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EDITORIAL.

PRAYER.

O Lord, we are treading unknown paths, and feel our need of Thee. We pray that with all Thy gifts Thou wilt give us more of Thyself that we may walk in this New Year as children of the Light. Cleanse our hearts from everything that would hinder the dwelling in them of the God of Peace, and the peace of God, and purge the temple that it may be fit for Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Sel.

THE NEW YEAR.

The old year of 1923 has passed into eternity.

Its record of joys and sorrows, victories and defeats, successes and failures has been written. A tinge of sadness lingers as we think of the might-have-beens. But continued regrets cannot correct the mistakes or restore the neglected opportunities. We leave all to the mercy and loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, and believe that He will transmute even our blunders into channels through which good may come to us and honor and glory to Himself.

The clean, unwritten page of the future is before us. What shall the record be? Some things are as sure to come as life itself. **Trials** which we will have to endure. **Temptations** will assault us as vigorously as in the past. **Mistakes** will doubtless mar our history. **Threatening clouds** will darken our horizon, and tests of faith prove us. But, praise the Lord, there will come to us deliverance, triumphs and gracious joy.

We shall have wonderful opportunities for spiritual development, and blessed service for God and man. In order to make the very best of the New Year, it will be well to form a definite purpose, to be faithfully adhered to every day.

First, to secure the highest possible attainment in the divine life. This implies as a basis, a clear, definite assurance of our adoption into the family of God, that there is not a shadow of a shade or doubt with regard to our relation to God, that our spiritual sky is as clear as noonday.

With this as a foundation we reach out to possibilities of which we have never dreamed. **The first epoch** of our spiritual life, which is regeneration, or conversion,

may be speedily followed by the **second**, which is entire cleansing of our hearts from carnality. Only then are we prepared to pass other milestones which lie along the path of the progressive and ever advancing christian life. The use of unscriptural terms by many teachers has doubtless confused many who have been anxious for the deepest spiritual experience, and they have been lost in bewildering mazes. But many humble souls, under the teaching of the Holy Spirit, are learning the way more perfectly and becoming efficient leaders to multitudes who are really anxious to know "what is the prize of their high calling in Christ Jesus."

Oh, the boundless possibilities of a re-deemed spirit! There is no limit to Christian experience, as man's spiritual nature, like his intellectual, is no doubt susceptible of endless improvement. The holy Scriptures are full of God's promises. "Ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." "We all with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

As Christ, who is the glory of God, takes up His abode in our hearts, the glory of His presence illuminates and transforms our spirit, until we partake of the radiance and it shines through our very countenances. **"All things are possible to him that believeth."**

Second. We should purpose to make the best possible use of our opportunities in unselfish service for the glory of God and the good of man.

To have one definite settled aim in life will save one from much needless worry, as well as enable us to economize time. When we are determined to make the best use of our time and talents for the glory of God, we will find that we have no time to trifle in worldly matters, for every moment will be occupied in going "about doing good."

Our secular toil, while ministering to our temporal wants, will be the avenue through which we may convey blessings to our fellow-toilers.

If we are alert for opportunities of holy service we will find that there are more than we can possibly use.

Thus, pressing into life all the good we can possibly do, we will have no time for idle repining or allowing ourselves to engage in doubtful words or ways.

Oh, it is blessed to be busy every hour for God, and making our influence tell upon the destiny and character of immortal souls.

Third. Carrying out the two-fold purpose mentioned we will be kept in a continual state of readiness for whatever may come. He whose "life is hid with Christ in God" will not be afraid of evil tidings. Because "his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord." **If sorrows, trials, reverses, disappointments come**, they will be among the "all things that work together for good to them that love God." **If even death should come**, "Christ shall be magnified in our body, whether by life or death." **If Jesus comes**, we will be among those "who love His appearing," and are assured of "a crown of righteousness."

Dear reader, is not the above outlined

plan wise? If faithfully carried out, will it not result in much glory to God and great good to others and to ourselves?

May God help us all "to press forward toward the mark for the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

May this year of 1924 be the very best of our lives. It will be the last to many. It may be to us.

Are we seeking to live and work so that we may hear our Lord and Judge say, "Well done, good and faithful servant?"

God bless every reader of the Highway!

NEW YEAR GREETING.

A song for the year, the blithe New Year,
As he comes down the century's track;
We send you a challenge ringing clear,
But you give no answer back.

Are you bringing us cups of sorrow or joy?
Have you smiles for us or tears?
What have you hidden within your breast,
You wonderful year of years?

In silence and mystery fathomless
You come on your voiceless way;
And what you have brought, to us and ours,
We must learn from day to day.

But the God of the years has portioned each
day,

With its measure of light and shade;
And he who has learned to love his sway,
May trust and be not afraid.

So we greet you clear, you gay New Year,
As your chiming bells now ring,
And take from a loving Father's hand
Whatever you're sent to bring.

—Mrs. E. A. Hawkins in Zion's Herald.

THE TIME IS SHORT.

In I. Cor. 7:29 we read: "But this I say, brethren, the time is short." Thus Paul wrote to the Corinthians and exhorted them in view of this fact to live accordingly. This brief apostolic statement should continually sound in our ears, "The time is short—this I say, brethren, the time is short." How short? No one knows that. But if we knew how little time there remaineth for sowing, for witnessing, for toiling, for giving, for spending and being spent, for weeping and for suffering, what manner of lives we would live! Have you heartaches? Are you burdened with many cares? Are you a sufferer? Remember, the time is short. Before another day comes it may all have ended. And how all believers should labor now as never before in view of the fact that a very little time remains to labor for Him! Much may be done by God's people, but it must be done quickly or it will be forever undone. Have you unsaved loved ones and friends? Speak to them after having prayed for their salvation; do not delay, for the time is short. Has the Lord put something upon your heart how you are to serve Him? Be obedient and do it quickly, for the time is short. Are you one of the Lord's stewards and has He spoken to you about giving and supporting the final testimony in the closing days of this age? Do it at once, for the time is short. May the Holy Spirit flash these four little words before our eyes daily, The time is short." Whatever we do, whatever our trials and burdens, our work and our service, let us remember every hour, "the time is short."—Selected. 10