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## Memories and Moments

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The Joy of Christmas, then the stern fact of the passing of another year, leaving its indelible memories! In this regard, what we have written, we have written.

**The past:** "Thou shalt remember" (see Deut. 8:2-3); remember the mercies and favors of God through another year; through dangers seen and unseen, God has brought us. Many thousands have passed into eternity because of the lack of the necessities of life; many thousands have passed away without ever hearing the good news of the redemption through Jesus Christ. God alone knows the sorrows and bereavements of the past year. The question is, What have we done about it? Have we done anything to relieve human suffering? Have we spent the past year in selfishness or sacrifice? For self or for others? Have we given that "cup of cold water" in His name?

**The present:** "Thy years" (see Gen. 47:9). How many? Is there yet another? or may it be said to us as it was to one of old, "This year thou shalt die"? Whatever may be the order, let us "number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." In an old painting there is the head of a fawning dog, representing time to come; the head of a stirring lion, representing the present; the head of a biting wolf, representing time past. The meaning is that if we fancy our best days are to come and bestir not ourselves in the present we shall be bitten in the future. Time is for human beings. Time belongs to life, and it means mercy, opportunities; soon they shall be gone forever. Think of this: "Lost yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered, for they are gone forever."

The past has been a prophecy of the present, and the present is a prophecy of the future! What we are today argues what we shall be tomorrow.

**The probable:** We know not what may come to us this year; to each and all of us may come the inevitable—death. But Jesus Christ our Lord may come! How wonderful the thought! Should we be spared, what will history record of us? It is recorded of the Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament that "he went about doing good."

**The promise:** "In the beginning God." In like manner, we may begin the year with God; that is the way to begin a year. It is the way to begin the day; indeed it is the way to begin any task; the promise, the pledge of God!

First, the promise of pardon on the condi-

tion of faith: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God."

Second, the promise of purity on conditions of obedience and faith: "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Third, the promise of protection on condition of dwelling "in the secret place of the most High" and abiding "under the shadow of the Almighty."

Fourth, the promise of paradise: "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory."

Standing at the portal of the opening year,  
Words of comfort meet us, hushing every fear,  
Spoken through the silence by our Father's voice,

Tender, strong and faithful, making us rejoice.

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I the Lord am with thee; be thou not afraid,  
I will help and strengthen; be thou not dismayed;

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He will never fail us, for He will not forsake;  
His eternal covenant He will never break.

Resting on His promise, what have we to fear?

God is all-sufficient for the coming year.

(Author unknown)

## THINGS TO FORGET

If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life forget your neighbor's faults.

Forget all the slander you ever heard.

Forget the temptations. Forget the fault-finding and give a little thought to the cause which provoked it.

Forget the peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points which make you fond of them.

Forget all personal quarrels and histories you may have heard by accident and which, if repeated, would seem a thousand times worse than they are.

Blot out as far as possible all the disagreeables of life. They will come, but the constant thought of the acts of meanness—or worse still, malice—will only make you more familiar with them.

Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday. Start out with a clean sheet today, and write upon it only those things which are lovely and lovable.—Herald.

"The prospects are as bright as the promises of God."—Adoniram Judson.

## The Eternal Viewpoint

By R. A. Kerby

One of the prime difficulties encountered in leading men to properly evaluate spiritual things is that of low or inferior viewpoints. Until and unless a proper point of perspective is achieved all teachings, warnings, admonitions and exhortations will seem strained, overdone and unreal. The path which leads to the high point of proper prospective is hedged by almost innumerable obstacles such as worldly prospects, ambitions, carnal desires and dreams of material good. The road which leads to the eternal viewpoint is both straight and narrow, and few there be that find it. Perhaps sadder than the present international and national turmoil is the portentous spectacle of the vast majority of the human family pouring out the inmost and utmost energies of body, mind and soul to achieve material and temporal ends. Humanity does this not seeming to realize that these things may be removed from them or they removed from these things without a moment's warning.

Such is the power of sin that though a man see this happen to his neighbor a score of times, yet, through the deceptive power of Satan, he cannot be convinced that this sad condition may soon be his lot. And so the race staggers on through the tempests of time, vainly hoping to reach the goal of abounding and abiding satisfaction, only to be removed to a boundless eternity for which there has been no preparation of mind, heart or character.

Once, if not more frequently, in every responsible individual's life, God will move from Heaven in mighty providential visitation to bring into burning focus the eternal viewpoint. It is at such times that the soul either reflects and receives or rejects and departs. Sickness, bereavements, and material reverses are often used by God to invite the soul to the high ground of the eternal viewpoint. When the flame of physical life burns low and flickering, the eternal viewpoint comes before the eyes of the soul with terrific clarity. It is then that this world with its shams and shames, its empty honors and fading beauty is seen to be but "the baseless fabric of a dream." When the flame of life is at the point of guttering out even the normal, and legitimate relationships of life become shadowy and dim, the all absorbing thought then is the relationship of the soul to its God. At this point when the soul feels that it may well soon be ushered into the immediate presence of Infinite Holiness, how hollow and vain seems the doctrine

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