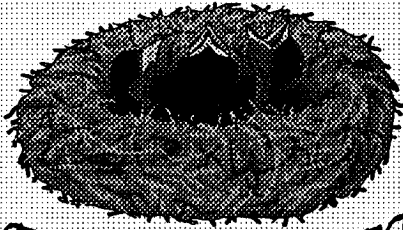
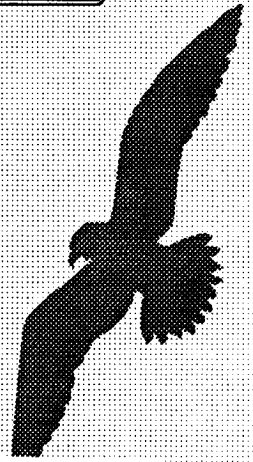


*"They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings
as eagles."
Isaiah 40:31*



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"For He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Hebrews 13:5,6.

Moment By Moment

Dying with Jesus, by death reckoned mine;
Living with Jesus, a new life divine;
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine,
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am thine.

Never a trial that He is not there,
Never a burden that He doth not bear,
Never a sorrow that He doth not share,
Moment by moment, I'm under His care.

Never a heart-ache, and never a groan,
Never a teardrop and never a moan;
Never a danger but there on the throne,
Moment by moment He thinks of His own.

Never a weakness that He doth not feel,
Never a sickness that He cannot heal;
Moment by moment, in woe or in weal,
Jesus, my Savior, abides with me still.

Moment by moment I'm kept in His love;
Moment by moment I've life from above;
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine;
Moment by moment, O Lord I am thine.

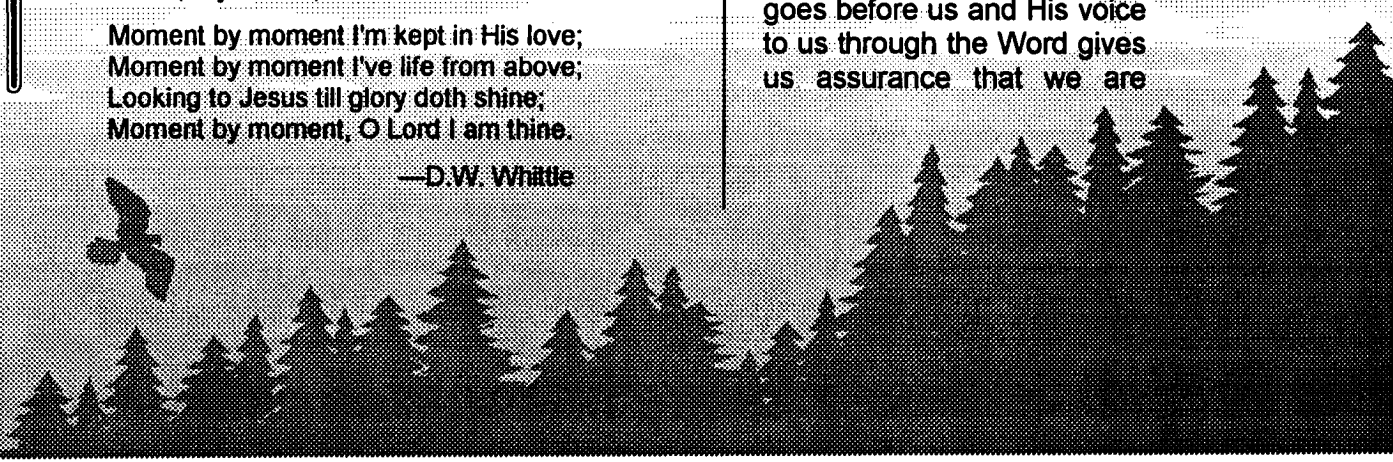
—D.W. Whittle

Dear Friends,

As we enter a new year how assuring, how comforting it is to realize that there will not be a moment in our lives that we will be alone. The Lord has promised that He will never leave us alone. Where ever we are and whatever we will have to go through He will be with us.

Let's look at some verses that remind us how completely, moment-by-moment we are under His care.

1 "He calleth His own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them." John 10:4. In the spring when the shepherd would lead his sheep up to higher pastures they sometimes would go through dark valleys where there would be shadows and often enemies. The shepherd went before them and protected his sheep and the presence of the shepherd gave assurance to the sheep that they were safe. So we sometimes are called to go through dark times in our lives. But our good Shepherd goes before us and His voice to us through the Word gives us assurance that we are



safe and secure. If we are called to go through the valley of death we will fear no evil. Those who have faced the fact that like sheep we all have gone astray and turned to our own way, have confessed their sins and know Christ as their personal Savior. The good Shepherd has gone through death and judgment for everyone who has believed in the Lord Jesus. For the Christian the sting of death, which is sin, has been removed. Death is but a shadow. We need not fear because our Savior has gone before us.

2 "For the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rear-guard." Isaiah 52:12. Often an enemy would seek to come up behind the armies of Israel and surprise them. Our great enemy today is Satan. We are not to be ignorant of his devices. He will use the things of the world to turn our hearts away from the things of the Lord. What is the secret to defeat the enemy? We need to have on the whole armor of God. In Ephesians 6 we find that spiritual armor is listed for us. Over it all we are to have the shield of faith so that we may be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. There is no armor for the back. As we face the enemy with our spiritual armor we will realize that the Lord is behind us and that the enemy cannot creep up on us. He not only goes before to lead us but also goes behind us to protect us.

3 "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." Psalm 34:7. I remember reading an account of a missionary who with his family was being attacked by a large group of savages. As the savages drew near to the small cabin where the missionary lived they suddenly withdrew. Later upon being questioned why they had so quickly withdrawn they replied, "We couldn't because your cabin was surrounded by lots of men who were guarding it." Perhaps when we are in the glory we will be surprised to find out how often we were protected by the angels of the Lord. He is not only before us and behind us but is round about us to deliver us.

4 "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." Hebrews 9:24. How wonderful to realize that we have One at the right hand of God who represents us in the very presence of God. He is our Great High Priest who "ever liveth to make intercession for us. Hebrews 7:25. If we should sin, He is also our Advocate, Jesus the righteous One, who works to restore us to fellowship with the Father. 1 John 2:1. So Christ is not only before us, behind us, round about us but also above us.

5 "The eternal God is thy Refuge, and underneath are the Everlasting Arms." Deuteronomy 33:27. How good to know if we should become discouraged and cast down that no matter how far down in the dumps we go we have One, who is the great sustainer; "underneath are the Everlasting Arms." He goes before us, is behind us and around us and above us but, is also underneath us to sustain us.

6 "I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." Psalm 16:8. When we look to the Lord for guidance and depend upon Him we will be conscious of His presence with us and trials and difficulties will not move us. Also His being at our right hand would suggest that He is our Counselor. He is not only before us, behind us, around us, above us, beneath us but is beside us.

7 "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20. Can this really be true? Yes, it is hard to grasp but the wonderful truth that Christ lives in me should truly bow my heart before Him in praise and worship. If He loved me so much that He gave Himself for me, shouldn't I willingly give myself to Him? .

So as we enter a new year may it be with a deepened sense of the Lord's mercy, love and grace to us. Let us remember that there is not a moment in our lives that His eye is not upon us. He goes before us as our Leader, He is behind us as our Protector, He is around us as our Deliverer, He is above us as our Great High Priest and Advocate, He is underneath us as our Supporter, He is beside us as our Counselor and Guide and He is in us as our Strength.

In His wonderful love,

John D. McNeil

To Our Valued Readers

We appreciate the privilege of preparing these monthly messages, and trust that as they come into your hands the Lord will add His blessing to them, and show you, how in the past days, He has truly carried you on eagles' wings.

Sincerely, *John D. McNeil & Leslie L. Winters*

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