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## THE TIME IN WHICH WE ARE LIVING

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all **these things** must come to pass, but the end is not yet." (Matt. 24:6.)

Today many of our brethren and friends all over the world are engaged in the reality of our Saviour's prophecy of 1900 years ago. With very little thought we will not doubt the facts of His prophecy concerning the wars because we see and hear. Many a drafted brother, friend, and father saying good-bye to their mother, wife, and loved ones are all in tears and heaviness of heart and mind which is truly much trouble for our generation in this age.

What about our Saviour's statement? "See that ye be not troubled." (Matt. 24:6.) We seem to have nothing but trouble. Possibly we can grasp this statement and prophecy. "Men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." (Luke 21:26.) We can certainly believe that our Saviour's prophecy concerning the troublesome time is recognized all over the earth in our age. Yet it is but a time of judgment and despair to a people or an individual who has no faith in God and who has not made Jesus Christ his personal Saviour. For only then, if we have the Spirit of Christ, can we find much comfort in our Saviour's words that He has foretold even of our age. He who is all in all knowing that we need

## OUR SURE REFUGE

By Rev. Herman Hueni Bremen, Ind.

His grace and the strengthening of our faith by His precious word which is the light on our way, the only anchor for our undying soul, and guides our ship of faith in the storms of our age so as to reach that haven of rest. So then let us accept our Saviour's words in pure faith, trusting Him. "See that ye be not troubled for all

*"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."*

*"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."*

*"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Psalm 1:1-3.*

these things must come to pass."

The end is not yet. When we think of such a statement made by our Lord our attention is brought to the fact that we are living in time. For only time has a beginning and an end. We read in the Word of God of eternity, when time will be no more, but that will come after our age. The question of time should become an outstanding factor in our lives. Why? Because there is a definite purpose for our being born into this world. Not

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It is worthy of note, that the first four words to greet us, as we open the Holy Word are "In the beginning God . . . . Aside from the accomplished miracle recorded here, the thought lingers and persists that He in whom we live and have our being has been from Everlasting to Everlasting. What a force to help us overcome doubt, to dispell fear, to entrust one's safety to. Fortunate is the soul who establishes and maintains spiritual contact with this Ever-present God. In time of danger, His outstretched hand is ever available. We have but to grasp it to elude the temptations of the enemy. In sorrow, the unfathomable depths of His compassion brings solace when all else fails.

Years ago, upon my leaving home, a friend of mine, God fearing and concerned that he was, drew me aside and said, "Remember, wherever you are and whatever you do, your Heavenly Father is watching you." If we are successful in keeping this thought uppermost in our mind, He will not merely be watching but will also be watching over us, for the presence of God at our side will keep our feet from stumbling and our minds from straying. If in life we rely upon our own vaunted strength and resourcefulness, we will discover them to be pitifully inadequate in the hour of need. There is one sure way to face life, whether that life be beset with danger from within or from without, and that way is with the Lord at our side. Danger

from without is often heralded by warning signs and distress signals, plainly to be seen. So also, with the Lord at our side, His Spirit warns of impending trouble within, when tempers flare, thoughts become tainted, speech impure.

The pages of Biblical history are replete with examples proving the wisdom of walking with God. David, though young and immature, with God the omnipotent as his stay, slew the lion and the bear, and in a critical hour of his nation's history he slew also the Philistine giant and dispersed the enemy who dared to defy the armies of the Living God. Shielded and sheltered by Him in whom he trusted, he rose steadily in power to become Israel's king. At the hand of his God, he received victory in battle and prosperity in peace. Lavishly indeed did the Lord bless him. Even his literary efforts are still regarded as gems, among the most remarkable ever to be penned by man. Truly he wrote of personal experiences when he said in the 23rd Psalm.

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

But — David became careless, just as Saul did before him. Probably his great success had something to do with it. He hearkened to the voice of the tempter; he forsook his God and fell into sin. Spiritual calamities do not just happen; they are preceded by laxity. The soldier of the Cross must guard against retreating. Where sin is concerned, no ground should be given. The battle cry is ever, "Onward,

Christian Soldier" for, "There no crown shall ere adorn Him, who wavers in the battle." It is difficult to imagine a more broken, dejected figure than that portrayed in David's 38th Psalm—it is a veritable picture of remorse and repentance—"I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long."

The experiences of David are typical of those made by man today. Though centuries of time have elapsed, kingdoms have risen and fallen, and rulers crowned and unseated, the order of the Eternal One changes not . . . To walk with Him brings Joy Unspeakable, to walk through life without Him, means unrest and fear. In Genesis 5:24 we read, "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Enoch's life was spent amid wicked surroundings and yet it was a life of noble testimony for his God. Walking with God means keeping in step with Him. Just as our pocket watches keep time with the great clock in the tower, so our lives must be in tune with God and His Word. All this Enoch accomplished, though in his day he had not the Word of God nor His Church as we have today, but still God had all there was of him.

Years ago, I read of a little child waking up at night during a severe electrical storm. As the lightning flashed and the thunder rolled, the little one in fear hastened to its parents' room, for shelter in the time of storm.

"I just wanted to make sure you were here," the child told its parents. A reassuring word, a gentle touch and the little one went back to sleep unafraid through the storm. He that stilled both the storm and the raging water would have you walk with Him. Make the way of God your choice. There isn't a tear welling up in your eyes, He does not see, nor an unspoken prayer He does not hear. Though you may be far from home, in distant lands, on the field of battle, or upon the sea, He would be your constant Companion, an unfailing Friend—a Friend, who so loved us that He gave Himself for us. A Friend who would lead us safely through loneliness, fear, and sorrow, home to His Father's House.

## THE FIG TREE

"But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it." Micah 4:4.

At this season of the year we anticipate the budding and blossoming of the fruit trees giving us some hope that later on we may expect some fruit thereon.

It was at just this time of the year that our Saviour, having come from Bethany, on an early morning journey to Jerusalem, became hungry. He spied a fig tree afar off having leaves. (Mark 11:13.) Desiring the fruit he drew near to the tree and discovered no fruit, but leaves only for the time of figs was not yet.

Now, the nature of the fig tree is the appearance of the fruit before the leaves appear. And though the season of ripe figs is not till late spring or early summer, the sunny ravines of Olivet could cause the figs to ripen earlier. So naturally our Saviour had reason to expect fruit even as early as this, the Passover season. Not finding any, Jesus said, "No man eat fruit of thee hereafter . . ." (Mark 11:14), and presently the tree withered away.

Thus we read of the symbolic rejection of the old law which brought no fruit only leaves; and the advocacy of the new way of salvation by faith. As Jesus said, "Have faith in God."

We can take an example from the fig tree and first bring forth fruit which can only be brought about by faith in God, and not be concerned about our outward appearance to men. Then we can be assured that He will know from "afar off" that we have fruit and not leaves only.

This was the Pharisees' failure. They thought that fruit (righteousness) was obtained after the leaves (works) were manifest; instead of righteousness by grace and then works.

In Luke 13: 6, 7 we read "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seek-

## MOMENTOUS MOMENTS

Just before **The Silver Lining** goes to press, the momentous moments arrived, and the long-awaited invasion started.

Truly this is a momentous moment. No words are available to express the feeling of thousands of mothers, fathers, wives, brothers, and sisters, let alone those beloved fathers and sons in the service of our country.

You who are at the battle front or elsewhere may rest assured that there are thousands upon thousands of prayers rising upward to the throne of God, to the One who holds all in His own hands, even though we may be thousands of miles apart. He is everywhere. He hears all true and upright prayers, and He shall not leave them unanswered.

Truly there are many weary hearts tonight wishing for the war to cease and waiting for the dawn of peace which will come in due season, when mankind will repent from sin and turn to God with a sincere heart. Then He will hear and answer prayers.

Anxiously the ones at home are waiting for the return of their loved ones. This naturally is the utmost in our minds today, although in reality it is not the most important thing—the greatest thing is that we are ready to meet our Creator.

ing fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?"

Now the Jewish law required that teachers in the synagogue must be thirty years old and the Saviour was at this time thirty-three having taught in the synagogue three years. Thus the Lord of the vineyard having sought fruit these three years had reason to demand that the dresser should destroy it.

But he, being patient, pleaded with the master to let it alone yet this year also "And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down."

No doubt the dresser of the vineyard was Christ and the owner was God. And Jesus was willing yet this last time to convince the Scribes and Pharisees to forsake their embellished

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religion for the true and living way through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Even so He is willing to be patient with us, to dig about us, and to stir us up to a new zeal that we may become fruitful. How sad if we must hear Him say, "cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?"

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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.**

Sgt. Eugene F. Bahr was reported killed in action in England on May 30th. We of the staff wish to express our sincerest sympathy to his wife, his mother, and others of his family.

# N E W S

M-Sgt. Don Bollier and Marjorie Leighner of near Harlan were married, May 6. The wedding took place in Dallas, Texas where Don is now stationed. Don expects a furlough soon.

Miss Dorothy Bertsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bertsch of Tremont, Illinois and Eugene Bertschi of Eureka, Illinois were married June 4th. Mr. Henry Bertsch and daughter, Mathilda, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Martin, Misses Katherine and Velma Norr attended the wedding.

Robert W. Bollier S/2-c arrived home May 10th to spend a few days with his parents.

Cpl. and Mrs. Henry Kipfer spent a fifteen-day furlough at his home. Mrs. Ralph Kipfer returned with them to Peoria, Illinois where she visited her parents.

Wayne Lantz has been called by the Navy, and has entered training at Great Lakes.

Art Schwartz entered the Navy and is now enrolled in midshipman's school at Cornell University.

Ted Bahr at Great Lakes attended our Sunday School, May 28th.

Cookies were packed again for the service men by the Good Cheer Group, May 25th.

Spring housecleaning was done at the church, Thursday, June 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Frank and family and Mrs. Robert Norr and children visited a week with relatives at Cissna Park, Illinois.

Rev. Henry Beer of Milford, Ind., held services at Fort Wayne, Wednesday evening, May 17th.

Rev. Otto Norr visited the congregation in Alabama the week end of May 28th.

Helen Klopfenstein Maxfield has gone to Helena, Arkansas to be with her husband.

Mrs. Sarah Meyers of Toledo, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hurt and family, and Mrs. William Moser and son of Fort Wayne were dinner guests at the home of Edward Schlatter, Thursday evening, May 25th.

Herman Conrad and sisters enter-

tained at their home Memorial Day, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Frautschi, Mary and Emily Frautschi, Mrs. Homer Reineck, Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Frautschi and daughter, Janice Kay, of Toledo, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Troxell, Mrs. Max Meyers and Mary Jane Troxell of Bluffton and Mr. and Mrs. Al Frautschi of Grabill. All the family were present except David and Arthur Frautschi who are in the service and Diana Conrad who is in Portland, Oregon. The absent members were missed very much.

Mrs. Paul Gerber of Fort Wayne returned home after spending a few weeks with relatives in Congerville, Illinois.

Homer Reineck writes:

"I have just received the last copy of 'The Silver Lining' and am writing to express my appreciation for your wonderful little paper. The messages in each issue are a source of comfort and strength to those of us who are so far from home. Each month I look forward to the time when it will arrive and enjoy it more and more. The news items help keep us up to date on the events around home, too, and are always interesting. Keep up the fine work and I assure you that all who receive your paper will be deeply grateful to you."

David Frautschi writes from England:

"We had several rough days coming over. The houses here are all made of brick. Every one here drives on the left side of the road and the streets are quite narrow. We have pounds, shillings, and pence here instead of American money. We change our American money for English money at the bank."

Inez Brooks from Hillsboro, Alabama, writes that she received the **Silver Lining** and it was just like a good letter from those you love.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stavenik and Robert, Mrs. Herman Norr, Elaine, and Wesley visited relatives in Mansfield, Ohio.

A number attended the funeral of Rev. Jacob Storer of Archbold, Ohio.

Lydia Hieberger of Bremen, Ind.,

spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Jacob Unsicker and family.

A Mother's Day program was held May 14th. The program included a welcome by Monalou Bertsch. Melba Jeanne and Allen Schlatter gave a dialogue on the Red and White flowers of Mothers' Day. The history of Mother's Day was given by Imogene Stieglitz. "There Still Are Christian Mothers" was read by Philipina Levy. A story, "The Merciful Mistake," was read by Ethelyn Schlatter. Colleen Ann Schlatter gave, "Only One Mother." Laura Fern Conrad accompanied by a Chorus rendered, "Songs My Mother Loved." Short talks were given by David Lantz, Albert Frautschi and Ramas Schlatter. Donald Schlatter gave a reading, "Home for Mother's Day." A trio, Elda, Alberta, and Erma Joy Steiner, sang two numbers.

Our Sunday School attendance average for May was 75.75, a drop of 5.25 from April's 81. 77 were present on the 7th. The total for the 14th was 72. Joanne R. Savage was with us on the 21st, totaling the attendance at 76. S-2-c Ted Bahr was home on the 28th. Jeanette Gerber was present also. 78 was the total attendance for this Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gerber and Barbara, of Bluffton and Mrs. James Fisher and Lou Ann of Wolcott, Indiana attended Leo church, Sunday, May 28th.

The Sewing Group met at Mrs. Herman Norr's, May 2nd.

Mrs. Andrew Troxell is convalescing after an appendectomy.

Henry Getz Sr., suffered a severe stroke and is now resting in peace in the Great Beyond. Edward Getz Sr., attended funeral services May 31, at Morton, Illinois.

Mr. Edward Getz, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Souder and son, Dwight, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Frautschi, attended the funeral services of Mrs. Amelia Getz at Morton, Illinois, May 3.

The Silver Lining extends its sympathy to Rev. Joe Zimmerman during his recent bereavement. Funeral services for his mother, Mrs. Zimmerman, were held at Morton, Ill.



## LIFE OF S. H. FROEHLICH

(Continued from last issue)

In the year of 1857, S. H. Froehlich passed out of his active life, yet the special endowment which God gave to this faithful servant, is still here today for our good. Bro. S. H. Froehlich left us many letters and meditations in his legacy. From the year of 1838, until his death in 1857, Bro. Froehlich kept a diary for each year. In his diaries, he not only wrote his experiences, etc., but recorded all his sermons and transcribed the letters that he wrote for the encouragement of his brethren in faith.

Each year is written up in a comprehensive 230-page memorandum calendar. The notes are written in a very small and now much faded handwriting. These twenty-nine year books belong to the family of Bro. S. H. Froehlich.

An elderly brother, Jean Diebold, who knew Bro. Froehlich and who was in touch with his son, knew of these diaries, and received the assurance from Samuel Froehlich, son of S. H. Froehlich that all of these diaries one after another would be placed at his disposal. This agreement, at the death of the son (Samuel Froehlich) was confirmed by his widow, and since her death, by her son, the grandson of S. H. Froehlich.

This elderly brother absorbed himself for years in the reading of these diaries and often regretted that they were not made accessible to all. His long-hoped-for wish was finally fulfilled, for his brother, Fritz Diebold, after his retirement from active business, devoted the last years of his life to transcribing the diaries. In five years, until the time of his death, he was successful in rewriting seven diaries. But at his death the work came to a standstill again.

The transcription of these seven-years' work was circulated among the members of the church and many blessings were brought by it. A copy also came to America in 1920, and was read with great interest. Through this, the wish was expressed to further carry on the work. This was made possible in the year 1926, and three sisters were found who undertook this work with love and ardor. Since that

time ten books have been transcribed. Twelve books remain to be copied.

To do this work is a very tedious job. The deciphering requires patience and love for the work. The handwriting is not only very fine and very light, but there are frequent abbreviations with which one can become familiar with practice. A large magni-

**Hymn for the Month:****GOD IS STILL WITH ME**

Noah's ark long drifted on the surging flood,

But with eyes uplifted, trusted he in God.

When through-out life's journey raging storms I see,

This shall be my comfort: God is still with me.

Moses brave and dauntless crossed the sea to land,

Leading with him fearless hosts of covenant;

Thus resigned I'll travel through the desert sea,

Trust my soul to Jesus, God is still with me.

Daniel's den of lions teaches true and sure,

When on God depending, we can feel secure,

So in all distresses I can pray to Thee;

Faith my heart possesses, God is still with me.

He broke Peter's fetters, opened doors for Paul,

He will those deliver who trust Him in all.

So I'll wander gladly till my home I see,

And in Zion's mansion God is still with me.

fyng glass which enlarges to from two to three times the actual size is used in deciphering. The text is thus first written up and then typed.

The diaries have three divisions which are entered separately:

First: The events of the day: Since Bro. Froehlich records both joyful and sorrowful happenings, this part of the diaries is not published for general circulation.

Second: The Sermons: Bro. Froehlich generally preached four times a

week when he was not traveling; twice on Sunday and on Tuesday and Friday evening. He took verse for verse for the text of his sermons in their sequence. For instance, each Sunday morning he would preach from the Old Testament, say out of Genesis; in the afternoon meeting on the Gospel of St. Matthew; Tuesday evening on the Psalms and Friday evening on one of the Epistles. In the following meetings he continued from the passage he spoke on in the previous meeting.

Third: The Letters: Which he sent out in all directions were written for the awakening or encouragement in the faith.

An idea of Bro. Froehlich's capacity for work or rather diligence is formed when one considers that in one year he preached approximately 220 sermons and wrote in the neighborhood of 1,000 letters.

Perhaps some will ask how he found time to do all this. It is to be said here that he devoted all his time in the service of the Gospel. This will perhaps give an impression that he was well-to-do and could afford to do it. This was not the case. S. H. Froehlich had a very small income (in the year of 1844, it amounted to 1,000 francs or \$200.00). He lived a modest and unpretentious life which allowed him to support himself and family and to devote himself to the service of the Gospel.

Mirror of the Soul—by S. H. Froehlich. Humility makes a man peaceable among the brethren, fruitful in doing good, joyful in suffering, and content in holy living. Humility makes us fit for the highest service that we owe to Christ and the same time is not negligent of the lowliest service to the humble saint. Humility can be content with the most modest table and yet will enjoy the most precious delicacies as with God, with Christ, and in glory. Humility makes a man willing and ready to bless him who curses him and to pray for him who persecutes him; a humble heart is an abode of God, a disciple of Christ, a companion of angels, a preserving-vessel for grace, and is prepared for glory. Humility is the faithful nurse of our grace and gifts and the mighty impulse to a sacred exercise in duty.

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to die but to live! Looking back to our first parents who were created to live on the earth and sinned against God's Word bringing death upon all men for all are included under sin. But there is a resurrection set forth for all men, good and bad. This is to be considered with all seriousness and an upright heart before our Creator and in the light of His Word and in the time that God has given men to live on the earth.

What will my resurrection be? God in His Word and Christ the crucified and risen Lord said, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble at heart." Men should leave sinful ways and turn to God. Men should do good and not the evil. Men should ask and God will hear. Men should come unto the Lord and He will not cast them out. Are we saved then by doing these and many other good teachings of our Lord? No. "By grace ye are saved and that not of yourselves lest any man boast." Truly, how could any man boast or even confess having Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour and claiming Him a part in a resurrected life even here on earth while being a child of God in our life time and not do those things that He has commanded?

As a lamp without oil gives no light, so faith without work is dead. So why not make sure in our life time that our faith has a firm anchor in Christ the Solid Rock, confessing Him before men in our daily walk of life and remembering His words, "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:38.) Will we do this in our age and time?

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"If thou wouldst have Him work mightily in thee, cease from thy own doings."

Boys and girls who love and obey their parents are very likely to be loved and honored by everybody.

## The Meeting

Look, God, I have never spoken to You,

But now I want to say how do You do;

You see, God, they told me You did not exist

And, like a fool, I believed all this.

Last night from a shell-hole I saw Your sky,

I figured right there they had told me a lie.

Had I taken time to see things You made,

I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.

I wonder, God, if You'd shake my hand:

Somehow, I feel that You will understand:

Funny I had to come to this hellish place

Before I had time to see Your face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to say,

But I'm sure glad I met You today: I guess the "zero hour" will soon be here,

But I'm not afraid since I know You are near.

The signal! Well, God, I'll have to go; I like You lots—this I want You to know;

Look now, this will be a horrible fight Who knows, I may come to Your house tonight.

Though I wasn't friendly to You before

I wonder, God, if You'd wait at Your door.

Look, I'm crying! Me — shedding tears!

I wish I had known You these many years . . .

Well, I have to go now, God, good-bye!

Strange, since I met You, I'm not afraid to die.

Found by James Day, on the body of a yank killed in action, in Italy.

## For Those Who Heed Our Country's Call

The Lord preserve thy going out,  
Our country's call to heed,  
That freedom's blessings may abide  
And heal the hearts that bleed.

The Lord preserve thee far from home,  
Amid unnumbered ills,  
And cause thee to lift up thine eyes  
Unto His heavenly hills.

The Lord uphold thee with His hand  
And be thy Strength and Might  
Thy Shade against the sun by day,  
Thy Shelter through the night.

The Lord who slumbers not, nor sleeps,  
Keep watch and guard thee well;  
For He it is, and He alone.  
That keepeth Israel.

The Lord preserve thy precious soul,  
Thy body undefiled,  
And fold thee in His gracious arms.  
From all the world enisled.

The Lord preserve thy coming in,  
When strife and warfare cease.  
And bring thee home, or let thee share  
His everlasting peace.

You have won no great victory until  
you have conquered yourself.

"Don't live in the past. An ounce of tomorrow is worth a pound of yesterday."

Gracious living is the finest art.

How frequently the dry leaves of our carelessness cover over the growing flowers of Love—Exchange.

If you would learn the secret of being happy, learn the fine art of making others happy—Sel.

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