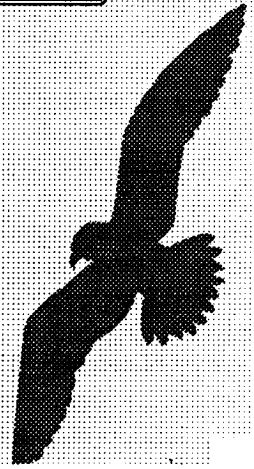


*'They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

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



AERY NUGGETS

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? And your labor for that which satisfieth not?
Isaiah 55:2

"For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." Psalm 107:9.

None But Christ Can Satisfy!

O Christ, in Thee my soul hath found,
And found in Thee alone,
The peace, the joy I sought so long,
The bliss till now unknown.

I sighed for rest and happiness,
I yearned for them, not Thee;
But while I passed my Savior by,
His love laid hold on me.

I tried the broken cisterns, Lord,
But ah! The waters failed!
E'en as I stooped to drink they'd fled,
And mocked me as I wailed.

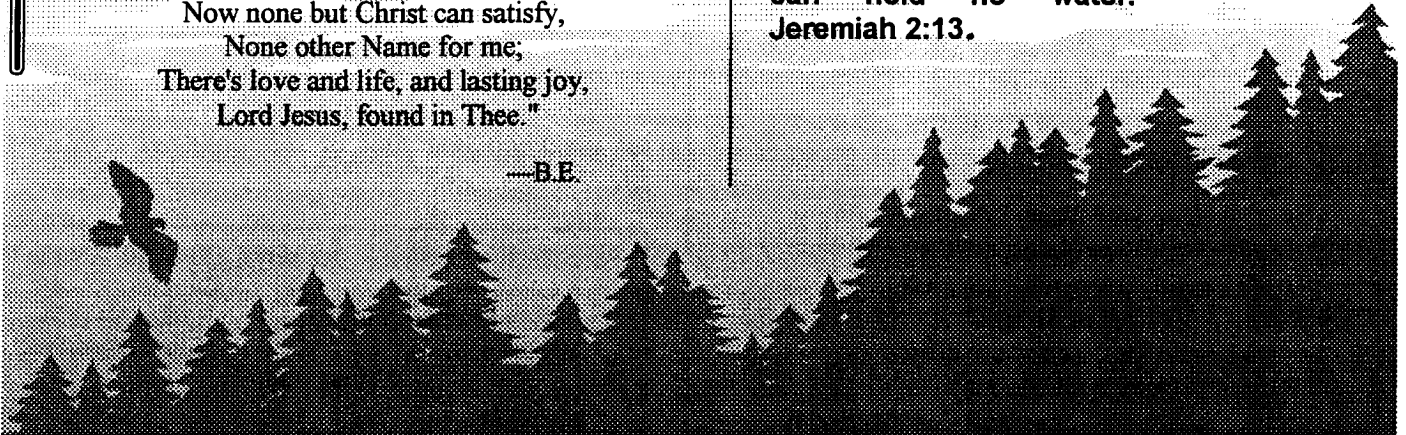
Now none but Christ can satisfy,
None other Name for me,
There's love and life, and lasting joy,
Lord Jesus, found in Thee."

---B.E.

Dear Friends,

Satisfaction? It may seem very elusive today. Never in our history have we seen so many things advertised in the newspapers, television, etc. that promise to bring us real satisfaction. It may be a new car, an SUV, a new cereal, a furniture item or a special vacation package. Sometimes they are made more attractive by allowing you a whole year or more to pay for the item.

How soon, though, we discover that things do not bring satisfaction. Webster's dictionary defines two of the meanings of satisfaction as "Fulfillment of a need or want" and "to make happy." I understand that the Hebrew word for "satisfy" is "have enough." We soon discover that most of the things that we purchase fail to make us happy or make us say "I have enough." God told Jeremiah that "My people have committed two evils (1) they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and (2) hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."
Jeremiah 2:13.



How true this is of so many today. They have forsaken the Lord and are seeking to get satisfaction from the broken cisterns (worldly pleasures) that cannot give refreshment or satisfaction.

True satisfaction begins when our greatest need has been met. What is our greatest need? Because we are spiritually dead in trespasses and sins, we face an eternal judgment for those sins. We need a Savior who can save us from that judgment. The Lord Jesus Christ "was once offered to bear the sins of many" at Calvary where He met our greatest need. The "many" are those who have come to God in repentance believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior. No person can be truly satisfied until they have accepted God's gift of eternal life. A dear saint who lived many years ago penned these words, "O God! Thou hast made us for Thyself and our souls are restless, searching, 'til they find their rest in Thee."
— St. Augustine of Africa.

Does this mean that all Christians are satisfied? We can make that more personal and ask you, dear Christian friend, are you satisfied? Don't we all have to admit that even after we have received the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior we sometimes slowly drift away from Him and like Peter we follow Him afar off. (See Luke 22:54 - 56.) It is then that we begin to lose our enjoyment of the things of the Lord and seek to find satisfaction in other pleasures.

Can other things bring satisfaction? What does the Bible say? King Solomon, the richest man that ever lived, experienced all kinds of pleasure. Anything he wanted he was able to obtain. Here is what he said about satisfaction. "All things are full of labor; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing." "He that loves silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loves abundance with increase: this is also vanity." Ecclesiastes 1:8;5:10. In fact he said, "All is vanity and vexation of spirit." Ecclesiastes 1:2.

How can we stay satisfied? A hymn writer has put it so well in the following hymn:

"Occupied with Thee, Lord Jesus,
In Thy grace;
All Thy ways and thoughts about me
Only trace
Deeper stories of the glories
Of Thy grace. Of Thy grace.

Taken up with Thee, Lord Jesus,
I would be;
Finding joy and satisfaction
All in Thee;
Thou the nearest and the dearest
Unto me. Unto me"

—Miss C.A. Wellesley

Satisfaction day by day can only be found by being occupied with the Lord Jesus on a daily basis. In order for that to be true I have found that it is good to have a spiritual check up every so often. Just as a physical check up usually includes some x-rays a spiritual checkup also includes x-rays.

The Holy Spirit through the Word of God is the spiritual x-ray machine. We need to pray as King David did: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23,24. "Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart." Psalm 26:2.

The heart is often used figuratively in the Bible for the hidden springs of the personal life. As we wait upon the Lord in prayer He will faithfully expose to us those hidden things in our lives of which we are not aware: our motives, actions and words. Very often there is pride that has not been judged. One has said of pride that it is usually the last thing that is judged in our lives. The middle letter of pride is "I." It is so easy to be occupied with "Me," "Myself" and "I". This kind of occupation will bring discouragement and a sense of failure into our lives. We need to have our heart occupied with the Lord Jesus through His Word. We may want to include in our prayer these words of King David: "Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation." Psalm 51:12. As we continue to read and meditate upon God's Word we will have a sense of peace and joy. We will once again be satisfied. We will then be able to say "My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips." Psalm 63:5.

A wonderful day is coming when we shall be with Him and like Him! In anticipation we can say with David, "I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." Psalm 17:15.

In His wonderful love,

John D. McNeil

"One learns in all circumstances that Christ is all. What I desire is that He may be so completely everything in the secret of each day, that it may be an accomplished fact in the outward relations of life."
—J. N. D.

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