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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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Stars Still Shine

By—L. R. Hester

Via—Market Street Messenger—04-10-2011

Someone wrote: "Two men were walking along a country road one evening. One was bewailing world conditions. Everything was wrong -- civilization was being swept away, religion was defeated, there was no future but darkness. When the speaker paused for breath, his friend pointed to the sky and commented, 'The stars still shine'."

In this age of scientific discovery, nuclear fission, etc., accompanied by man's craze for recognition and power, human society seems to be balanced on a powder keg. Scientific minds admit the possibility of a war that would wipe out most of the populace and set the rest back many decades. In addition to this, the economic situation is highly unstable. With the world becoming more wicked daily, potential dangers of various kinds are mounting. In view of it all, the human mind is highly disturbed. Fear, perplexity, anxiety and distrust are mounting on every hand. Even in the church there is unrest. Faithfulness to the Lord's standard is made more trying by the lowering of the moral standards of world society and a pulpit policy that fails to properly indoctrinate the immersed in the

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fundamentals of New Testament Christianity.

Yet, "the stars still shine," and the Lord is still with His own. His message to the Christian says: *"Be ye free from the love of money: content with such things as ye have: for He Himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee. So that with good courage we say: The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?"* (Hebrews 13:5).

Even in this present life, our blessings far exceed our understanding; and it behooves us to *"be ye thankful"* (Colossians 3:15) instead of dwelling upon the unpleasant potentialities of tomorrow. Much of man's sorrow stems from his trust in material and temporal things. We can never find true and lasting security until we look to the right source; and when we do this, the things over which men worry so much will become less important to us. To the Christian - the baptized believer whose trust is in God and His Son and message - the important thing is not what he has done upon the earth, but what his state will be when the elements have melted with fervent heat. For, as Paul wrote: *"...we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal"* (2 Corinthians 4:18). As the stars in the heaven continue to shine though the world is troubled, neither our earthly sorrows nor the removal of earth and the stars can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, while we remain faithful to the New Testament.

Everlasting Sanctuary

By—Gary Henry

Via—Diligently Seeking God—02-04-2011

"Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'that they

may rest from their labors, and their works follow them'" —Revelation 14:13

At the end of the road, we can go to an eternal place of rest and beauty and strength. The solace and safety for which we long are things that can be fully realized. What is true in time will be even more true in eternity: "There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God (Cleland B. McAfee). It is to be a place of "sanctuary in the very truest sense of the word.

One of Dalhart Windberg's paintings is called *Everlasting Sanctuary*. A print of that painting first arrested my attention in the hallway of the hospital where my mother lay dying. It drew me immediately into a world both



strong and serene. Later, friends gave me a small copy to hang in my home, and I'm always eager to enter the scene it de-

picts. When I am world-weary, I can hear Windberg's distant waterfall. I can smell the cool evergreens that shelter the river and feel the gentle warmth of the meadow beneath my feet. A deep desire for sanctuary stirs within me.

In literature, I think there is no more powerful evocation of sanctuary than Imladris, or Rivendell, in the work of J. R. R. Tolkien. In the imaginative world of Middle Earth, where good and evil are at war, Rivendell is the elven refuge in a steep, hidden valley cutting through the moors beneath the Misty Mountains. Rivendell resonates with me because I know it represents reality. It connects me to a truth that is larger than my own life.

It's not inevitable, of course, that I will arrive at the eternal sanctuary of God's home. If I do, it will be the consequence of right choices about God that I am making right now. I know that not every road leads to the gate of heaven. There is only one that does, and I put my feet on that path when by faith I

courageously acquiesce to what I know of God's will.

*"Bring us, O Lord God, at the last
awakening into the house and gate of
heaven, to enter into that gate and
dwell in that house, where there shall
be no darkness nor dazzling, but one
equal light; no noise nor silence, but
one equal music; no fears nor hopes,
but an equal possession; no ends nor
beginnings, but one equal eternity, in
the habitations of thy majesty and thy
glory, world without end"*

—John Donne

What Do We Hope To Gain?

By—Gary Henry

Via—Reaching Forward—02-05-2011

***"... he who plows should plow in
hope, and he who threshes in
hope should be partaker of his
hope" —1 Corinthians 9:10***

What's in it for us? That is what most people want to know when the subject of "religion" comes up. And then we go to two extremes. Either (1) we turn religion into nothing more than a spiritual scheme for our own health, wealth, and happiness, or (2) we reject the worship of God completely with the cynical comment heard in Malachi's day: *"It is useless to serve God; what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance?"* (Malachi 3:14). The thought does not occur to us that it may be profitable — and even joyful! — to serve God

whether it "pays" us to do so or not.

The subject of HOPE is certainly a scriptural subject. Like its companions FAITH and LOVE, hope involves an attraction to unseen realities that are desirable. The Christian is moved by hope to make adjustments that would not be made otherwise. But notice carefully the texts that speak of hope. The hope that leads to a pure life is THE HOPE OF OUR BEING LIKE CHRIST (1 John 3:2,3), not the hope of our lifestyle being more trouble-free. And the hope of the gospel is *"CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY"* (Colossians 1:27).

Naturally, there must be some benefit to serving God, or we would not do it. But we will be more powerfully motivated when that benefit has to do more with God and less with ourselves. When we are moved by a deep, thrilling desire for His glory, at whatever cost that glory must be gained, then we'll make real progress in life. We won't think in terms of personal benefit, but only of rightful service, and what we hope to gain will be the soul-satisfying knowledge that WE ARE RIGHTLY RELATED TO HIS GLORY, He by His grace having made it possible for us to please Him again.

It all comes down to the joy of GIVING as opposed to the joy of GETTING. Jesus taught that the former is greater than the latter: *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). With respect to God, there are many things to be "received" by us, and these are not insignificant motivators to the devout life. But none of these come close to the joy of giving glory to God: the sheer joy of taking our rightful place in the symphony of His creation.

***"A person will turn away from
the world and engage in serious
prayer because there is a strong
desire for the things of God"***

—Pseudo-Macarius

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Dave Harless
Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Nathan Marshall
Scripture	Luke 5:1-20
Reader	Matt Ferrell
Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Harold Marshall
Fruit of the Vine	Ken Prager
Serve	CJ Isinghood
Serve	Earl Miller
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Harold Marshall
Scripture	Luke 5:21-39
Reader	John Lemal
1st Prayer	Bryan Legg
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Don Coen, Jr.
Closing Prayer	Nathan Marshall

Wednesday

Class Prayer	Chuck Isinghood
Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Tim Henderson
Invitation	Don Coen, Jr.
Closing Prayer	Earl Miller

News N Notes

Ladies Class tonight after services in the auditorium.

Men's Training class tonight after services in class room 2 & 3. Men have your passage ready to read

Please remember these in your prayers:

Sick/ Poor Health:

- Don Coen, Sr.
- Zeda Goddard
- Robert Schwerferger, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law.
- Grace Lancaster
- Ronald & Charollette Lancaster, Ronald has been moved to Lifeline Hospital, room 214
- William Louthen, Charissa Erdman's grandfather. His address is: 127 10th St., Wellsburg, WV 26070
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother is back at home
- Harold Marshall, Sr., Harold's father
- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Gabriel Taylor, 5 year old great grandson of Don Coen, Sr., dealing with cancer.
- Trudell Tennant

Don't forget our Shut-ins

Ann's Retreat:

- Josephine Clow

Brightwood Center:

- Shirley Campbell

Valley Haven:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

Weirton Geriatric:

- Kitty Morgan

At Home:

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please contact Tim Henderson