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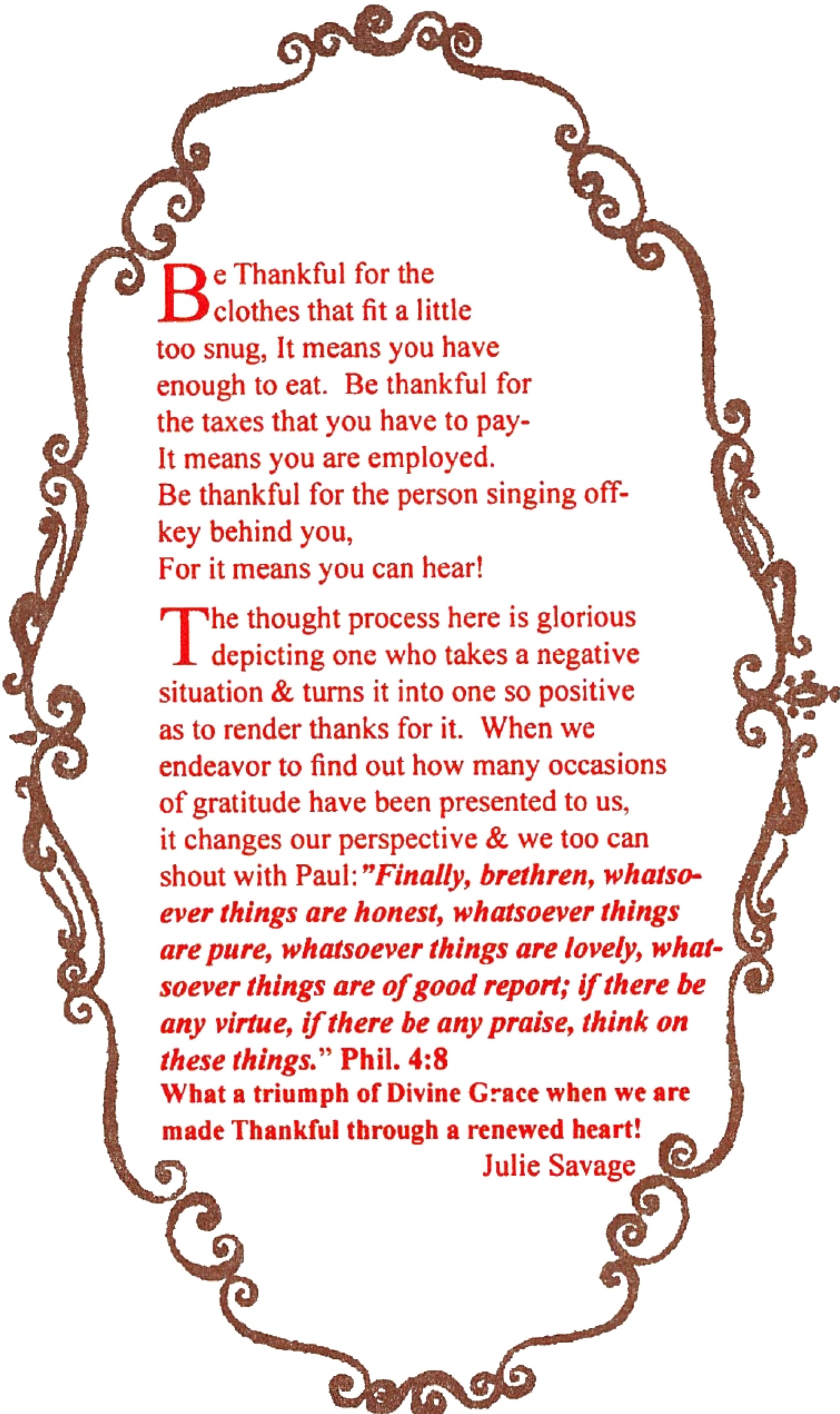
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**Y**ea, the Lord  
shall give that  
which is good;  
and our land  
shall yield her  
increase.  
PSALM 85:12.





**B**e Thankful for the  
clothes that fit a little  
too snug, It means you have  
enough to eat. Be thankful for  
the taxes that you have to pay-  
It means you are employed.  
Be thankful for the person singing off-  
key behind you,  
For it means you can hear!

**T**he thought process here is glorious  
depicting one who takes a negative  
situation & turns it into one so positive  
as to render thanks for it. When we  
endeavor to find out how many occasions  
of gratitude have been presented to us,  
it changes our perspective & we too can  
shout with Paul: "*Finally, brethren, whatso-  
ever things are honest, whatsoever things  
are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, what-  
soever things are of good report; if there be  
any virtue, if there be any praise, think on  
these things.*" Phil. 4:8

**What a triumph of Divine Grace when we are  
made Thankful through a renewed heart!**

**Julie Savage**

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*After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly;... and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots:" Dan. 7:7,8*

*And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy." Rev. 13:1*

*"And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space." Rev. 17:9,10*

The above texts were recorded by two different authors, 3  
hundreds of years apart, describing the erratic, and often violent, changes in the one world government which will come to power during the brief 7 year tribulation week of the end time. Daniel saw a beast unlike anything which his mortal eyes had ever beheld, completely "...diverse from..." the lion, the bear, and the leopard, which he had seen previously in this vision. He could only describe it as being "...dreadful (fearful) and terrible,... (well loined, burly, mighty.)" This spectacular scene appeared before the prophet as a giant panorama, of moving pictures, and he was especially intrigued when a little horn "...came up among them..." and three of the ten horns were "...plucked up by the roots..." meaning that three nations will be ousted by the antichrist, leaving an ungodly, and unrestrained, coalition of seven horns of power.

John likewise saw a beast, which rose "...up out of the water having seven heads and ten horns..." Those seven heads are interpreted to be "...seven mountains..." or nations, and correspond with the seven horns of Daniel's vision. This simply means that John saw the beast at a later time than did Daniel, for



that end time coalition of ten nations had already been reduced to seven, by the time John viewed it. The ten horns are clearly defined as "...ten kings, **which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast...**" Rev. 17:12 We have before indicated, in these pages, that those ten kings are an apt description of the terrorist groups emerging in our world today who desperately want their own state, and political standing in these last days, but simply "have received no kingdom as yet." These also destroy the "woman," who sits upon the beast, and we can already see these religious terrorist groups waging "Jihad" or holy war against Catholicism, or that which is perceived, worldwide, to be Christian, for this False Church does purport herself to be Christ's only witness, here upon this earth.

Such groups are many, including ISIS, Al Qaeda, Hezbollah, Hamas, and The PLO. All of these factions desperately want to establish a foot-hold in the political affairs of this world and The PLO is especially determined to gain recognition as a state, with its Capital located in Jerusalem. These are said to have "no kingdom as yet," but the aforementioned ten kings will eventually gain some political power for they will reign, "one hour with the beast" or antichrist.

Many students of prophecy have watched intently, down through the years, for a glimpse of Daniel's ten nation coalition to emerge, but so far none as appeared. The closest we have found would be the G-7 nations, which was especially formed as somewhat of a "watchdog" group for the world economy, which the antichrist will one day control under the umbrella of a one world government. Russia was added to that group for a time, but has since been suspended. We also read of the P5+1 nations which were involved in the Iran nuclear negotiations, but again these fall far short of the long sought 10.

We have begun to wonder if the actual emergence of these ten horns, prophesied by Daniel, might be like unto the taking away of the evening sacrifice. Is it such a pin point sign that it will, perhaps, not occur until **after** Jesus comes as a "thief?" We would note, however, in the context of this mystery, that both Scripture, and history, do prove that nations often **begin** to take their places long before they occupy their established role in world events. For example Assyria actually introduced Babylon to the world stage after she took the ten tribes of Israel captive



and "...brought men from Babylon, ...and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel..." II Kings 17:24 After that, Babylon seems to take center stage. Jeremiah records it thus: "Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones." Jer. 50:17 Babylon was being moved like a chess piece into position, some time before she actually became the first Gentile World Empire.

Likewise, Darius the Mede did not just suddenly appear on the world stage the night he dethroned Belshazzar and brought the Babylonish Kingdom crashing down, and Alexander The Great certainly had great exploits before he emerged as the leader of the third world empire known as Greece.

News reports and observations, in regard to current nations, also reveal that those same powers are beginning to take their prophetic places. Though we do not see any evidence of a full blown ten nation coalition, we are able to discern at least one once powerful "horn," that has all the signs of being "plucked up." That nation is none other than America, which is in process of relinquishing her leadership role as a nation; morally, religiously, economically, politically, and militarily. She began as a nation founded on the principles of God and the scriptures, but is today morally bankrupt passing laws of gross immorality which promote the abominable practice of same sex marriage and abortion. This once separated nation is now driven more as being "...lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;" II Tim. 3:4 Early American leaders once sounded out the tremendous tenets of God's Word, while current leadership forbids any display of His Decrees on government lands, and, in some cases, actually promotes Islam and Sharia law. Some prominent ministers of the Mega Church simply refuse to proclaim God's Word which declares that Jesus is the only Way to Heaven, thus leaving a void and a drought in spiritual truth.

America is also in deep trouble economically, as politicians refuse to curb spending, and this country daily increases her debt, which is already in the trillions of dollars. God's Word is very plain, both for individuals and nations; "...and the borrower is servant to the lender." Prov. 22:7 Right now, China owns most of that debt which will make this country subservient to her.



She has also lost her political status. When Pres. Obama drew his infamous “red line,” in the sand, and Syrian Pres. Assad crossed it, with absolutely no consequence or retribution from the U.S., America lost the trust of her allies and her enemies had absolutely no need to fear her. Witness the gross disrespect out of Iran during the recent nuclear negotiations when shouts of “death to America,” sounded out almost constantly. Vladimir Putin quickly stepped into the void left by Mr. Obama’s strategic political error, and continues his aggression even today. He has made it very clear by statements filtered through the U.N. that America had better leave hands off since he has moved into Syria, both with troops and airpower, to shore up the Assad government. America also left a tremendous political vacuum in Iraq, when she withdrew all her troops, and now ISIS has filled that void. Military commanders had suggested that 10 to 15 thousand troops be left behind as an insurance policy much like the troops left in Korea at the end of that war. The U.S. also has the most sophisticated of weapons at its disposal, but they are not actually being used and thus her military prowess is rather anemic.

6 Daniel informs us that 7 nations or “horns,” will emerge, to form a one world government at the beginning of the tribulation week. John clearly tells us that, of those seven, “five are fallen,” which would leave only two. Present day newscasts clearly indicate that, at this point in time, the two leading candidates to fulfill that prophecy, would be Russia and China. Current news reports also show that the aforementioned Russia is, to quote a modern day sports term, “making her move.” Bro. Smith warned, in these Sign Posts, many years ago after the collapse of the old Soviet Union: “Do not be deceived into thinking that we have heard the last of Russia.” He did not gaze into some “crystal ball,” in making that declaration, but rather knew, as do many students of prophecy, that scripture foretells of a massive army coming down from the North, to invade Israel. Russia fit that criteria then, even as they do now.

This ungodly nation was suspended from G7, as noted earlier, because of her aggression against Crimea. Since then, that same pattern has both continued and intensified with the invasion of Ukraine and, aside from a few sanctions, nothing has been done by any of the nations to thwart Vladimir Putin’s intentions. His venture into Syria is seen as an advantage by some, because



of the potential to turn back ISIS. He has also promised to bring ISIS executioners “Jihadi John,” and “Abu Bakr al Baghdadi,” to justice, and that should be no problem for this former KGB operative. It is quite apparent, however, that Putin’s main effort is to establish, and increase, power for himself and Russia in The Middle East.

Putin is also very much obsessed with oil. One major focal point of the recent Democratic Presidential debate was “climate change,” which has been debunked recently by several prominent scientists. That obviously made no difference to CNN’s format, for all the debaters agreed that something must be done about “global warming,” and at least two of the Pres. candidates “named it as one of the leading national security threats.” James Webb’s plan, to address the problem “advocated for an international agreement to limit carbon emissions.” Russia, China, and Israel, evidently did not get the memo, for it is quite evident that none of them have any intention of curbing their use of fossil fuels. A number of news sources have reported a very large oil glut found in Israel. Haaretz, an Israeli news outlet, ran this headline: “Genie (A U.S. oil exploration company) Confirms Report of Possible Big Golan Oil Find,” The “Sheeple” reports that “The oil is actually in the Golan Heights, which was taken by Israel, from Syria, in the 1967 war. The ownership of the area is still contested.” This article continues explaining that; “Depending on the size of the oil find under the Golan, the whole configuration of oil-control in the Middle East could be affected. Who has it, who owns it, who sells it, who buys it, and who sets the price.

Israel’s apparent long-term plan to weaken and disable nations in the Middle East, including Syria, could certainly raise the price of oil from that region, making it cost-effective to bring up all the oil under Golan—however many barrels that turns out to be.

Putin’s recent attacks on Syria also involve an effort to jack up oil prices by “increasing uncertainty” in the region. Long term, Putin wants to extend his influence in the Middle East (e.g., Iran and Iraq), hopefully allowing him to keep oil prices at a level that would bring rescue to the Russian economy, which, as an oil exporter, has been languishing under low-cost oil.

Everybody and his brother wants a piece of the pie. As usual, war is a strategy for getting it, while the war-makers suppress actual (not fake) energy alternatives.”



The Geopolitical Monitor, also weighs in on the Syrian connection of Russia, China, and The Middle East. "The West is spending billions in Syria and Iraq without any signs of success. Russia and now China can spend far less to prevent a Western victory in the Middle East. While the Obama administration is not likely to change course and work for a victory, the next administration is likely to be far more assertive in achieving some type of success in Syria and Iraq. Regime change in Syria will have to be a part of that. With Russia and China providing protection for Assad, any efforts in Syria will have to be worked out with them. In addition to their veto in the UN they now have a veto on the ground. (Ed. Note: Russian troops are, in fact, on the ground in Syria) As long as the West cannot stabilize the Middle East they will not be able to shift more attention to Ukraine or East Asia. This will give Russia and China more space to maneuver in areas that are truly important to them." Areas, we would add, like Israel.

8 Scripture is very clear in regard to oil. Regardless of the fact that the leadership in America seems obsessed with the notion of eliminating its use of fossil fuels, and trying to persuade other nations of the world to engage in the same endeavor, the declaration in Rev. 6:6, "...see thou hurt not the oil..." is not an idle one. Oil is absolutely imperative to fuel the war machines of the tribulation period, and this is exactly what nations like Russia and China have in mind. The above decree comes forth with the opening of the third seal of judgment, and is indicative of the fact that God wants these nations to have every advantage, and opportunity, as they speed toward keeping their appointment of gathering themselves together for the "...supper of the great God;..." known as Armageddon. Rev. 19:17-19 They truly think they are on their way to complete triumph over God's Chosen People, Israel, but a gigantic surprise awaits them. One of the two kings left standing, as prophesied by Rev. 17:9-10 will be the antichrist, and will meet his final fate in the lake of fire.

We should be encouraged by the fact that this entire scenario of destruction will be enacted long after the Bridal Company has been translated to glory, and thus there is the great possibility that we may not even be here to see the formation of the ten horns marking the very beginning of that end-time coalition which will form a one-world government. It may be that the four living ones, and four and twenty elders, will have already been taken to glory by the time those ten horns are assembled and three of them are subsequently removed, thereby sparing many from witnessing their beloved



country being "plucked up by the roots." What a glorious thought to contemplate!

We will close with another. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." I Thess. 4:13-17

## Comfort Indeed!

### ~~~~~ When We Think Not

The time is drawing near.  
May be this present year,  
That Christ may call His chosen home.  
Perhaps when we think not,  
But cumbered with our lot,  
We're apt in fields of gloom to roam.

The thought brings joy and cheer  
That Jesus might appear  
Before the end of forty-one.  
Oh, I think not so soon,  
Say some, but at high noon  
Of tribulation days half run.

Oh Bride of Christ, why fear?  
You are to Him most dear.  
He's shuffling furniture on high  
For your supreme delight.  
He's your most August Knight.  
When we think not, He may draw nigh.

A.S. Copley



# PAUL'S EXUBERANT THANKS

C. C. Miller

*“And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving and declare His works with singing”—Psa. 107:22 (1881 version).*

*“Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay thy vows unto the Most High”—Psa. 50:14.*

*“Through Him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips which make confession to his name; for with such sacrifices, God is well pleased” —Heb. 13:15,16.*

*“Speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father” —Eph. 5:19,20.*

10 Here we have read of the spontaneous praise and exuberant thanks of Spirit-filled believers, who are in the will of God—a real old fashioned Pentecostal meeting going on, down in the soul. The above citations, show that, as King David was evidently the ring-leader of all the Old Testament saints in thanking and praising God, so the apostle Paul is the ring-leader in the Church of Jesus Christ, in giving forth praises and thanksgivings to God. In various places throughout his epistles, he over-flows with copious thanks and praises to God. In favorable or unfavorable circumstances and conditions, Paul thanked and praised God for His manifold blessings and Divine providences so rightly ordered for him.

Today, while our great nation is observing Thanksgiving Holiday, set aside by our government to return thanks unto God for His bountiful munificence of the season, we are gathered together to praise and thank God for His grace and manifold temporal, material, and spiritual blessings—wonderful blessings of life poured out upon us. David said, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most High." If you have not started to thank God this morning, you had better get busy, You better begin to let your soul go out to Him in praise and adoration, and glorify and magnify His wonderful Name: "for he is good and His mercy endureth forever." Hallelujah!

Paul gives thanks to God for triumph in His providences.



"But thanks be unto God who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest through us the savor of his knowledge in every place." II Cor. 2:24. We notice by the context, that he is giving a three-fold thanks for triumph in Christ.

First, He is thankful because an errant brother has been restored to fellowship with God. Paul had before instructed the Corinthian saints "to deliver such an one to Satan, for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord." I Cor. 5:5 Now he writes back, after learning the good news, and instructs them to forgive and confirm their love toward him. This is thanks offered up for victory over the flesh. That ought to make all of us thank God, when one who has been yielding to the flesh, is restored to victory and triumph. Of course the legalist would say, "He has committed a terrible immorality, a case of incest in the Church. We ought to put him out. He is lost. There is no hope." But when we see the grace of God, there is always hope. One might fall prey for a little while to the lusts of the flesh; but when we pray for him, as Paul did, and encouraged the Corinthians likewise, by faith he overcomes and gains the victory. It brings joy to our hearts.

Second, I see triumph over the devil, which is good news to you, this Thanksgiving Day. The devil is a muzzled dog. "To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." II Co 2:10-11 Paul was so yielded to the Lord, so sensitive to His Spirit, that he detected and discerned all of the subtle devices of the devil, who seeks to trip up God's people, hinder the work of the Lord and the going forth of the Gospel of saving grace. Therefore, we should not be ignorant of his pernicious, subtle devices, nor of the triumph God has provided for us on Calvary. Many do not understand that finished work. They weep over and over again, thinking they must be saved again and again—"...laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God." Heb. 6:1 "But thanks be unto God who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ." Is He not wonderful—the Christ WHO has defeated the devil; the adversary of our souls and of God? I am not boastful; but I tell you in the name of Jesus and His wonderful grace, I am not afraid of the devil. He is just a side issue. He



causes much trouble, that is true; but triumph is in Christ.

Third, we see triumph over the world. "For we are a sweet savor of Christ unto God in them that are saved and in them that perish; to one a savor from death unto death, to the other a savor from life unto life." II Cor. 2:15-16 We are a sweet savor, an exquisite perfume to the saints. We are well spiced up, plenty of sage in the dressing, salt, pepper, well-seasoned. "And in them that perish," those that are lost, have no hope, but they see Christ in us, and their need of Him. They may come and yield to Him and receive eternal life. In that respect we are a sweet savor, giving forth the Gospel of saving grace. By faith we mete out death all the time to the old creation, overcome the world and live above it. The world has no attraction to us, as we yield to Him. In this citation, Paul thanks God for triumph over the world, the flesh and the devil. Triumph! Victory! No wonder, when the grace of God was heaped upon him, his heart flowed out with exuberant thanks and praise to Him. Amen!

12 Another truth we note. The providences of God were rightly ordered for Paul and his followers. I do not believe one can have a heart flowing forth with spontaneous thanks and praises to God unless he is in the center of God's will. The praises flow forth like an artesian well. Paul was in the center of God's will, content to trust Him in His providences.

"Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia." II Cor. 2:12-13 Paul's natural inclination was to preach the Gospel in Asia, but he was forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach there. He desired to go also into Bithynia; "...but the Spirit suffered them not." Acts 16:7 He was so sensitive to the leadings of the Holy Spirit that a check in his spirit prevented his natural inclination from misleading him. Many of us would have said, "I feel like that is a rich field, ripe to work in." Then when we arrived there and had no results, no victory, or joy, we found that we were out of God's will. Is not that the way with most people? They are so overly zealous that their natural inclination gets ahead of the will of God. When Paul went to Troas, the will of God was revealed in a vision. When he obeyed, what happened? Did things go smoothly? He was at Phillippi, brutally maltreated



and persecuted wherever he went; but still he knew he was in the center of God's will, in the Divine Providences, rightly ordered for him. Later, he said, "Now I would have you know, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the progress of the Gospel"—Phil. 1:12. He knew he was in the center of God's will, because God had revealed to him, without a shadow of doubt, that he was going to Macedonia. Whatever happened was just an extension of the Gospel of saving grace. No wonder he thanked God for His triumph, because he was always in the center of God's will. Whether in adversity, sufferings, or persecution, exuberant thanks flowed forth from his soul unto God.

Second, Paul thanks God for victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. "Behold, I tell you a mystery, we shall not all sleep; but we shall all be changed (a double mystery). In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump (this implies there will be a first trumpet); for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (general resurrection of the righteous dead.) For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death where is thy victory? O grave where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law, but thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Cor. 15:51-57. Hallelujah! Before; he thanked God for triumph in Christ over the world, the flesh and the devil. Now he gives thanks for victory over death, hell and the grave; which victory Christ wrought when He died on Calvary in our stead and took the old creation to the tomb, left it there, and arose the Head of a new creation. In God's provision, we have died and risen again with Christ, and we stay on the resurrection side of the grave. We also ascended with Him into the heavenlies provisionally. Paul speaks of present victory.

All this was revealed to Paul, and of course thanks had to come forth spontaneously. Just like an oil well a man was drilling in Oklahoma City. He put all of his wealth into it. They said he would not strike oil. Finally, he drilled down about a mile under the earth's surface and hit a gusher of black oil. It covered the end of town. He had a conviction that he would strike oil; but we have had more; a revelation that we will strike



gold. We have already struck it, and we are going to be blown into eternity some of these days like a heavenly torpedo. Men claim when an airplane travels above a certain speed, it catches fire and burns up. That is what will happen to us. We catch on fire and keep burning and glowing until we reach the glory world. Then we will shine through all eternity; burn up, yet not be consumed. Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory over death, hell and the grave. We are in the heavenlies now by faith.

Why be moping around down here among the repugnant things of this world? The joy rolls forth when we see the provision God has made for us. Many times I get down before the Lord and I cannot pray, nor speak a word of my own need. Jesus is so wonderful, that I am all taken up with thanking and praising and worshipping Him. Yes, when these old corruptible bodies shall be changed; when these old shells, which are on the road to the grave and give us so much trouble, hindering the things of God, because they are so sluggish and subject to pain and disease; when these bodies put on incorruption, then what is already provided will be entirely consummated. Death will be swallowed up  
**14** in victory, as Paul says. Will it not be wonderful? Some of these days we will be walking along here in the world and wake up in glory. No wonder he thanked God for victory in Christ. It was all provided in Him. Nothing to do! It is DONE. No wonder the legalist cannot be happy, but goes around with a two by four face, trying to be religious. He does not see the finished work; nor what we are in Christ. He is trying to put the flesh in subjection and keep him a good boy by laying down rules and regulations, joining an organization with its laws and by-laws.

Third, I Cor. 14:18. Here Paul thanks God for the gift of tongues. Did you speak in tongues since you believed? If so, you can thank God for the sign of tongues, even if you have not the gift. "For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the understanding also. I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also. I thank God I speak with tongues more than you all. Howbeit in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that I might instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue." Paul is not writing here to the Church to do away with the gift of tongues, as some might think and as some preach today;



but to regulate this wonderful, powerful, super-natural gift, so it would not only edify the individual, but build up the assembly. I fear, if Paul were here today, some of the churches would say, "Paul, you have always been sane, sensible and sound, and we have accepted you as an authority on church government. We thought it well to follow after you. We have gone so far as to name our hospitals and orphanages and churches after you. Now you thank God that you speak in tongues more than we all. We will have to change and follow somebody else, if you belong with the tongues people." Paul answers, "I thank God I speak with tongues more than you all."

In his devotions, his soul was going forth in prayer, intercessory prayer; praise and thanks to God in heavenly languages. It built up and strengthened him, because the Holy Ghost was making intercession according to the will of God. It is wonderful to be yielded to the Spirit, so He can take the last, unruly member to praise, magnify, worship and glorify God for Jesus' sake. Thank God for speaking in tongues. I defend, with the apostle Paul, this wonderful gift. It is not done away, "Wherefore my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues." I Cor. 14:39 In other words, Do not you forbid any of my followers to speak in tongues, if they speak according to my instructions." The devil knows that if he can get hold of this powerful gift and make it spectacular, he can play havoc with it. So Paul had to regulate it. Dynamite is not a thing for a child to play with. If you have dynamite in your basement you will guard it. It can be made a blessing if it is put in the right channel, but it takes an experienced man to use it. Some assemblies have been blown up with this dynamite, because it was used unwisely. We also are speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and we will not put a lid on it, when regulated according to Paul's teachings. The saints are edified, the Church is built up, and the devil horrified, because of the tongues. And I thank my God that I spake in tongues as much as anyone here. If you have not received the Holy Spirit with His distinctive sign, you had better yield and receive Him now. Let the Lord put out the shingle, *the sign*.

Fourth, Paul thanks God for His "...unspeakable Gift."



II Cor. 9:15 This Gift is Christ, Who is the foundation of the Gospel of saving grace, which was first revealed to the Apostle Paul. I think it is wonderful that Jesus introduced the positive Gospel when He was here on earth. Then the kingdom apostles preached the comparative Gospel. Later Paul came on the scene and gave us, by divine revelation, the superlative Gospel, the message for the bride company. That is what we are feeding upon. Nothing can compare with it. It is all of grace. Nothing can overpower it. We are more than victorious with Paul; and we too thank God for His unspeakable Gift. All other gifts are summed up in Christ. Glory to Jesus! Our riches in Christ ought to move us to liberality, so that we would be pouring out upon others this revealed Truth.

16 Now I want to call attention to the thanks of our Lord Jesus Christ, on which all our praises are contingent. The seventy had returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject unto us in thy name. And He said unto them, I beheld Satan fallen as lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall in anywise hurt you. Nevertheless, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven. In that same hour, He rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou didst hide these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes: yea, Father for so it was well-pleasing in thy sight." Luke 10:17-21, R. V.

Here our Lord offered up praise to the Father for the revelation of eternal life to His children. Their names were written in glory, never to be blotted out. They are written in the Lamb's book of life. Is your name written there? If so, thank God that it can never be erased, though you may make a mistake. He also thanks the Father that the wise and prudent of the old creation cannot understand these facts. But they who are born again understand the things which God has provided for us in Christ. The wise, the prudent ones of this age are not Edison, Darwin, nor other scientists; but we are the wise, the prudent ones, because we know, God. We



know what we know and we know that we know it. God has revealed them unto us by His Spirit; "for the Spirit seacheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." We are intelligent, happy, rejoicing children of God.

The last point is in I Cor. 11:23, 24 "For I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and said, This is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." He thanked the Father here for these emblems which spoke of His broken body and shed blood, which He was ready and willing to pour out on Calvary's Cross for you and me; for He offered Himself up to die in our stead. Glory be to Jesus! Through His bruises and shed blood, healing was granted unto us and eternal life was purchased for us; for the life of the flesh is in the blood, His (alone) was efficacious to redeem us. Critics say the blood of Jesus was no more efficacious than that of any one else; but I tell you the blood and flesh of Jesus Christ were holy, harmless, sinless and undefiled. Although one drop of that precious life blood was sufficient to blot out the sins of the whole world, yet He poured it all out freely for you and me. Oh, bless His name! He was the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world. The modernists say, "Away with this Gospel of grace. It belongs to the dark ages;" but "without the shedding of blood there is no remission." Take away the blood of Jesus and we have nothing left; we have no salvation. Thank God that Jesus thanked the Father in advance for His redemptive work which He accomplished on Calvary. Is not that enough to cause us to praise; adore and glorify His Name while we are here on earth? We know that we are objects of the Father's grace in the beloved Son and that we are accepted in Him. Praise the Lord. We should shout aloud: "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift."

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**"Thanks be unto God for his  
unspeakable gift."**

**II Cor. 9:15**



# REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS

...From the Editor

***“Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD....” Psa. 150:6***

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The little word “let” would signify that which is given freely, without any reservation, and reflects the attitude with which praise and thanksgiving are to be rendered unto the LORD. There will come a day when all the universe shall be forced to bow before Him as “...every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, And...every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,...” Phil. 2:10-11 Paul conveys this same message to the Corinthians, exclaiming that “...he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.” I Cor. 15:25 John likewise proclaims “Behold, I will **make** them of the synagogue of Satan,...behold, I will **make** them to come and worship before thy feet,...” Rev. 3:9

But the tone of Psalm 150 is entirely different, and bespeaks that which should prevail in our lives at this present hour. Psalm 92:1 also shouts loudly that “It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:” Praises, and thanksgiving, are to be “given” freely, without any coercion, simply reflecting a heart of love and adoration for The LORD.

The four living ones and twenty four elders are a classic example of such a glorious spirit, which literally exudes spontaneous praise, with no apparent provocation. Worship and praise are the very essence of their lives as “...they **rest not day and night**, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,...” Rev. 4:8 These “...living ones...” shout out this paean of praise and are quickly followed by “The four and twenty elders...” who also “...fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him... and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” V. 10 -11 The four living ones and the four and twenty elders



form two sides of the same company. The elders, who “cast their crowns before the throne...” represent the kingly character of this Bridal Company, while the four living ones, radiate the very image of Christ. They are “full of eyes, before, behind and within,” and portray the priestly character of this group, who well understand the very ways of God because these “eyes,” are so familiar with His intricate purposes and intentions, past, present, and future.

This group worships Him as the creator in chapter four, for “...thou hast created all things...” They refer, not simply to the “seven days of creation,” but rather to themselves, whom they view as “...his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus** unto good works...” Eph. 2:10 This same company worships Him as The Redeemer in Rev. 5, loudly proclaiming: “Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood...And hast made us unto our God kings and priests:...”

The world may celebrate a day of Thanksgiving, and that, mostly for the material blessings which God has bestowed, which is most assuredly proper. However, if we would follow the pattern set by this very select company, of which we surely hope to be a part, our hearts will go quite beyond material wealth and cry out a hearty, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:” Eph 1:3-4

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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# Thanks be unto God

John F. Ney

**M**y heart is in tune with Thanksgiving this afternoon. We are not only able to praise God one day, but 365 days in a year. We can obey the laws of the land and the laws of God this afternoon. The proclamation has been given that all should be giving thanks to God. Would it not be awful if someone were here that did not thank God and we would have to call the police to make him obey? Pentecostal people have been arrested for praising God. Well, glory to God. The President's proclamation for this day is beautifully worded. If we give it a spiritual application, we can thank God for courage and fortitude, for the problems that have confronted us the past year, and for the vision that has been made a reality; but we have to give them a spiritual application. I do not want to speak of the President of our land, but of a man after God's own heart who also was a ruler, a king; then later, some about God's chosen vessel for this Church Age. Let us begin with David.

20 *"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.* Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Psa. 103:1, 2 When we meditate, for a time, about the pit from which God dug us, and that our sins are forgiven, all the blessings, all the benefits from time to time, it seems like the praises just automatically spring up in our hearts. All we can say is, Bless the Lord! Glory to God! Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name! That is the way I felt all day yesterday. Some people make light of Pentecostal people who praise the Lord very much; but we know that David was a man after God's own heart. He was not presumptuous, and no one has ever outdone David in praising God. When he was out of tune, he went to the Lord and had his heart tuned. He did not stay out of tune very long. He was a good confessor. The only time that we can genuinely sing the praises of God here, is when we are in tune with God's heart. Hallelujah! Praise God!

*"My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed. I will sing and give praise."* Psalm 57:7 David did not have "leakage of the heart." His heart was full of praises to God. He also exclaimed, "Awake up, my glory; awake psaltery and harp. I myself will awake early. I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people. I will sing unto thee: among the nations." Vs. 8, 9. It is all right to praise



the Lord before the people. We not only want to praise the Lord in secret; but we also want the people to hear that we are praising our God. "For thy mercy is great unto the heavens and thy truth unto the clouds. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let thy glory be above all the earth." Vs. 10, 11 David not only exhorted others to praise God; but he called upon his own soul to bless the Lord and to not forget all His benefits. And here David says he will arise early. "I myself will awake early" and praise God.

Then, in the last Psalm, David calls upon everything that hath breath to praise the Lord, and he calls on all instruments to give glory to God. I suppose if it had been today, he would have called on the baby grand and everything else to praise God. I wonder if he could speak in tongues. I think he could have gotten some relief that way. In the 148<sup>th</sup> Psalm, he calls on all creatures, naming them in detail, to bless the Lord, and all the elements of the world. He calls even the creeping things, and the dragons, to praise God, and he makes no distinction between kings, and rulers, and maidens, and young men, and old men, and creeping things. He would have all to bless God. O that man had a true revelation of God in His creative power and in redemption. Blessed be God! Words are too tame. We cannot express what we see and feel when we get a full revelation of God as Creator and of Jesus Christ as Redeemer. We cannot fully praise and glorify God; but how we rejoice at the thought of the day when it will be outwardly manifested. All creatures, during the millennium, will give praise to God and everything will worship Him.

Men may laugh at us for praising God; but if you read the Psalms, you will find that we are in Divine Order. David wanted every instrument to praise God. Revelation four and five record the occupation of the redeemed, rendering praise unto God as Creator and unto Christ as Redeemer. His right to reign, His wisdom and His power are all adored. Oh, it is all unto Him! No individual is seen there; but we will know them by their song; who they are, by where they are found. We do not read of Paul there; but we do know where to find him, even among those that have their hearts open for the whole will of God, who praise God for all of His spiritual power. They will fall on their faces and praise and worship God. Hallelujah! God has given us eternal life that we may praise Him for all eternity. Yes, my heart also is fixed.



After we get a full revelation of this wonderful Gospel of grace, like Paul, as to material things, we learn to be content in any state, because we are in the will of God, which is everything to us. Our hearts are in tune with heaven. Praise God! Without any sharps, or flats, or stops, we can sing right on through, regardless of whether or not we see results, or the glory of God as we would like to see them, just so our hearts are in tune with Him. Paul's rejoicing was in the Lord. He exhorted: "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." It is impossible to rejoice, in circumstances and feelings, always; but we may always rejoice in the Lord, when we know, regardless of what comes or goes, that all things work together for good, Hallelujah! We cannot always justify the acts; but we can say, that all things work good for us. Nothing makes our hearts rejoice like spiritual prosperity in our own lives.

22 We love to see progress in others also. When we see that, it gives us double joy. John said he had no greater joy than to see his children walk in truth. Paul said to the Philippian saints, when he had a choice to depart and be with the Lord, or stay, that he chose to stay for the furtherance and joy of those saints. His joy in coming to them was that their joy might be more abundant in the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise God! He not only rejoiced with the saints then, but he desired to rejoice with them in the day of the Lord. The Thessalonian saints were also his joy, or crown of rejoicing at the Lord's coming. Praise God! He will have a people that actually satisfy Him for all eternity. He will be fully satisfied with some people. Even the back-sliders will have nothing to say of their backsliding, but glory and praise to the Lamb, who has saved them from their sins and washed them in His own precious blood. Praise God. Even that company will praise Jesus through all eternity.

#### *How to Get in Tune*

I wonder if there are some today, whose hearts are not fully in tune with the Lord. We will read some verses that give the remedy. As we said about David, he was a man after God's own heart; but he got out of tune a little bit. At one time, he tried to imitate the Philistines by moving the ark as they did, and God made a breach on them and David was displeased. I am sure that then he was out of tune. The ark was in the house of Obededom for three months and God blessed him. David said later, "We sought not the Lord after the due order, and He made a breach upon us," (I Chron. 15) and added that no one but the



Levites should carry the ark. When it was brought up from the house of Obbedom, David leaped and danced with all his might before the Lord. He was in tune with God. It is wonderful to be in tune with the mighty Instrument-player, the only One that can get a song out of lost humanity, so that He can play on all at once and get a tune out of lost, undone creatures. O, Lord tune us up and get more glory out of our lives. Then another time David got out of tune and he cried to the Lord to restore him and forgive the sin he had committed. That is one reason why David was a man after God's own heart. He did not make a big profession when he was out of tune. If we have walked in our own way, we need to repent and fall in line with the will of God. Then the joy of the Lord will be just as great as when we were first filled with the Spirit; but if we deviate from the plan of God, He cannot play on the instrument.

*"Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance:* for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing: for godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death." II Cor. 7:9,10. Two kinds of sorrow are manifest here, but one always ends up in joy. Godly sorrow always will be restored and will always be joyful. The Lord has laid these few verses on my heart for those who are out of tune with God, that they may be brought in full tune and that God will get special praise and honor from those few. There is joy in heaven even over one sinner that repents, and I believe there is great joy when those are restored who have walked in their own way. When someone repents, it brings joy to the whole congregation. God is always present and works according to his plan.

*"Having therefore these promises,* dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man. I speak not this to condemn you; for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die and live with you. Great is my boldness of speech toward you; great is my glorying of you. I am filled with comfort; I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation." II Cor. 7:1-4. That exceeding great joy came because they heeded Paul's words. "For when we were come



into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest; but we were troubled on every side. Without were fightings; within were fears. Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus. And not by his coming only; but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more. " Vs. 5-7. We sang two songs on joy and praise. They are twins. There cannot be real praise without joy; but the joy of the Lord causes the praises to come forth spontaneously.

24 "For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry though it were but for a season:" (Read the remainder of the chapter) The Apostle Paul wrote I Cor. 5 concerning a fornicator. The rest were not guilty; but they were puffed up in spirit. Therefore it caused Paul great joy that his letter wrought powerfully in the whole congregation: He said "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump," but there was exceeding great joy because his message, which purged out the leaven, was received. He did not delight to make them sorrowful; but it had to be done. Then he rejoiced because their sorrow changed to joy. Hallelujah!

"And ye are puffed up and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened; for even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." I Cor. 5:2-7.

The whole assembly was puffed up concerning that deed; but how wonderful it is, that Paul did not meet them with a moral, or a legal spirit, but in the Spirit of the Lord and in the Name of Jesus Christ. How many times we see a moral spirit fighting against an immoral one, a legal spirit



against an unlawful one; but the Spirit of Christ is of joy, rejoicing and praise. When repentance is genuine and confession is made, so also is the restoration. Here we read of two kinds of sorrow. In Revelation, we read that Babylon says, "I sit a queen and am no widow and shall see no sorrow;" but in the next verse, we read of her judgment. Even as everything in the world is coming to a climax, so also is the Church that feels so secure and sits as a queen; for her judgment will come.

Some people say, Do you grace people not believe in repentance? Yes, thank God. We not only believe in repenting from bad habits and wrong doings; but from the whole old nature itself. God repented in Noah's time that He hath made man, because there was nothing good in him. Gen. 6:5-7 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. He became a new creation. He passed from death to, life. The flood and the ark are a type of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. The end of all flesh has come before God in the death of Christ. He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification. Before Christ went to the cross "He began to be sorrowful and very heavy. And said unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death." Matt. 26:37, 38 He was made sorrowful even unto death as the time was approaching that He should taste death for every man. It was Godly sorrow that Christ had.

God granted the Gentiles repentance unto life as well as to the Jews. Acts 11:18 It is the goodness of God that leads people to repentance. Law, or conscience, never grants the sinner repentance unto life. It only brings condemnation. It may cause the thief to quit stealing, but he is still a thief by nature, because his heart still covets. When the sinner believes the good news of the Gospel, God grants him repentance unto life and he becomes a new creation. It is the new life that is filled with Godly sorrow when the old life is manifested, whether in the individual or in others. The new life is in fellowship and harmony with the Faithful High Priest at the right hand of God. He is praying for us that we will be kept from the evil. He is our High Priest, our Advocate. John says, "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the



righteous." I John 2:1 We can struggle and strive and try to repent; but only as we confess and acknowledge our helplessness, the Lord becomes our victory. We do not know what is right if we use our own mind. We may be badly mistaken. How do we know whether our motives are right or wrong? He knows our motives and spirit. How comforting! Oh, I want to surrender to Him as never before and leave nothing to my own understanding. I have confidence in Christ that He will keep my heart in tune with Himself. If there is anything, laid across the strings, of an instrument, it hinders the tune. When there was something in David's way, he did not try to humdrum and put up a presumptuous hullabaloo, but he acknowledged his sin and the Lord restored unto him the joy of salvation.

26 My heart is going out for God's people today, many of whom, are not where they were, once upon a time. Their hearts are not tender to the Lord. They are half-hearted and indifferent. But if they seek God with a whole heart and repent of the indifference, acknowledge Him and His will, and let God tune them up, then their hearts will sing and rejoice, I care not, if I am a worm. I am in tune with Christ, who was made sorrowful unto death. Those who see the grace of God, truly repent, and we get to the place where we do not want our own way. I thank God that Jesus Christ is the only One that can keep us in tune; and He is the only One, when our hearts are out of tune, that can bring us in tune with God. Praise the Lord! Oh, could any desire be greater in these closing days than to be whole-heartedly in tune with heaven? The Lord has done too much for me and the things of the world are getting too light, to allow them to step in between. "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee." Psa. 73:25 Praise God!

My great desire today is, that if someone is out of tune, he will come whole-heartedly, and completely surrender to the Almighty. Let Him tune you up for all eternity. We are being tuned up, not only for a while, but forever; for after eternity begins, there will be no such thing as getting out of tune. There will be no discord in heaven, whether: of pipe organ, or harp. Everyone will have his own place and what each has appropriated Christ for. Even the backsliders will not harp about their backslidings. And the overcomers will not be



boasting in their own strength. They will glory forever in Christ and His mighty acts and in His great redemption. Man is occupied with his accomplishments, the work of his own hands. We read that man is worshipping the works of his own hands and occupied with the creature instead of the Creator. I read of someone, who said that all of the trained singers might appear great; but if they are not saved it is nothing but scientific groaning. But thank God, He tunes the hearts. We may not be able to carry a tune in a bushel basket; but when the Lord is in the basket and we are carried away with the greatness of the Creator of this universe and with the love He has shown to us in redeeming us, we out-swell everything in praises and will for all eternity. Praise His holy name! I enjoy my salvation and give God all the glory.

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### Jesus, Our Future Bridegroom

Jesus loves us, His Own Way  
He gives us assurance ev'ry day.  
He'll come get us, by and by  
He'll take us home, with Him on High.

We'll keep reading in His Word,  
For It is our shield and sword.  
He's our Counsellor, God and Friend,  
He will keep us to the end.

Here, it gets darker, day by day,  
Many folks, have lost their way.  
Because we know, He's coming soon,  
We desire to stay in tune.

He will tune us, to upward go,  
So we won't be tossed to and fro.  
He will keep us, by His Side,  
As He readies us, to be His Bride.

The "Greatest Event," you'll ever see  
Might just happen, while on your knee.  
With a trump, a voice, and a shout,  
From this earth, He'll rapture us out.

Janis Drew

(May be sung to the tune: "Jesus Loves Me")



# ISAIAH 37

*Gene Hawkins*

*“And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.” V. 1*

28 The saga of the previous chapter continues, describing the fact that Hezekiah responded to the insulting message of Rabshakeh delivered by Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah, by immediately going into the temple. Verse 14 also tells us that he went into the house of the Lord a second time, after he subsequently received a letter, bearing this same message, from messengers sent by Rabshakeh. Hezekiah's response, of seeking God in the temple, bears out the correlation of this chapter with Haggai, who was mightily used of God in rebuilding the temple at Jerusalem after the seventy year captivity had ended. Isaiah clearly indicates the contrite spirit of Hezekiah, while Haggai reveals that God sought that same spirit among the Jews, when He somewhat “reprimanded” the ancient men of Judah because they “wept with a loud voice,” when the foundation for the New Temple was laid. Ezra 3:12 It is evident that they were not “weeping for joy, because Zechariah declares that these same men had “despised the day of small things?” Zech. 4:10

Haggai was surely sent to encourage Zerubbabel, but he likewise questions the attitude of those ancient men who had seen the glory of Solomon's temple. “Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; ... be strong, all ye people of the land, .... fear ye not. For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.” Hag. 2:2-7 Haggai's prophecy seems to reach beyond the time then present to announce the Millennial Temple, declaring that “I will shake the heavens, and the earth,.... will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory,...” There is no record that this promised supernatural “shaking” happened after this “smaller temple,” was completed,



but prophecy abounds with a record of such displays in the end time. We have wondered if the Millennial Temple will indeed be only a small replica of that which was built by Solomon, in order that the Glory of God would be the main attraction. Both Isaiah and Haggai reveal God's desire, that the attitude of contrition and absolute submission, represented by sackcloth, be on full display by all people when The Millennial Temple is restored and Israel has been returned to their promised land.

Our present text reveals that Isaiah is completely overwhelmed, and distraught, with the report delivered by his faithful subjects, and thus "...he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz." V. 2 Sackcloth, is symbolic of deep repentance, sorrow, and mourning, and represents the over-all attitude of Israel, when the great sorrows of the tribulation period will bring them to their knees, in search of God, and the deliverance brought by their Messiah. That charge is led by Hezekiah, but he must also enlist the help of Isaiah, representative of God's instruction and decree for Israel in the last days. Deliverance from these pressures, imposed on them by the antichrist, will not be soon ended, as they will steadily increase throughout that very devastating period of time. Thus, as noted previously, one trip to the temple will not be sufficient, and only the continued barrage, of Satanic attack, will finally bring this entire nation to the threshold of the new birth.

This is basically the message delivered to Isaiah. "And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth." V. 3 Isaiah 66:8 clearly asks, and answers, this same very pertinent query in regard to national Israel. "Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." The "trouble" to which Hezekiah alludes, is defined by Jesus, in Matt. 24, as the birth pangs, or "sorrows" which will most assuredly, precede that glorious day. All these terms, "trouble, rebuke, and blasphemy," present a graphic, and accurate description of Rabshakeh's evil attitude and intent toward Jerusalem at this time, but they are also symbolic of the greater, and more intense purpose of the antichrist



when he seeks to annihilate the Jews of the end time.

Hezekiah's plea to Isaiah is a clear indication of his faith that "It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left." V. 4 The King of Jerusalem rightfully asserts that these insults, and blasphemies, are directly against, "...the LORD thy God,.." that is Isaiah's God. Thus he implores the prophet to pray "for the remnant that is left." Both of these desires will be answered in the end time, for God will not only "reprove" the antichrist, but completely annihilate him. He will also defend "the remnant," and, in reality, establish a new government with this new nation as the head, and not the tail, of the nations. Deut. 28:13

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Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." V. 8-10

Though he has been temporarily "distracted," Rabshakeh would make it very clear to Hezekiah that he will return and carry out his threats against Jerusalem. His tone here seems to be one of ridicule, as well as rejection, making no distinction between the "gods" of the various nations he has conquered, and "thy God, in whom thou trustest,...." "Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered? Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Telassar? Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? V. 11-13 Assyria was indeed the dominant force in this land, before Nebuchadnezzar came to power, thus establishing Babylon as the first world empire, and Rabshakeh seems very confident with his blasphemous remarks. It reminds us of the rhetoric against Israel today as a number of nations and terrorist groups, literally ignore The God of Heaven, vowing to "push Israel into the sea," prior to the time when the antichrist comes to power. There will come the day, however, when Israel as a nation, albeit a very small remnant, will follow the same example set by Hezekiah. "And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD." We would note the, personal, change here in Hezekiah. He had previously sent a message to Isaiah urging him to cry out unto The LORD, but now he must shoulder that burden himself. This same pattern has also been repeated in the experience of many individuals as they have sought the prayers of "spiritual people," but have eventually realized that they must learn to call on The Lord for themselves. Once again, as both Isaiah, and Haggai, plainly indicate, the day of tribulation will bring The Jews to the Feet of Their Messiah, and He will surely be entreated of them.

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“And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, saying, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims,.....” It is so very pertinent here, that Hezekiah should refer to God as dwelling “between the chrubims,” for it bespeaks the glorious blessing of Divine Grace. This is the place of True Intercession, where Israel as a nation will learn, by experience, the incalculable worth of the redemption wrought on Calvary by their Messiah. The desired attitude and truth of his words continue as he declares that “...thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.” V. 15,16

32 Hezekiah refuses to allow the Satanic suggestions of Rabshakeh to move him. He still knows that there is only One True God, and He is not only the Creator, but also the Master of all “the kingdoms of the earth.” This Supreme God is The One to Whom he will make his appeal crying out “Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God.” Once again, Hezekiah rightfully took these words of Rabshakeh as a direct insult against God, but he also sets a great example for us today, as he recognized the truth of his present circumstance. “Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries, And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.” V. 18-19 This principle of honesty, and integrity, set forth by Hezekiah, remains the same, regardless of time or circumstance. Sometimes, people would deny the great difficulty facing them, some declaring that, “we do not want to give a negative confession.” However, unless men acknowledge the need before them, God can, in no wise meet it.

A sinner must acknowledge that he is a sinner, before God can save him. Likewise, we must “own” any other difficulty, we may face, in order for the Great Deliverer to accommodate us. Here, Hezekiah very willingly admits, that the claims of Assyria in conquering this massive array of nations, is absolutely true. He will not, however, wallow in that difficulty, and allow God to be confused with the claims that Rabshakeh has made in assuming that The LORD was no different than the gods of these other nations which had been “cast into the fire.” He will rather use all these realities, as a “spring board,” to call on The LORD.



“Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only.” V. 20 There is no doubt, that Hezekiah’s chief concern is deliverance from this mighty oppressor, but he also has great regard for God’s honor, and purposes, as he expresses the desire “that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only.” God will answer that petition, but it will not be fully realized until the end of the tribulation period, when the very deliverance of Israel will be witnessed by all nations as a testimony of God’s Sovereignty.

(To Be Continued From This Point in Dec. 2015)

## *Thanksgiving Day*

*Thanksgiving Day! What shall we say?*

*To him who kept us all the way,  
During the year now gone before,  
And still will keep us evermore  
Dependent on His bounteous store.*

*What can we say?*

*We thank Thee, Lord, for every day.*

*We thank Thee, Lord, e’en as we said,  
For all the way which Thou hast led,  
For trials large and troubles small,  
For some which did our faith appall  
And made us on Thee loudly call.*

*What can we say?*

*We thank Thee, Lord, for every day.*

*Thanksgiving Day! Shall the year end,  
And we one day our thanks extend?*

*Let it not be! May every hour  
Be filled with thanks for God’s great pouer;  
Who will protect while dangers lower.*

*What can we say?*

*We thank Thee, Lord, for every day.*





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