

people have a great desire to come to services when they will ford rivers, climb hills and follow rough paths, for fifteen or twenty miles with a fat little baby strapped onto their back and their bundle of clothes on their head, don't you think so? I do pray that God will bless them for the extra effort that some of our good workers put forth to attend these services, and I trust that all received rich spiritual food.

Jimson Ngomazulu was a happy man. Recently many have started to seek the Lord, in his section, and five of his young people were baptized and one made an ijoini. He had many testings, when he moved to this new place, but I believe God is blessing his efforts and I pray that God will bless his people and help them to further the cause of Holiness.

Four gave themselves to the Lord as seekers in our Sunday services, many came forward for prayer and we pray that they will keep on until they have the assurance of sins forgiven.

The days are busy ones. Eugene is at home this week doing some building and looking after brick making. He leaves tomorrow, I think, to attend a special service at Alfred Metula's on Sunday and also to see about getting the church started there.

I am busy repairing the older boys' clothes for another Quarter at school. Both children passed in their exams, Harold came second in his class.

Continue to pray for your work here. God is working in our midst and the enemy doesn't like it but I am so glad that God is stronger than all that can be against us. Praise Him!

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THE SECOND COMING OF THE SAINTS

While we need all the light we can get on the second coming of Christ, it is well for us also to understand what the Scriptures tell us of the second coming of the saints. In Psalm 126:6 we read:

"He that goeth forth, and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

In the spring of the year the farmer goes forth to plant the seed in the ground, and often it is rainy or chilly, and there are many hardships and labors connected with the breaking up of the ground, or making fences, or planting the grain. At the close of the summer, the farmer makes another visit to the field, in order to reap the harvest and gather in the sheaves.

This picture from life is applied to the laborers in the Lord's field. We now go forth to sow the seeds of the Word of God in the soil of human hearts, and there are many difficulties, and it requires much labor and weeping to sow the seed. But at the second coming of Christ we are to return and reap the harvest of all our labors and prayers and tears. There will be sweet surprises when the saints return with Christ to reign on the earth for the seed they have sown will yield a much larger harvest than they ever thought, and there will be results from their labors more blessed than they ever imagined.

Occasionally the Lord permits us to be encouraged by showing us blessed fruit from quarters where we had not expected it. Once I was in a large audience—a comparative stranger, and unknown to the people, when a person arose and told how the Lord sanctified her while reading one of my books; and while I was feeling somewhat depressed, and like a stranger in a strange land, the Lord permitted me to see some fruit from the seed I had sown in the years gone by. I have no doubt that when the saints

return, there will be great rejoicing to see the answers to their prayers, and the large results from the little service they did for Jesus.

"And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; and they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isa. 35:10).

Here is a distinct prophecy that the ransomed of the Lord shall return to the earth, and in those days there shall be no more sorrow or sighing. This may refer, in the main, to the restoration of Israel in the Millennium, but the prophecy is of such latitude as to include all those who have been ransomed by the Lord Jesus. What a joyful day that will be for the patriarchs and prophets, and for the martyrs who were once rejected and slain in their efforts to save souls! Jesus said that Jerusalem had killed the prophets and stoned the messengers that were sent unto her, but the day is coming when those rejected prophets are to return to that city with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads.

"Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not," (Malachi 3:18).

Here is a definite promise that those who feared the Lord and spoke often one to another, and thought on the Lord's name, are to be gathered as the jewels of Christ, and brought back to earth, and made the judges over the world, with power to discern all people, and take part with Christ in ruling the world during the Millennium.

You will notice that the time when these saints are to return is especially designated as that day when Christ shall "make up" His "jewels." It is not the present time, for now these "jewels" are being dug out of the earth, and being cut and polished. It is now that these jewels are fearing the Lord and giving their testimony, and thinking on His name, and complying with the conditions which will qualify them to be made up as the "crown jewels" at the coming of the Lord. When He returns, then these jewel-saints are to return with Him, to judge the nations, according to the teachings of St. Paul.

In Zech. 14:1-5 is a clear prophecy of the second coming of Christ, and the restoration of Israel, and that His feet shall stand, in that day, upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and he concludes by saying,

"And the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee." (Zechariah (14:5)).

It is plain from these words that Jesus is to stand on Mt. Olivet, from whence He ascended into heaven, and will bring all His saints with Him, and that Jerusalem will be the headquarters of the Millennial Kingdom.

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him," (1 Thess. 4:14).

Here St. Paul affirms that those who sleep in Jesus will be brought back again to this earth in their resurrected bodies, and live in a glorified condition, where they once labored and suffered for Christ.

This earth was made for the home of a holy race, and according to Scripture it is to be purged and redeemed in perfect harmony with the redemption of men, and the salvation of the moral world and the material world are to agree with each other, and a renovated earth and a glorified race are to go together. St. Peter teaches the same thing, and tells us that in connection with the revelation of Jesus Christ we are to

have "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time," (1 Peter 1:3-5).

We see in this Scripture that two things are to be revealed in the last times: the glorified saints, and their inheritance. At the present time the saints are not revealed; their true character is not recognized by the world; the walk the earth incognito; children of God, but ignored as such by the Adamic race, who do not recognize those who are born with a heavenly birth. Hence the saints are to have a revelation of the Lord analogous to the revelation which Christ will then have. And also, the inheritance referred to is not yet manifest, but is apprehended by faith, and the people of the world give no credit to that inheritance, but look upon it as a myth. Hence the inheritance is revealed in open glory at the time when the saints are revealed, for that will be pre-eminently the day of the revelation of all things.—Geo. D. Watson.

PRE-RAPTURE REVIVAL PROMISES

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"Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Heb. 11:6).

If we are going to enter a siege of prayer for a great revival we must pray in faith. Faith is a scarce article today in this Laodicean church age. Many Christian people do not have more than enough faith to keep their heads above water. If you trace the cause you will find the prayer life is very low. Jesus said, "When the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?" If people do not take time from their busy lives to get alone with God and tarry there until their hearts are melted, and until they receive a fresh anointing of the Spirit they can not possess achieving faith.

Listen to the average personal testimony and you will hear people making excuses for their lack of prayer and faith. Many lay it to the fact that we are living in the last days. This is not the cause. We can have just as rich a prayer life and faith life today as any past generation possessed and we have just as much time to pray and to believe God if we will take it. Neglect prayer and you starve your faith. Neglect to feed your body and you will become weak. The soul is more important than the body and should not be neglected.

Daniel prayed three times a day. He was a busy Prime Minister in a great Empire, yet he took time to develop his spiritual life. He spent special seasons in long sieges of prayer and fasting. He heard from heaven. He carried a burden for his nation and God rewarded his efforts by sending a great revival in Israel. God cannot be pleased with this lack of prayer and faith in you, his professed child. Deplore this condition and in all humility repent of it. "Diligently seek Him." Determine that you will have a satisfactory prayer and faith life. We must believe that God is—that is, believe that "He is the same yesterday, today and forever." God is no respecter of persons and the weakest among us can be as Daniel or have the faith of an Elijah. Be earnest, persistent, determined, and you shall receive from God your hearts desire. Then you can pray for a national revival in confidence. "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Believe it and commence praying.—Midnight Cry.