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Maranatha! Glad Day!

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An article in a recent issue of this magazine began with these words:

"It is good to be alive in these great days! Brethren, we have been placed in the world for such a time as this." Amen, say we.

We must meet this present emergency with a spirit of optimism. This is no time for repining, no time for looking backward, nor for selfpity nor defeated complaining. We are on the winning side, and we cannot lose! "Lo I am with you," makes ultimate defeat impossible.

There was never a better age than this, if we know what to do with it. Surely, the days are evil, and the times are waxing late, but the true Christian is not caught unawares. He has been forewarned of just such times as these, and has been expecting them. Present events only confirm the long-range wisdom of Jesus Christ, and prove the authenticity of the prophetic Word. So the believer actually turns defeat into victory and draws strength from the knowledge that the Lord in whom he trusts has foretold events and is in full command of the situation.

Let us beware of allowing our spiritual comforts to rise and fall with the news of war or the changing political and economic situation. We who lean upon Jesus and trust in the watchful love of our Heavenly Father are not dependent upon those things for our peace.

It is not a pleasant thing to see a group of Christians huddled around the radio listening with worried faces to the newscaster or to the commentator painting lurid pictures of atomic bombs or the destruction of whole populations by bacteriological warfare. Where is our faith? Where is our confidence in the final triumph of Christ? All that those gentlemen say may be true. We have no desire to deny that the signs are ominous and that the end is drawing near. But we refuse to become panicky, regardless.

It may easily be that before long, one or another of our cities may go up in a puff of smoke and leave no one to tell how it happened. It may be that our own land may be invaded and be made to suffer along with the other nations of the earth. We have been spared, hitherto, but we have no guarantee for the future. God may yet chasten us with fire and blood for our presumptuous sins and for our high-handed flouting of His holy laws. No one can say for certain, but it could be.

But suppose it should be? Does that spell the defeat of all our hopes? Is our sense of security dependent upon the turn of events in Washington or Moscow? Is God the God of our better days, and not the God of our sorrows, too? Is there not a sure hope beyond the smoke and the rubble and the grave? Is there no difference between Egypt

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"UNDER THE SPRINGS OF PISGAH"

Deut. 4:49

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We find from Pisgah Israel moved up the East side of the Jordan to Gilead. King Sihon and King Og were encountered and overthrown at this time. This part of Palestine was very fertile, and it was this portion that Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh settled for as their inheritance. Here God permitted them to settle, and there was no distinction made between them and the tribes that settled on the other side of Jordan. The same laws prevailed; the "cities of refuge" were provided, and God was worshipped as the "Lord God of gods."

You will notice that the price of their inheritance was identical with that of the tribes that crossed over Jordan. In Numbers 32:16-22: "And they came near unto him (Moses) and said, we will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones, but we ourselves will go armed before the children of Israel until we have brought them unto their place and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land. We will not return unto our homes until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. And Moses said unto them, if ye will do this thing . . . then ye shall return and be guiltless before the Lord, and before Israel, and this land shall be your possession before the Lord."

After all, holiness is not a question of location but of spirit. When a soul is ready to pay the price, settled for God's terms, the blessing of God will fall. We may not all live on the same side of the river but if we have all encountered our Jordan in God's way and in accordance with God's demands the inheritance is as real and the possession as glorious.

It is peculiar that the dwellers in Canaan proper felt this way about it. In Joshua 22:24, we read: "And if we have not rather done it for fear of this thing, saying, in time to come your children might speak to our children saying, What have ye to do with the Lord God of Israel? For the Lord hath made Jordan a border between us and you ye children of Reuben and ye children of Gad. So shall your children make our children cease from fearing the Lord. Therefore we said, let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice, but that it may be a witness between us and you and our generation after us that we might do the service of the Lord with our burnt offerings and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings, that your children might not say to our children in time to come, ye have no part in the Lord . . . And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation and heads of

The Money Question

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It is strange how reluctant people are to speak about money in connection with Christian work, as though something evil were attached to it. We read the other day about missionaries who were in Peking, China, years ago. They found that a house was needed for starving, friendless old women. One of the missionaries was describing the need to a friend. "There is only one perplexing question," she said, "Where can we get the money?"

"Money?" answered the friend warmly. "There is plenty of it in this world, and none will be needed for the next—so we'll not stop at that!" They didn't. The home was built, and still stands today, unless destroyed in recent years during the Chinese wars.

I have been thinking how true the words were. "Plenty of money in this world, and none needed in the next." This ought to be engraved in stone over the doorway of every stock exchange and banking institution in the world. There never was so much money in the world as there is today. Thousands and thousands of millions of dollars are spent each year for the purposes of destruction. More billions go for useless luxuries which, if directed into right channels for the spread of the Gospel, the sending out of the Word of God, the feeding of the hungry and ministering to the poor, would solve most of the problems of this world and bring down such a blessing as this earth could hardly contain.

"O purblind race of miserable men," one sometimes feels like exclaiming as he sees the waste of what might be the treasure of eternity squandered on the transitory pleasure of time. "There are no pockets in shrouds," and we are rewarded on the other side for the deeds "done in the body." Money can lay up for us treasure in Heaven, but only as it is used down here for Christ and His cause. **Plenty of money in this world, and none needed in the next!** Let us think soberly on these things as we remember again the brevity of life, and that "we all do fade as a leaf." Then let us **act now.**—The Evangelical Christian.

the thousands or Israel which were with him heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake, it pleased them."

I dare affirm that I have met Christians who theoretically do not live on the same side of Jordan as I, but who, nevertheless, carry with them a fine display of Canaan fruit. There consecration harmonizes perfectly, so maybe that is the answer.