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Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.



And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

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FACTS THAT MUST BE FACED FOR HAPPINESS

[Can you locate the tiny pin-point of this life when it is placed with the map of eternity? Yet the path chose now will be what determines the soul's permanent residence. One soul's future shines in the near distance with the towering beauty of heaven's celestial light. Another walks towards the heart-shuddering depths of darkness and anguish. Confronted with so grave a decision, each one should make SURE, by relying on God's sure Word, that He seeks salvation, and then goes on unto perfection. Tomorrow you will find yourself viewing that tiny pin-point from a distance!]

Looming out of the sea of daily life was the danger of disobedience for Adam and Eve. Clearly imprinted on their hearts were the words of the LORD God: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

Through the evil desire that was fast clouding first Eve's heart, and later Adam's, pierced the persistent warning of danger. Each crashed with a sickening thud. The damage proved fatal. The beautiful interior of the soul was twisted and torn in ruination. The chamber of joy and light, man's spirit, was water-logged with sin, gray and cold in death.

Before the creation of man, God made this statement: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over

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HOW TO FIND GOD'S WILL

[When a question arises how can we determine the correct solution? Labor in an alternate choice may be fruitless. When in doubt, we should lay the question in God's care, waiting on Him. Hurry in the heart confuses the issue; in quietness we can use the tried and proven way to success. Listen to Brother Wayne Nussbaum of Forrest, Illinois, as he speaks through the printed word about God's will.]

Few truths set forth in the Bible provide more comfort and inspiration to believers than the truth that God has a plan for every life. It is also true that the believer by disobedience and lack of faith may fail in fulfilling the plan God has for his life.

man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." (John 7:17).

Knowing God's will is necessary for getting answers to prayer. "... if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us" (1 John 5:14).

In the Kingdom of God there is no self-will. Thus, anyone who has not surrendered wholly to God's will has not ceased from willful sin. He then becomes what James calls a double-minded man who is unstable in all his ways (James 1:8).

Prosperity is promised for doing God's will (Josh. 1:8), joy in our labors, and a life of peace and satisfaction.

To find this perfect will of God, it becomes necessary, therefore, to become completely free of self-will. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Prov. 3:6). God does not reveal himself to those who are indifferent to his will. When we become fully surrendered to His will, it is usually not difficult to discern what it is.

Knowledge of God's word is necessary to knowing His will. "Where-withal shall a young man cleanse his

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THE BEST INSURANCE Is YOUR Future Covered?

But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Let's consider some of the blessings in store for the soul who has no purpose in life but to do God's will. No conceivable plan for your life can be more perfect than God's will. Romans 12:2 speaks of "that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Spiritual understanding is promised those who do God's will. "If any

● Also More News To Rejoice the Heart

Mountain Climbers

We must watch and pray, for only as we abide in Jesus can we journey in safety. "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned." Gospel safety will keep us away from the death traps of Satan.

Recklessness gives the enemy the opportunity to work. Back and forth goes the saw across the heart of the groggy sleeper. Its biting cuts deep into the vitals of a once tall and sturdy character. Then comes the agonizing fall, with its terrorizing shriek of death. "Beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness."

"Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Little everyday bits lead to the midway of the carnival, the love of the world. The potential danger of a receiving tube in our heart becoming alive to any worldly pleasure is highly dangerous. Again and again we must check our set, for if we should overlook a short of pleasure in our life of self-denial, it could easily black us out into complete darkness.

Money, when allowed to get the wrong hold on a person, throws wierd, dancing images in the mind. It's a feverish sickness that causes the victim to restlessly toss to and fro, as he cringes in slavery to the unrighteous mammon. We pilgrims must constantly ask God to wash our thoughts of this dangerous germ, lest it grow roots and gain a foot-hold in our system. "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition."

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." The

lower levels, the locality where the world frequents, afford no protection, as sullen, dark flood waters rage in full control. The red flag of danger is out; there's high water ahead for any who travel the lowland. Be careful, it's an awful thing to be swept into the mad whirl-pool of sin, lost in the dizzy fever of life's passing pleasures, "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

Alabama: The little flock in the South is not being forgotten by the Lord. A friend, Mrs. Jarrett, having repented and found peace with our Lord, was baptized. Henry Kilgus, Matt Wackerle, and others were in Alabama for the baptizing. A daughter of Sister Borden also wishes to be baptized.

Forrest and Fairbury: On Sunday, October 28, Dan Roth was able to attend church services and give testimony of his conversion, and be baptized and be taken into the fold of Christ. He had suffered a heart attack, but is improving very nicely.

Leo: On Thursday evening, Sept. 20, Sam Aeschliman was with us for the testimony and baptism of Elaine Norr.

Peoria: On October 14, Betty Woerner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Woerner, was added to the fold of Christ.

Wolcott: Mrs. Edward Widmer has found peace with God.

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all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

"Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments." Man was created with three parts, each distinctive, and yet each blending in a harmonious oneness. This can be seen from Paul's letter to the believers in Thessalonica:

"... I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The melody in man's spirit, before he fell, was in tune with the Creator. The soul sang with a child-like innocence. The body, a marvellous engineering master-piece, provided an outward expression for the inner man. "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, *it was* very good."

Disobedience wrote chaos across this harmony. To the life that alone satisfies and is eternal, knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ, man's spirit was unresponsive, void of understanding. To the soul came harsh, grating discords, as the conscience throbbed painfully, splitting man's inner contentment to shreds. Mortality clutched the breath of the flesh in a death grip.

The natural heart is now strewn and cluttered with sin. Grotesque images dance across its plane, with man's will crushed in their stony grasp. Outwardly, he displayed a photograph of the heart, "... For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. ..."

The decision room for man is the heart. Through the Bible we peer into its machinery. There is a library of "the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another. ...". As today's activity goes to press, it is an informed will that sets the thoughts in motion that turn out the acts.

What happens in the outward actions is an exact reproduction of the inner imprint. It cannot possibly be different. "Ye shall know them by their fruits." So accurate is this gauge that the words formed by the vocal system will be the court record that will determine each one's fate: "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

The knowledge of good plus the inability to do it could never add up to anything but zero. Man was doomed for a failing mark for eternity! He had no leverage to lift himself from the quicksands; daily he

kept sinking more and more. All his attempts were beating against the wall of impossibility. "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: *it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.*"

God's perfect love caused Him to step in. There was ONE WAY that man might be rescued: God could take the full punishment for man on Himself. This He did, for "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them. . . . For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Man dwelt in the flesh; on God's bookkeeping were chalked up those debits that were transacted in the flesh. Christ suffered in the flesh; on the heavenly records were chalked up the credits of His boundless mercy that He purchased at Calvary. ". . . 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."

The heavenly X-ray gives us glimpses into the bleeding heart of Jesus. The cruel nails on the crude beams tore angry gashes into the deepest depth of the dear Lord's soul. "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me." His soul was made "an offering for sin." "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied. . . ." ". . . he hath poured out his soul unto death. . . ."

He suffered the volts of God's justice, condemned and forsaken, so that He could save man from death and construct him anew. "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." The wedding revealed in the scriptures is the sweetest and most moving romance of all time.

We take up the true story with the everyday experience of man's drudgery and just existing. The heavy harness of sin galls and blisters. Its

pain lashes in pitiless cruelty. These works of the flesh fester out of the heart into open sin, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are **the things** which defile a man. . . ."

Terrible, nerve-racking fear sends tremors quaking throughout the heart. All that really matters, everything that really counts is absent. It is to men in such a state that the heavenly proposal is made to become His own. It is to those who have nothing that He invites to possess the golden treasure. "Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Found in the perfect Word of God is the Way to salvation. We receive a thought picture of the process that should transpire in the heart through the power of the Spirit of God. Translated by the Spirit they become working definitions in the soul and spirit. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

If man wants to find life in the Saviour he must turn about, forsaking his present life. To do this, man must submit to "the washing of water by the word." "Repentance from dead works" is the set of instructions that guide the heart through full cleansing. Of the eleven, Jesus said, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

The method God used in revealing His full counsel deliberately conceals it from those who harden their heart. ". . . the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken." To those who fully surrender to Him, each part fits perfectly to form a completed picture.

"They that be whole need not a

physician, but they that are sick. . . . I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." When the heart truly appraises its hopeless condition, the weight of sin presses heavily. The heart begins to weep, and each tear means a forward step, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." Travelling through these inward tears is the only possible way the Lord can help.

These inner processes show themselves in physical "works," because the body is the speaker for the heart. When the word is written in the inner man, sins are verbally confessed and wrongs are amended. We can be sure of this by God's revealed counsel. "And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: . . . So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed."

Regardless of the thought structure that may be erected, if this repentance has not been experienced, nothing is availed. The enemy is ready to snare all he can so that any good that may have transpired may wilt in darkness. Like Adam (Job 31:33), the iniquity is hidden in the bosom. But the word of God pierces through the maze of thoughts to the heart of the matter, speaking in clear tone: "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance. . . ."

"Faith toward God" brings the inner conviction of forgiveness of sins through our Lord Jesus Christ. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Peace is bestowed only after the full fruits of repentance have been wrought. With the appearance of this, the church should extend its hand to harvest the soul. "For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

It is very important that the body of believers carefully examine anyone who wishes to be united with them. The necessity of proving can

be seen in God's Word: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. . . ." The outward testimony of the convert, both through his words and through his relationships with believers, is the report of his heart. The Spirit of God, fulfilling the scriptures, speaks His will through the heart of His church.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. . . ." Baptism is a word that has been gathered from the Greek language. Those who understood this language would have received the thought picture of a person being submerged in water and brought out again.

There is a picture not visible to human eye, a picture experienced in hearing the language of heaven. Flowing in spiritual reality from Calvary is the blood of Jesus, all sufficient for every sinner that ever lived, if they would believe. In an inner baptism that is enacted through faith, the heart has been immersed in this fountain; the work of Calvary has been translated into the individual.

"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." The obedience to the act of baptism is the outward symbol of the heart that signs away the title to the old life. Baptism is the language of God that says in reality He sees the individual in Christ on Calvary.

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

The believer being raised from the water is a figure of a beautiful action that has transpired within. The inner man, with Christ, has risen into the roseate hues of resurrection. Death has no more power. The sinful past, with its heart-racking accusations, has been buried. There is now a child-like innocence that for the faithful will endure for ever and ever. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust,

that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit. . . . The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (Not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

With the laying on of hands and the prayer of His own, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in the body that now belongs to Christ. The heavenly wedding ceremony has in Truth now made One of Christ and the individual. "Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? . . . he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit . . . know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which* is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price. . . ."

Every child of God is enrolled in the school of sanctification. It was given as the Father's answer to His Son's prayer recorded in John 17. Part of it is: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

The Word of God is the text-book for each lesson. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." It requires careful concentration of the heart as its facts are memorized in deed and in truth. " . . . whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

To discover the definition of the word *sanctify*, God provides His own dictionary. Eph. 3:26 reveals it is done "with the washing of water by the word." Jesus' words reveal it is not a complete cleansing, but faults and trespasses that need to be washed. "He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit . . ."

Every one of God's children is responsible for serving his brother. "If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have

washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." With God's word through the power of the Spirit of love we humbly take a servant's place and endeavor in word and action to help our brother in true wisdom.

There is a very essential test we individuals who are imperfect must take to attain success. "Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." We must willingly administer the needle of confession and draw out those words that are needed. To the thoughts it is painful, but through the courage God grants, the path is opened and victory is won.

What bright, precious moments are spent as we reflect on what has been done for us. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God . . ." It was love that found us as poor, wretched street urchins. The Father took us, made us fit for His company, and clothed us with His righteousness. Then He patiently trains us so we become like His own Son in deed and truth.

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." We have tasted that which we could not even imagine before. All we had known was that one long, train of dark and troubled hours. In those shrouded days there was a vacant, unfilled void that a thousand lusts of burning passion could never fill. Now the gentle rapture of His love overwhelms the soul into the ecstasy of heavenly song. On and on into the limitless ages is the satisfaction that needs no further searching.

A careless word
 May kindle strife;
 A cruel word
 May wreck a life;
 A gracious word
 May smooth the way;
 A joyous word
 May light the way;
 A kindly word
 May lessen stress;
 A loving word
 May heal and bless.

● Also News of Births

Children Are An Heritage of the Lord

The atmosphere of home, whether healthy or sickly, is impressed on a child. Sometime in the wee morning hours of a young life, the little one begins to digest the traits of those about it. Notes are recorded that are played back in deeds and habits.

A godly home is an inheritance richly endowing a child for the business of life. The grandmother and mother of Timothy bequeathed to him the valuable treasures of Christian example and training. Timothy, through true repentance and belief, put them to profitable use, as an excerpt from one of Paul's letters shows. "... When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." At first hand, Timothy saw the power of Christ radiating from the hearts of these loved ones.

It's a sweet picture—a happy, little one. Its heart looks up to daddy and mommy. A little hand is outstretched in innocence. Will you violate this confidence? Within your reach is a Book that alone contains the knowledge through which your child can obtain future happiness. If you want a little one to have the facts at his command, and not guesses and untruths, then open this Book.

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

The upward look of a little one should be directed to the Fountain of Life. Have you told of the most important event of all, the Father's love that gave Jesus so that sinners might be saved? Have you told what man must do? You can sow good seed that some day, when the heart hears with understanding (Nehemiah 8:2), will clearly picture to the heart its condition and need of a Saviour.

Roanoke: There have been a number of new babies: a boy, Steven Har-

low, to Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Blunier; to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hodel, a son, Michael John; a son, Benjamin Donald, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Sauder; a girl, Joyce Elaine, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Aeschleman; to Mr. and Mrs. John Sauder Jr., a girl, Janice Ann; a son, William Victor, to Mr. and Mrs. William Klaus; to Mr. and Mrs. John Martin a boy, Samuel Richard; a boy, Jimmy Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. James Leman; a boy, Richard Altorfer, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zimmerman; to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gerber, a boy, Rickie Lynn; and a son, James Benjamin, to Mr. and Mrs. James Martin.

Tremont: A daughter, Rita Elise, was born on October 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Bertschi. On October 1, a son, Howard Glen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Sauder.

Peoria: Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Huber are the parents of a baby son, born to them on November 7.

Cissna Park: Mrs. Eileen Schlipf is the mother of a baby daughter, born November 6. She was named Ardena Kay. On October 28, a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hoffmann.

Toledo: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Newman are the parents of a daughter, Karen Sue, born October 31st.

Princeville: Mr. and Mrs. John Elsasser are the parents of a son, born October 21. Mr. and Mrs. David Ehnle are the parents of a son, born to them October 24, and Mr. and Mrs. David Kieser were blessed with a new daughter November 3.

FOR YOU WHO ARE "HAVING FUN"

Do you know what happened to me in my younger life? I went to dine in the hall of amusements. In very colorful words, Satan painted to me the life of enjoying myself. As I dined, I stumbled into a drunken stupor. God was crowded out of my life. Daily I bowed down to my idols, living in a bubble-like fantasy of falsehood.

I had a dream one night. My uncle and I were in an automobile; he was driving. It was dark, but not night. The pavement was wet with rain. We were on a road that was above a river. The car left the road; and death stared me in the face. Behind me lay my life of sin and my persistent shoving away of the loving Saviour's invitations. Ahead of me lay a few seconds of time and eternity. Would Jesus accept me?

The previews and shorts of this life will soon be over, and we will be living the main feature of eternity. Are you right with God? When you personally stand before the bar of justice, will you have a ready answer? "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

"... we spend our years as a tale that is told." "... it is soon cut off, and we fly away." So short a time ago we were looking far into the future to 1950, and now it is in the past. Figures flit across the horizon of our mind for a time and then disappear into eternity. The sunlight and shadows play across the graves that in the near yesterdays thought they had many Sundays yet to live. No sod of forgetfulness will cover sin's wounds, but the knives of thousands of evil memories will constantly stab one who has put off repentance.

How about you? When the evidence is brought out, will you receive the verdict of "Guilty"? Will you look back with an agonizing, heart-sick cry? "Can it be, my life is past, my every chance?" And with a resounding thud, will the realization come to you, "Almost—but lost"? Throughout the aeons of eternity, there will be one order for the unsaved "... in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be."

"What must I do to be saved?" The answer is still the same as revealed in God's Word, throwing one self through prayer into the arms of mercy of our Saviour, letting His

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The Secret of Sunshine Valley

[The beautiful veranda of God's Word is open anytime we wish to look at His beautiful promises. It presents a delightful view of eternal habitations. Brother Jack Bollier of our Leo Church brings out how wonderfully God favors His people with gifts and with promises.]

There is much comfort in God's Word. It is indeed a comfort that we do all need, for each new day presents its problems that will have to be solved. By God's unlimited grace we are able to meet these obstacles. Only with His grace can we surmount them in a way that would be favorable in His sight.

We read in I Peter, chapter one; verse seven: "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:"

The Lord has promised to be with us as long as we are true, but He did not promise us that we would have no trials or afflictions. He has promised to grant us grace sufficient for each day's need.

To those who are troubled with bodily afflictions, there are certainly limits to the depth which our aid can go. It is not so with the Lord. He can comfort the soul in ways that no mortal can describe. His comfort is free too! For all who seek there is more than enough. He can and will comfort us, whatever our need. But even more—in addition, His mercy continues to shine upon us and there is a much greater reward than one could dare dream of—a reward in Heaven.

Peter tells us of this in chapter five, verses ten and eleven: "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

Paul too tells us concerning affliction and the reward. In his second epistles to the Corinthians, chapter four, verse seventeen: "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;"

These two servants of old found these things to be true. Both Paul and Peter suffered much. When they, in the face of truly great trials, could find these things true, perhaps we should each search the wonderful Word of the Lord more—and find the comfort which is ours for the asking. Then too, strive more and more to do as the Word directs us. Truly there is comfort for those who seek and pray.

ARE YOU WALKING WITH GOD?

Genesis 5:24

[Miles do not separate one from God, but the dark and deep chasm of disobedience to the heavenly voice does. That yawning separation effectively bottles up the victim in the dismal cell of sin-slavery. There are futile rushes from one false door of vain desires to another. A silent and sincere "yes" to God enables Him to show the way to freedom and sunshine. Listen to Brother Henry Beer of our Milford church as he sets forth the beauty of the radiant pathway.]

It is a blessed privilege to walk with God. Though God is a spirit, and invisible, yet His presence is felt in a believer's heart and life. We walk not by sight, but by faith. Only by faith can we walk with God. Without faith we cannot please Him.

Faith is a living power from heaven;

Which grasps the promise God has given.

Securely fixed on Christ alone,
A trust that can not be o'erthrown.

It was faith that enabled Enoch of old to walk with God. In spite of the evil and moral decay of the age before the flood, faith kept him faithful to God. What a consolation to have this assurance that we are walking with God—neither running before, nor lingering behind.

Faith desires His presence at the break of day. Faith calls upon Him through the perplexities of the day's routine of labor or business. Faith reclines upon His bosom when weary of the toils of the day, and fain would join the poet:

All that my soul has tried,

Left but a dismal void.

Jesus has satisfied,

Jesus is mine.

Because the dear saint of old, Enoch, walked in God's will alway, God saw fit to remove him from evil surroundings.

Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you." Heaven is a place prepared for the prepared ones. For as we read: "... every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." O precious blood, that atoned for our sins; precious Lord, who imputed to us His righteousness; precious grace that enables us to walk with Him and to serve Him.

The translation of Enoch is a type or likeness of the rapture of the saints, which may occur at any time. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up with the resurrected saints, to meet the Lord in the air.

Dear friends, this is the hour of decision. Call by faith and repentance to Him, who said, "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." He is abundantly able to save. Then you may join with those who have a saving hope and say:

Oh Lord, haste the day, when my
faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a
scroll;
The trumpet shall sound, and the
Lord shall descend,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul.

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way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word. (Psalm 119:9). The Holy Spirit guides by giving wisdom and illuminating the mind." For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Phil. 2:13). The witness of the Spirit is also known by peace and assurance in our heart. And, the Lord guides by arranging the circumstances of our lives so that we walk in his will. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord" (Psalm 37:23).

When all three of these witness favorably we may go forward, assured that we are in God's will.

● Also News of Deaths

Tracing the Rainbow Through the Clouds

Tomorrow . . . if we save and work for eternity . . . will be endless sunshine and happiness. Today has its brief twelve hours of life; "it is soon cut off, and we fly away." Tomorrow we can awaken into the rosiness of an eternal sunrise of joy and song.

The small total of our years is unbending; every mile that we speed past means part of the balance has diminished, soon to vanish completely. "Man *that* is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not."

We are in 1952 now—but 366 days are soon passed. One by one the grains are dropping through, and soon we may be speeding through 1953. Our sorrows and troubles may lengthen our thoughts, but time waits for no one. Ceaselessly it pushes on . . . and on . . . and on; "we spend our years as a tale *that is told*."

For the year 1951 the story has been told. Somewhere in the past lie its sighs and tears, pain and labor. One by one, each in the same short length of time, the remaining chapters will be rapidly leafed through. "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

A *good-morning* lies in the future for God's own, an eternal day free from fear. There will be no severance of the heavenly circle. There will be no trials and temptations. . . . All will be perfect, exactly as we would have wanted, when we once experience it.

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

Some glad morning we are going to find that we have suddenly reached the attainment of our hopes and dreams. The fact stands that shortly, if we stand fast, we will find that the hues of hope turned to resplend-

ent sight. What a wonderful feeling that will be to be living in the actuality of our dreams!

Wolcott: Funeral services for our aged sister, Bertha Abersoll, were conducted by George Yergler on November 9.

Milford: Mrs. Edward Rassi passed away October 14. Funeral services were held October 16, with Herman Heuni officiating. On October 28, Mrs. Emma Baumgardner passed away, after suffering from a stroke. Funeral services were conducted by Henry Beer on October 30.

Leo: On September 30, Frank Klopfenstein passed away. Death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage. Funeral services were held October 3, with Sam Aeschliman officiating. Herman Schlatter passed away on October 9, following an operation. George Yergler officiated at the funeral services on October 12.

Peoria: Mrs. Mary Stuber of Chandlerville, Illinois, passed away September 28. Funeral services were held at the residence at Chandlerville, Sunday, September 30, with Michael Weyeneth officiating. One of our brothers in faith, Jacob Kibler, passed away October 19. His funeral was held on Monday, Oct. 22, with Roy Sauder officiating.

Roanoke: The funeral of Lydia Stortz was held on October 25. She died very suddenly at her home.

George Stoller passed away Nov. 8, after a long illness. His funeral was on Sunday morning, Nov. 11. Relatives and friends from Latty, Francesville, Leo, Fairbury, and other churches were present.

Tremont: Daniel Unsicker passed away on November 1. His wife, the former Mary Suchert, eight sons, and two daughters survive him. Services were held for him on November 4 by J. A. Getz.

Ernest Suchert passed away on November 7 at the age of 86 years. He leaves his wife, four daughters, and three sons. Services were held November 9.

FOR YOU WHO ARE "HAVING FUN"

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goodness lead step by step through repentance.

Now it can be different. As the Saviour calls you, give Him your hand. Satan has pulled the eyes of your soul out of focus. You see the life of having fun as enjoyable and pleasurable. Don't remain in this twisted and warped position. Don't forget: God can withdraw your breath on your next dip or curve on Satan's roller coaster of pleasure. It is a death ride you are on and the termination point is an eternity of hopelessness. Is the momentary thrill on which you have placed all your stakes worth the chance?

Hasten, for time is short! Jesus will soon come to take His own. Are you right with God? "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it."

Notice: The Silver Lining has received some comments that they were not receiving the paper. It has not been going out on regular monthly schedule. Perhaps at a later date a definite schedule can be followed. Each of you brothers and sisters can help us to determine the Lord's will in this by remembering us in prayers. Would you do this?

Would some of the brethren take time out and send us some writings? We believe the Lord will bless any or all who should do this. Here is a great opportunity to do good for many a one: some who are shut-in, others perhaps in a remote place unable to attend church, others in the service of our country, at home or abroad. Have you a word of spiritual blessing you can share with them in writing? Please take this matter to the Lord in prayer and find out what His answer will be.



NEWS



Alabama

Matt Wackerle returned home, after being in Alabama some time in the work of the Lord.

Sunday, November 25, Henry Kilgus from Forrest, Illinois, Joseph and Elmer Klopfenstein with their wives from Gridley, Illinois, were in Alabama, leaving in the evening.

The parents and children were remembered with gifts over the holidays.

Otto Norr was in Alabama a number of weeks.

Bremen

On Oct. 14, Mary Ann Zeltwanger was united in marriage to Eugene Witzig by Herman Hueni. They are making their home in San Antonio, Texas, where Eugene is stationed with the Army.

October 28 our Bremen congregation enjoyed the visit of Wolcott and Remington. We were all blessed at the program in the evening, in which Remington and Wolcott participated.

Among the visitors on November 4, were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton and Otto Ramseyer of Bay City. The memorandum of the Peoria Conference was read.

November 18 brought a group from Chicago to our church. We appreciated the blessed fellowship in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cissna Park

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zimmerman from Roanoke were in our midst on November 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wagonbach and Danny Kupferschmid, were home on a week-end pass on November 11. Mr. and Mrs. George Wagenbach from Princeville were with us on November 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hofer have moved into our midst. We hope they will like their new home.

Mrs. Minnie Vogel was hospitalized from injuries.

Detroit

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach, Jr., and Alan, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Knochel, and Frances Maibach spent the week-end of October 14 in Latty, Ohio.

We enjoyed the visit of Marian Wiegand of Goodfiled, Martha and Mary Tanner of Peoria, Mrs. Della Stahl of Congerville, and Elsie Ehlman of Cissna Park, who spent several days here the week of October 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Wieland and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Klopfenstein and son of Latty, Ohio, and Phillip Stier of Mansfield, Ohio, visited here on October 21.

The week-end of October 28, Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Graf and daughter and several from Bay City visited relatives here.

Visiting us the week-end of November 4, were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Metz and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Honegger of Forrest, Illinois.

Godfrey Schlatter of Toledo, Ohio, and Jesse Emch of Girard, Ohio, held evening services here November 8.

Elgin, Iowa

Mrs. Paul Pulfer, Ida Frieden, Eunice, Phyllis, and Grace Gehring spent October 15 at West Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ramseyer visited our congregation Sunday, October 21. Church services were also held in the evening.

Mrs. Jacob Gehring spent October 23 to 29 at Rock Rapids. She helped care for her aged mother, Mrs. Mary Mogler.

Mrs. John Pulfer, Bertha and Johnnie visited in West Bend, Sunday, October 28.

Pfc. Uriel Gehring is spending an 18-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gehring.

Lawrence Butikofer was on the sick list.

Forrest and Fairbury

There was a double wedding held at Forrest on September 23, with Henry Kilgus officiating. Miss Esther Metz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Metz of Forrest was united in marriage to Earl Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gerber of Rockville, Connecticut. Earl's sister, Miss Margaret Gerber, was united in marriage to Eugene Fehr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fehr of Roanoke, Illinois. Both Earl and Eugene are stationed

at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, with the Armed Forces.

John Widrick of Croghan, New York, and John Bahler of Rockville, Connecticut, held services in Forrest on Tuesday evening, October 2.

On Sunday, October 21, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bucher of LaCrosse, Indiana, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Honegger. Brother Bucher conducted the services in Forrest that day.

Al Fisher of Chicago was a visitor and conducted services in Forrest on Wednesday evening, October 31.

Three cars of young folks, including Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wiegand, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Blunier, Mr. and Mrs. John Fehr, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Huette, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bachtold, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Huette, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Zimmerman visited the Cissna Park Congregation on Sunday, November 11. They were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bauer.

Miss Mabel Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hartman, and Claude Springer of Burlington, Okla. were married in Fairbury, Nov. 4. Joshua Broquard performed the wedding ceremony. The new couple will live at Burlington.

Leo

Those in the service from the Leo congregation are: Marvin Stieglitz, stationed with the army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Dwight Souder, now stationed at Pearl Harbor a while, Thomas Mills is at Shepherd Field, Texas; Edward Sutter, Jr., is in the Hawaiian Islands; and Wayne Rennecker is back home.

After spending several months with friends and relatives here, Martha Conrad and her niece, Elsie Conrad, returned to their home in Portland, Oregon.

The Bremen Sunday School members were our guests in September and participated in the program for our Young People's Meeting.

Henry Beer of Milford, Indiana, was guest speaker at the October Sunday School Meeting.

Otto Norr returned home December 17, after spending sometime with our congregation in Alabama.

The "Good Cheer Group" met in the church dining room to sew for European relief. Word was received of the great need in Yugoslavia for used clothing. Many pieces of used clothing were brought in, some of which needed mending; blocks were cut out of scrap material to piece comforter tops; sheets were made of feed sacks, and clothes for small children were cut from flannel and sewed.

Many items someone will prize can be made from feed sacks; curtain sets, sheets, pillow cases, dish towels, children's undergarment, scrub rags, etc. Print feed sacks can be used to make dresses, aprons, children's pajamas and dresses, pieced quilt, comfort tops, etc. There are even many uses for the string with which sacks are sewed.

Anyone having clothing they wish to give to another in Yugoslavia send to: John Haring, 57 W. First St., Mansfield, Ohio.

Milford

Marian Beer, Frank Beer, Jr., Arthur Moser, and Lowell Rassi visited at Fort Meade, Maryland, the first week-end of October.

Evelyn and Lois Beer; Barbara Armbruster; Rosemary Stieglitz; Ann Haab; Rose, Mildred, and Esther Rapp; Marcella Steffen, and Edna Lehman spent the Sunday of October 7, at the Latty and Junction churches.

Leroy Lehman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lehman, left October 22, and is now stationed at Lackland Air Force Base at San Antonio, Texas.

The engagement of Marcella Steffen to Charles Sauder of Mansfield was announced October 14.

The adult Sunday School class visited in Peoria the week-end of October 20 and 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Beer and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reimschiesel recently spent a few days at Fort Meade, Maryland, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Theo Beer's son, Philip, and also travelled on to New York and Connecticut.

Philip Beer was home on a week-end pass the 10th and 11th of October.

Visitors in Milford on October 11 were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haab, Nora

Gilliam, and Emma Levy of Bluffton, Indiana, and Mr. and Philip Clauss and family of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Peoria

Many brethren and ministers of our congregation throughout the United States attended the annual conference which was held this year at the new Peoria Apostolic Christian Church, September 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sauder and Mr. and Mrs. William Maibach, spent Sunday, October 14, in Quincy.

Peter Fankhauser of Lamont, Kansas, had the services here on September 30. He had a very inspiring message.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kinsinger of Maywood, California, visited friends and relatives here.

Al Fisher of Chicago and David Mangold visited here October 14.

The Ezra Hohulins', Harry Sutters', Lester Wagenbachs', and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth spent Sunday, September 23, in Remington, Indiana. They were guests of Erma Beckley and her father.

A group of members and friends; also Elmer Hartter of Milford visited here Sunday, October 21. Brother Hartter had an inspiring sermon, which all enjoyed. A supper was served at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gudeman and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heinold of La Crosse visited our congregation on November 4. Brother Gudeman had a very inspiring message. They were supper guests on Saturday at the Michael Weyeneth home and on Sunday at the home of Roy Sauder.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hodel, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pfau, and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Leman of Roanoke spent Sunday, November 4, here. They are guests at the Chris Hoerr, Sr., home.

Sam Stoller left for California, October 12, to spend a few weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Paul Messer, and family.

Sarah Hartman underwent surgery.

Roanoke

Dorothy Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin, and Willard Sauder, son of Mrs. John Sauder, were married on October 7.

On October 27-28, several cars of

young folks from La Crosse, Indiana, visited in Roanoke. They were entertained at the homes of Ruth Schumacher, Winifred Martin, and Marie Aeschleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sauder vacationed in New Orleans and stopped at several places in Mississippi.

Several young married couples, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hodel, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sauder, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zimmerman visited in La Crosse during the week-end of November 11.

November 4 was the wedding day of Eunice Fehr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fehr of Roanoke and David Beutel, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Beutel of Tremont. They plan to make their home in Tremont after returning from their wedding trip to Texas.

Marjorie Leman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Leman, and Richard Rocke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rocke, were united in marriage on November 11. Many from Elgin and Peoria were present for the wedding.

Lester Fischer, who was stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland, has been home on furlough for 14 days. He is being transferred to Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Bittner, (Mrs. Bittner was the former Anna Sauder), returned home from six weeks of travel through the Western States and California, after their recent marriage.

Many gathered at the home of Marilyn Weyneth to fill and pack Christmas overseas boxes to be sent to friends and brothers stationed in Korea.

Toledo

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frautschi and family from Goshen, Indiana visited in Toledo the week end of Nov. 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wackerle and daughters Mabelle and Eldine and Mae Guenzel from Bay City, Michigan visited relatives and friends in Toledo the week end of Nov. 11th.

Our Sunday School Classes had their annual Thanksgiving Program on Sunday evening, November 18th.

On November 18th we had visitors from various places: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dotterer, Mr. and Mrs. Rich-

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True Service

[Life in Jesus is a completely new experience. Methods of thinking are not revisions of our old way, but a new language of understanding. Earthly values and concepts lie in the past as a child of God lives in the heavenlies with joy unspeakable and full of glory. The following is from a sermon delivered around a century or more ago by Brother Samuel H. Frölich. Some changes have been made in the scripture to read as the version reads we use in the Silver Lining. Through the printed page we hear this beloved servant of God.]

"Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy."

Why does Paul say that we should pursue love as though it would escape us? If someone whom we would like to have with us tries to escape us, we hurry after him to bring him back. The same way must we do with love, for it continually would escape us.

This escaping, however, is not caused by God, but by the devil, who cannot bear to see love. Therefore he is always getting between God and people. He well knows that he wins much if he robs a heart of love, for where love leaves, hate enters. The heart does not remain empty. Love is the light of the inner life. Where love leaves, darkness enters. When the sun sets, night comes.

Paul well knew that a child of God must have love, so he urged to pursue it and also to pursue peace, for they go hand in hand. Who does not have love, does not have God, for God is love. From Him alone flows pure, divine love into all His children's hearts.

Paul also calls special attention to the gift of prophesying as being helpful. Prophesying is speaking in the congregation through the revelation of the Spirit unto the upbuilding of an existing church.

If I would edify a church through preaching of God's Word, there must already be a church existing; otherwise, it would be impossible to edify, encourage, exhort, comfort, and teach

it. The foundation must have been laid; then only can one build up, as Paul says: "... as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation . . . let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon . . . gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble . . ." The day of the Lord will make manifest what each man's work is.

Fire will test the work. Gold, silver, and precious stones but become brighter, more glorious, more clean and more pure. Wood, hay, and stubble, however, will be consumed by fire. Who is not built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets can not stand the test when sufferings and distress come. I am sure that some will fall short who now still let themselves be called brothers and sisters.

For as certain as it is that all members who are a disgrace to us will be removed, so certain it is that all members that are a disgrace to the body of Christ will be removed. Just as we may still have such members of our body, so also it may be that there are still members in the church. When the day of the Lord comes, however, neither the former nor the latter will be there.

If divine love is not the impelling motive in a person who preaches the gospel, the church will not be upbuilt. The result will be a botch which cannot endure. What good is such preaching? It neither brings improvement nor upbuilding. Whoever is not impelled by true love should remain silent! for neither he nor his following can stand. True, pure love must be the primary impulse for edifying the church.

If there are among you brothers whose ambition it is to work for the Lord, or to serve because of love for the brothers and sisters, they should speak! The Holy Spirit will teach such a one how and what he shall preach.

I am fully convinced that though they be but a few words that are spoken, wrought by the Holy Spirit, yet more blessing will remain from

them than from many words spoken from one's self.

Perhaps many a one among you has had the thought that he would like to work for the Lord in this way. He that has this thought should do as he is impelled to do by true, pure, living love toward God and his brethren. He will certainly find words whereby the church will be edified.

To those of His children to whom God has given but few gifts, He has, nevertheless, given love, which is the greatest of all gifts. And if a person had no other gift than this, he could yet be helpful to the church. Oh, that we but employ this joy!

Each should use the gift which he has received from the Lord in all faithfulness and humility. For no one receives the gift for himself alone, but in order to be able to serve others.

The more gifts a person has, the more should he serve, for serving is the true attitude of Christ. Here there is only serving, not ruling, to be done. Paul writes to one church: "... ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you."

But we still have a very lowly position, and are daily delivered to death. Jesus said: "... the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister . . ." And, "... whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth?" It is clear that it is he who sits at the table. God has promised the greatest reward to him who serves.

Who for Christ's sake would be and is the servant of all will be greatest in heaven. We cannot sell our bodies for a more precious price than to use them to serve the Lord and to work for Him. And if we must lose it for Christ's sake, that is our gain.

"... ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." These exalted words are applied by Paul to the church of Christ. Although the Corinthian church was not the whole body of Christ, yet he addressed them: "ye are the body of Christ." Who then

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Which Knew Not Joseph

[The Old Testament contains a history of people who lived long ago. From these examples we can gather principles that can be used with present day circumstances. Joseph lived in beautiful obedience to the divine will. His life was abundantly fruitful and provides an example for those who wish to be fruitful in God's work. The children of Israel provide many examples for us to gather helps and conclusions. Listen to some of the happenings of those in olden times and how they can be used in present day life. One of our brothers who works at Peoria, Illinois—Henry Zeller—has written much of the following.]

The phrase "Which knew not Joseph" appears in Scriptures twice in the exact wording and once again in a slightly different form. It may appear again somewhere but I have not found any other place. In the Acts, Chap. 7, Verse 18 it is written, "Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph." The quotation appears in this New Testament book as a retelling of the original story found in the latter chapters of Genesis and the early chapters of Exodus. The story of Joseph as found in these books follows.

Joseph was the eleventh of the twelve sons of Jacob, the true ancestor of the Hebrew nation. Joseph was born of Jacob's second wife and was held in higher esteem by his father than were his eleven half-brothers and brother. In jealousy of his favored position, some of his brothers arranged to sell Joseph into slavery. They sold him to the traders of an Egyptian caravan and told Jacob that Joseph had been killed by a wild beast.

Joseph received a remarkable divine explanation interpreting the meaning of strange dreams and when the Pharaoh of Egypt had disturbing dreams, he sent for Joseph to give him an interpretation. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream to mean seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine for the land of Egypt. Pharaoh was so pleased with Joseph's sense and wisdom that he chose him prime minister. Joseph, for seven years, gathered and stored one-fifth of all crops grown in Egypt. When the famine began and had lasted a while, the people became hungry, having used up their surplus. Joseph

sold them the grain he had stored. When the people's money was all gone, he exchanged the stored grain for cattle, and when the cattle had all been acquired, he exchanged the grain for title to the people's land. By this shrewd planning he had virtually forced the people of Egypt into bondage, for he issued the people seed to plant crops, directing that one-fifth of all they harvest be returned to Pharaoh as his right. That practice continued right down to modern times.

During the time of the famine, Joseph's family in Canaan also was suffering and upon hearing that there was corn available in Egypt, Jacob sent his sons to buy some. Joseph, being the overseer of grain distribution, met his brothers when they came to purchase grain "And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him" (Genesis 42:8). Eventually Joseph revealed himself to his brothers and Jacob's entire family (actually the entire Hebrew nation at that time) was invited to come and live in Egypt.

Joseph died at the age of 110, and in the book of Exodus, Chap. 1, starting at verse 7 we read:

"And the children of Israel (i.e. another name given to Jacob) were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them."

8 "Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph."

9 "And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:"

10 "Come on, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land."

The Hebrew people had come and seeing their opportunity made the best of it. By diligence and hard work they gradually became a power to be reckoned with by the native Egyptians. Reading a bit further in Exodus we find that a new Pharaoh

ascended the throne who apparently did not remember the deed Joseph had done for Egypt. This Pharaoh being fearful of the Hebrews' growing power issued an order to the Hebrew midwives to kill all Hebrew male children at birth. The order was disobeyed by the midwives "who feared God" and the Hebrews, therefore, multiplied and grew even more powerful. Pharaoh finally enforced his order on all the people. The Hebrews, led by Moses, left Egypt for Canaan.

I have referred to the story leading up to and beyond the quotation "Which knew not Joseph" believing that the entire story should be brought out in order to derive an interpretation. The quotation itself has no particular meaning to me without the story,

Although several interpretations relative to business may be taken from the story of Joseph, particularly his storing of the grain and his gradual acquisition of the people's lands, perhaps the interpretation most nearly fitting our increase lies in the quotation from Exodus, "And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly," etc. Biblical phrases have a multitude of such interpretations depending on the interpreter's field of endeavor.

Business can be taken in much the same light as the Hebrew nation of Joseph's time. From a small beginning, it has expanded into gigantic proportions. Among business there are several "Josephs"—immense corporations dominating their field but at the same time doing great service to the public. These corporations and all businesses have "multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them" (Ex. 1:7).

Now there arose up a government which knew not "Joseph." [The Communistic organization in the world today hates the system of freedom.] It chooses to ignore the good business has done—that its gigantic potential has given employment to the people

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ard Schlatter and family from Junction; Misses Laura Conrad and Dolores Widner from Fort Wayne, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Belsley and daughter from Detroit, Michigan; Elmer Sauder from Mansfield, Leon Graf from Akron, Emmet and Wilma Gasser, Janet and Velma Bauman and Jane Hartzler from Rittman, Ohio; and Pauline Bailey and family from Tecumseh, Michigan.

Princeville

Pvt. Robert Knoblock has arrived from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and spent a thirty-day furlough with relatives, before leaving for the Far East. Many friends and relatives from our congregation spent November 11 in Oakville, Iowa, and witnessed the wedding of Robert to Marvel Moser.

Charles Hemmer, Arthur Baurer, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Herrmann of Fort George Meade, Maryland, spent the week-end of November 11 with relatives.

Jeff Streitmatter, Jr., who has been enjoying a furlough with his parents, returned with them to his post at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Martin arrived home November 16 from a trip through the West. They visited at Portland, Oregon; Maywood, California; and with their son, Nathan, who is stationed at Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco, stopping at Phoenix, Arizona, on their return home.

Remington

Mr. and Mrs. Ramas Schlatter and Melba, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Winzeler and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Winzeler and daughter, Katharine Norr, and Dorothy Winzeler from Leo; and Tillie Frank, Nellie Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gerber from Morton, visited our congregation on Sunday, November 11. They were dinner and evening guests at Lena Knochel's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Zahner and sons from Rockville, Connecticut, spent several days visiting in our community with their parents and relatives. Mrs. Zahner is the former Clara Beckley, daughter of Conrad Beckley.

God, in His boundless love and mercy, does surely bless all those who put their trust and confidence in Him at all times. We enjoyed having Mr. and Mrs. Herman Heuni and family with us on November 4.

Tremont

Miss Helen Beutel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beutel of Tremont, and Roy Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Zimmerman of Metamora, were united in marriage on October 7. They are living on a farm near El Paso, Illinois.

Vernon Koch returned from Korea, where he spent nine months. We are very thankful to have him home again. His brother, Jerry Koch, also spent a few days over Armistice Day at home with his mother, Mary Koch and family. Jerry is stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Wolcott

On October 21, the Sunday School children and their parents enjoyed a wiener roast and singing at the home of Irvin and Dorothy Lehman.

Kenneth Furrer has been inducted into the Army and is stationed at Ft. Meade, Maryland.

Mrs. John Widmer and Mary Ellen of Lamar spent several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edward Widmer and other relatives.

Our Sunday School children presented a short Thanksgiving program in addition to our regular song service on November 18.

Sam Gauger has returned home from Wabash Valley Sanatorium, where he had gone for treatment.

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belongs to this body of Christ must be fully assured of it through the Holy Spirit. Whoever does not have that Spirit, however, does not belong to the body of Christ or to the church and shall also not share the Lord's Supper. For Paul writes in the same letter: "The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"

As our body, however, is made up of many members, so also is the body of Christ. And as we do not want to lose a single member, but rather pay

the most attention to those that are the most imperfect, so should we also do with the weak members in the church. The stronger ones should bear those who are weaker, look after them and lead and encourage them. Even if we believe that such are a disgrace to the church, we should bear them with patience, if they only do not sin. For sinners do not belong in the church of God. Paul says, "... put away from among yourselves that wicked person." Much that still appears to be, and is, weak can still be made glorious. Christ shed His precious blood for all, and we are not yet at the goal, for also those who are stronger have their imperfections. We daily feel this, that we are not yet perfect.

With this I would close for this time. May the Lord bless you, and may He bless this Word which we have together meditated upon. May He bless it in your hearts so that it may bring forth its fruit which shall remain in eternity.

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of the land and actually maintained the government. ("Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities . . ." Ex. 1:11). The Pharaoh, by his impositions, eventually lost the Israelites out of his land—communistic government, by its impositions, would eventually kill business.

An explorer discovered ancient iron ore smelters at the head of the Gulf of Adabah, the site of Ezion-Geber (1 Kings 9:26). He reasoned, There must be ore near here, so he searched and found valuable desposits of iron ore and copper ore in the mountains about twenty miles south of the Dead Sea.

The mineral wealth of the Dead Sea is valued over a thousand billion dollars.

Jerusalem now has a population of over 100,000.