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EDITORIAL

WE NEED THE UPWARD LOOK

Christ prophesied that there would come to the earth a time of distress, perplexity, when men's hearts would fail them for fear. Then He said: "When these things come . . . look up, and lift up your heads."

With distress, perplexity, and fear prevalent today, the message of the Lord, "Look up, and lift up your heads," is timely. We of this time need the upward look.

There is strength for those who look up. In trouble David said: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD." With human resources proven so insufficient, let us look to Jehovah, for in Him there is help that is mighty.

There is hope for those who look up. How many are being engulfed by despair! With hatred, strife, and warfare spreading ruin, they say civilization is doomed. It is dark . . . dark indeed. Conditions are terrible all must agree. But He who suggests the heavenward gaze speaks of a better day, one of peace and goodwill. The eye of faith, in its upward searchings, may discern signs which prophesy of the approach of that day for which the whole creation groaneth and travaileth together.

There is guidance for those who look up. Who will lead us out of chaos into order, out of strife into peace, out of death into life? No man is equal to this tremendous task. Human insufficiency has been proven decisively. We have lost our way. Blind followers of blind leaders, we have together fallen into the ditch of calamity. Christ waits to guide us aright. We may safely follow Him.

Let us have the upward look! For strength, hope, guidance, look up, my friend. Look up!

A MESSAGE TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

Dear Friend:

At the opening of this New Year we wish to extend greetings to the members of our Highway family. We pray that 1948 may be a year of blessing and victory to each of you, and one of progress and growth in the church of Christ.

In this issue of the Highway we have given a preview of the 1948 volume and we sincerely pray that this may be the most fruitful year of service that our paper has known. During the past two years the cost of publishing our High-

way has increased considerably. Twice in that time the publishers have been forced to increase their rates. As you know, there has been no change in the cost of the paper to the subscriber. It continues to reach you at the same rate paid before the cost of publication increased. We hope that the subscription rate may continue at the same level. But if this desire is to be realized we will need the co-operation of our subscribers. Three things we would ask of you. (1), see that your renewal is paid promptly and kept paid in advance. Please check the date on your Highway label and if you are in arrears, send a money order to the editor to care for what is now owing and pay the subscription a year in advance. (2), co-operate with us in seeking new subscribers. The larger our mailing list the more extensive our ministry and the better rate of publication given us. (3), contribute to the support of our Supplementary Fund. Elsewhere in this paper you will find an explanation concerning the purpose of our Supplementary Fund. When sending your renewal, add fifty cents or a dollar to the support of this Fund.

The loyal and faithful support our Highway subscribers give us is sincerely appreciated. Will you continue to pray for us and do all in your power to make the ministry of the King's Highway a potent factor in the spreading of the Gospel message of Light and Grace.

Yours for the glory of God,

B. C. COCHRANE,

Editor.

LIVING BENEATH YOUR PRIVILEGE

By the late Rev. E. E. Shelhamer

"He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul" (Psa. 106:15).

If there could be sadness in heaven, doubtless we would feel sad to know that while upon earth we lived beneath our privilege; we prayed too little; we gave too little; we were too dry-eyed; we were too self-indulgent; we closed the meeting too soon; and for other reasons souls missed heaven who might have been saved. This thought ought to stir us to greater diligence.

Joash, the King of Israel, came down to Elisha and wept because of the oppression of his people. Elisha told the young king to take a handful of arrows and "smite" upon the ground. He did so and "smote thrice and stayed." "Elisha was wroth with him and said, 'Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria, till thou hadst consumed it; whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice' (2 Kings 13:19). Here is a sample of how easy it is to stop short and be satisfied with small victories. We have cheap visions, hence meager results. "According to your faith (or lack of faith) be it unto you."

Is it true that sometimes God steps aside—as in Hezekiah's case, to "try us, that he might know all that is in our hearts"? How sad, then, if we become a disappointment, because we were satisfied with present attainments. If we could only realize just when we were passing before our great King for inspection, how well would we behave.

Yes, God does not compel us to do right, but gives us our "request," then steps aside to await our decision. A certain course is presentable. The intelligence looks at it, then hands it over to the reason. Reason weighs it and argues in favor of the right. But now the

will, which is the executive of man, steps forward and either approves or disapproves. Oh how angels and devils must look on with bated breath as they wait to see us tip the scales one way or another. Hence, long before we are known as saints or rascals, the battle within either unfits us for weal or for woe.

God give us all grace, under similar circumstances, to follow in His train!

THE WORTH OF A DAY

Joseph H. Smith

Second only to His valuation of a soul is Christ's valuation of a day.

As manna was sent from heaven for only a day at a time, so He teaches us to ask for daily bread for only "this day."

When a prosperous farmer was flattering himself that he had much laid up for many years God called him a fool and announced to him, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee."

The words of James forbid us to boast ourselves of the morrow and remind us that "Ye know not what shall be on the morrow," and instructs us to say, "If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."

When speaking of His own life in the flesh, Jesus said, "I must work while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work," and again, "If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world."

A Spirit-taught man of ancient time would have us set our clocks and arrange our calendars—not to eras, nor to milleniums, nor to centuries, nor even to years, but pray rather, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

When we let the anticipations or the apprehensions of days to come shed their glooms or cast their shadows upon the present, this day is apt to be disregarded and its value certainly depreciated. Whereas the fact is that into this day is garnered the fruitage of our former days, and the seeding for tomorrow—should there be a tomorrow.

Life is as a vapor. Mortality holds a sight draft upon us every one and may press its claim upon us any hour of the day or night

THE MAN WHO WAITED

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God has had to call upon youth—as He called upon His own dear Son—to step in and save the world.

Youth—Christ-inspired and Christ-possessed—are my confident hope for the world even as Simeon's hope was his view (after years of waiting and watching) of the Babe of Bethlehem. In modern youth's more alert, more serious, better-educated, better-consecrated attitudes toward life lies the deliverance from all those things that hinder the realization of the Christmas evangel of "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

To some of you who have known of my recent afflictions, it may have seemed hard that I should have to just lie here and wait to die. I do not deny that I should like to go on living and working for my Lord. We have enjoyed many a thrilling experience together.

But—I say it sincerely, humbly—His will is mine, forever mine. And whether He comes for me to-day or to-morrow or a year hence, I shall reverently say: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace . . . for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation!" —The War Cry.