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Treasured Verses

"The LORD *is* good to all: and his tender mercies *are* over all his works. All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Thy kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion *endureth* throughout all generations."

Psalm 145:9-13

A Message

From our brother, Amos Hartzler, of our Rittman church.

Dreadful threats for time and eternity, but also very encouraging instructions and promises how to escape and be relieved of all, not given by a human being, who will die and not be able to keep his promises, but from Him who could truthfully say, Unto Him is given all power in heaven and upon earth. Recently it was printed in the newspapers (although it is not advisable to devote too much time reading newspapers), still it is printed and placed before the public and feared that those dreadful bombs may be dropped onto many of our American cities, and it is advised that bomb-shelters should be prepared as a place of safety, which evidently causes great fear and anxiety in the hearts of many. But let us take the word of God which will be fulfilled without fail, When the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth and the works

that are therein shall be burned up. 2nd Peter Chapter 3, verse 10.

This we know will be fulfilled at the appointed time of the Heavenly Father.

And at that time no bomb shelter, nor any thing made or built by man will avail any thing, and here is where our dear Saviour's teaching be heeded, fear not them which have the power to kill the body but can do no more. But he said, fear Him who after He hath killed also has power to cast into hell, everlasting fire, and more impressive *Yea I say unto you fear Him.* Who suffered so intensely to redeem us.

Now He has prepared every thing, and a wonderful plan for us unworthy beings to escape all these terrible events, and we will be well provided for if we only heed and obey and accept His kind invitation, Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. etc.

St. Matthew 11:28-29-30.

But we dare not be careless nor negligent of our duties and his requests, as it will be a fearful thing to meet that Judge in an unprepared con-

dition. And may every one give this very important matter a deep and solemn consideration and may the Lord give or add His blessing to the same.

“unto God my exceeding joy”

Henry Souder Jr.

A certain man had reached the exit from this life. In whispered words he said, “How beautiful God is.”

God is beautiful. His beauty is a color symphony of awesome grandeur.

“...from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.”

Our eyes on earth have seen the delightful views made with his Artist's Hand. He kindles the glittering diamonds of the night sky. Every little star has something to say about Him. He brushes the evening with His sunset colors.

But we have never looked upon God. He is wonderfully beautiful to look upon! Every one in heaven talks about His glory. The brightness about Him appears as the beautiful rainbow. His appearance is magnificently lovely. Blazing flames of beauty has this heavenly Father. He enriches all about with the heavenly glow of glorious hues.

“...how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty!”

Being happy is the joy of His children. The Spirit of glory glows in their inner dwelling with glorious Light. Real spiritual life has dawned in everlasting splendor. God reveals His greatness to His own.

They have found the secret of joy, and it is God. Without Him, it is impossible for joy unspeakable and full of glory to rejoice the heart. He is the Source of Life. He is joy and peace. To His own, He is all in all.

“Sing unto the Lord, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation.”

From darkest night to glorious light...that is real salvation. Only God could do it. His own see it and know the vast difference.

They see how dead was the slumber without God. They know how all life without Him is a casket. They know what it is to be alive from the dead.

The Cross... glorious it stands, showing God's greatness.

He came the way it was planned. But, oh, the love it took to drink that cup of suffering! Love, it truly passes knowledge.

God was worthy to be received with the finest of earth...He came from the heavenly homeland...was perfect in all that He did...

He clothed Himself with servant's clothes. He shouldered the iniquities that belonged to us. He died for us. Only such unutterable love could have taken such anguish.

“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.”

Heavenly wonders unfold to the pure in heart. Friendship in this highest beauty reveals joys and dreams unknown before. Fellowship is the way of life of eternity. God's greatness is seen beautiful in His intimate love instilled in the family of Home.

Now Home is the place He provides. In its way contentment abounds. Our bodies are not home, but deeper, our hearts are. He has transformed us, and we will never be the same. We are built for eternity. We can only be satisfied with eternity.

“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!”

The sun-bursts of dawn has indeed wrought Day. The clouds have passed away...the mid-night wandering has ceased. Now, with His Spirit, He carefully sculpts an inner likeness unto Himself.

Nor need we be startled by His mysterious ways. The wake of His will is storm-tossed for divine purposes. But the thunder of His almighty power shakes the darkest of nights. The glory of His love streams in the scorching heat of summer.

Our life's tremblings are His golden opportunities. He has methods eternal when He brings us through sorrow and pain, perplexity and distress.

"Who *is* like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who *is* like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful *in* praises,

doing wonders?"

Though their be pain and sorrow...

Just before eternity can be His soft twilight joy. He brushes it with the radiant colors of His delightful home-side. The love of morning without sorrow is a real life scene all His own. He breathes the joy of ageless splendor. He softly mellows the heart in rich contentment.

How delightful it is to sink back into His comfort. The heart thrills to the charm of Home. Here the happiness is ever-lovely. One who is of Home would rather be nowhere else. He indeed knows that this is life for ever.

"Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy:"



NEWS



BLUFFTON

Friends Ernie Isch and Lucile Pfister were married on July 31 by Brother John Yergler at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

On July 31, a son, Kent Jeffery, was born to True and Marcella Tonner Yergler.

A son Kris Anthony was born to Wm. Jr. and Betty Neuenschwander Frauhiger, on Aug. 7.

Brother Simon Wagenbach of Tremont visited the Bluffton Church on Aug. 24.

Brother Art Gudeman of LaCrosse visited our church on Sunday, Aug. 31.

On Aug. 31 Friends Vernon Meyer and Carol Kaehr were united in marriage by Brother Sam Aeschliman.

Brothers Philip and Fred Gutwein of Francesville visited in our church on Sunday, Sept. 14.

Brother and Sister Elias Souder and Son Henry from Leo, Brother Aaron and Ezra Sauder of Mansfield were also our guests on Sunday Sept. 14.

6 Friends were announced for near future Proving on Sunday Sept. 14.

Brother and Sister Reuben and Marjory Maller Ringger are the

parents of a new son, Phillip Lee, born on Sept. 15.

Brother John Moser and Sister Mary Gerber were United in marriage on Wednesday evening September 17 by Brother Sam Aeschliman.

Due to the rapid growth of our Sunday School a room was remodeled joining our present large room, this room will accommodate approximately 75 more scholars.

BREMEN

Births: A son, Mark Robert, to Earl and Marge Zeltwanger on 2 August 1958.

A daughter, Lyn Ann, to John, Jr. and Sonja Laidig on 14 September 1958.

Visiting Ministers: Otto Norr from Leo on 7 September 1958. Al Fisher from Chicago on 27 July 1958.

Young People: 26 August 1958 — Leo young people invited our young people to Fort Wayne for the evening.

1 September 1958 — Our young people spent the day in Remington with the young people from the churches in Indiana and the church in Cissna Park, Illinois.

CISSNA PARK

A set of twins, Betty Louise and Sherman Ray, was born to Brother George and Sister Isabelle Bauer on July 22.

Brother Alan Beer of Milford, Indiana and Sister Dorothy Gudeman of here were married on August 17 by Brother Theo Beer of Milford.

Sister Karen Hari and Brother Willard Feller were married by Brother Joe A. Getz on August 24.

A son, David Lee, was born to Brother Herman and Sister Arcelia Bauer on September 9.

We are very thankful that another soul was added to our flock. Irvin Hodel was proved and baptized by Brothers Josh Broquard of Fairbury and Silas Leuthold of Princeville on September 14. Irvin returned home last month after spending over a year in Korea serving the government.

Brother Sam Bauer of here and Sister Beverly Hohulin of Goodfield were married there on September 14 by Brother Frank Woertz.

Visiting ministers during recent weeks were: Brothers Andrew Dotterer, Junction, Ohio and Ernest Graf, Akron, Ohio, July 27; Brother Sam Kilgus, Remington, Indiana, August, 10; Brother Eli Somerhalter, Burlington, Oklahoma, August 12; and Brothers Henry Beer, Milford, Indiana, and Art Gudeman, LaCrosse, Indiana, August 17.

We are also thankful for three souls who have just recently given their hearts to the Lord. They are Wayne and Doris Jacobs and Mary Ellen Brenner.

ELGIN, IOWA

Funeral services were held for Brother Edward Metzger Sept. 5. This community was both shocked and grieved to learn of his death. He fell from a tree while attempting to remove some dead branches and died several hours later. He leaves a wife and one son.

Our Bible Sunday School class enjoyed a visit with the Alabama church-

es in company with their teacher Brother Uriel Gehring.

The marriage of Sister Judith Straussheim of Oakville, Iowa, and Brother Uriel Gehring is to take place Sept. 28 at Oakville.

JAPAN

The following is quoted from a personal letter written by one of our elder brothers who visited Japan.

"We were amazed in the increased interest for Salvation in contrast to three years ago. We interviewed around 20 people and baptized and accepted (Editor's note: 10 converts). We gave liberty for 2 Japanese Brethren to preach, one at Kofu and 1 in Tokyo. Brother Willis is permitted to perform baptism upon our instructions in specific instances.

We had large attendance of more than 100 each time.

JUNCTION

Obituary of Anna Manz

Anna Dotterer Manz was born in Paulding County, Ohio, on June 20, 1870, and died at her residence in Paulding on July 30, 1958, after an illness of only one day. She reached the age of 88 years, 1 month and 10 days.

On October 30, 1891, she was united in marriage to Jacob Manz, of Archbold, Ohio, where they lived until 1900 when they moved to Paulding County. She had been a widow since 1936.

Surviving are three sons, Henry, Adam and Emanuel Manz, all of Paulding; five daughters, Mrs. Magdalena Stoller, Latty, and Mary, Hulda, Frieda and Anna Manz, all of Paulding; twenty-one grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three brothers, Ben Dotterer, Mansfield, Ohio; and Isaac and Andrew Dotterer, Paulding; four sisters, Mrs. Mary Keidel, Cissna Park, Illinois; Sarah and Caroline Dotterer, Mansfield, Ohio, and Mrs. Martha Laukhuf, Paulding.

Funeral services were held at the Junction Apostolic Christian Church on Sunday, August 3. Mrs. Manz was

a member of the church for seventy years. Burial was in the Dotterer Cemetery near the church.

LACROSSE

Our Community has again been saddened by the death of two loved ones.

Sister Lena Heiniger (Wife of Bro. Sam Heiniger) passed away on Aug. 3. She was laid to rest on Aug. 6.

Bro. Matt Heinold passed away on Sept. 13, after suffering a heart attack. Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Herman Hueni on Sept 16.

Baptismal services were held on Aug. 24 for Donald Gudeman.

Recent visiting ministers here were Bro. Ben Banwart of Lamar, Mo.; Bro. Joe Klopfenstein, Gridley, Ill.; Bro. Grimm, Quincy, Ill.

A daughter, Susan Kay, was born to Bro. Don & Sister Judy Feller on Aug. 31.

Sunday School Classes were again started on Sept. 7 after a Month vacation.

The Wedding engagement of Sister Dona Kellenberger of Elgin & Bro. Cortland Bucher was announced Sept. 7.

The Ft. Sam Reunion was held in this Community on Sat., Aug. 10, with about 60 Couples attending, A large number stayed over and worshiped with us on Sunday, Aug. 11.

LEO

We are happy to report that our dear Brother William Klopfenstein has returned home and is able to attend church services. He had spent several months in the Spear Hospital at Denver, Colorado.

Our oldest member here, Sister Bertha Blough, passed her 95th Birthday on September 15. She is enjoying fairly good health and is back in her home in Ft. Wayne, 524 Lawton Place.

Brother Joel Souder, George and Elizabeth Stieglitz and their son attended the funeral of Matt. Heinold of LaCrosse, Ind., on Sept. 15.

About 20 people from around here attended the funeral of Sister Lillian Leman of Eureka, Ill., on Sept. 19.

MANSFIELD

Henry Beer of Milford conducted Services Sunday, Aug. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sauder spent the week of Aug. 17 in Chicago visiting their son Eugene and family.

Elder Rudolf Graf visited our congregation Aug. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oesch and Martha visited in Alto Sunday Aug. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Leman, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lehmann and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schneider of Forrest, Ill. spent Sunday, Aug. 31 with us.

A group from the Sunday School spent the Labor day week end visiting the Detroit congregation.

Elder Sam Aeschliman and wife spent Sunday, Sept. 6, with our congregation and visiting his brother-in-law, Elmer Gilliom, who is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sabo and Dorothy were in Fairbury, Sunday, Sept. 7.

Aaron and Ezra Sauder visited in Bluffton, Sunday Sept. 14, and then picked up the new Zion Harps.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Getz, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bahler of Remington and Mr. and Mrs. Obed Gerber of Bluffton spent Sunday in our midst. Also a number from Rittman, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Riggerbach, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sabo, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beer, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stavenik spent Sunday, Sept. 14, in Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Shaurvecker left Sept. 12 for Germany to visit his mother and two sisters, whom he has not seen for many years.

Simon Beer and Lydia Sprunger were married Thursday evening, Sept. 18. Elder Rudolph Graf performed the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kleshinski spent Sunday, Sept. 14 at Leo, Indiana.

A group visited the Monroe Co. Church Sunday, Sept. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zollinger from Rittman visited with us Sunday, Sept. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Froelich spent Sunday, Sept. 21 with us.

MORTON

Brother Silas Leuthold of Princeville and Brother Henry Kilgus of Forrest assisted Brother Joe A. Getz with Communion services on Sunday, Aug. 3.

Sister Ida Hoerr, 57, died Aug. 7 and funeral services were Aug. 9. Brother Fred Grimm of Taylor, Mo. assisted Brother Joe Getz.

Claire Ann Kauffman 17, granddaughter of the Donat Widmers, was killed in an Auto accident Aug. 31. Burial services were held Sept. 4.

Born to The Ed Hauters' Aug. 19 a boy; to John Schicks' Aug. 16 a son; to John J. Getz Aug. 31, a daughter; and to Wm. Heutte Aug. 6, a daughter.

Many from here attended the wedding in Oakville of Sister Marilyn Gerst and Brother James Zimmerman. Aug. 31.

Brother Joe A. Getz and Brother Dave Mangold of Roanoke held services in Peoria Sept. 14.

PEORIA

We had a very blessed day Sunday, Sept. 14.

Four souls were baptized: Sophia Clauss, Jonas Ball, Emma Rapp, and Carl Rapp.

Our monthly Hymm sing directed by Richard Aeschleman, was held Sunday, Sept. 7, in the outdoor at the Dave Hoerr farm. There was a large attendance. It was very impressive.

Ed Meister and his wife Bernie have found peace and are awaiting baptism.

A dear Sister, Johanna Langjahr, passed away on August 25. She was ill only a few hours. She was loved by everyone and will be greatly missed.

Gust Scheitlin of Oakville, Iowa, Albert Scheitlin of Elgin, Ill.; George Gramm of Gridley, Ill.; also Herman Kellenberger of Elgin; Joe Getz of Morton; have been our visiting ministers.

Robert Miller and his wife and baby daughter are moving to Chicago, where he will attend a dental school. A Farewell gathering was held at the church, on Sunday evening Sept. 14. We regret

having them leave us.

RITTMAN

Births: On July 11 a daughter, Jollene Kay, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gasser; on July 31 a daughter, Carol Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer; on August 3 a daughter, Patty Lynn was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ramsier; on August 4 a daughter, Joan Elizabeth was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Rufener; and on August 18, a daughter, Peggy Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Bauman.

Deaths: Brother John Rufener passed away on July 22. Sister Marie Bodager passed away on July 30.

Recent visiting ministers were Bro. Henry Sabo and Bro. Paul Banwart. We enjoyed their visits very much.

TAYLOR

A son, Mark Edward was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gerst on Sept. 6.

The Sunday School pupils, teachers and others attended Camp Fellowship at Wichita, Kan., on Aug. 10.

Recent visiting ministers are Bro. Joe Schrock of Congerville and Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park.

WICHITA

On July 25 Brother and Sister Loren Strahm and Brother and Sister Rudolph Bahr of the Gridley Congregation visited here.

Saturday evening, August 9 the Wichita Church was host at a picnic supper held at the Camp Fellowship dining hall to many from Lamar and Taylor, Mo., Ft. Scott and Sabetha, Ks. Quite a number enjoyed the cabin facilities at Camp Fellowship for over night.

Sunday August 10, 299 persons from Lamar and Taylor, Mo., Burlington, Okla., Sabetha, Bern, Gridley, Lamont, Ft. Scott and Harper, Kansas registered at Camp Fellowship. Sunday School was held in the forenoon. Bro. Lester Hartter of Bern, Ks. brought a timely message at the afternoon meeting. Many who could not attend during the day attended the evening pro-

gram consisting of two song numbers from each Sunday School and two numbers by the Mass Chorus. Brother Eli Somerhalder gave a short message.

A tragic car accident occurred while Bro. and Sister Earl Sanders of Phoenix, Arizona were enroute home from visiting friends and relatives here and in Kiowa, Ks., resulted in the death of their little daughter Linda. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family.

WOLCOTT

Bro. Edward Lehman passed away very suddenly on August 19, his death coming as a great shock to our church and community. Bros. George Yergler, Theo Beer, and Henry Beer were officiating ministers at the funeral on August 22.

Bro. Joel Souder of the Leo church and Bro. Sam Kilgus from Remington were with us on Aug. 24.

Provings and baptisms were held the weekend of Sept. 7 for Ben, Marietta, Frank, and Jean Kyburz. Bro. Yergler assisted our Elder Bro. Lehman.

We are rejoicing over the news that our friend LeRoy Farney and his wife Frances, who are in Munich, Germany with the armed forces, have turned to the Lord in repentance.

A number of our young people attended the Youth Picnic at Remington on Labor Day. All of our Indiana churches were represented along with several from out-of-state. A blessed afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Our congregation was saddened by the passing away of our Friend, Elizabeth Datweiler. Her funeral was held on Sept. 15 at Forrest.

Our Sunday School enjoyed their annual picnic at Monticello City Park on Sept. 14.

SOLACE

O Weary Soul, in sin beset,
Why dost thou sorrow, doubt or fret?
Unto thy Master go in prayer,
Upon thy knees, thou'lt find him there.
Surrender heart and soul and mind,
Then peace and comfort thou shalt find.

Pour out thine heart in humble plea
And Satan from thee then must flee.
Dale Hartzler

24th of August

Dear Brother Henry and Sister Alice
(Ed. Note: the last name is Beer)

As greeting in christian love across many miles of land and sea, I want to share my great joy with you. Last Sunday I was baptized. It has been my cherished desire these three years since God called me according to the Scripture. I was buried with our Lord, Jesus Christ, and now I am walking in newness of life.

The joy and the happiness that I received last Sunday with other 9 sisters and brothers was, is and will be the greatest thing on the earth. For I became a son of God; I joined to the biggest and peaceful family in which God is Father and you are brother and sister.

Christ said that he is the true vine and that we are branches. I believe the true vine gives the true water of life to the branches. My prayer tonight is that I, the branch of the true vine, may yield a great bunch of grapes in God's grace and that the all branches may grow longer and stronger to cover, to contain the whole world. You will not forget, please, to help in prayer for a baby brother who has just been reborn.

I know you want to know the all names who became the children of God last Sunday in Japan. These are Brother, Akira Utsuki, Sisters Haruko Saiyusa, kiyo Asakawa who is church house keeper, Atsumi Satoyashi who has been S. S. teacher since you visited in Japan, Kayuko Hatsumi and Junko Hatsumi, Chisue Turuya, Stuneyo Misawa and Mari Uchida. Ten persons were baptized. It is very pity that I can not report the names of Hideko Maeyima and Sachie Tukayama as your and my sisters. Though they both repented earlier than I, yet they could not be baptized with us.

At last I ask you to pray to God for a small flock of sheep in Japan.

As wishing for you God's blessing

upon all your ways,
 Your brother in our Lord
 Yoshita - san.
 P.S. forgive my mistakes in the English writing in this letter, please.

ROANOKE

The afternoon of August 31 the congregation was singing the beautiful wedding hymn, Zion's Harp 79. It was the marriage day for one of Jack and Lillian Leman's boys, Paul, and Sister Millie Haas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haas. Elgin was the church.

Brother Joe A. Getz asked that the last verse be sung for the father and mother of Paul, who were absent.

"This covenant shall then
 Endure and stand forever;
 There neither grief nor pain
 Shall come to part or sever.
 There God shall e'er abide
 With us our truest friend,
 Our hearts in Him unite
 Forever, without end.

This mother of Paul, Sister Lillian, lived beautifully. She brushed along the path of the valley of the shadow of death . . . but left a glow for those following to take courage.

That night before the wedding, almost she died. The hours before were painfully plodded. Then, in the darkened hours, she seemed slipping. The pulse that had beat for 52 years could not be found. The family was called in. Yet she lingered.

The newlyweds stopped Sunday night. She was keen and aware and was pleased with her new couple. Where she lay was across from the southeast corner of the court house square. Around a half block from the hospital, east of the court house, were the future living quarters for her Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leman.

As time drew deeper into September, the parting hour became more nearly in evidence. As yet, the family had not spoken to her of the condition. They had lived close in the caresses of her heart.

And how dearly she loved the first two, for whom she yet knew their great need, who went in. Her eyesight was failing, but the press of her hand showed she was lovingly aware. It was a personal parting. To each she gave her love.

Nearing the end was beautiful. She responded to her son Bill's request to tell them when she sees Jesus.

Her face had been lined by the testing and suffering. Three great wrinkles grooved her forehead. Suddenly these cleared away. She had a wonderful view. It was Beautiful, Beautiful. Yes, she saw her Saviour, and told others. Even after this, utterances showed that someone and something marvellous was in view.

The moments were waning. She spent them in repeating beautiful hymns. "Never Alone" and "Blessed Assurance" gave her rich comfort. Then Tuesday evening, September 16, her life history reached her sum total.

Brother Dave Mangold read Psalm 91 in part. It was one of her favorites. She was laid to rest in the cemetery near the Prairie church she so loved.

Yet her life never ends. Here we call it history, but now she calls it eternity. Our Home is brought intimately more real, because Lillian is there. If we hold on, we shall enter that front door of His family someday, and find our Lillian waiting and smiling for us.

Gems to Cheer

For I consider all that we suffer in this present life is nothing to be compared with the glory which by and by is to be uncovered for us. For all nature is expectantly waiting for the unveiling of the sons of God. For nature did not of its own accord give up to failure; it was for the sake of Him who let it thus be given up, in the hope that even nature itself might finally be set free from its bondage to decay, so as to share the glorious freedom of God's children. Yes, we know that all nature has gone on groaning in agony together till the present moment.