



"Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to day." — Exod. 14:13.

"For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." — Job 19:25.

THE WORD OF GOD

Yes, we answer, such a simple phrase so common; what is there to say about such a subject?

Through its continued use, not only in the Sunday School room but as well in our every day conversation, we have neglected this phrase in the magnitude of its importance and scope of its meaning.

The "Word of God" is all inclusive, covering the complete Bible in the same manner as our God embraces the name of the All Perfect Lord of Creation, the Supreme Being.

From the beginning of time history has made continued reference to the effect that the Word of God has had upon the destinies of the nations of the world. The Bible today is the book of which more copies are sold than any other; yet we find in our busy every day life, if only we searched more diligently in its pages for the wealth of teachings it embodies, the turmoil now existing would come to an end.

Truly, heathenism and atheism have gained the upper hand upon the earth, to so completely cause men to turn away from His Blessed Word. When have we ever known the ravages of war to devastate so large an area of the earth or involve so great a number of its population. But we can rest secure in the promise which was given, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."

If only when we are young, we could become familiar with these sim-

ple teachings much could be gained. To our friends in the service of the armed forces; may they maintain their hold on the true teachings of the Holy Word of God.

We first obtain a picture of the teachings God has offered for our instruction, in the relationship Abraham experienced with God. The Father of Faith boldly accepted the Word and his reward was truly great. A promise of great blessing; that his seed would be as the stars of the heavens

TREASURED VERSES

ST. JOHN 14:1-3

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

and the sand on the seashore. Though the Word of God is available to all in like manner, as obedience was required of Abraham, so yet today under the present dispensation of Grace the Word of God must be obeyed.

Through the fulfillment of this word, by the sacrifice of His Son upon the cross, Salvation of our soul has been offered. If God but will, peace can again encircle the earth and a Golden Age of love and fellowship be prevalent to yet unite the hearts of the

inhabitants of the earth in a more earnest desire to follow the "Word of God."

Word of the everlasting God;

Will of His glorious Son,—

Without Thee how could earth be trod,

Or Heaven itself be won!

Lord, grant us all a right to learn

The wisdom it imparts,

And to its heavenly teaching turn

With simple, childlike hearts.

Carl Frautschi, Toledo, Ohio.

The tragedy of the cross is finally swallowed in the victory of the resurrection.

CONFIDENCE

If the path of life seems rosy

As you walk from day to day,

Remember, that's unusual

And it won't always be that way.

It's nothing to be happy

When things around you smile,

But try to be that happy

When things go wrong awhile.

The trials are part of life.

As the test is of the course;

The tests prove rather easy

If you've worked hard from the source.

If your normal, happy life

Is filled at times with grief,

Don't forget that blessed path

That soon will bring relief.

Edward Souder.

Comfort In Solitude

By Elias Winzeler, Chicago, Ill.

To the Brethren and Friends Serving the Nation.

Greetings:

Solitude produces two distinctly, yea, even diametrically opposed conditions, either loneliness, or rapture.

Loneliness fills our heart when our mind is preoccupied with material things, which are remote from us. These may be lost honors, or material gains, or past pleasures of a worldly nature, or even more noble things, such as a dear, departed, loving mother, or a wife, a companion in life, a true friend indeed. How it smarts one's heart when thoughts of that kind preoccupy our minds! What emptiness, what sadness overtakes us! Truly such loneliness has much pain, and is void of comfort, nagging so that seconds only devoted to such thoughts seem to us like ages, unbearable, and filled with tears and sighs, cold, silent walls to look at, no voice of comfort, sighs only as an echo of our own sighs! A prison where one's mind is chained and held in painful restraint!

Such are the dark, dreary clouds of solitude loneliness. Thanks be unto the Lord, who is willing and ever ready to let us have a taste of that other kind of solitude if so be that we are ready to leave behind material thoughts, and are so led past the courts of the hall of solitude, and leading us to "rapture."

If on entering such a sacred place we pledge ourselves to our Heavenly Guide to leave behind all that which is not allowed to come along, oh! what cleansed atmosphere is ready for us to be inhaled into our hearts. We are freed of the fetters which chain our minds to earthly things.

We are taking wings of a young eagle, who soars up high into the sky, for the praying, waiting child of God is strong in the Lord—Isaiah 40:31. We are leaving behind all such earthly details which distract us, and obscure our visibility of heavenly things above. We are living in a different world, yea, we can then realize fully that which the illustrious apostle Paul, pictured to the Corinthians (II 12:4) that he heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to ut-

ter, being permitted in the spirit, caught up in the third Heaven, meaning Paradise.

We can visualize the sublime state of mind of the Lord's beloved disciple John, who in his utter loneliness solitude on the Isle of Patmos (Revelation 1:9) was privileged to enter heavenly realms, when on him was fulfilled the promise uttered to Peter, "If I will that he tarry till I come," (John 21:23) in that he visioned the entire time of the Gospel age and the Lord's return. How many, many oth-

Hymn of the Month

A SHELTER IN THE TIME OF STORM

The Lord's our Rock, in Him we hide,
A shelter in the time of storm;
Secure whatever ill betide,
A shelter in the time of storm.

A shade by day, defense by night,
A shelter in the time of storm;
No fears alarm, no foes affright,
A shelter in the time of storm.

The raging storms may round us beat,
A shelter in the time of storm;
We'll never leave our safe retreat,
A shelter in the time of storm.

O Rock Divine, O Refuge dear,
A shelter in the time of storm;
Be Thou our helper ever near,
A shelter in the time of storm.

Chorus:

Oh, Jesus is a Rock in a weary land,
A weary land, a weary land;
Oh, Jesus is a Rock in a weary land,
A shelter in the time of storm.

er raptures do we find written in the Holy Scriptures, experienced by the Psalmists and the Prophets of old.

What a wonderful picture, is given us by Isaiah, of the Lord's coming unto this world. (Isaiah 9:6.) And the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called "Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace," under whose care there will be no more sorrows or cries, meaning those who through true repentance seek to become reconciled

with God through Jesus Christ whom we surely are glad to recommend to every one that is yet without the fold and the household of God.

Dear ones all—seek Him and walk in His strength (Psalm 71:16) for He alone can and will pilot your ship of faith over land and sea. Fervent prayer before His altar is an anchor which will surely hold. For if we look to the Almighty and Infinite God and His living Word we surely shall prevail. Or what shall we say, should all these recorded raptures have been written in vain? By no means, for the time is at hand when the Lord, our Savior, will grant a greater measure of understanding and knowledge (Dan. 12:4) and will let those enter into these halls of divine raptures, to behold therein clearly all things, which by His divine knowledge, infinite wisdom, and kind fore-thought.

He has made ready for His true children, His heirs in Isaac, and who will share not only "gifts" bestowed by Abraham, the Father of faith but more so inheritance, being the true sons of promise through Sarah, the church of the Gospel age soon to end.

May God grant us an ever increasing desire for that heavenly solitude which embraces rapture, and finally eternal bliss.

Editor's Note: The writings of S. H. Froelich will be continued in the following issues. We have considerable more interesting material available.

THOUGHT GEMS

God is greater than any power that exists outside His Holy Realm.

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God is by your side and is desirous to dwell within your heart.

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Have faith in God; Be willing to belong to Him with all your heart, then He will take care of you.

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True happiness comes from this kind of service: God first, then our fellow men.

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Two persons will not be friends if they cannot forgive each other's little failings.

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Our Sunday School attendance average for March was 70, a gain of one-half from February. On the 5th, 71 were present. Sgt. Don Bollier was with us and on the 12th, 64 were present including Pvt. and Mrs. Louis Kaminer and son, Ronnie, also Ted Bahr, S 2-c.

Doris Rust, of Harlan, was with us the 19th, totaling the attendance at 63. Bill Troxel, Delila Frauhiger, Delores Baumgartner, Paul Dotterer, and Robert J. Kaehr of Bluffton were here on the 26th, thus totaling the attendance at 82 . . . Phyllis Hall suffered an attack of appendicitis . . . Several of the boys were in Sunday School on March 12th. Theo. Bahr and Pvt. Louise Kaminer, also Mildred and their little boy. David Bertsch was home on a week-end leave on the 12th.

We were all glad to see M-Sgt. Donald Bollier home again. He was home on furlough between Feb. 17th and March 11th. He spent many days on his plane trip home to the states,

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

and Don says he is happy to be back in the good old U. S. A. Eats were always good and we are glad and thankful that he is in good health. He left March 11th for Nashville, Tenn., where he will be reassigned. We wish him God speed in his continued service.

Cpl. John Jr. Bollier is en route to Englewood, Calif., where he will go to school after which he will return to Elgin Field, Fla.

The Silver Lining staff received a letter from Cpl. Harold M. Roth stationed at Wright Field, Ohio. A portion of his letter is: "Your paper is as welcome as a letter from home. It reminds us that Christian life at home is flourishing as much as ever regardless of the nature of the atmosphere we find ourselves surrounded by in our various stations in the Service. May the Lord bless your good work that it may continue in doing its part in achieving final victory. Gratefully yours, Harold Roth."

The following group from Latty, Ohio, Helen Huber, Helen Riggensbach, Mildred Winegar and her brother, Elizabeth and Dick Schlatter, Victor Stoller, Bob and Bernice Gerber were entertained at the home of Ulrich Kipfers on March 19th.

Roberta Norr has recovered from an ear infection.

Mrs. Joe Conrad attended church, Sunday the 26th, for the first time in quite a few weeks.

Mrs. Russell Steiglitz and daughter, Karen are now living at Camp Lee, Va. where Russell is stationed.

Edward Souder has entered Dartmouth College where he began his V-12 program.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Cpl. Harold M. Roth of Wright Field, Ohio and Edna Farney of Roanoke.

We are informed from Goshen, Ind. of the illness of Sigmond Sorg, who is somewhat improved at this writing. He has been suffering from a severe stroke.

Art Frautschi Ph1M, 2-C is home on a week's furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Al Frautschi plan to spend Sunday

with him at his home at Toledo.

Raymond Levy writes: "Sorry that I have not written long ago thanking you for forwarding The Silver Lining. I enjoy reading it and appreciate the news from home. After being gone for three years you appreciate trying to keep in contact with as many friends as possible . . . All the boys from Indiana that I'm in contact with are all well which means a lot. I often think of the Sunday School classes and meetings I attended and hope in 1945 we will be back in the states again. Thanking you again for your paper and tell all hello. Will appreciate addresses of any of the boys from back home that are located here that you might know about. I run into a lot of Indiana boys."

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Gruber of Fort Wayne are the parents of a baby boy.

Rev. Philip Beyer and Rev. John Bahler of New York and Conn., respectively held services at the church on Monday, March the 6th. Mr. and Mrs. Al Frautschi, Dorthea Conrad, Bernice Getz, Gerald Widner, and Henry Souder, Jr. were among those who attended the visiting minister's services on March 6 at Latty, Ohio.

The monthly sewing meeting was held on March the 7th at Mrs. Mildred Schlatter's home . . . Mr. Ben Speigher of Bluffton, Indiana, aged 83, passed away after a lingering illness . . . Mrs. Otto Norr is recovering from a week's illness . . . Funeral services were held on March 15th for Miss Eliza Schlatter of Archbold, Ohio. She died at the Apostolic Christian Home in Mansfield, Ohio.

Mrs. Joe Oberlander, sister of Mrs. Herman Bertsch is recovering from an operation. Her brothers, Joe and Edw. Gudeman, just returned to their home after visiting their sister . . . Raymond Winzeler and family spent Sunday with Elias Winzeler and family . . . Thursday evening, March 3—19 boxes of cookies were packed in the church dining room for our men in the service . . . Paul Gerber is quite ill at this writing . . . Mrs. Joel Souder has recovered from her recent illness . . . Miss Marie Beery from Rittman, Ohio, is visiting with friends and relatives here . . . Vernon Klopfensteins

are now living in the home they purchased at Grabill . . . Mrs. S. J. Stavenik of Elkhart, Indiana and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Getz and Sharon were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Elias Souders . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jake Unsicker are the proud parents of a son.

We have received a welcome letter from Rev. Michael Weyeneth of Peoria, Ill., who has a son Cpl. Robert L. Weyeneth located at 43 Gen. Hospital, A. P. O. 420, % Postmaster New York, N. Y.

Many of you possibly will remember that Rev. Weyeneth served in World War one, and was overseas for some time. He was also a prisoner of war. He writes that a paper like this at that time would have been appreciated.

God's Promise of Protection

Psalm 91

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under foot.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

"SOMEWHEAE AT SEA"

We are now many days at sea

Our destination is unknown to me
But whether I'm on sea or land

I'll put my trust in Jesus' hand.

I've left the home I love so well

And more dear friends than I could tell

But even though I'm far away

My thoughts will be with you alway.

Some times I sigh at all this strife

That's come to pass in my young life

Then I think how many more

Have bore a heavier cross before.

Oh, our dear Saviour suffered great pain

But did He murmur or complain?

He bore His cross and victory won

He said "Not mine, thy will be done."

At night when I lie down to sleep

I ask in prayer that He will keep

Us from all evil and from harm

And protect us with His mighty arm.

I ask that He will safely bring

Us to our friends and home again

Back to the harbor we left before

Where we'll see lights along the shore.

There is another harbor though

Where we will all wish to go

And oh, what glorious joy t'will be

To anchor there so safe and free.

Dale Aeschliman,
Bluffton, Indiana.

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