

**SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS**

"Serve the Lord with gladness" (Psalm 100:2)

Delight in divine service is a token of acceptance. Those who serve God with a sad countenance, because they do what is unpleasant to them, are not serving Him at all; they bring the form of homage, but the life is absent.

Our God requires no slaves to grace His throne; He is the Lord of the empire of love, and would have His servants dressed in the livery of joy. The angels of God serve Him with songs, not with groans; a murmur or a sigh would be a mutiny in their ranks.

That obedience which is not voluntary is disobedience, for the Lord looketh at the heart, and if He seeth that we serve Him from force, and not because we love Him, He will reject our offering.

Service coupled with cheerfulness is heart-service, and therefore true. Take away joyful willingness from the Christian, and you have removed the test of his sincerity. If a man be driven to battle, he is no patriot; but he who marches into the fray with flashing eye and beaming face, singing, "It is sweet for one's country to die," proves himself to be sincere in his patriotism.

Cheerfulness is the support of our strength; in the joy of the Lord are we strong. It acts as the remover of difficulties. It is to our service what oil is to the wheels of a railway carriage. Without oil the axle soon grows hot, and accidents occur; and if there be not a holy cheerfulness to oil our wheels, our spirits will be clogged with weariness. The man who is cheerful in his service of God, proves that obedience is his element; he can sing,

"Make me to walk in Thy commands,  
Tis a delightful road."

Do you serve the Lord with gladness? Let us show to the people of the world, who think our religion to be slavery, that it is to us a delight and a joy! Let our gladness proclaim that we serve a good Master.—Sel.

**THE LORD SHALL GUIDE THEE**

"And the Lord shall guide thee continually" (Isa. 58:11).

Not an angel, but Jehovah shall guide thee. He said He would not go through the wilderness before His people, an angel should go before them to lead them in the way; but Moses said, "If Thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence."

Christian, God has not left you in your earthly pilgrimage to an angel's guidance; He Himself leads the van. You may not see the cloudy, fiery pillar, but Jehovah will never forsake you.

Notice the word shall—"The Lord shall guide thee." How certain this makes it! How sure it is that God will not forsake us! His precious "shalls" and "wills" are better than men's oaths. "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Then observe the adverb continually. We are not merely to be guided sometimes, but we are to have a perpetual monitor; not occasionally to be left to our own understanding, and so to wander, but we are continually to hear the guiding voice of the Great Shepherd; and if we follow close at His heels, we shall not err, but be led by a right way to a city to dwell in.

If you have to change your position in life;

if you have to emigrate to distant shores; if it should happen that you are cast into poverty, or uplifted suddenly into a more responsible position than the one you now occupy; if you are thrown among strangers, or cast among foes, yet tremble not, for "the Lord shall guide thee continually."

There are no dilemmas out of which you shall not be delivered if you live near to God, your heart be kept warm with holy love. He goes not amiss who goes in the company of God. Like Enoch, walk with God, and you cannot mistake your road. You have infallible wisdom to direct you, immutable love to comfort you, and eternal power to defend you. "Jehovah"—mark the word—"Jehovah shall guide thee continually."—Sel.

**WHAT GOD CAN DO**

There is a work I cannot do  
To purify my soul,  
To cleanse my spirit through and through  
And make me new and whole.

There is a fire that needs to fall  
My hand can never light,  
A fire to purge my yielded all  
And make my black heart white.

There is a work that I can do—  
Repent of all my sin,  
And turn my feet in pathways new  
Where I can walk with Him.

There is a fire that I can light—  
A torch of prayer and praise;  
A life to live that's always right,  
A hymn of faith to raise.

Then from God's throne the fire descends  
To do what I could not!  
An in its purging flame there ends  
Each crimson stain and blot;  
And to my aid the Spirit sends  
The help I long had sought.

Complete in Him, O blest desire!  
Redeemed and purged by heavenly fire;  
To this let every soul aspire—  
Redeemed and sanctified!

—K. L. Robinson

"A missionary is one who is sent, whether he be sent across the ocean or only across the street. Missionary is not a matter of mileage but of obedience. Some people are concerned for souls ten thousand miles away who exhibit little concern for the perishing in their own town or street."

Oh! say it humbly, gladly, "He gave Himself for me.

Lord, I for whom Thou suffered, now give my life to Thee;

To Thee that Thou shouldest use me, just as Thou seest best,

Until at length Thou callest me to Thine eternal rest."

"If God has called you to work with precious stones you cannot afford to work with stubble."—Vennard.

**WEDDINGS**

On July 3rd, at 3 o'clock, Rev. J. A. Owens united in marriage Mr. Ronald Wheaton, of Saint John, and Miss Cora Bradley, of Maple Ridge. The ceremony took place in the Maple

Ridge Reformed Baptist Church.

Morehouse-Lutes

On the evening of July 11th, 1951, Miss Kathleen Lutes and Mr. Ronald Morehouse were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, at Moncton, N. B. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. W. Tokley.

**OBITUARY**

The death of Rev. Ida Keirstead occurred on July 16th in Quebec, and the funeral service was held the 18th in Lower Southampton Church, and was conducted by Rev. J. A. Owens, pastor of the Millville Church, of which our sister was a member. The text used for the occasion was "She hath done what she could." Rev. F. A. Watson spoke briefly in behalf of the ministerial association. Rev. Ella Sanders spoke of her association with our departed sister in missionary work in Africa. Rev. B. C. Cochrane read the Scripture. Rev. S. G. Hilyard offered prayer. Other ministers present were: Revs. H. E. Mullen, George Sanders, Lawson Saunders, Wm. Morgan, Enos Cann and Rev. F. A. Dunlop, who assisted at the grave. The Reformed Baptist choir from Millville sang: "Sun of My Soul," "Unto the Hills," and "Abide with Me." Interment was made in the nearby cemetery beside her beloved husband, who predeceased her nineteen years ago.

Besides her son, Karl, who accompanied her body home for burial, she is survived by another son, Eugene, now superintendent of our Mission work in Africa. May God bless these young men who mourn the passing of a godly mother. Pallbearers were nephews of our sister, who along with a host of other relatives and friends, will always remember her as one who loved and served Christ.

J. A. OWENS

Charles Henry Beal, who had been in poor health for several years, died at the home of his daughter on June 23rd. He was 79 years of age and served for many years as deacon of the Beals Reformed Baptist Church. He leaves to mourn his passing, one daughter, Mrs. Guy Carver, and two sons, Avery and Esten; also eleven grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.

The funeral service was held in the Reformed Baptist Church conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. R. Ingersoll, assisted by Rev. John Oulton, of the Advent Christian Church, and Rev. Bruce Bridgeo, of the Reformed Baptist Church, Jonesport.

To those who sorrow we extend our sincere sympathy.

The death of Warren C. Smith took place at his home in Durham Bridge on May 1st, at the age of 73. Brother Smith passed away in his sleep. He had been in poor health for some time, but the day before his death had worked as usual. He leaves to mourn their loss, a loving wife; one son, Merton, at home; and a daughter, Mrs. Wolverton, Knoxford; also several grandchildren and two brothers.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. F. A. Watson. He was laid in the family lot beside his brother, Rev. W. E. Smith, who passed away a few months ago. He was a godly man, and will be missed in the church and in the community in which he lived.