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"Wait and See"

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How many times when two people have been dealing with a controversial issue and the agreement did not seem to be forthcoming immediately, have you heard the statement: "You just wait and see!" Or they might say: "Time will tell!" It is true we can wait and see, if we live long enough, or we can also see if "time will tell" and I am sure it will! But let me give you a scripture from Job and I would like to know what you think about it. "When I looked for good, then evil came unto me: and when I waited for light, there came darkness." Job 30:26.

Waiting for light is often proper and wise; but the thing can be overdone. It is true that light follows darkness, but by waiting too long, gross darkness also sets in. Altogether too many people are unwilling to face the real issues of life and death, and consequently they delay under the false pretense that they are waiting for light. We are reminded that while waiting has its legitimate place, it also has its perils.

Now, let me bring our subject into better focus, or get to the point. Consider your spiritual needs. Are you in personal contact with God? Have you a present and full salvation? Are you born again? Have you experienced the infilling of the Holy Spirit? Or have you decided to just wait and see who is right in this matter of serving the Lord? Well, really, what are you waiting for? A more convenient season? That was the excuse Felix had!

Listen: "And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have

a convenient season, I will call for thee." Acts 24:25. Do you think that was a wise decision for one of such great authority to make? What was he waiting for? He may have claimed for more light, but it is very likely that darkness overtook him. Is that what he was waiting for? Is that what you are waiting for?

Search the gospels as you will, and I venture to say you will find no place where Jesus said to anyone: "Follow me next year, next month, or even tomorrow." No, for Jesus would be saying: "Follow me"--in the present tense, imperative, right now! It was action he called for in that oriental land where delay was often common place. And, dear ones, it is action he is calling for today.

Here is a good example: "And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they

straightway left their nets, and followed him." I would say they didn't wait very long, wouldn't you? Straightway means to do something "right a way" without delay! Can you imagine what Jesus would have done if Peter and Andrew would have said: "Well, we will follow you, but wait until we catch a few more fish!" It is very likely Jesus would have passed on and found others to be his disciples who were ready to follow him at once.

The person who says he is waiting for light, too often is ignoring the light he already has! He shuts his eyes, so to speak, and wonders why he cannot see. Some folks point out certain professors in the congregation, whom they have no confidence in. This may be true, but what are they going to do--"wait and see"? Think what is going to happen to those who are "waiting to see". Darkness will overtake them. If they do nothing about their own salvation, they, too will be lost. Little consolation will that afford them--just to see some professor lost. They will also go the way of the hypocrite.

But let me go back and pick up another time when this "straightway" appears in the Bible. Here Jesus was speaking: "Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them, and straightway he will send them." Matt. 21:2-3.

I believe the disciples went right then and found the ass and the colt as Jesus said. And I believe they brought them without delay. I was taught in school that a straight line was the shortest distance between two points. I don't

suppose that has changed any. There is no denying the fact that certain points are sometimes widely separated, but in getting from one point to the other a straight line should be followed. And thus it should be with our experience. We should move on from victory to victory in a straight line.

Dear ones, if you are not where you ought to be in your experience with the Lord set about to follow a straight line now. Move on from the seat of the scornful, the standing in the way of sinners and walking in the counsel of the ungodly. It is true that "time will tell" but often it is a sad story of neglect and loss which is told of those who waited too long to do the thing which they knew they should have done straightway.

And now this poem:

WE'VE BEEN PRAYING FOR YOU
The hour for the service was passing
away;
The leader was pleading that, ere he
should pray,
Each would seek for a friend and invite
him to come
To the altar of mercy while yet there
was room.

A father sat waiting, he could not tell
why,
When his child came to seek him with
love in his eye.
"Won't you come, Papa, please!" he
whispered. "Oh, do!"
All day while at work, we've been
praying for you."

The father felt deeply how great was
his need;
The Spirit, resisted, continued to plead.
Forty years he had walked in the path-
way of sin;
It was time with his child a new life to
begin.

He came to the altar and made the glad
choice,
And others soon followed while
Christians rejoiced.
We shall find by and by when the books
shall be read,
Many souls into heaven the children
have led.

Oh! gather them early; call into the fold
The dear lambs of the flock for the
Shepherd to hold.

The parents will follow--what else can
they do
When the little ones whisper, "We're
praying for you"?

Let us pray.

Our father, bless the message to the
good of every listener and reader.
Cause the words to find receptive hearts
and give victory through thine own word
for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thank you for the time you have spent
in listening to this short gospel message.
We hope you will feel the time has been
well spent. If we may be of some
spiritual help to you be sure to let us
know. You may address your letter to
the Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

I appreciate those who have made it
possible for us to continue this broad-
cast from week to week. In case you
are not aware of it, we are now in our
8th year of broadcasting the gospel.

We certainly feel indebted to those who
have a love for the truth and we are cer-
tainly grateful to the Lord for his mercy
and blessings in permitting us to fulfill
this small service for him and for souls.

Here is a song "Who at my Door is Stand-
ing?" The singers are Lynn and Arnett
Carver, Troy Gentry and Edgar Mar-
tens.

Until we meet again this is Willie Mur-
phey, saying may the Lord bless and
keep you in the center of his will and a
very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Oregon: (81 letters and cards this
year) Dear Bro. Willie and family, I
greet you in Jesus dear name, can re-
port victory in soul and body. The Lord
is so good to me and mine... We sure do
appreciate Bro. Ostis and Sis. Evelyn.
He gave us 2 good soul stirring mes-
sages yesterday, helps us to see our
short comings so we can move up--
never gets too strait for me, just try
to measure up to all I hear. We have
been having lots of rain the last week
or more, but thankful it isn't snow.
We have several flowers in bloom now--
so makes it seem spring is near. It
isn't raining now but did in the night.
The saints are about as usual--Sis.
Olsen got home last week, had a cold
when she got here... but was at service
yesterday and last night--glad to have
her home... We are pretty good but
seems my strength is very small, tire
out so easily. Sun is shining now. May
the Lord bless you in all you do for him
and souls. Pray for us. Love and
prayers." --Sister Emma Busch

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From Mo.: "Dear Bro. Willie and all,
I greet you all in Jesus dear name, hope
all are well. We can't get over the ef-
fects of that flu, feel draggy and weak,
just worn out, but thank the dear Lord
that we both are still alive, bless his
dear name for now and forever. I did-
n't get the broadcast this morning--too
much static. How's all the brothers
and sisters. Well, I hope and looking
up. We don't want to look down but up
to our loving God. He sees every move
we make and I am glad of that... Well,
bye for now." --W. D. Harmon

From Okla.: "Greetings of love in Jesus dear name. I hope and pray you are all well and working for the dear Lord. I sure do enjoy the paper very much. Yes, I sure do remember dear Bro. & Sis. Wilson. I will never forget them. Yes, Minnie Mae remembers them. Dear Sis. Wilson taught all 4 of my girls in young people's meeting. We all loved them both and who didn't. Their teaching still means so much to me. I could say so much, but you will have a hard time reading this... Please remember me in your prayers and my unsaved loved ones." --Ida Ruckman

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From Miss.: "Hope all are well and are getting along fine. As for me I feel like in body am about to give out, but am still encouraged in my soul for which I praise God. Please pray for me... I appreciate you dear saints very much. You have been so good to me. May God bless you real good. In Christian love."

--Dorothy Bridges

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"Greetings to our dear friends. I am too shaky to write, but not to serve my dear Lord. God bless you in your service for God. Faithfully in His service,"

--Sister Mary A. Halfhill

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From Oregon: "Greetings in Jesus precious name. I am so thankful for salvation. So very thankful for the many blessings my God pours out on me... Pray for our congregation and pastor. We do so enjoy his labor here with us."

--Sister Allis King

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From Ind.: "Greetings of love to you all. This leaves me feeling pretty good and trust this will find you all feeling all right. Well, it looks like it was going to be a pretty nice day today... I will close and take this out and mail it pretty soon. I have 4 letters to mail."

--Sister Grace Koehler

From Miss.: 'Just a few lines to you all. Hope and pray you all are well. As for me I am up and thank the Lord for that. Bro. & Sis. Richard Madden were here 3 Sundays. I was sick the night of the last of the meeting. I sure did hate to miss it... We really enjoy them coming... You know some people can't stand the truth, but you know that all are going to stand when we stand before the Lord. Some people think if they go to church on Sunday and pay the preacher that is all they got to do and they think that they can hold the Lord in one hand and the devil in the other hand--that will carry them to heaven. People better wake up and get on the right road before it's too late. If they pray more and talk less, this old world would be better off. You all pray for my sister...'

--Flora Pugh

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From Oregon: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. I am writing a few lines to let you know I received the little paper, The Mission Trail and I enjoy every line in it... Please send The Mission Trail to this name... Hattie Gibson... She is one of the saints that is afflicted with arthritis and needs our prayers. Please pray for her. She has to get some one to write for her. In my letter I just received from her, she said, When you don't hear from me, just know I am waiting for some one to write. I am so glad it's beginning to look like spring. Flowers are starting to come. There are also large buds on the maples here in my front yard. I will close now and with love and prayers remembering you. Your Sister in Him" --Vivian Williams

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From Mo.: "The Lord is so good to his trusting children... I thank him for His blessings He bestowed upon me. He will never turn us away... I'm praying for you all that you continually do good work"

--Lily Mae Glass

From Okla.: "Greetings in Jesus name. Thank God for blessing you so in preaching good tidings to the people over the radio. I called Aunt Lizzie. She had gone to see her son Ollie in the hospital. He is still swollen, but if nothing turns up he would come home Wednesday afternoon. Pray for this case. I was with Bro. & Sis. Kelly and Bro. and Sis. Classen in Sunday school. I truly enjoyed the same in Jesus name. I am happy Jesus is our king. I want to love him always. Pray for all"

--Sister Eva Penner
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From Calif.: "I'm never discouraged in pressing onward to my heavenly home. At times it is hard and fiery trials and persecutions will come but I decided I am going to meet my Shepherd, my Savior, Master and Lord some of these days. It may be soon or the Lord may lengthen my days out and let me live a little longer. The enemy has tried to tell me I was going to die about 20 years ago. I looked to God and people of God and requested prayer and Lord heals me every time... The almonds are in full bloom and the bees are working. Everything is bright here in Modesto... fruit trees and walnut groves and dairies and farms of vegetables and berries of all kinds,"

--Sister Opal Williams
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From Oregon: "Today finds me still saved and trusting God for soul and body... What would we do without the Lord... Pray we will get rain. They say wells are going dry. Would be glad if you folks could come out our way again. It will soon be camp meeting time again. How fast time is going. I don't think it will be long till it will all be over. I sure want to be ready for that day. Keep the good news going over the air that people may get saved."

--Sister Ada Leach

From Okla.: "I hope and pray all of you are well. I am still going by help of God and all of your prayers. God is so good to us all for which I thank the good Lord... Well, time is so short. Jesus is coming soon... I saw in little Mission Trail paper where Sister Sharp's grandson is taking care of Sister Sharp... she had stroke. I am glad she is better. I had been hearing from her ever since my husband passed away. All at once she quit writing... pray for me, also pray for my unsaved children that God will get hold of them before it is too late. Time is so short to prepare for coming of Jesus. It is right on us... God bless all of you and keep you and supply all your needs."

--Sister Ben Harrison
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From Illinois: "Greetings of love in the name of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I thank God for his saving and keeping power that keeps our lives in his love and grace through each day. I love to walk this narrow way with our Lord and I love the saints and sure would like to be where I could meet with them more often. I have been slack in writing. It seems that I am such poor hand to write I can hardly get myself to do it. I know the saints should keep in touch... We are pilgrims in this land and there may be many miles between us but if we correspond by letter and read about what God has done and is doing and pray for each other we will be close enough together to walk in that narrow way that Jesus spoke about and He will be our guide. Will close and pray God help you keep the good work going that you are doing. Remember us in prayer."

--Albert Green

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Please continue to pray for me. I am hoping to climb the hill in Jesus name

--Claudia Robinson

Children's Page

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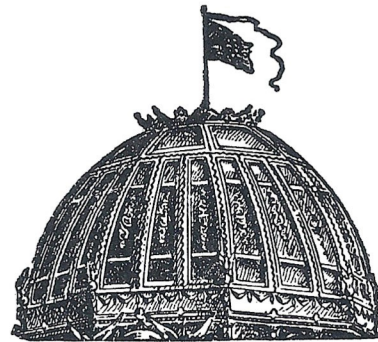
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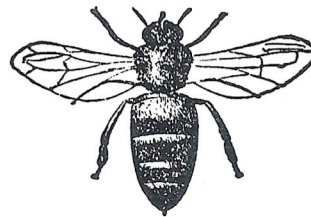


Hallowed be Thy name. Thy



come,

Thy



done,

MATT. vi, 9-13.

at press time

we understand:

Easter Meeting

Bro. William McCoy, pastor of the congregation in Dayton, Ohio has announced meeting there beginning Easter Sunday and continuing as long as the Lord leads. They are looking forward to having Bro. Ira Stover with them in these nightly services. Everyone is welcome. The chapel is located on 621 Tyron, phone 233-5393.

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Our deep sympathy is extended to Sis. Nettie Harbeson, R. 1, Box 112, Eutawville, S. Car., 29048, on the loss of her husband, Bro. Dan L. Harbeson who died Feb. 20. They attended Monark Campmeeting last summer. He was not well at the time. Sister Nettie spent much time in caring for him. Remember her in this time of sorrow. Bro. O'Neal Pratt spoke at the funeral in Charleston Heights. We are glad Bro. Harbeson had made his peace with God.

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Congratulations to Sister Flora Hinzman, R. 2, Box 22, Orma, W. Va. 25268, on her 77th birthday, March 4.

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Continue to pray for little Daniel Rich. After his parents, K. C. and Candice sent in testimony symptoms of running eye has returned, but the Lord is encouraging them. In a letter she writes: "I'm going to take pictures today to show what he is like now so we'll have them to show after his healing. Oh God is so good. I never by his grace and strength want to fail him again."

From Okla.: "We are yet enjoying Mission Trail. We thought we had put our ole green pickup over the road-- But you and that Olds. were about 100,000 miles ahead of us (Smile)"

--Johnnye Lee & Milton Johnson

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From Nigeria: "Hope this finds you well and still pressing on with the gospel work. We've seized this opportunity to proclaim the good news of the wonderful deliverance of our Lord. On 29th December 1971, I was going down a steep hill on bicycle with active brakes. Reaching midway, both front and back brakes got loose. The speed down the river was terribly increased. I could not get down and there was none to push me down. I shouted, "O Lord Jesus help." The worst part of it was that there was a vehicle descending the hill after me. Shortly after the shouting, I found myself down the side of the tarred road. Wheels got broken when hitting against the telephone pole. From where I fell down to the bridge was only 3 yards. The driver stopped the vehicle after the bridge and came out with his passengers to see what became of me. But to the surprise of all I sustained no serious injury apart from the minor bruises, praise God. When getting up, I had to call the attention of the repairer who did the job. Again during that very month, my younger son, Odudu was seriously ill. The body temperature was too high. For three days he took no food. We went down on our knees and talked to the Father on the throne and He answered us." --B. U. Udeme



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

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KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
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