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A NEW YEAR - A NEW OPPORTUNITY

A door marked "1958" swings open. Stepping across the threshold, we pause to speculate on what the year holds for us and our world. Momentous events are a certainty, if the twelve-month period runs its full course.

Strange and wonderful history was written in 1957. Science actually accomplished that which previously seemed like the dream of an unbridled imagination. Mansatellites circled the earth at a fantastic 18,000 an hour, and now inter-planetary travel seems possible. Inter-continental ballistic missiles have been successfully launched, and the destructive potential of war weapons of the immediate future is more than frightening.

Unhappily, man's moral and spiritual development has not kept pace with his intellectual and scientific achievements. Progression has prevailed in the material area of activity, but retrogression has predominated the spiritual sphere. The people of the western hemisphere have enjoyed a year of prosperity, peace, and plenty, and all the while new records in crime, violence, and sinful indulgence have been piled up. International national relationships are strained and we live under the constant threat and dread of another global conflict.

The future is not too bright, unless we look up. There is little ground for optimism except as faith provides it. Man left to himself will "wax worse and worse," the nations in departing from God are doomed to ruin. But in the hope of help from on high, we take heart and go forward. This is no time for surrender to a spirit of defeatism. Let's face the facts, but face them with God.

Divine power can change men and nations. Great spiritual awakenings have usually occurred when the tide of moral and spiritual life had reached a record low. It was so when Jesus came to the world—"the people sat in darkness." It was so when the courageous Luther challenged the authority of a corrupt ecclesiastical system. It was so when the consecrated Wesley called England to re-

1958 will be what we make it. If we accept the situation as hopeless, it will not be changed. If we surrender

to the devil, he will carry off the spoils. But if we face the New Year with purpose to pray, labour, and trust God, we may see revival and return to righteousness.

While governments allot extravagant sums for research and invention, while scientists strain to outdo one another in the race for national supremacy, let those who know the Lord and believe in His great power launch an all-out effort for the redemption of a world that is in desperate need of the grace of God. The most sensational news of the month before us could be of the victories and successes of individuals and groups awakened to realize the tremendous power potential of the spiritual resources available to them, and wholly dedicated to use that poyer for the glory of God and the salvation of men!

JANUARY—"HIGHWAY MONTH"

January is designated as Highway month. A call is issued for an earnest, co-operative effort in behalf of our church paper.

Have you thought of how sad it would be to read the Obituary of the King's Highway? Well, it could happen. Cost of printing and publishing has sky-rocketed in the last ten years. Many periodicals with small circulation have already gone out of print. Others seem doomed to the same fate. Volume is the one great asset in financing publication of a paper or magazine. The heavy cost is in printing the first few hundred or thousand, after that, the cost is comparatively low. Because our denomination is small numerically, potential circulation of our church paper is low. The question of our ability to continue publication rests with a few and their interest.

The special effort to get in all subscription arrears and enroll some new subscribers should be taken seriously by all who are interested in keeping this full salvation periodical in circulation. The death of The Highway would be a severe blow to our Church. Let's work together to keep it alive! emil a mi bevil datas sangorg enl

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be enforced by Christian ethics than not at all. Let our Pastors emphasize this truth until sacrificial living will possess an atmosphere of fitness among us rather than strangeness. Again, during 1958, What will I do? Right here, the strength or weakness of our characters will show. If 1958 is to be an improvement on 1957 more will-power must be utilized. Paul's challenge has to do with both words and deeds. "Whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus." To do this will put us under rigid discipline. I will bridle my tongue; I will refrain from words that do not honor Christ; I will testify to His praise; I will witness where and when propriety necessitates. I will do what Christian duty demands; I will build my house upon the Rock, by "turning the other cheek," by "going the second mile" by "doing unto others as I would have them do unto me". Yes, unless our Arminianism is mixed with a healthy portion of good works we may find our spiritual house swept away in the floods of business, of worldiness, and self-seeking, "He that heareth these sayings of Mine and doeth them", said Jesus, "I will liken him unto a wise man which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon that house and it fell not, because it was founded upon a rock". This is our sure foundation for 1958.