

## - Editorial -

### Maybe Rapture ?

Indeed our Heavenly Father was kind and wise when He chose to keep from us a knowledge of the future. He gave us ability to know the present, and to remember the past, but the future He has kept from us, a secret known only to Himself. But supposing we knew all that 1963 might hold for us—the sorrows, the heartaches, the disappointments, the struggles, the defeats? It would be of little value to us and the certain dread of coming events would only make impossible the enjoyment of the present.

God intends for us to live today one day at a time the best we can, the fullest we can, putting into it our best energies and taking from it what blessings it may offer. The better we adjust to this order, forgetting the past, and trusting God for the future, the more enjoyment we shall find in today's living and the better qualified we shall be to render worthwhile service both to God and to man.

Being curious, we cannot help but wonder what the New Year holds. Will it be one of those more ordinary years (Or is there such any longer?) with little of drama and breath-taking excitement, or will it be one of those historic years when events happen which change man's entire picture? Little we know and who dares to predict? Again, God has been kind to keep the door closed.

But it is what we do know that ought to concern us most. We have been told to "Labour . . . for the night cometh"; we have been told to "Watch . . . for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not"; we have been told to "Pray without ceasing"; we have been told to "Lift up our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh." This could well be the Christian's year of heavenly rapture and eternal glory!

Whatever history we make in '63 let it be in the interest of lost men, and in efforts to extend the kingdom's borders. In the light of such a purpose the year promises to be bright and with blessed glory at its end.

### KING'S HIGHWAY MONTH

For a number of years the month of January has been designated "Highway Month." During this month a sustained effort has been made to renew all subscribers and to add new names to the mailing list. Without this particular emphasis, and the co-operation of our subscribers at this time of year, The Highway could not make its way at all.

Thus again this year, our pastors have been asked to give some personal promotion to "The Highway" in their local churches during this month. We have asked each pastor to seek for 100% renewal of present subscribers and to seek to add at least three new names to our list. Such a goal is a realistic one, but one which if achieved would mean everything to our Highway budget.

Please—our readers and subscribers will you make this a matter of personal responsibility to send in your own renewal during this month and if possible, to add the name of a new subscriber?

If all present subscribers were up-to-date on their Highway, we could operate without a deficit. We shall be expecting a record income during the month of January.

For those who are so faithful in their prayer and financial support, all we can say God bless you richly!

### THE WILL OF GOD

By Charles Wesley

He wills that I should holy be,  
That holiness I long to feel;  
That full divine conformity  
To all my Saviour's righteous will.

See, Lord, the travail of Thy soul  
Accomplished in the change of mine;  
And plunge me, ev'ry whit made whole,  
In all the depths of love divine.

On Thee, O God, my soul is stayed,  
And waits to prove Thine utmost will;  
The promise by Thy mercy made,  
Thou canst, Thou wilt, in me fulfill.

No more I stagger at Thy pow'r  
Or doubt Thy truth, which cannot move;  
Hasten the long-expected hour,  
And bless me with Thy perfect love.

### PRAYER CHANGES PEOPLE

A young preacher had just settled in his first pastorate in Philadelphia when he was visited one evening by one of the laymen in his church.

The man said bluntly to him, "You are not a strong preacher. In the usual order of things you will fail here but a little group of us have agreed to gather every Sunday morning to pray for you."

The young man saw that group of people grow to more than one thousand praying weekly for their pastor.

The minister was J. Wilbur Chapman, who grew to become one of the greatest preachers America has ever known.—Baptist Examiner

### MAKE NO APOLOGIES WHEN SHOOTING AT SIN

The Quaker heard a strange noise in the night and found a burglar ransacking his chicken house. He took his fowling piece and called from the landing stairs, from which he had plain sight of the intruder. "Friend," said he, "I would do thee no harm for all the world, but thee standest where I am about to shoot."

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