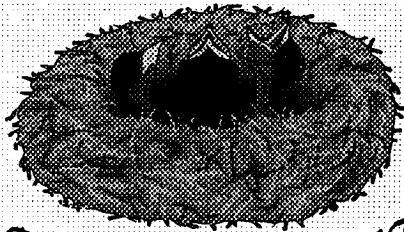
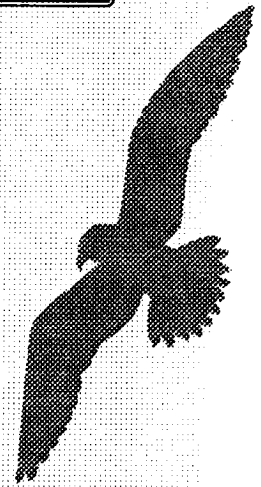


*"They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

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



AERY NUGGETS

O what a gift the Father gave
When He bestowed His Son
To save poor, ruined, guilty man,
By sin defiled, undone!

Oh, 'twas love, 'twas wondrous love,
The love of God to me!
It brought my Saviour from above
To die on Calvary.

Come, all who trust in Jesus now,
And tell our joys abroad;
Let thankful hymns of praise ascend,
For Christ, the gift of God.
—Albert Midlane



What love to Thee we owe,
Our God for all Thy grace!
Our hearts may well o'erflow
In everlasting praise!
Make us, O Lord, to praise Thee thus
For all Thy boundless love to us.
— Anne Taylor

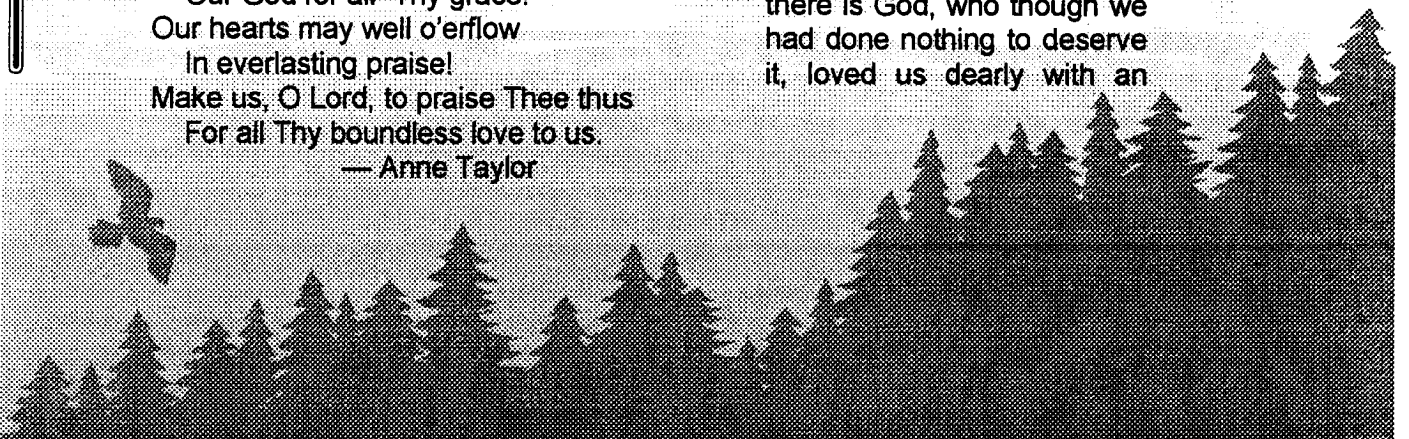
Dear Loved One,

How long has it been since you have received what could be called a love letter? Not necessarily a romantic one, but one which expressed the affectionate regard of the writer for you. Its true that many will customarily bring a letter to its close by the expression "With love". How good when the body of the communication embodies the same sentiment.

What is even nicer than a love letter is to have someone verbalize their regard for us. Recently when getting a good bye hug from a young guest, I was told those three wonderful words, "I LOVE YOU". Isn't such a proclamation, to use an obscure expression, enough to warm the cockles of your heart? It did mine.

Now this is meant to be a love letter from me to you, assuring you that though we may not be personally acquainted, I do have a God given love for you which motivates me to seek to minister to you though this means.

But let me tell you of others besides myself who love you, in a much deeper way than I ever could. First, there is God, who though we had done nothing to deserve it, loved us dearly with an



unrequited love, and of whom we read in that wonderful verse of Scripture these words, "For God so loved the world, That he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

Secondly, we are loved unreservedly by the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave the ultimate manifestation of His love and could utter these words, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Going beyond this, the Lord laid down His life for His enemies. The prophet Isaiah describes very poignantly the depths of His love's expression with the words, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

The third Person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit, loves you too. From the entrance of sin into the world the Holy Spirit has been seeking to turn men from their sinful ways and bring them to the knowledge of God. When the warning of the impending flood was given, "The Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man" (Gen. 6:3).

The One who has come as a Comforter to the believer, will also continue in His centuries' old work, according to Jesus, Who said, "When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8). What concern there is shown towards man in His continuing work of convicting, exercising and enlightening.

Now, have you begun to realize how much you are loved? The unbeliever is unable to enter into the fullness of the love by which he is viewed, but as those born again, "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us." (Romans 5:5).

In view of the great love that has been shown to us, shouldn't our hearts respond in love? Certainly the Lord longs to hear of our love for Him. Think of Him asking three times, His disciple who had denied knowing Him, "Lovest thou me" (John 21:15-17).

You know, as a rejected suitor may seek to implant doubts in our minds as to the affection and faithfulness of him who has won our heart, so Satan, with his effective question, "Hath God said," will try to get us to doubt the love of God. So, in order to prevent these suggestions from taking root and robbing us of the joy of the Lord, we need to take to heart the words, "But ye beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God" (Jude 20-21).

How easy it is to listen to these questioning suggestions, especially when something unpleasant

comes into our lives. These trials may be the result of our own doings, or may be outside our control, but when we view the effects as "child training by a loving Father" we can enter into the reality of the words, "Whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth" Heb. (12:6).

God's word calls for proof of a profession, in the words, "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18). Peter's profession of love was met with the words, "Feed my lambs, Feed my sheep."

You and I are creatures stirred by our emotions, and so we like overtures which effect our feelings. Though much of our spiritual life in relation to God is by faith, at the same time, He takes note of our emotional needs too. As an example, though the Lord Jesus came to give His life a ransom for us, it was prophesied how He would also minister to many, in the words, "The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary." (Isaiah 50:4).

But you say, "He is not here, and I need help today." Granted, but He has sent His Representative in the Person of the Holy Spirit to indwell all born again believers, who in turn have various injunctions to show love in various ways to you and all men. Here are a few:

1. "Preach the word" – 2 Tim. 4:2
2. "Beloved, let us love one another" – 1 John 4:7
3. "Let us do good to all men" – Gal 6:10
4. "Bear ye one another's burdens" – Gal. 6:2
5. "Let us not be weary in well doing" – Gal. 6:9
6. "That we may be able to comfort them, which are in any trouble – 2 Cor. 1:4
7. "Visit the fatherless and widows" – James 1:27
8. "Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification" – Rom 15:2

God, through the Holy Spirit, has equipped His own to be able to carry out these injunctions; thus is it possible for me to say unfeignedly —



I love you,
Leslie L. Winters

For address correction or free new name addition,
write to:

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or

Christine Albury

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