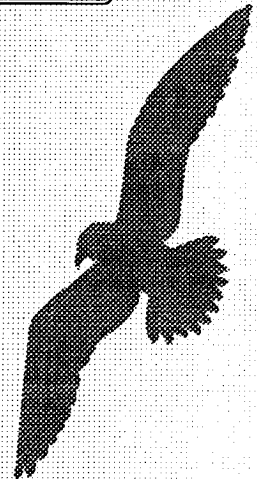


"They shall  
mount up...

# ON EAGLES' WINGS

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



## AERY NUGGETS

### How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation,  
ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith  
in His excellent word!  
What more can He say,  
than to you, hath He said,-  
To you, who for refuge  
to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee,"  
O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God,  
I will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee,  
and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My gracious,  
omnipotent hand.

When thro' fiery trials  
thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace all-sufficient,  
shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee;  
I only design  
Thy dross to consume  
and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus  
hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not  
desert to his foes;  
That soul, tho' all hell  
should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never,  
no never forsake!

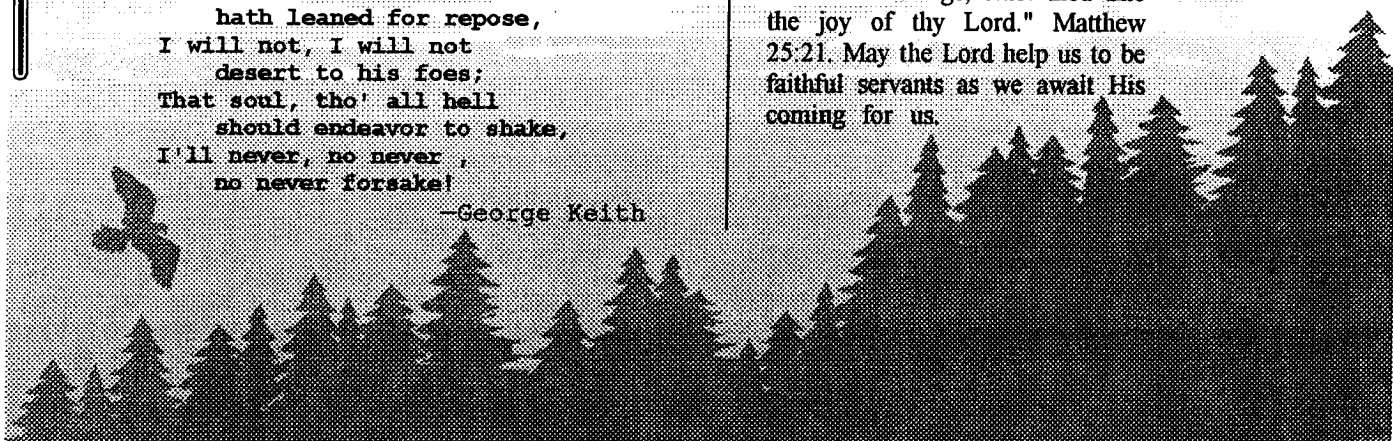
-George Keith

Dear Friends,

In our last issue on the faith chapter of Hebrews 11 we ended with the parents of Moses exhibiting their faith by hiding him three months from the king of Egypt. My prayer is that the Lord will encourage our hearts as we now look at the faith of Moses.

Moses was in line to probably become the next king of the great nation of Egypt. But we read, "By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to endure ill treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin; considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he was looking to the reward." (NASV). Hebrews 11: 24-26.

Notice the four words, *refused*, *choosing*, *considering* and *looking*. First of all just like Moses, we need to refuse to do any thing that would not please the Lord. Secondly, then we have a choice to make. If our choice means receiving persecution or mockery we still need to take up our cross and follow Him. Mark 10:21. And thirdly, when we realize that the reproach of Christ gives us far greater riches than all the pleasures of sin there really is only one decision to make. And fourthly, we look forward to that day when we will hear the Lord say unto us: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matthew 25:21. May the Lord help us to be faithful servants as we await His coming for us.



As we continue with the record of Moses we read "By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible." Many Christians have suffered greatly and many have given up their lives because they feared God more than men. None of us know what may lie ahead of us before the Lord Jesus returns from heaven to take us home to Himself. But we like Moses need not be afraid in these perilous times. 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. Moses saw One who is invisible! How can we see One who is invisible? It is, of course by faith that we can see Him. Hebrews 2:9. "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 11:6.

Moses also by faith kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest He that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. Faith is always obedient to God's directions as given in His Word. There is only one way of approach to God and that is through Christ, who as the Lamb of God shed His blood on Calvary. Moses looked forward to the cross and kept the Passover, while we look back to the cross. The Lord has requested us to remember Him in His death by having before us the emblems that remind us of His body and His blood. All believers may not have that privilege today due to circumstances beyond their control but what a privilege it is when we can be obedient to that request of our Lord Jesus when He said, "This do in remembrance of Me." 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

The next person named in this chapter is Rahab. We read these words: "By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace." She had heard of God's judgments on the wicked cities by the armies of Israel. What was it that saved her? She believed the report of the spies that judgment was coming and saw her great need of salvation from the coming judgment. She followed their instructions so that she and those in her house would be saved. When the judgment came upon this wicked city only Rahab and all that were in her house were saved. Read Joshua chapters 2-6. What is it that will save us today from coming judgment? The Lord Jesus says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears My Word, and believes on Him that sent Me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24. Christ died for our sins on the cross of Calvary. "For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8,9. Rahab's faith actually put her into the genealogy of the Lord Jesus Christ. See Matthew 1: 1-6. She became the great, great grandmother of King David.

After the mention of Rahab the inspired writer of this book of Hebrews writes "And what shall I more say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and of Samuel and of the prophets." The writer then mentions many of the trials that the Lord's people passed through. I will just comment on one of the many things that these faithful saints endured by simple faith in God. One of things mentioned is that some saints had quenched the violence of fire. We find one place where that happened in the book of Daniel chapter 3. There we read that Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king had his men make a 90 foot high golden image and then ordered everyone in his kingdom to fall down and worship this image. Those who refused to bow and

worship this image would be thrown into a burning fiery furnace. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, the three companions of Daniel refused to bow to this idol. We see their strong faith in these words to the king. "If it be so, our God is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." As a result they were thrown into the fiery furnace. As the king looked upon the fire he saw a fourth person in the fire whose form was like the Son of God. When the men were brought out of the fire not even their clothes smelled of smoke. This was a fulfillment of what God had promised in Isaiah 43:2. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour." God honored these three men and later even King Nebuchadnezzar himself was converted. See Daniel chapters 3 and 4.

These examples of faith should encourage us to be strong in faith. However we can say with the disciples: "Lord increase our faith." Luke 17:5.

In His wonderful name,

*John D. McNeil*

#### In The Hour Of Trial

"In the hour of trial,  
Jesus, be with me,  
Lest by base denial  
I depart from Thee:  
When Thou see'st me waver,  
with a look recall,  
Nor, thro' fear nor favor,  
suffer me to fall.

With forbidden pleasures  
would this vain world charm,  
Or with sordid treasures,  
spread to work me harm?  
Bring to my remembrance  
sad Gethsemane,  
Or in darker semblance,  
cross-crowned Calvary.

Should Thy mercy send me  
sorrow, toil and woe,  
Or should pain attend me  
on my path below,  
Grant that I may never  
fail thy hand to see--  
Grant that I may ever  
cast my care on Thee."

—James Montgomery

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