to return to the original truth—back to the Gospel of Christ and to the pure teachings of the apostles who were commissioned by Christ to continue His work and who did not content themselves merely with believing the Gospel but also obeyed it in its integrity.

We will relate briefly who Bro. Froehlich was and how some of these writings originated.

Samuel Heinrich Froehlich was born on July 4, 1803, in Brugg, Switzerland. From his youth he was influenced by his parents to devote himself to the clergy of the Lutheran Church so that he never contemplated anything else and was educated accordingly.

The further he advanced in his study, the more his faith vanished until he came to the point that he believed nothing at all. Then God had compassion on him and awakened him and lead him through a well-grounded conversion to true or real faith.

From that moment on, however, he met nothing but opposition everywhere in the church (the state or established church). When he took his first examination as a minister in the year of 1826, because of his testimony of the Truth he was put back a year, finally he was accepted as a clergyman and after an initial, temporary installation he returned as a clergyman to his home-scene.

There he preached repentance and conversion in a convincing manner. A great awakening took place in the entire church. (As above, by "church" the state church of that place is meant.) One poor sinner's heart after another laid itself at the feet of Jesus. From other localities too, many came to hear his sermons. When the enemy saw what blessed awakenings were taking place, he would no longer

look on. One storm broke after another over the faithful witness of Christ, until in October, 1830, he was deprived (for inconformity) as a clergyman in the Lutheran Church because he ventured to preach against rational religion and proclaimed the Gospel of Reconciliation in its original purity.

But much as the darkness was stirred, it was yet not possible to repel the light that had appeared. The good seed had been sown and had brought forth its fruits. Seeking souls inquiring after God flocked around S. H. Froehlich and here and there flourishing assemblies originated in Switzerland.

Still the opposition asserted itself more and more. Persecutions intensified until S. H. Froehlich was forced to leave Switzerland in the year of 1844. In response to a call from seeking souls, he emigrated to Strassburg, in Alsace. From here, the Word was spread out into all of Alsace and Germany and churches were begun here and there.

In the summer of 1839, two Hungarian youths came to Zurich in their travels and became acquainted with S. H. Froehlich. They were converted and baptized and when they returned to their native land, they also preached the Gospel. This was the beginning of the many congregations in Hungary, Servia and Roumania. Bro. Joseph Bella, who departed from this life about the year 1900, after he had served the various churches in America for many years, was one of the first converts of the two above mentioned brothers, one of whom was Emerich Henskschei and the other his brother.

Severe persecutions oppressed many members under the oppression many believers emigrated to America. In this wise, congregations spread in the new continent. Bro. J. Andreas Braun, after he had been baptized by Bro. Froelichin in the year of 1843, as a nineteen-year-old youth, returned to his native city, Schweinfurth, Bavaria, and preached the Gospel where upon forty or fifty souls were converted, the majority of whom were in their youthful years. These also were persecuted for matters of faith to the extent that all of them, upon the advice of Bro.

Froehlich, likewise emigrated to the United States.

In the year 1857 (January) all too soon Brother S. H. Froehlich passed out of his active life.

(To be continued)

### IN HIS NAME Love One Another

Children do you love each other?  
Are you always kind and true?  
Do you always do to others  
As you'd have them do to you?

Are you gentle to each other?  
Are you careful day by day,  
Not to give offense by actions,  
Or by anything you say?

Little children, love each other—  
Never give another pain;  
If your brother speaks in anger  
Answer not in wrath again.

Be not selfish to each other;  
Never spoil another's rest;  
Strive to make each other happy,  
And you will yourself be blest.

Never lose the Golden Rule,  
Keep it still in view;  
Do for others as you would  
They should do to you.

**The Bible.** "About 300 years ago it was discovered that life was dependent on the circulation of the blood. Before this, the actual work of the blood circulating through the body carrying oxygen and nourishment, as well as protecting the body from disease and death, was supposedly unknown. But in Leviticus the 17th chapter and the 11th verse, it states, 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood.' These are the words of God to Moses, recorded centuries before the days of Christ on earth. Is the Bible out of date?"

There is a difference between our relationship to God and that of the Lord Jesus. He did not say, "I ascend to our Father and our God." But He said, "My Father, and your Father; . . . My God, and your God." His was a unique relationship as the eternal Son.

### GOD WAS THERE

I walked among the flowers  
Of scent and color rare;  
I stood entranced with Nature's  
works:  
The clouds, the sea, the air;  
I viewed a glorious sunset;  
The day had been so fair;  
And then I knew why it was so—  
God was there..

Mine were life's joys and comforts:  
Dear parents' watchful care;  
Health and strength; the sincere love  
Of true friends everywhere.  
Whence came these many blessings  
That even I could share?  
Again the answer quickly came—  
God was there.

But soon my path turned sharply;  
No friend with me to care,  
I walked 'mid countless dangers now,  
My load too great to bear;  
Then a voice so reassuring,  
Spoke, "There's no need to fear,  
Take courage, you are not alone—  
God is here."

When we speak of believing in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, we do not mean that, although His body died, His spirit still lives. That was true while the body lay in the tomb. But when we proclaim our faith we mean the resurrection of the very body that was crucified and buried.

**The Bible.** "Here is a library of 66 books, separated by long periods of time; yet there is a golden thread of unity running through all the different books binding them into one volume. No matter when written, they are one in thought, and no matter how long they were written even the latest scientific discoveries confirm their statements."

"We search the world for truth; we cull  
The good, the pure, the beautiful . . .  
To find that all the sages said  
Is in the Book our mothers read."

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