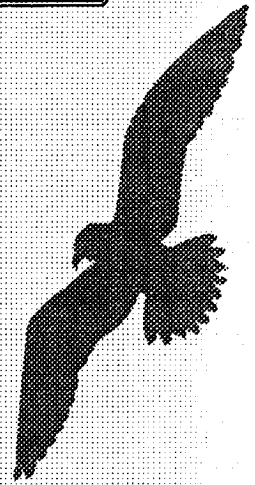


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*"They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

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



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"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.

The pleasures lost I sadly mourned,
But never wept for Thee,
Till grace the sightless eyes received,
Thy loveliness to see.

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

Satisfied With Thee, Lord Jesus

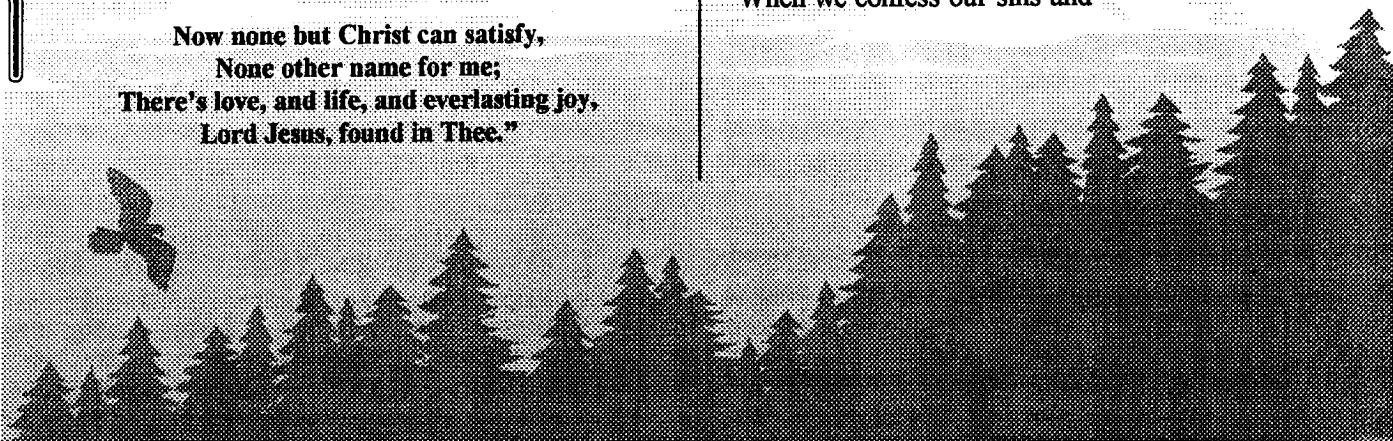
Taken up with Thee, Lord Jesus,
I would be;
Finding joy and satisfaction
All in Thee;
Thou the nearest and the dearest
Unto me.

Miss C.A. Wellesley

Dear Friends,

What is satisfaction? The dictionary defines satisfaction as "the fulfillment of a need or want." Have all your needs and wants been fulfilled? If not isn't money the answer to fulfilling all my needs and wants? Most of us reading this paper know the answer to all of these questions.

The Lord Jesus answered those questions when He said, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36. Before we can ever be satisfied our soul must be saved. That is the deepest need of every person. Jesus died for our sins on Calvary's cross. When we confess our sins and



receive Him as our Lord and Savior our deepest need has been met.

How about our other needs? Good friends, good health, an income that will allow us to live in comfort and safety and many more. Has God promised that we will have all of these needs met to our satisfaction? No, God's promises do not mean that we will never have to go through trials that involve suffering, loneliness, sickness and often other infirmities. But He has promised to be with us through all the trials that we may experience. He has said, "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." Isaiah 41:13. "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Hebrews 13:6.

A good example is found for us in the apostle Paul. He was often alone. He had a thorn in the flesh (perhaps poor eyesight). He was persecuted and yet he wrote from a Roman prison these special words. "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13.

The apostle Paul learned the secret of contentment. I believe that we often need to challenge ourselves with the question: "Have I learned the secret of contentment? We read "Godliness with contentment is great gain." 1 Timothy 6:6.

When we have learned the secret of contentment we can then be fully satisfied. We will be able to say, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." We will find that all of our deepest needs can be met by our Savior.

Are we lonely? We can learn to know Him better. He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24. 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.

Are we discouraged? He has said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer (courage); I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

Are we having financial problems? He has said, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19.

Are we having physical problems? Remember that God is for us. God never allows us to go through pain,

sickness or weakness without giving us the needed strength and the special comfort of His promises. Some of our best lessons are learned through painful circumstances. "All things work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28.

Are we facing or still mourning the loss of a loved one? We can experience the comfort of One who wept at Lazarus' grave. "He knows, He loves, He cares. Nothing this truth can dim. He gives the very best to those who leave the choice with Him. I have often been impressed with the words of a hymn that was written by one who lost her loved one.

My God, My Father! Blissful Name!

My God, my Father! blissful name!
I now may call Thee mine-
May now with sweet assurance claim
A portion so divine!

Whate'er Thy providence denies,
I calmly would resign,
For Thou art just, and good, and wise:
Oh, bend my will to Thine!

Whate'er Thy sacred will ordains,
Oh, give me strength to bear,
Teach me to know my Father reigns,
And trust His tender care.

Thy sovereign ways are oft unknown
To my weak, erring sight,
Yet shall my soul adoring own
That all Thy ways are right.

—Anne Steele

True satisfaction! Every need that we have both now in time and in eternity is found alone in the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. And when we see Him face to face we will say with the psalmist, "I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness." Psalm 17:15.

In His wonderful love,

John D. McNeil

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