

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."—Isaiah 9:6.



"And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." —I John 2:2.

Contrast

The Contrast Between The Records Kept In Books Of Our Spiritual Loss And Gain And Our Material Loss And Gain

The season of the year is here again for which we plan and arrange for all to gather home so we may share with each other gifts of love and deeds of kindness and wish each other the best. —That we can sing with joy, express praise, and thankfulness that a Saviour was born in this world. His promises and blessings are a source of joy which tongue can not speak, for young and old, whether rich or poor, sick or well, regardless of color or creed and in all nations.

Yet few will be the homes where there will not be a shadow of gloom and sadness because of absence of loved ones we cherish due to this conflict raging throughout the world. This is evidence to us how temporal our earthly homes are and this ought to bring us to the point that we consider the reason of life on earth.

The good Lord wishes for us to enjoy our earthly homes, but much more that we give earnest heed of His wish for us to enjoy the hope of a glorious eternal home where there will be no parting, but joy, peace, and happiness which will never end.

He often resorted to parables in clarifying the distinction between the earthly and heavenly things. His good

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What Have We Done for God In the Year That Is Now Nearly Gone?

By Rev. Henry Dotterer, Bluffton, Indiana

God did so much for us. He blessed us with Spiritual Blessings and all our earthly goods. Many of us as fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and wives, have had so much heartache and sorrow seeing our loved ones leaving our homes and entering the service of the government. Let us not forget to look up to our Father in Heaven and

to take the life of the Christ Child, and God in His wonderful ways protected Him from all harm, evil, and danger. And how Joseph and Mary, the parents of the Christ Child who loved Him so dearly, had to flee into foreign lands for the Child's safety. So let us commend our beloved ones into His care.

TREASURED VERSES

ST. MATTHEW 1:21-23

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

commend our loved ones into His tender care and keeping, praying that He will watch over them as He did over His only Begotten Son whom He put on this earth nearly 2000 years ago on that first Christmas Day. We can read in the Bible how King Herod sought

Our faith is tried, but we have His promise that He will abide with all that believe and trust in Him. Our Father in Heaven also gave His only Begotten Son here upon this earth so that we might be saved. Jesus suffered many trials during His short life here on this earth, and He had to suffer the cruel death upon the Cross. Our Heavenly Father must surely have suffered much heartache to see that which His Son had to endure; as we now must suffer much as we see our loved ones go into the service of our Country. God has promised that if we remain steadfast in our faith through trials and sorrows He will again restore joy if we stay true unto Him. And now as we near another Christmas day, even though our hearts may be filled with sorrow for our loved ones, let us not forget to be joyful, for the Christ Child born on that day, was God's priceless gift to all the world.

CONTRAST

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word is sufficient for all ages and times. In our day and age we acknowledge the need for keeping records of our earthly affairs. We keep a day by day record to comply with our law or taxation, the request of those in authority. St. Matthew, Chapter 22, Verse 7, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." By that we also see the necessity that we daily give an accounting before God. Hebrews, Chapter 3, Verse 7, "Today if ye will hear his voice harden not your hearts." Rev., Chapter 20, Verse 12, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the book." We often make the remark that taxes and death are two things that are sure to come. Quite often we ask each other, "Have you made your income report yet?" Do we ask each other as often, "Are you ready to die?" What a relief it is to us if our tax report meets with approval of the internal revenue department.

Have we the same concern that our spiritual record will meet with approval by the good Lord? Will it show spiritual loss or gain? Where is the person that does not try to avoid the disgrace and shame of falling into the hands of the law and being penalized for carelessness? Do we have the same concern to avoid eternal disgrace and shame? We often wait till the end of the year to balance our books to see if we had profit or loss and then make our resolutions to improve our efforts. Wouldn't it be better to make a daily check of our spiritual record? Resolve today and do not wait until New Year's or next year to make resolutions. Having no visible record, one may ask the question, "How am I going to check on my spiritual standing?"

We need to take advantage of an opportunity when we lay awake in the night or alone some place undisturbed by anyone as we would want to be when we work on our visible record

book. Then, an invisible open book will be before us revealing our life, whether we attended Sunday School and church, read the Bible, prayed sincerely and earnestly, and loved or hated our neighbor. How surprising what the invisible heavenly guest, the Holy Spirit, can reveal to us if we hearken!

It is often said that experience is the best teacher and as we try to benefit by our mistakes in our earthly doings so ought we also in spiritual doings. By constant and daily watchfulness, patience, prayer, faith, hope, with confidence in true Christian love and in the Holy fear of God. Then ours will be a profitable and happy ending.

By Joe Gudeman,
Francesville, Indiana.

Christmas won't be as happy this year
Because you are not here.
I pray for you every night.
And surely God with all His might
Will bring you home next Christmas
all right.

—Colleen Ann Schlatter, Age 9 years
Grabill, Ind.

"God is the only sure foundation on
which the mind can rest."

Hymn for the Month**ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS
OF GLORY**

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flock by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light.

Sinners, wrung with true repentance,
Doomed for guilt to endless pains,
Justice now revokes the sentence,
Mercy calls you,—break your chains.

CHORUS:

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

May Gifts from our Father gladden
your way. (Jas. 1:17)
And bring you the Peace of this glorious
day. (Luke 2:14)
Joy for each sorrow. (Luke 2:10)
Cheer for each ill. (Ps. 46:1)
Hope for tomorrow. (1 Peter 1:13)
Faith in His will. (Mark 11:22)
Blessings from heaven in all that you
do. (Prov. 28:20)
This is my Christmas Prayer for you!
(II Tim 1:13)

The Path of Prayer that leads to God
Is one I'm glad to take,
And ask His loving care for you
For His Son Jesus' sake,
And as the bells of Christmas time
Are ringing sweet and clear,
Once more I softly say your name
Believing He will hear!

"There will always be stars through
the window bars—if we look to see
them shine."

And this for comfort thou must know,
Times that are ill won't still be so;
Clouds will not ever pour down rain;
A sullen day will clear again.

Dear Mom, don't you worry over me
I wish my body you could see,
So brown and smooth from tropical
sun
After all the wandering I have done.

The perfect health that I enjoy
As like in days when but a boy.
I'm still your baby, will always be,
Until the day that you'll see me.

The day of Peace, not far away
Will see your son come home to stay.
To sit and eat your apple pie,
And never again to say good-bye.

Do you remember when I left home
I told you never to feel alone?
I said some day you'll see your son
I plan to keep that date, Dear Mom.

This was written for Pfc. David V.
Leman of Eureka, Illinois, by his bud-
die while in New Guinea.

NEWS

Sgt. Ted J. Bollier has been confined to Regional Hospital at Ft. Benning, Georgia with sinus trouble. He is reported improving at this time, and hopes to be on duty soon again.

We are grieved to report the death of Lt. Henry J. Virkler of Lowville, New York. He met death in an airplane accident at Fort Myers, Florida. The Silver Lining extends heartfelt sympathy to his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Virkler.

Out of town guests at Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bertschs on November 19th were Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clauss and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gerber and family.

Memorial services were held at Roanoke, Ill., for Sgt. Roy Witmer killed in action near Aachen. The Silver Lining staff extends their heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Martin announce the arrival of a baby girl, Arlene Ruth, on November 9th, 1944. Both the baby and mother are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Norr spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Norr's parents at Mansfield, Ohio.

Rev. and Mrs. Eli Winzeler and family visited the Leo Church, Sunday, November 5th and were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Winzeler.

Elder Ernest Graff Sr., had an operation. We are glad to report he is recovering nicely.

The Good Cheer Group held their sewing meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Stieglitz on November 7th. They decided to send cakes to all our soldiers. The cakes were baked by the members and packed for shipment after Thursday evening services on November 16.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Moser on November 5th were Mrs. Jacob Frautschi and daughter, Emily, Mrs. Homer Reinck and daughter, Marjorie Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dotterer, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Isch, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gerber, Mr. Ralph Troxel, Mr. and Mrs.

Harold Klopfenstein, Mrs. George Ladig, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frautschi, Mrs. Sarah Myers, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Frautschi.

Joe and Ed Gudeman of Francisville and Wolcott, Indiana visited their aunt, Mrs. Paul Gerber, who had a stroke on Thanksgiving Day.

Rev. and Mrs. Theo Beer and family of Milford, Ind., visited the Ramas Schlatter family for Thanksgiving dinner. We all enjoyed a blessed Thanksgiving service Thursday morning at church.

Several of our boys were home on furlough over Thanksgiving. They were Lieutenant Harry Schwartz from Camp Bowie, Texas; Lieutenant Gaylord Widner from Bergstrom Field, Texas; and Private David Bertsch from Fort Lewis, Washington.

Elder Sam Aschliman and wife just returned home after visiting their son-in-law who is leaving for overseas.

Rev. Otto Norr spent Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19 with the church at Sardis, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Funk and son, and Miss Ercal Funk all of Gridley, Ill., visited Mrs. Funk's sister, Mrs. Walter Gerber. Mr. and Mrs. George Stieglitz entertained the Gridley guests and other friends for Thanksgiving dinner.

We were sorry to hear of the misfortune which befell our people at Oakville, Iowa. Their church burned down on Sunday, November 5th.

Elder Elias Dotterer, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Dotterer and daughter visited the Leo church Sunday, November 19th. They were dinner guests at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Joel Souder.

Mrs. Guss Meiss and daughters, Edna, Verena, and Mrs. Irene Rinkenberger, and sons, Harold and Roy, of Cissna Park, Ill., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norr on Nov. 26th.

The Young People's Meeting was held at Peoria, Sunday evening, November 12. Young people from neighboring churches were guests.

The Young People's Sunday School Meeting was held Sunday evening,

November 19th. The committee in charge of the program was Lorene Steiner, Joan Schlatter, Harold Stieglitz, Marjorie Frautschi, and Thelma Schlatter.

"Thanksgiving" was the theme of the program. The following is an outline of the evening's program:

"Come Thou Almighty King," "More Love to Thee," and "The Golden Harvest"—By the Congregation.

Minutes of the preceding meeting—Jean Bollier.

Scripture Reading—Philip Schlatter.

Reasons for Thanksgiving:

1. Adults' reasons for being thankful—Marguerite Meiss.

2. Young people's reasons for being thankful—Joan Schlatter.

3. Children's reasons for being thankful—Margaret Unsicker.

A song—"Count Your Many Blessings"—Stieglitz quartette.

"The Sacrifices of Thanksgiving"—Henry Souder.

Reading, "I Give Thee Humble Thanks"—Lyle Bertsch.

Song, "America"—Eli and Dwight Souder.

Poem, "The Blessings That Remain"—Maxine Beer.

Song, "Faith of Our Fathers"—A Trio.

Reading, "Thanksgiving Reflections"—Roger Schladenhauffen.

A Little Prayer, "My Thanksgiving"—Eloise Delong.

Two songs, "Oh, Worship the King" and "Praise God"—By the congregation.

Closing Prayer—by Vernon Klopfenstein.

Eli Steiner celebrated his 93rd birthday on Thanksgiving. He was pleasantly surprised with a shower of cards.

We are very grateful to Rev. Otto Norr for designing and printing our new envelopes which will be used from now on.

Little Douglas Clauss' broken leg is mending nicely. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jephtha Clauss, Woodburn, Indiana, wish to express their appreciation and thanks for the many gifts and cards sent to Douglas.

Our Hope for Peace at Christmas Time

We rejoice, as we approach this Christmas season, that we again can tell the story of our blessed Saviour's birth, and may He grant us a full measure of grace that we may be able to understand the full and true meaning of His coming here on earth.

In order to understand the sacrifice He made by leaving His heavenly home and the glory and salvation He brought by His coming here on earth, we must consider the incidents that preceded and happened at the time of His birth. God's providence had prepared the world for His coming, as all the world was subject to one government, the world was at peace. The Greek language was spoken everywhere with other languages, and the Jews were scattered everywhere with synagogues and Bibles. This gave the Gospel a free course to travel all over the civilized world.

At the appointed time, God sent the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary and told her that she was highly favored, that she would conceive and bring forth a Son, and should call Him Jesus. (The name Jesus signifies Saviour.) At the time of His birth, we learn that the angel of the Lord came to the shepherds in the fields who were keeping watch over their flocks by night, and this is the message the angels brought them.

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." St. Luke 2:9-14.

So we learn that this event was so great and important that even the an-

gel from heaven had to make the announcement and sing praises to God. We believe that man was unable to bring these praises; only the angel and a multitude of the heavenly host were able to sing these praises for the birth of Jesus. Through the angel His birth was revealed to the poor, meek, and lowly of the earth.

The Heavens also declared His birth by a large and brilliant star in the heavens, that those who studied the heavenly bodies knew that some great event had taken place. As they were expecting a new and great king to be born, they had that faith that this brilliant star revealed the birth of the King of the Jews. So they came to Jerusalem to inquire where Christ should be born. (Christ signifies anointed.) We learn that King Herod and all Jerusalem was troubled over His birth. Here again we see that His birth was revealed to the rich kings, chief priests, and scribes, for King Herod called them together and made inquiry where Christ should be born, according to the prophets. So the wise men, as did the shepherds, went and worshiped Him. In conclusion while we are in a war mad world with fear, hatred, and strife on every side, we can come to this anointed Saviour, and worship Him as the shepherds and wise men did. The gift we should bring Him is a life fully surrendered to His service. Then and only then can we understand the full and true meaning of His coming here on earth and enjoy the Peace of which the Angel sang.

David Lantz, Grabill, Indiana.

THE PRICE WE PAY

The fierce struggle of life today is to maintain spirituality. The love of things has robbed life of its luster. There is too much fussing over petty affairs trying to possess some empty honor and the gold in life is lost. Many are selling their birthright for a mess of pottage. They have lost sight of everything but wealth. No wonder life is so empty for them.

"God knows what is best for us, and He will make it plain to us if we will let Him."

FAITH

The only kind of faith that will deliver and bring results is the faith that believes God and His Word when circumstances, emotions, people, and all human aid is gone. Paul had this kind of faith. "And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away." Notwithstanding all this Paul said, "Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer; for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me."

May God give us a complete trust in His Word.

We have many kinds of faith in the world today. There is one kind when men cannot believe unless they have some sign or manifestation of feeling. Like Gideon, they feel the fleece, and if it is wet they are willing to trust. This may be called faith, but it is far from perfect faith. It is always looking for something besides the Word of God. It is really blessed to believe God with out feeling or emotion.

Again we hear people say they can have faith when everything goes their way and everything works out favorable, but if the odds are against them, then they cannot believe.

"LETTER TO THE EDITOR"

Dear Folks,

Just a few lines to let you know that I receive the "Silver Lining" every month and enjoy reading it very much. I want to thank you for sending it.

On October 7th I met Carl Kipfer while I was on a pass. He is also here in India. I told him about the "Silver Lining" and he said that he would like to get it also. I told him that I'd write to you and send his address. So if it is not too much trouble, would you please send him a copy every month? I know that he will enjoy it very much. . .

S-Sgt. E. S. Aeschliman.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Silver Lining Staff would greatly appreciate receiving some letters or poems from our soldiers and sailors in *foreign lands* or those in our home land. We will be glad to publish inserts or complete letters as space permits, and we shall be looking forward to receiving them.

I Die at Dawn

This sincere and moving document was written by a 22-year-old Dutch lad just before he and his three companions were shot to death, on February 27th by a firing squad. Their crime: escaping from Holland in an attempt to join the Dutch forces in Britian. The four young men were captured in Occupied France, and for "assisting the enemy," were sentenced to death by a German Military Court on February 13, 1942. At the suggestion of the Netherlands Information Bureau, the remuneration paid for this letter by "The Week" and the Reader's Digest has been invested in U. S. War Bonds, being held in trust by the Dutch government until Holland is liberated when the money will be turned over to the boy's parents.

Dear Father:

It is difficult for me to write this letter to you but I have to tell you that the military court has pronounced a heavy sentence upon us. Read this letter alone, and then tell mother carefully. When I wrote you before on the 14th of February we already knew that we had been condemned to death. But I could not find the courage to write you this because I didn't want you to go through the same "time of tension." An appeal for mercy, sent in our behalf to Paris was denied, although we thought we stood a chance because our case was not, after all, a crime. I do not say a time of "fear" for fortunately it hasn't been that. I have been able to pray much, and have the firm conviction that I may look forward to a death in Christ. In a little while—at five o'clock—it is going to happen and that is not so terrible. It is, after all, only one moment, and then I shall be with God—no more terrible miseries and the sadness of this earth. Is that, after all, such a dreadful transition? On the contrary, it is beautiful to be in God's strength. God has told us. He will not forsake us if only we pray to Him for support. I feel so strongly my nearness to God. I am fully prepared to die. I hope that will be a consolation to you. I know quite well that it is horrible. We are still so young. But God knows that our cause was a just one.

I think it is much worse for you than for me because I know I have confessed all my sins to Him and have become very quiet. Therefore do not mourn, but trust in God and pray for strength. Mother, dear Mother, let me embrace you. Forgive me any wrong I may have done. Do not cry, darling. Be courageous. You still have children left, unlike Mrs. Jones. I know I will see you all again. One last tender kiss from your son, Kees. Father, forgive me too. Be strong in your belief which I know you have like Mother. Do not mourn, but thank God that we may have the certainty of His grace. Do not say: "Because you are gone peace can be no joy for us any more." Because after all, I gave my life for my country, as so many are doing at this time. Give me a firm handshake. God's Will be done. Jan, Bep, El and Fien—greetings to you all. Be strong and pray to God for fortitude. Believe in Him and He will make everything come right. Be good to Father and Mother. Many kisses from your brother, Kees. Greet my little brothers and sisters. May be they won't understand it so well yet but teach them, too, to believe. Greet everybody for the four of us. My sincere thanks for all they ever did for me. We are courageous. Be the same. They can only take our bodies. Our souls are in God's hands. That should be sufficient consolation. I am going—until we meet again in a reunion which will be so much happier. Our God bless you all. Have no hate. I die without hatred. God rules everything.

Kees.

Taken by permission from Mrs. Geo. Yergler's note book, LaCrosse, Ind.

Faithfulness in little things rules over great things. Faithfulness in the least leads to faithfulness in the most. Faithfulness on earth gives a place "with Him" over the earth. Faithfulness unto death wins the crown of life.

"Heaven is a holy place. No evil thing or person can enter in."

"God's Will — nothing more, nothing less, nothing else."

ON THE OCEAN OF LIFE

By S. H. Froelich

The faithful believers are mariners on the ocean of this world. Faith is the vessel; love is the cargo; hope is the anchor. The spirit of Jesus swells the sails and drives the ship onward, and the Lord Himself is at the helm and steers its course, and the living God is both arms and armor. There are, indeed, pirates, storms, waves, cliffs, shoals, and currents, and where such currents meet, there is also a Scylla and a Charybdis (as in the straits of Messina). But God is their reliance and their strength and saves them from all these dangers. And when they arrive in the promised land, they leave their ship and its anchor—i. e. faith and hope—in the harbor and take only the cargo along.

"The sum total" (the end and aim) of every commandment is "love out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." Some have thrown their cargo overboard ahead of time, due to scepticism, faint heartedness, and the like. They have suffered shipwreck with their vessel (faith). Others left the direct way (they went astray) and were cast on the shoals of logic and reason and on the sands of self-righteousness. For these reasons they no longer advance, or they are drifting without star or compass in the uncharted depths of Satan, and in those of human institutions; and they blaspheme the way of truth.

"Prayer is indeed a privilege. It is a mighty weapon in the hand of faith, to anchor our sons who left our firesides, and are separated by thousands of miles. We can meet around the Mercy Seat. Our silent prayers mingle with those of our dear ones as they rise before the Throne of God. 'Oh, God, Help me,' is the cry of thousands in these trying days. God does hear the faintest cry. Every sincere prayer anchors the individual to the throne of God. Prayer brings us into close relationship with God, making it possible to receive light and strength, and sustains us in the dark hour. In earnest prayer we can feel His hand of Love upon us."

ADDRESSES OF OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

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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.

Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!
* * * *

It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearthstones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

—HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW.

BETHLEHEM

By Rev. William Ward Ayer, D.D.

O'er a stable, through the darkness
Shines a beam of radiant light;
Wise Men follow, filled with wonder
As the star illumines the night.

In a manger, lo, there sleepeth
One of whom the angels sing;
Let us now draw nigh and worship
Offerings to the Christ Child bring.

Hear the mother's song so gentle
Echoing through the stable dim;
Hear the sweetly cooing Infant;
Hear the lowly shepherds' hymn.

Can it be those hands so holy
Will by cruel nails be torn?
And that brow so white and tender
Bloody be from piercing thorn?

Dost Thou dream as there Thou sleepest
Of a rude cross lifted high?
Of the shouting and the tumult
And Immanuel's orphaned cry?

Thou didst come, O heaven-sent Baby,
Mankind's grief and shame to share;
Lamb of God, no spot or blemish,
On the cross man's sins to bear.

In a manger, lo, there sleepeth
Christ the Lord, of virgin born;
To His cradle bring our offerings—
Worship Him this Christmas morn!

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